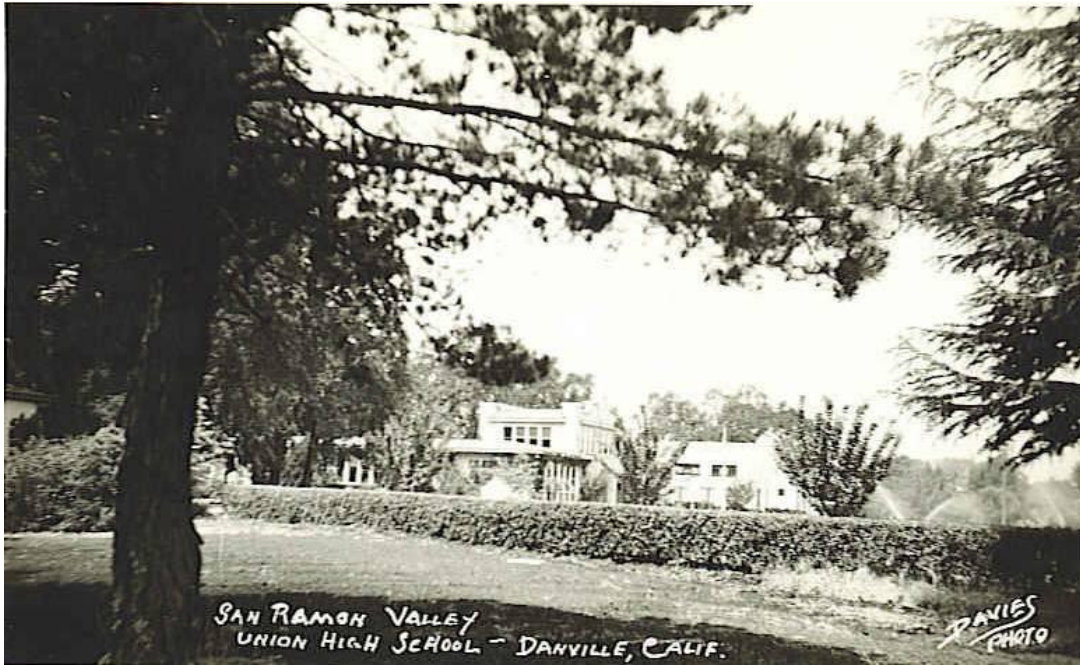


# San Ramon Valley High School



SAN RAMON VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL - DANVILLE, CALIF.

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BETTY CASEY of the San Ramon Valley Historical Society talks about the history of San Ramon Valley High School before a commemorative plaque was unveiled Saturday in Danville.

## Danville high school keeps its roots

Mayor, graduates from 1930s and '40s unveil plaque marking campus as historical site

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**T**O THE CASUAL OBSERVER, there's little to suggest that the sprawling campus of San Ramon Valley High School has a history that stretches back nearly a century.

Although students have been attending high school on the site along Danville Boulevard since the First World War, the original building that housed them was razed in the early 1950s.

The more modern classrooms, gym and administration buildings built since then are functional, but give no indication that several generations of Valley residents can call themselves graduates of San Ramon Valley High School.

As a reminder of site's significance, the San Ramon Valley Historical Society unveiled a plaque Saturday at a ribbon-

cutting ceremony that drew graduates from the 1930s, '40s and '50s, and Danville Mayor Michael Shimansky.

Helping Shimansky cut the ribbon was Millie Freitas, a graduate of the class of 1936. Freitas won the honor of cutting the ribbon as the earliest graduate among those attending the ceremony. Lollipops were handed out to a total of six graduates from the 1930s and '40s.

Freitas recalled that when she was growing up, Diablo Road was still

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IN AUGUST OF 1910 THE SAN RAMON VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT WAS FORMED. FOR THE FIRST SIX YEARS HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES WERE HELD IN DANVILLE AT TWO DIFFERENT LOCATIONS, WITH TWO TEACHERS AND THIRTY STUDENTS.

IN 1916 TEN ACRES WERE PURCHASED AT THE PRESENT SITE, AND THE FIRST HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING WAS COMPLETED FOR THE 1916-17 SCHOOL YEAR. BEGINNING IN 1936 ADDITIONAL CLASSROOMS AND A GYMNASIUM WERE BUILT. IN THE 1950s, ADJACENT LAND WAS PURCHASED WHICH WAS ALLOCATED FOR SPORTS FIELDS, TENNIS COURTS AND A SWIMMING POOL.

THE ORIGINAL SCHOOL BUILDING WAS RAZED IN THE EARLY 1950s.

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