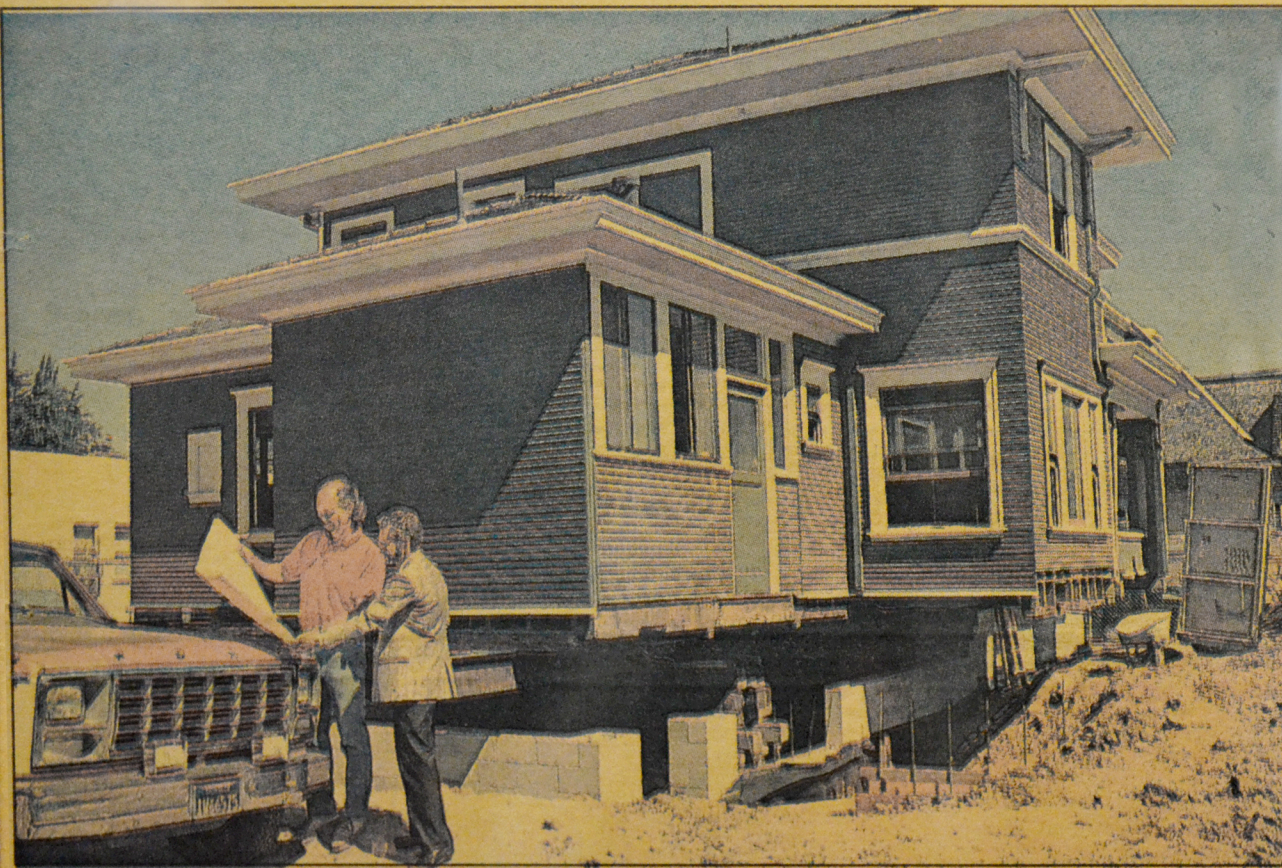


# Worthingtons saved a bit of Salinas history

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Salinas attorney Thomas Worthington and Dan Silverie, contractor, stand by the Hitchcock house in mid-June, not long after it was moved from S. Main to the Worthingtons' lot opposite the Fire House on W. Alisal back in mid-June. Designed by architect William H. Weeks in a combination of American Foursquare and Prairie styles, the house was built in 1908 as a home for the F. N. Hitchcock family. Hitchcock had moved from Hollister to open a pharmacy in the 300 block of Main. In more recent times the former family home was the location of Cal-West Produce until it was slated for demolition to make way for Salinas High School expansion. "We felt we wanted to save and restore a historic structure for ourselves and for the community," said Worthington, trying to recapture the positive feelings of that early summer day when he and his wife, Karen, saw it settle into place in its new location. Frustrated now by what he sees as bureaucratic insensitivity which has escalated costs and slowed down restoration plans, he tries to look ahead to when the strong structure, which came through the 1989 earthquake unscathed, will become new offices for his law firm, The Community Development department, the city manager's office and the Redevelopment Agency "have all been very supportive, assisting us in every way they can," Worthington said.