The 1930’s

The decade of the 30’s was fairly quiet in San Luis Obispo with national headlines taking most of the front pages. It was a time when Germany was becoming an issue and Adolph Hitler was rising in power. Amelia Earhart was flying to Honolulu and FDR was trying to begin what we now know as Social Security. Jewish people were evicted from Berlin to Poland and they were not allowed to appear on the streets or to drive cars in Germany. A brave woman went to the LA court in slacks and it was ruled she could enter, blazing the way for women to wear slacks in public places.

One of the local headlines read “General Dope Cleanup Seen In Vice Probe.”

“With the aid of federal agents, officers were included in a recent dope cleanup operation. Three men and two women were arrested for possession and transportation of marijuana. The women were released. Marijuana cigarettes were found in possession of the men, officers said, and in the car in which the six were riding when arrested. Investigation is ongoing as to whether the drug is being produced here or being brought into the city. Government officials are making an extensive fight against the growing habit of drug smoking in all parts of the country. Ease with which the marijuana can be grown makes the problem of stamping out the smoking of ‘reefers’, as the doped
cigarettes are called, an extremely difficult one, according to officers.”