Outlaw haunts execution site

United Press International SAN DIEGO — Yankee Jim

ot around. They named a town for him in Northern California where he found gold. They hanged him in Southern California for trying to steal a schooner out of San Diego

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And some people say the world has not heard the last of Yankee

Now he is said to haunt the spot where he died, tromping across the floor of a house built on his xecution site, angry because the

Mangman did a sloppy job. What little historical informa-tion is available about James "Yankee Jim" Robinson indicates he man who roamed the foothills east of Sacramento during the Cold Rush is the same man who died at the business end of a

oose in San Diego in 1852. Historical marker No. 65 tands in front of the Whaley House in San Diego's Old Town. The house, built in the 1860s, was he home of an early California nessman, Thomas Whaley. Whether Whaley knew it or not, his home apparently was built on the spot where the town's gallows stood some 15 years be-

A story in the San Diego Herald's Aug. 27, 1852, edition ported Yankee Jim had been hught trying to steal the Plutas, a rge schooner anchored in San Diego Harbor

Yankee Jim was found guilty of attempted grand larceny and sen-anced to death — ship-stealing n a harbor town apparently was taken as seriously as horse theft elsewhere in Old West.

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In 1956 — 104 years later — the Whaley house was estab-lished as a historical site and June leading was given the the job of

the last resident of the home,

Whaley's youngest daughter, Corinne Lillian Whaley, who died in 1953. In her last years, Mrs. Whaley had refused to use the second floor "because there

alcoholics

was something up there that bothered her. That's all she would say. It was three years later when Mrs. Reading heard "the unmistakable sound of footsteps across the floor." When she looked in

the room, it was empty. Mrs. Reading said she and others have heard the footsteps several times over the years. She said she believes it is Yankee Jim, and she thinks he has cause for his

restlessnes She said he was pleading for mercy when the hangman kicked the wagon out from under his feet. But the rope was too short for Yankee Jim's 6-2 frame and the fall failed to break his neck. It took him 45 minutes to choke to death.

About 400 miles north — 18 miles northeast of Auburn in Placer County — Historical Marker No. 398 designates the town of Yankee Jim's. Once said to be an important gold mining center, the community is now populated by a handful of residents who recently celebrated the installation of their first street

light. According to an inscription on the marker, gold was discovered by Yankee Jim, "a reputed law-less character," in 1850 and the town came to be known by his name. He was careful to keep his rich mine a secret, according to the History of Placer County that was published in the late 1800s. At some point he disappeared from the region.

In 1852 fire swept the town, destroying nearly half its buildstoring it. She had heard stories told by Jim was hanged in San Diego.

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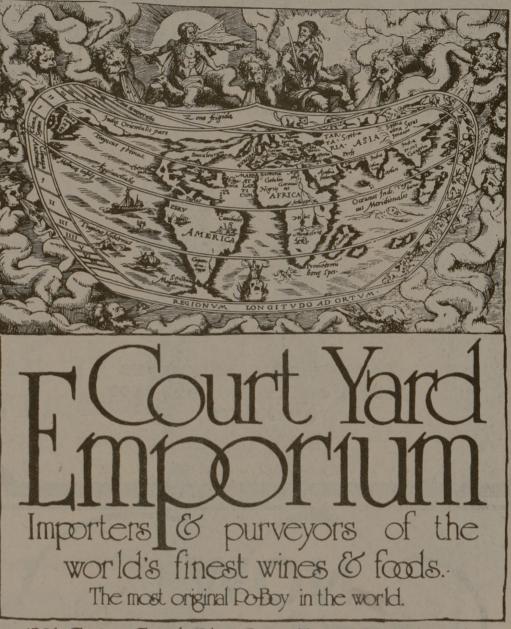
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Doctor says alcoholics

"While some day we may be able to offer goals of controlled drinking to selected patients, at our present Since many alcoholics are apparlevel of knowledge, we should con-tinue to recommend abstinence as the treatment that offers the best chance of optimal functioning," Brian R. Nagy of the Southern Tier other alcoholism treatment or AA, Alcoholism Rehabilitation Service, can alcoholics be taught to drink in a THE BATTALION Page 15A MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 1978



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