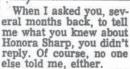
## the reactor

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I knew that she was the one who had given Sharp Park golf course to the city of San Francisco, but that was about all I knew.

I FORGOT about it until I found myself with a late lunch hour in San Francisco and I spent it at McLaren Lodge, which is the homey headquar-ters of the San Francisco Park department.

Mrs. Katherine Colzani is the secretary to the Recreation and Park Commission of San Fran-cisco. I hope that you find every government employee as pleasant and helpful as I found her. With her help, I reviewed some of the minutes of SF park commission meetings.

She was able to pin down for me that the Sharp Park property, which would eventually be the golf course, was accepted by the park

frommissioners in 1917.
AND THE name
Sharp Park" was used
feven then. Then there is the annual report from John McLaren, superintendent, in 1924.

"This splendid prop-erty." he wrote, "Sharp Park . . . near Salada and Brighton Beaches, and comprising 444 acres, was the gift to the City of Honora Sharp, who also placed in trust the sum of \$80.000 to provide for its initial cost and

development.
"Its present location, to the vision that is not far-sighted, or prophetic, may seem somewhat re-mote since it is situated in San Mateo County at no inconsiderable distance from the county line. But the park commission existing at the time of the transfer accepted it on the showing of superintendent McLaren that its future value as one of the beauty spots of San Francisco's park system was already well out of the sphere of

became a part of the park system . . . has progressed satisfactorily at regular intervals . . . until it is now the embryo plantation of many thousands of trees suited to soil and climate More water than can be used for all time to come can be taken from the lagoon at comparatively small cost." THE PARK commis-

sion had accepted the deed to the property from Samuel G. Murphy and wife on August 30, 1917, for their undivided one-half interest in the "San Pedro ranch, San Mateo county (Sharp Park) sent to Mr. Dunnigan, clerk of the Board of Super-visors."

This was to be kept
"with the deed filed by
A. B. Spreckels a short
time ago."
Before that, the May
13, 1917 minutes show
that US bonds were pur-

that US bonds were pur-chased with the "Sharp bequest."
"President Lindsey re-ported," in the minutes of May 3, "having an in-terview with Mr. Samuel. Murphy, who agreed to the turning over of Sharp's ranch to the city and county of San Francisco to be used for Park purposes only." (he) "advised the acceptance of the offer because of the advantage it might bring in obtaining the money later that is now in the

hands of Mr. Murphy."
THE RANCH had been rented out, on a five-year lease, at \$58 per month, with Madison and Burke, Inc., managing the prop-

other reports of the impending transaction are reported through the 1017 includsummer of 1917, includ-ing one on Aug. 9, which notes that the city attor-ney has received the deed ney has received the deed from Murphy (The prop-erty is) "known as Sharp's Park." On Oct. 11, 1917, the park commission leased "San Pedro Rancho" to

A. Del Chiaro and Co. for five years at \$120 per month.

In December 1924, \$26,587.12 in "The Spreck-els Special Fund, Honora Sharp, trustee" was re-ported as invested in Los Angeles school district bonds.

None of this told me much about Honora Sharp, who she was, when she died, her family, etc.

But I looked some more. Next week: Who was Honora Sharp?