



Happy 90th Birthday, Don Adolfo!

With his daughters: Left to right: Isabella "Nunie" Burket, Rosa Petit, Carmen Camarillo.

Missing: Due to illness, Ave Maria FitzGerald was unable to attend. Frank(Pancho) Camarillo had passed in 1952.

This photo accompanied an article in the Santa Barbara News-Press November 3, 1954.

The photo is displayed in Rosa and Nunie's bedroom and was part of a newspaper article covering Adolfo's 90th birthday celebration in Camarillo, "with the entire populace of their town in attendance—every man, woman and child."

The article reminded Santa Barbara readers that Don Adolfo's "Santa Barbara roots run deep in our history. In the present day, it is Don Adolfo's famed seven Caballos Blancos (White Horses), each flashing silver trappings at every Old Spanish Days Fiesta that bring a spontaneous, continuous cheer from the festive crowds lining the two-mile long parade route." It was also noted that the Camarillo family had resided in Santa Barbara and his mother was related to Don José Francisco Ortega of the Portolá Expedition of 1769.

The birthday gathering in the town of Camarillo took place in a "big tent the town folk had erected especially for the event but built around the occasion of their first Lima Bean Festival. It made a fitting setting to honor Don Adolfo for it was he (*and others, Henry Lewis, C.J. Daily*) who introduced lima beans to that area which today grows one third of the world's supply." The famous master of ceremonies, and a frequent visitor to the Camarillo Ranch, was Leo Carrillo. Carrillo was a star of film and television and a rancher. The Carrillos and the Camarillos are related through Don José Francisco Ortega.

Among the many speeches, there was also a telegram from Vice President Richard Nixon that was read to Don Adolfo and the well-wishers.

Adolfo Camarillo
October 29, 1864-December 10, 1958 (94 years)