

Doris Cobleigh Banfield.
Tahoe City, CA

Phone interview recalling incidents

The Cobleigh family [lived on Route 4 in the Village] weren't fans of Dr. Walker. Herb, the teenage son, once suffered with abdominal pain for days, ever more excruciating, and Dr. Walker just didn't get there. Herb finally was relieved of his suffering – his appendix, it turned out, had burst. Fortunately the doctor turned up just in time and raced him to the hospital, where they operated, and thus saved his life. Mrs. Cobleigh never forgave him for his failure to come sooner.

At some point Doris had her own memorable experience with Dr. Walker. She had a ganglion – a painful cluster of nerve endings – on her wrist and every time she rested her hand on a table or desk or book, it hurt her. She went to the doctor who examined her, arose and went away, coming back with a heavy tome. “Why does he need to look this thing up in a book?” she asked herself, when without warning he smashed the book into the ganglion, crushing it. Doris got up, started to leave, and passed out in the waiting room. Fortunately the minister, Dick Beebe, was waiting there at the time and sprang to her aid. AND as Doris also says, “Doc's wife was his nurse,” and she was there.