

Roy D. Mayes

Successful Businessman

In the personality of Roy D. Mayes there may be seen flashes of those qualities that made his father, the late John Stephen Mayes, a most popular man and one of the most successful agriculturists and businessmen in the country. In the son of the father lives again, and those who know him best state that there is every indication that he will continue to progress even as did his paternal relatives before him.

Roy D. Mayes was born in Dixon April 15, 1890, a son of John Stephen and Anna (Dunham) Mayes, the latter a native of Missouri. He received a good education in the public schools of the county at Mt. Tamalpais Military Academy and at California College, Oakland, thus laying the foundation, from an educational standpoint, for a successful career. Through active association with his father in early life, he gained a complete insight into the way in which the latter's affairs were conducted.

Mr. Mayes was married in Vallejo, May 2, 1909, to Miss Neva Eibe, a native of Dixon and the daughter of Thomas T. and Elizabeth Eibe, retired pioneer farmers in Dixon. Mr. and Mrs. Mayes had one child, John Stephen. Mr. Mayes had in his own right, two thousand acres of land, four hundred and eighty in pasture and the remainder in wheat, barley and alfalfa. The average crop of barley was 20 sacks, wheat 15 sacks, and two large combined harvesters were used in the gathering of the crops. Mr. Mayes was also engaged in stock-raising until 1911, and then devoted his time to the subdivision of his large ranch. In 1911 he subdivided 1400 acres of land into 20 and 40-acre tracts, selling these to small investors and homeseekers for dairying and fruit-raising.

It was demonstrated that the land was unexcelled for alfalfa and fruit-raising. Wells at one hundred feet brought an abundance of water, rising within 15 feet of the surface. In two months Mr. Mayes sold off about 1200 acres. In 1911 he erected a large residence of A Street.