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Through many incarna-
tions, he came to Perris in 1935 and became
a significant part of our lives. Here is a list
of SOME of his life accomplishments as a
celebrity (and there is much more!):

- State and film actor—acting in over 225 stage productions and 21 movies
- Activist
- Writer/Songwriter
- Producer
- Director
- Inducted into the Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame
- Mentor
- Theater named for him i



is a younger man.

CELEBRITY



with his wife
having fun at home.

FAMILY MAN

was married several times. He had two sons, _____ and a daughter, Mac.
He came to Perris with his third wife.
They were married for 25 years until his death in 1979.

- During _____ many years in the _____ he became a father figure of sorts.
- Acting as Santa for many years at _____ it _____ ic patiently listened to children's wishes and posed for pictures with their families.
 - He encouraged children every year to be creative and to express themselves at his annual Art Festival.
 - He invited young actors out to his ranch to mentor them in the arts of acting, singing, writing, and working in the industry.

He was a family man in so many ways.

was a wonderful, civic minded neighbor. He was well liked here and actively worked to see other people get acquainted so that they could be friends and good neighbors working for the betterment of the Perris community. His accomplishments included:

- Advocating for a water supply to the _____ area of Perris
- Politically active, pushing for funding for the Perris Schools
- He became a one man beautification committee, planting pine trees throughout _____

As our neighbors _____ so:

- Had a life membership in the Perris Valley Chamber of Commerce where he served for over 40 years.
- He created the _____ Art Festival.
- He was a founding member of our organization, the Perris Valley Historical & Museum Association
- He never stopped battling for "his causes;" kids, senior citizens, the community, and the arts

NEIGHBOR



Painting _____ ne, the
Muse-A-While Ranch, t