

# Tea House on Beach Goes Up in Smoke

Another landmark and part of the history of the Coastside literally went up in smoke yesterday.

The Japanese Tea House, part of Hazel's Motel on Old County road that was brought to Salada Beach from the San Francisco Fair of 1915, was burned by firemen after it had been condemned in March as a health, fire and safety hazard. Other units across the road were burned then.

**THE OWNER**, Mrs. Hazel Nicola, came out of her apartment in back of the bait shop, talked to firemen and then went back inside. Big black grey clouds of smoke billowed up into the air, mixing with the fog and clouds.

A movie actress, Mrs. Laura Briggs, ("I'm not sure about the first name," Mrs. Nicola said) had the building brought to the beach here right after the fair, Mrs. Nicola said, to use as her home. Later she

sold it to a woman named Delia Mohr, who in turn sold it to Mrs. Nicola in 1941.

Mrs. Nicola, or Hazel as she is known on the Coastside, rented it as a home, and one of her tenants was a former Sharp Park postmaster, Harold Vincent. Part of it was once used as a commercial garage by Mrs. Mohr, she said. No one has lived in it since last July.

**LOCAL HISTORY AGAIN:** Did you know, for instance, that the remaining unit of Hazel's Motel in Sharp Park (the one that DIDN'T get burned down) was once the model of a new-type portable bungalow on display at the 1915 World's Fair in San Francisco? Well, now you do. It was portabled down here after the fair and if you happened to see it there and said "It'll never last," you can now eat your words.

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