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Mrs Murray F. Randall.



PERSONAL

By ETHEL SHORB

ONE of the city's oldest philanthropic organizations, the San Francisco Ladies Protection and Relief Society, will celebrate its one hundredth anniversary on Saturday afternoon, April eighteenth. The eventful occasion will be observed with a reception at the present-day home of the organization, 3400 Lagunita Street, with its charming interior and lovely sheltered garden in the back, with its bushes, tall trees, flower beds, bamboo and even ginger. There the inmates spend most of their time on sunny days. For inclement weather a glass garden house has recently been built.

Since its start the Protection and Relief Society has been a haven to the ill, aged and convalescent, and home in the true sense of the word. The organization was founded in 1853 in Trinity Episcopal Church, then located in Pine Street, between Kearny and Montgomery Streets, to meet the needs of pioneer days and to render protection and assistance to strangers and dependent women and children. The city was then a place almost without law, and families arriving in the strange town often found themselves adrift, with little money and no one upon whom they could depend.

The situation was brought to a dramatic realization when a young girl, running through the street, saw Mrs. Eaton, wife of an Army Major. Mrs. Eaton, wife of an Army Major, at the window of her home and begged for protection. The girl had come to California by way of Horn to meet her brother and, not finding him, had been directed by a stranger acquaintance to a house of dubious repute. Realizing the nature of the place she escaped and appealed to Mrs. Eaton. The Society was then formed by a group of responsible women.

First office of the organization, that his played its part in the history of the city, was in Sacramento Street, below Kearny, then the center of the town. First home was in Van Second Streets, the second in Van Ness Avenue, and in 1925 the present home in Lagunita Street, handsome brick building, was erected. It was two years later they needed bigger quarters, and in 1934 they built a new home at 3400 Franklin Street. There children were Norman B., Livermore and David L. White.

Warren C. Perry is now president.

Pioneer Service Group Has 100th Anniversary 'Ladies Protection Society' Changes Function Over Years

By Janet Henderson

Young women arriving alone in San Francisco 100 years ago faced some rather frantic problems. And there were a lot of such women, many of them wives or sisters of miners who already had departed for the gold fields when their womenfolk arrived in the "fifth frontier town," thousands of miles from home and family.

The difficulties that beset these pioneer women led to the establishment of this city's first charitable organization, "The San Francisco Ladies Protection and Relief Society," which this year is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

Different Service

The changing character of the city, however, has altered the Society's "Ladies Protection and Relief Society," too, so that now it cares for elderly women living on pensions, and for younger women and children convalescing from serious illness.

It actually was the plight of just one young woman that brought the society into being. Arriving alone in San Francisco to find that her brother had gone to the mines, she was directed to a house of bad reputation.

Fleeting there, she was wandering through the streets of the city when she chanced to see a kindly face at the window of a home, and simply went up and asked for assistance.

Army Major's Wife It was the wife of an Army major, Mrs. A. B. Taylor, to whom the girl turned. Mrs. Taylor not only took her into her home, but soon after gathered a group of women at meeting in the original San Francisco Trinity Episcopal Church to find ways to help other such women.

The group opened an office on Sacramento Street, where those in distress could apply for temporary financial assistance and for board with responsible families, ward, Smith, Reginald Knight.

In 1850, a legislative grant of \$300 helped establish a permanent home. An additional \$600 raised under the leadership of and Louis G. Woods, Alia, Misses Edith W. Ayres, John J. Miller Jr., Edwin Hinde, John J. Miller Jr., Edwin Hinde, James W. Towne and Miss Elizabeth J. Robb, were presidents; Miss Margaret Zane, treasurer; Mrs. Philip F. Landis, recording secretary; and Mrs. Donald Curtis, corresponding secretary.

Also on Board

Other members include Mrs. Carroll G. Cambrel, Honora, and Madeline James H. Allen. George L. Beaver, William K. Bowes, Leo D. Byrne, William E. Hibbert, Edwin V. Kieck, Ralph Lyon, William H. Nish Jr., Charles Edward, Mrs. Smith, Reginald Knight, Bruce Cornwell, John E. Costello, Mrs. Barrett G. Hunter, James S. T. Stephenson, Mrs. Smith and John John, Mrs. Norman B., Livermore and David L. White.

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Ladies Protection Society Will Hold Centennial Fete

By Hazel Holly

AS TRAFFIC roars up to the stop signs at Laguna and Bay streets day after day, few motorists give more than a glance to the old English brick house at 3400 Laguna Street, standing in the midst of a peaceful garden. But, that house is symbolic of San Francisco's development in the past 100 years.

It is known as the San Francisco Ladies Protection and Relief Society, and its 100th anniversary will be celebrated at a reception from 3 until 6 o'clock Saturday, April 18, at the Laguna Street headquarters.

In 1853, the society provides a home for elderly women residents of the Bay counties at a nominal monthly rate. It also provides facilities for convalescent care of women and children referred to the society by physicians or clinics.

The home, with its sun porches, large garden, sheltered court, outdoor sunroom and terrace, is a haven for those broken in health, or recovering from surgery, who need rest and care.

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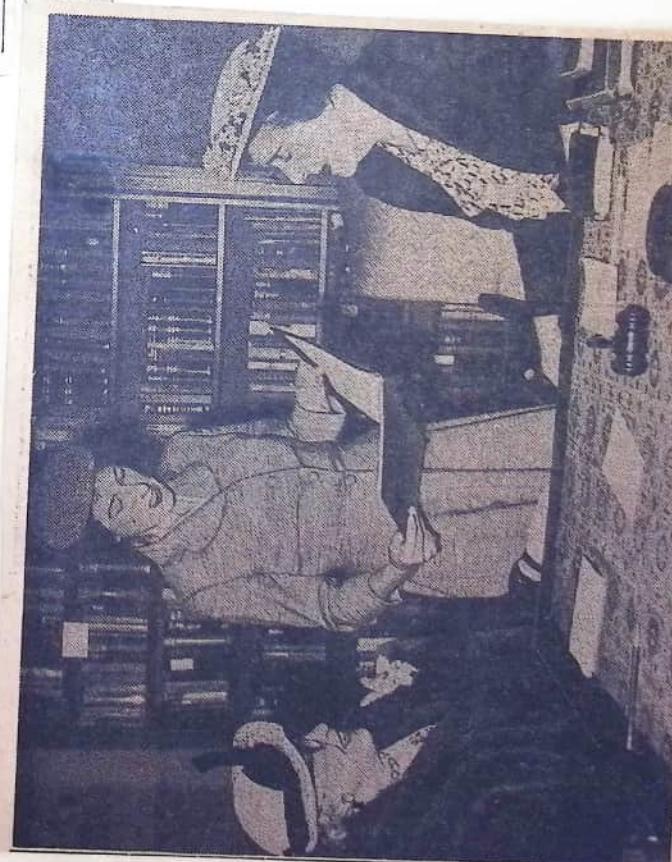
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Tea Planned

At Heritage

Mrs. Warren C. Perry, for 32 years a board member, will be honored by the board and members of the Heritage Home for the Elderly at a tea on October 22. Her husband was the architect for a wing added to the home in 1957.

Mrs. John Parr Cox is chairman of the tea.



HOSTESSES, when the San Francisco Ladies Protection and Relief Society commemorates its one hundredth anniversary at a reception Saturday, will include members of the board of managers: Miss Elizabeth Ralph, first vice president; left; Mrs. Ellen Krusi, second vice president, and Mrs. Warren Perry, president. The event will be held at the home, 3400 Laguna Street.

—San Francisco Examiner Photo.

A Gold

By June Hogan

A YOUNG girl wandering through the streets of early San Francisco looking for a place to stay, asked refuge at a household where she saw a sympathetic face in the window. Her appeal provided impetus for the foundation of one of San Francisco's oldest welfare institutions, the San Francisco Ladies Protection and Relief Society.

The Society is the junior, by two years, of Edgewood, San Francisco Protestant orphanage. It is the senior, by two decades, of the Oakland Ladies Relief Society.

The organization will celebrate its 100th anniversary Saturday with an afternoon reception in with present quarters at 3400 Laguna street.

This comfortable mansion is a temporary home for women and children of all faiths who need convalescent care and a permanent home for all care including medical needs. The difference between these fees and actual expenses is made up by the society's endowments.

"**FAMILY**" TEATIME IN THE LIVING ROOM
Supt. Georgina Ash, Marie Betke, Mrs. Josephine Kingsbury, Mrs. Mary Munn



SEWING IN "FAMILY'S" SUNROOM
Mrs. Maude Heitsman likes ancient machine

A "GREEN THUMB" KEEPS ACTIVE
Miss Winifred Walter in garden

Original Goal

This specialized service evolved over the years from the society's original function: the protection of wives and children of Gold Rush miners. The miners families who followed their menfolk to the Coast frequently found, on arrival in San Francisco, that their husbands, fathers, and brothers were in far-off mines. Stranded in a strange and rowdy city, these women and children had no one to depend on until the day one young girl appealed to a face in a window. The girl had come around the Horn to meet her brother and had failed to find him. In his search for him, she had been directed to a house of dubious reputation and escaped.

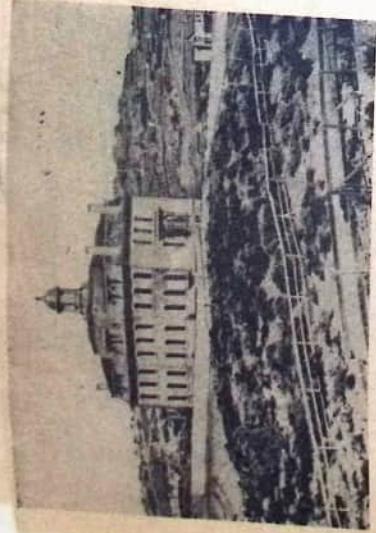
An appeal was made to a Captain, wife of a U. S. major, Mr. Eaton, regarding the girl's need as a greater one, call help of other women. The society was organized at a meeting in Trinity Church, rated in 1854.

By Chronicle Photographer Dick Donner

CONVALESCENTS IN THEIR SUNROOM
Mrs. Lucille Ripley, Lola Cowan and occupational therapy work



Rush Society Is Still Going Strong



THE HOME IN 1885

1200 Franklin street, corner of present Geary street

The society's first step was to open an office on Sacramento street below Kearny, where applicants for aid were provided with clothing and directed to boarding homes run by responsible families. In 1860, the State Legislature voted the society \$3000. With this grant, plus \$6000 raised by the society's board, the group bought a home on the corner of Tchama and Second streets. City householders contributed furniture and one man drove a four-horse wagon down Front street, asking merchants to give provisions, a way of filling the larder that became customary for the home.

In this home, later enlarged, the society cared for children while their mothers did domestic work for private families, and later it took in orphans and abandoned children. The switch to the society's present program came after new public and private welfare agencies entered the child care field. A survey of the city showed that its greatest current need was for a home for elderly women un-

Child Care

able to pay the lump sum admission cost of existing institutions. Since the Van Ness avenue property had become too valuable for this use, the society bought the present property in the Marina, facing Funston Playground and Marina Junior High School.

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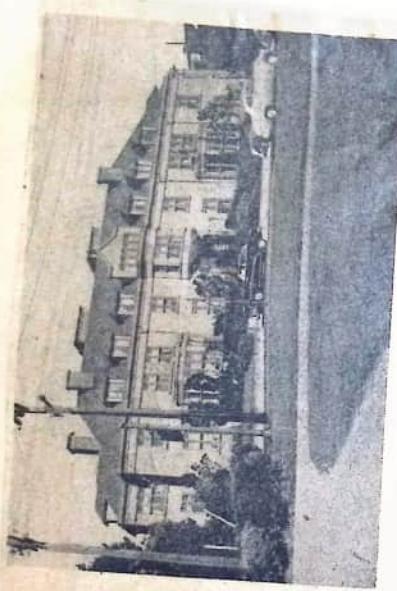
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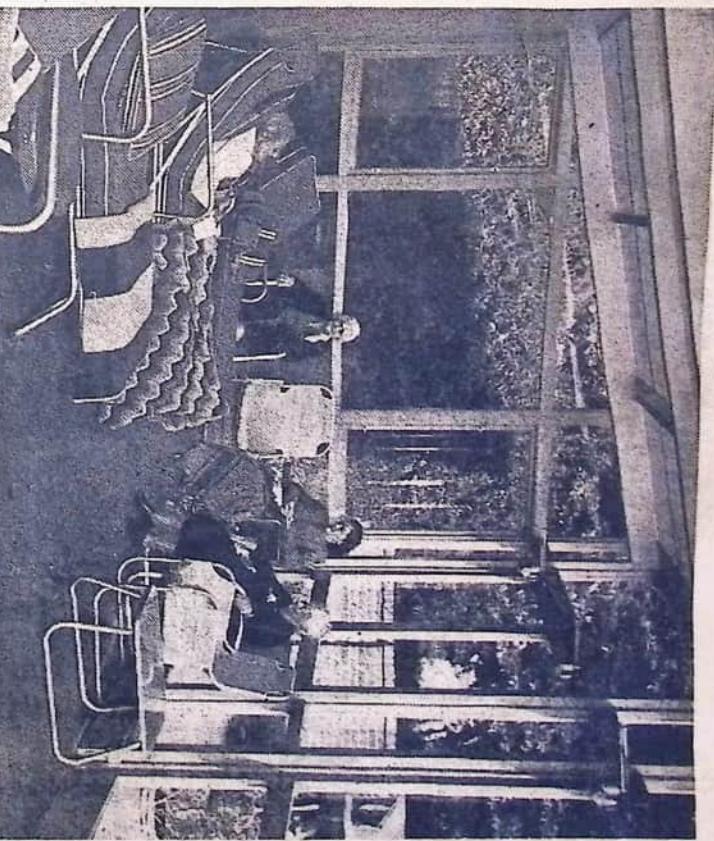
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WINIFRED WALTER, GERTRUDE HOCHINS, LOLA COWAN, MINNIE POWER

The Solarium Is Good Spot For Relaxation and Convalescence

—Gallaudet photograph.

Ladies' Aid Unit Is 100 Years Old

By DOLORES WALDORF

Call-audiein Women's Club Editor

Some of the permanent residents at 3400 Laguna street are almost as old as the San Francisco Ladies' Protection and Relief Society, which owns and

administers the stately mansion in which they live, safe from the hazards of lonely old age.

Although the San Francisco Ladies' Protection and Relief Society began its career of benevolence in the Gold Rush, many of the elderly patients are more than 90, very close to its own 100 years.

On April 18, the society will officially observe its one hundredth anniversary with a re-ception in the building it has occupied since 1927.

Actually the society came into existence on April 1, 1853, but as Mrs. Warren Perry, president of the board, puts it:

"The flowers will be just right for April 18."

Now. Our affairs have been managed very well, and private endowments support us."

Recall Old Home

Some of the elderly women tranquilly living out their years from the old building, a regular brown ark or an "institution" built in 1864.

Some even remember its predecessor, a frame house at Tenth and Second streets. Both buildings housed the orphans and deserted women who came to the society as victims of the heedless gold rush hordes.

Actually the society was founded by women meeting the desperate need of a girl whose brother failed to meet her at the dock on Steamer Day.

She was about to be taken to a brothel by a chance acquaintance.

The society, which has weathered the years with a resilience that adjusts to each new demand, switched over from deserted women and orphans when public and private services arose to meet their needs. It now concentrates on aging gentlewomen and lone women recovering from illness because its directors believe that is the most vital need it can meet.

"This is one institution that does not require a flat down payment at entrance," said Mrs. Perry. "So our old ladies can stay here by paying \$55 a month.

"We have several who cannot get about much, but many of them are free to go down town, to call on friends

Garden Is Feature

The garden is one of the sights of the home at 3400 Laguna street. It looks like something out of another world.

No wonder the elderly permanent and the convalescent women and girls respond to the serenity of house and garden, forget the fears of illness and age.

None of the permanent residents at 3400 Laguna street is younger than 65, minimum entrance age.

That 65-70 crew are "mere chickens" in the words of brisk Miss Georgiana Hale Ash, superintendent of the English manor type building for nearly 20 years.

"None of our ladies is considered old until she's at least 85," is the way Miss Ash puts it. There are 39 elderly women and convalescents, ranging from 15 years up to early sixties, living in the home at the present. It can accommodate 40 without straining, can tuck in a few more in cases of emergency. The old ladies, bent with years, but bright of eye and high of spirit, live in half of the building, the transients in the other half.

Need Medical OK

All guests, permanent or transient, share the sitting rooms, majestic, high-ceilinged parlor and gracious dining room. Transient girl convalescents live four in a room. Women convalescents live two in a room. There are private rooms for emergency or isolation cases. Entrance into the home is by a medical recommendation only.

Convalescents pay from \$2.50 to \$5 per day. Duration is based upon the physician's decision, some cases remaining two weeks, some six months or more. During their stay they can rest in sun rooms, idle the time with reading, learn new crafts in occupational therapy or bask in the glass solarium surrounded by a landscaped garden with the air of a vast estate.

"When the society bought this land it was a sand lot called in a 'tow of the house and garden.

"The old site at 1400 Franklin, also a block square, had become commercial, too valuable for our home. We bought long after the 1915 exposition, built on reclaimed marsh lands where the Marina is

"One is a former architect who does book binding as a hobby. Another gardens all day, just loves it. She's a great help to our one gardener, who puts in full time and is never done. One of our long time residents is a former French teacher. Several years ago she broke her hip, but now she's getting about as bright as ever."

'Warm Relationship'

Miss Ash regards the life of a superintendent at such a place as "thrilling." She finds the work with the convalescents an unending gratification.

"We have a followup fund, from which we draw for the needs of convalescents about to go back to their jobs. Often they come back to visit. Sometimes there are later emergencies which our fund can help them in. They send us Christmas presents. It is a warm relationship."

Youngest person in the building is Lola Cowan, 15, a High school freshman.

Lola is recovering from polio, goes daily to the Morrison Rehabilitation Center on Mission Street for the therapy that is going to put her back on her feet again.

Duration is based upon the physician's decision, some cases remaining two weeks, some six months or more. During their stay they can rest in sun rooms, idle the time with reading, learn new crafts in occupational therapy or bask in the glass solarium surrounded by a landscaped garden with the air of a vast estate.

"When the society bought this land it was a sand lot called in a 'tow of the house and garden.

"The old site at 1400 Franklin, also a block square, had become commercial, too valuable for our home. We bought long after the 1915 exposition, built on reclaimed marsh lands where the Marina is

WAIFS' FRIENDS BUILD FOR THEM

NEW AND COMMODIOUS SHELTER DEDICATED.

WORK OF SAN FRANCISCO LADIES'
PRODUCTIVE AND RELIEF
SOCIETY.

A WORD IS ADDED TO THE INSTITUTION
MAINTAINED BY THIS BENEFICENT
ORGANIZATION OF
WOMEN.

The San Francisco Ladies' Productive and Relief Society has grown with the growth of the State. Their early determination is reflected in the heroic efforts made and their trials in attempting to maintain and develop their productive and relief departments, while which has long been recognized as an aid to the fundamental building which was essential in the early days of the young city. The society numbered 2500 members, President, Mary Stevens, and Vice-President, which was presented to the last meeting of the society by the late Mrs. John H. Green.

The productive department is in charge of Mrs. Anna C. Green, who is in constant touch with members. It has a large amount of work, with a division of labor, and is now being kept up by 1000 women. The productive department is well represented in various ways, such as spinning, weaving, knitting, embroidery, etc., and is in full activity.

The relief department is in charge of

decorated with fresh cut flowers, trailing vines and growing tropical plants, and while it was a show of the expressions of gratulations from friends and patrons and ringing with the happy voices of the people, overflowed little in mirth, declared with emphasis, in which there was a decided coloring of satisfaction, that Mrs. P. B. Cornwall, was in truth the architect of this very comfortable addition. It was very descriptively named, "Waifs' Friends," and saw to it that she who had suggested the new building, was present, described her own, noting that her assistants on the building committee, Miss Beaver and Mrs. Main S. Stone have chairman of 7500, as well as S. T. Thompson, who was always so ready to add to her many suggestions, she having great skill in all her work.

The new decorations consist of large and delicate glass chandeliers, in the main hall, and the entrance and dining room. The windows are ornate, and the doors and stairs are decorated in the same manner. The walls are painted in delicate shades of pink and blue, and the ceiling is covered with a delicate pattern of flowers and vines, giving a light airy appearance. The walls are covered with delicate floral patterns, and the ceiling is a delicate pattern of flowers and vines, giving a light airy appearance. The walls are covered with delicate floral patterns, and the ceiling is a delicate pattern of flowers and vines, giving a light airy appearance. The walls are covered with delicate floral patterns, and the ceiling is a delicate pattern of flowers and vines, giving a light airy appearance. The walls are covered with delicate floral patterns, and the ceiling is a delicate pattern of flowers and vines, giving a light airy appearance. The walls are covered with delicate floral patterns, and the ceiling is a delicate pattern of flowers and vines, giving a light airy appearance. The walls are covered with delicate floral patterns, and the ceiling is a delicate pattern of flowers and vines, giving a light airy appearance.

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—Call-Bulletin Photo.

Her 100th Birthday



S. F. WOMAN SAW INDIAN WARS

"Veteran" of the Indian wars and a S. F. resident for nearly 60 years is Mrs. Alice Fox, who yesterday celebrated her 100th birthday. Born at The Citadel, Quebec, she came as a bride to the Dakota-Nebraska territories and did pioneer social work among Indian moth-

ers there. Her late husband, Fred Fox, was U. S. circuit court judge. As a widow, she came here, at one time serving as superintendent of a local orphanage. She resides at S. F. Ladies' Protection and Relief Society, 3400 Laguna street. —Call-Bulletin Photograph.

Miss Edith Smith Spear

Mrs. Eliza Lister

Mrs. Sherrill

100th birthday
April 27, 1967.

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S. F. Examiner April 17, 1958 Home for Aged Opens Tomorrow

San Francisco's first big luxury "hotel" designed exclusively for persons over 70 will be dedicated tomorrow by the Ladies' Protection and Relief Society.

Few will ever think of the \$1,000,000 structure as a "Home for the Aged."

Visitors at a preview yesterday agreed that the four story building at 3400 Laguna St. is \$200 a month. Capt. Barrett G. Hindes, president of the board of the society, said income would be used to maintain the building addition to the old red brick and office building.

MEALS IN BED—

Except for hand rails along the wide, deeply rugged halls, and the king sized doors of hospital width, the interior looks very much like an expensive hotel.

The illusion continues into the dining room, surrounded by picture windows and wide planters filled with large-leaved growth, and into the service itself—meals in bed made lump payments for errands or bring up a bucket of ice cubes, and prompt medical attention if you need it. This bright innovation in accommodations for senior citizens, the first new structure for old timers built in San Francisco in more than 25 years, springs from the merger of two of the city's oldest public service agencies—the Ladies Protective and Relief Society, and the Crocker Old People's Home.

It was made possible by hushing of funds and investments over more than 50 years. One of the society's assets is the block bounded by Van Ness Ave., Franklin, Post and Geary Sts. It has just

been leased for 50 years as the site of a new \$11,000,000 hotel addition to the old red brick and office building.

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This bright innovation in the new four story residential building and two story connecting wing, designed by Architect Warren C. Perry, blends into the original Tudor headquarters designed by the late Miss Julia Morgan.

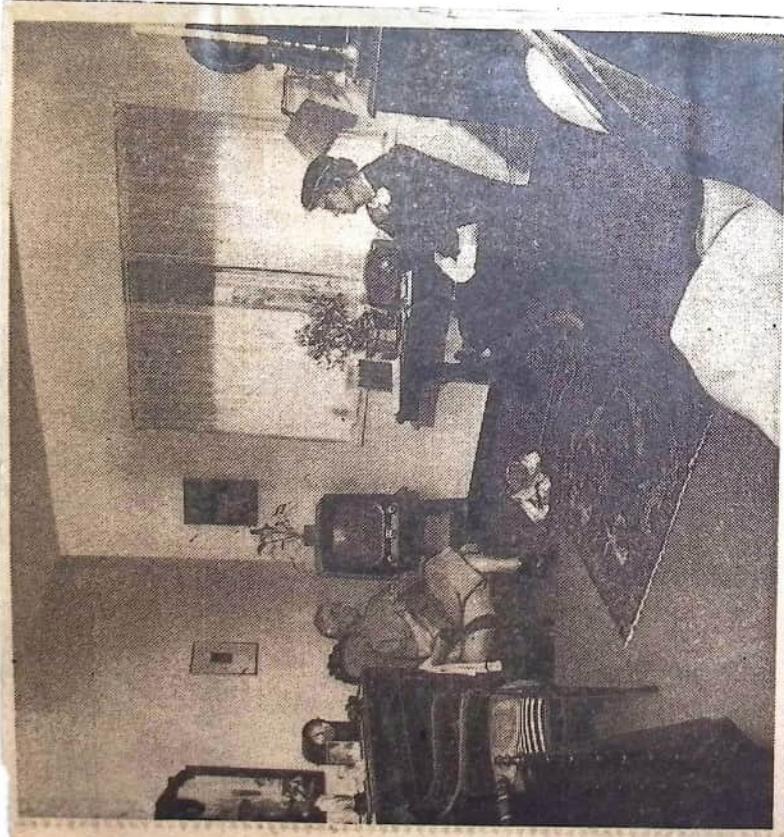
ROOMS FOR 100.

The facility has 100 private rooms with adjoining kit-chene for evening snacks, a superintendent's cottage, many with picture windows overlooking the Bay and the Marin hills; a 16 bed infirmary, a great spotless kitchen, two recreation and hobby rooms, a new chapel seat-



HAPPY DAY—In celebration of the opening of the new "luxury hotel" for seniors at 3400 Laguna St., Henry L. Isbell, 80, pins a gardenia on the dress of Mrs. Mabel E. Keegan, 82.

ing 50 persons, library, sitting rooms with adjoining kit-chene for evening snacks, a superintendent's cottage, and a large landscaped garden of managers; Charles J. Bradley, vice president; and Mrs. Charles B. Porter, first vice president. The 42 members have been invited to attend the dedication and open house from 3 to 6 p.m. tomorrow. The B. Pogson, executive director.



Margaret Smith, 80, happily ensconced in her quarters at 3400 Laguna street, received Mrs. Donald Craig of the board of managers.

Dedication. Tomorrow

New \$1 Million Home for Aged

A new \$1 million home for the aged, known as 3400 Laguna Street, will be dedicated at open house ceremonies from 3 to 6 p. m. here tomorrow. The home can accommodate 100 persons and was built as a result of merger of two of San Francisco's oldest public service agencies—the Ladies' Protection and Relief Society and the Crocker Old People's Home. The two private organizations were consolidated in

December of 1955 and their combined resources devoted to building the new facility in the Marina.

The new four-story residential building with two-story connecting wing was designed by Architect Warren C. Perry and joined to the original Tudor headquarters of the society at Laguna and Bay. It has 100 private rooms, a 16-bed infirmary, kitchen and dining room facilities, as well as a chapel and library, numerous sitting rooms and a large landscaped court.

Objective of the home,

according to Captain Barrett G.

Hindes, president of the board

of directors of the society, is

"to provide a nonprofit, non-

sectarian residence for aged

men and women of San Fran-

cisco within a familiar metro-

politan setting, permitting

them to live a free and inde-

pendent life with easy acces-

to cosmopolitan activities

and, at the same time, assur-

ing vigilant care in the case

of illness or need."



GETTING READY for the dedication of the new \$1 million home for the aged, known as 3400 Laguna st., Mrs. Margaret Smith, 80, one of the residents, talks with Capt. Barrett G.

Hindes. He's president of the San Francisco Ladies Protection and Relief Society. Dedication ceremonies for the modern home for aged will be at 3 p.m. tomorrow. (Story on Page 8.)

Oldsters' Home Has New Look

4/58
The San Francisco Ladies Protective and Relief Society has gone coed.

The result is a streamlined \$892,200 structure at 3400 Laguna st. to provide living accommodations for 104 oldsters whose average age is 85 years.

Open house ceremonies officially dedicating the residence are scheduled tomorrow from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Laguna and Bay st. location. Mrs. Anna Pogson, executive director of the 42-member staff.

ESTABLISHMENT OF the city's most modern home for the aged came about through the merger of the Ladies' Protection and Relief Society (founded in 1855 as a shelter for young ladies stranded in the Gold Rush city) and the Crocker Old People's Home.

The Crocker home, an 84-year-old association for the aged of all creeds and nationalities, was established by Mrs. Charles Nelson and was originally located on land donated by Mrs. Charles Crocker in 1859.

MINIMUM AGE acceptance at the new residence is 70, and already a backlog of 50

applications is on file, according to Barrett Hindes, board president.

Monthly rates range from \$200 to \$300. In some cases, the rentals drop to \$71, well below pension payments, and deficits are made up from gifts to the society.

There are 100 private guest rooms, an infirmary, kitchen and dining-room facilities. Utility rooms on each floor are equipped with refrigerators, electric plates and an ironing board, for self-service minded senior residents.

RECREATION AND hobby rooms and a chapel, accommodating 50 persons, are also part of the new structure.

On the board of managers for 3400 Laguna st. are Mes-

dames Warren Perry, presi-

dent; Charles Porter, William Hilbert, E. E. Blackie and Miss Helen Bridge.

For a Better Old Age

THE RECENT DEDICATION of the residence for the aged at 3400 Laguna street, where 104 men and women are enabled to live a free and independent yet well-sheltered life, deserves widespread recognition and approval. The San Francisco Ladies' Protection and Relief Society and the Crocker Old People's Home, having merged in 1955, combined their resources to provide a new million-dollar facility that is the first specifically designed home for the aged to be built in San Francisco in more than 25 years.

There is a critical demand in San Francisco for institutions where persons who can no longer live in their own homes may find a congenial life. At 3400 Laguna, there are 100 private guest rooms, 79 with private bath, a 16-bed infirmary and kitchen and dining room facilities. The provision of living quarters designed for the convenience and safety of elderly people is a contribution to their welfare and happiness. What has been done at 3400 Laguna should be duplicated elsewhere if the needs and demands of the non-indigent, over-70 population are to be met.

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S. F. Home April 17, 1958 Where Memory Roves

To get into the Boy Scouts, you have to be 12. To get into the armed forces you have to be 17. To join the 20-30 Club you must be 20. And to get into the White House (as president, of course) the age is 35.

But if you want to live in the San Francisco Ladies' Protection and Relief Society home the requirement is 70 years. Well, good for those who make it!

Anyone who has survived the stresses of modern life for 70 years deserves congratulations on that score itself. Their next problem is how to

make the next 70 equally rewarding. The home is doing what it can to help, with its new million-dollar building and remodeling program complete at 3400 Laguna st. They are dedicating the place this week. These words constitute our congratulations to this shining new repository of a thousand golden memories.

An old lady told us once that the past could be worn either as a shroud or a crown. We are going to meet the people out there Friday and when we arrive, we hope the crowns are all polished and shining.

AND NEW 'HOME' PROVES IT

In S. F., Life Begins At 80

Life no longer begins at 50 plus oldsters who want 40.

The magic figure now is 80—at least at 3400 Laguna street, San Francisco's new home designed strictly for old people. "Sixty-five isn't old any more," explained Mrs. Anna Fogson, administrator of the \$1,000,000 facility which will be officially dedicated tomorrow with a 3 to 6 p.m. open house.

"You have to be about 80 to enter the home," she explained.

OLDEST IS 100

Average age of the present 104 occupants is 85. The ton in a city where an esti-

mate of the group is 78 while mated 75,000 people, are 65 the senior resident, Miss or over.

Elizabeth Holliger, is a cent-

ury old. Guests pay from \$200 to \$300 a month, although some, in case of need, can pay as little as \$71. But all are treated alike by the staff of 42 regardless of their monthly rates.

And there's a waiting list,

of 50 plus oldsters who want to live in the home.

Dedication observances will center on a new L-shaped addition to the original 30-year-old building, which itself was remodeled.

LARGER CAPACITY
The addition, designed by well-known architect Warren C. Perry, husband of a genial lady who is president of the home's board of managers, triples the non-profit, non-sectarian home's capacity—an important consideration in a city where an esti-

mate of the present 104 occupants is 85. The ton in a city where an esti-

mate of the group is 78 while mated 75,000 people, are 65 the senior resident, Miss or over.

Seventy-five of the white-haired residents proudly state they formerly lived in the now-vacated Crocker Old People's Home at 2507 Pine street. The Crocker home

consolidated forces with the constant daily companion, "is a wedding around here," proving that life at 3400 Laguna truly begins at 80.

Dominant color in the new addition which boasts four floors of guestrooms, an up-to-date kitchen and dining room, recreation facilities, ready elevators and continuous corridor handrails.

Soft rose beige is the pre-

dominant color in the new addition which boasts four floors of guestrooms, an up-to-date kitchen and dining

room, recreation facilities, ready elevators and continuous corridor handrails.

"We have no troubles, feel good and have a lovely home," sighed Mrs. Mabel Keegan, 82, happily.

"All we need now," chucked Henry L. Ishell, 80, glancing at Mrs. Keegan, his constant daily companion, "is a wedding around here," proving that life at 3400 Laguna truly begins at 80.

THAT'S OUR ARMY!—Mrs. Reba G. Mack, who lives in the Crocker Old People's Home opposite Fort Mason, had a problem. A towering Eucalyptus tree on the post had finally grown to the point where it obscured her view of Mt. Tamalpais, where she and her husband had hiked when they were young. Addressing the "commandant" at the post, Mrs. Mack wrote, "I would love again to see from my window the sunshine on this mountain peak, and the fog rolling in majestically at sunset." Colonel Carroll K. Moffat, Fort Mason commander, didn't wait for channels. One, he sent an emissary to Mrs. Mack to pinpoint the offending tree. Two, he dispatched a tree tapping crew. And Hup, Four, Mrs. Mack can now contemplate her beloved mountain top, with its friendly ghosts, two smiling teen-agers of long ago.

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A Gold

By June Hogan



"FAMILY" TEATIME IN THE LIVING ROOM
Supt. Georgia Ash, Marie Bettie, Mrs. Josephine Kingsbury, Mrs. Mary Munn



A "GREEN THUMB" KEEPS ACTIVE
Miss Winifred Walter in garden

SEWING IN "FAMILY'S" SUNROOM
Mrs. Maude Heitsman likes ancient machine



Original Goal

This specialized service evolved over the years from the society's original function: the protection of wives and children of Gold Rush miners. The miners' families who followed their menfolk to the Coast frequently found, on arrival in San Francisco, that their husbands, fathers and brothers were in far-off mines.

Stranded in a strange and rowdy city, these women and children had no one to depend on until the day one young girl appealed to a face in a window. The girl had come around the Horn to meet her brother and had failed to find him. In her search for him, she had been directed to a house of dubious reputation and escaped. Her appeal was made to a Mrs. Eaton, wife of a U. S. Army major. Mrs. Eaton, recognizing the girl's need as part of a greater one, enlisted the help of other women and the society was organized in the

1850s. The Society is the junior, by two years, of Edgewood, San Francisco Protestant organization of early San Francisco looking for a place to stay, asked refuge at a household where she saw a sympathetic face in the window. Her appeal provided impetus for the formation of one of San Francisco's oldest welfare institutions, the San Francisco Ladies Protection and Relief Society.

The organization will celebrate its 100th anniversary Saturday with an afternoon reception in its present quarters at 3400 Laguna street. This comfortable mansion is a temporary home for women and children of all faiths who need convalescent care, and a permanent home for Protestant women over 65 years of age whose income is no greater than the going pension rate, currently \$80 a month.

The convalescents are charged \$2.25 a day, depending on their ability to pay, for room and board and simple nursing care. The older women, known as "The Family" in the language of the home, pay \$55 a month for all care including medical needs. The difference between these fees and actual expenses is made up by the society's endowments.

Rush Society Is Still Going Strong

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THE HOME IN 1885
1200 Franklin street, corner of present Geary street

The society's first step was to open an office on Sacramento street below Kearny, where applicants for aid were provided with clothing and directed to boarding homes run by responsible families. In 1860, the State Legislature voted the society \$3000. With this grant, plus \$6000 raised by the society's board, the group bought a home on the corner of Tehama and Second streets. City householders contributed furniture and one man drove a four-horse wagon down Front street, asking merchants to give provisions, a way of filling the larder that became customary for the home.

In only two years this home was outgrown and a new one built, on a lot contributed to the society in what was called "the little house on the hill." This was followed by another, larger home at 1200 Franklin street, which remained the society's home until 1953.

Child Care

In this home, later enlarged, the society cared for children while their mothers did domestic work for private families, and later it took in orphans and abandoned children.

The switch to the society's present program came after new public and private welfare agencies entered the child care field. A survey of the city showed that its greatest current need was for a home for elderly women un-

able to pay the lump sum ad-

mission cost of existing institutions.

Since the Van Ness avenue property had become too valuable for this use, the society bought the present property in the Marina, facing Funston Playground and

Marina Junior High School.

The house mother of this

motley sorority is Miss Georgina Hale Ash, superintendent of the home for 20 years but

still a newcomer by compari-

son with some of the 18 staff

members. Mrs. Warren C.

Perry is president of the

board of managers, Joseph A.

Moore Jr., of the board of di-

rectors.

The directors are Bradley

B. Brown, Bruce Cornwall,

John E. Cushing, Barrett G.

Hindes, James S. Hutchinson,

Fernard Leicester, Norman B.

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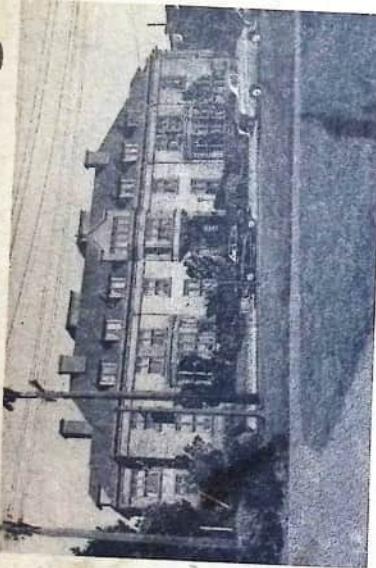
THE HOME IN 1953
3400 Laguna street, corner of Bay street

Livermore and David L. White.

Other officers of the board of managers are Mrs. John J. Miller Jr., Mrs. Ellen Hindes Krusi, Mrs. James W. Towne, Miss Elizabeth J. Ralph, vice presidents; Miss Margaret Zane, treasurer; Mrs. Phillip F. Landis, recording secretary; and Mrs. Donald Craig, corresponding secretary. Mrs. Carroll G. Cambron is an honorary member.

Members are the Medames James H. Allen, George L. Beaver, William K. Bowes, Leo D. Byrne, William E. Hilbert, Edwin V. Knick, Ralph Lyon, William H. Nigh Jr., Philip H. Pierson, Charles Edward Smith, Reginald Knight Smith, Stuart F. Smith, John T. Stephenson and the Misses Edith W.

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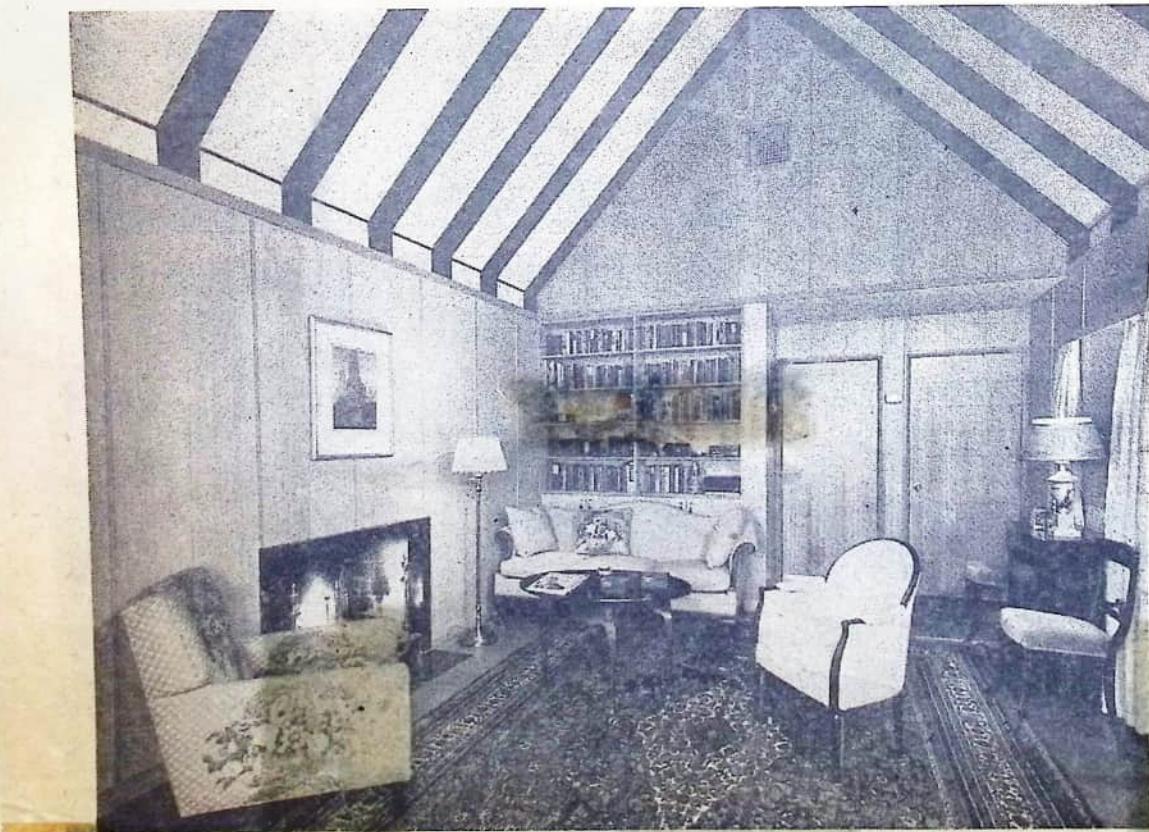
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BONANZA, May 25, 1958

An Antiquated Gardener's Tool Shed...



TRANSITION from a garden tool storage shed, built during last century, to an inviting residence

was accomplished by Architect Hewitt C. Wells to provide living quarters for Anna B. Pogson.

IT IS TRADITIONAL in California to cherish the past, its venerable buildings no less than the people who have lived in them. Many structures rooted in the history of the gay and roistering days at the turn of the century are still sound and capable of decades of future service, with remodeling and modernization.

The cottage of the supervisor of the institution for the aged at 3400 Laguna street points up the wisdom of preserving a still usable shell, even though there seemed little to commend it for living purposes except its picturesque appearance.

The institution, which recently dedicated new million-dollar facilities, is superintended by Mrs. Anna B. Pogson. Planning of the new project included separate facilities for Mrs. Pogson which would give her some feeling of detachment from her demanding job, a change of atmosphere, yet locate her close to the main building for immediate accessibility.

The small stone structure, already on the property and used for years as a tool shed by the institution's gardener, came under the scrutiny of architect Hewitt C. Wells.

Though he realized that as a residence its space was extremely limited, Wells felt that the reused cobblestone walls and the roof timbered with redwood beams had too much character to be abandoned.

Development of the cottage

ALL BEDROOM furniture except bed is built-in of mahogany paneling. Plaster walls, cork floors give easy maintenance.

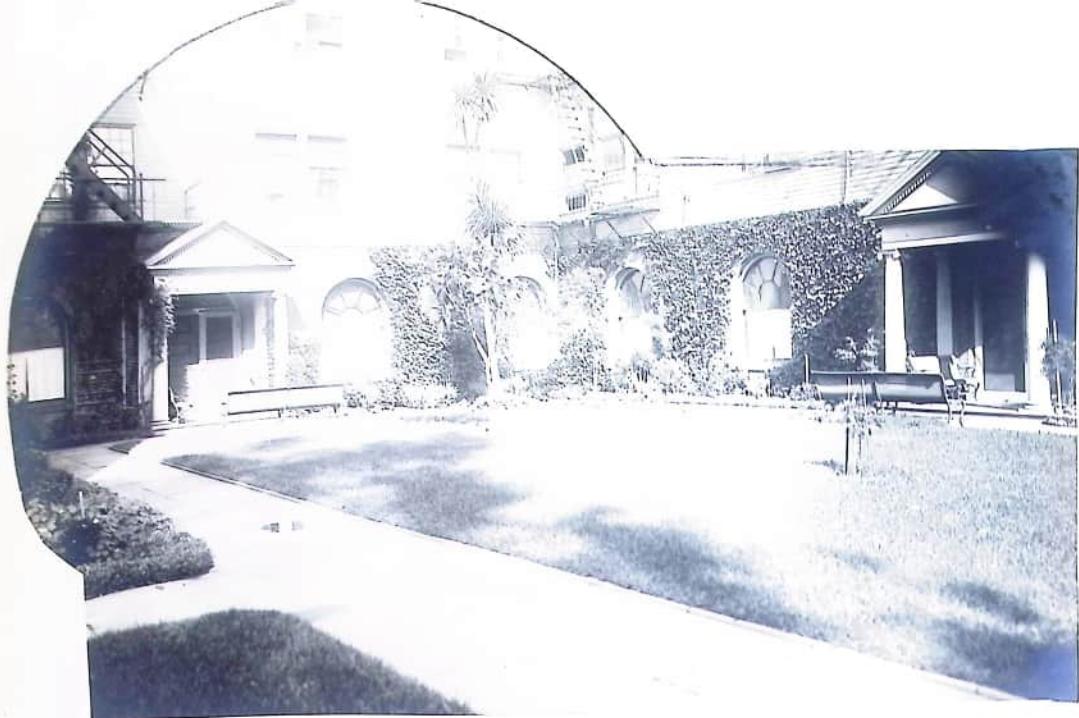


Garden to Administrator's Cottage

before 'new edition' was built.



Administrator's Cottage.



Rear View 'Crocker' Home



Front Entrance "Crocker" home.



Front Entrance "Crocker" Home



Sitting Room "Crocker" Home.



Tea Table - "Crocker" home



Tea Table - "Crocker" Home.



3400 Laguna Street - Front View.



3400 Laguna Street - Rear View.





Breaking ground for New Infirmary (1963)



Mrs Ebbie Burrow



Garden - 3400 Laguna Street







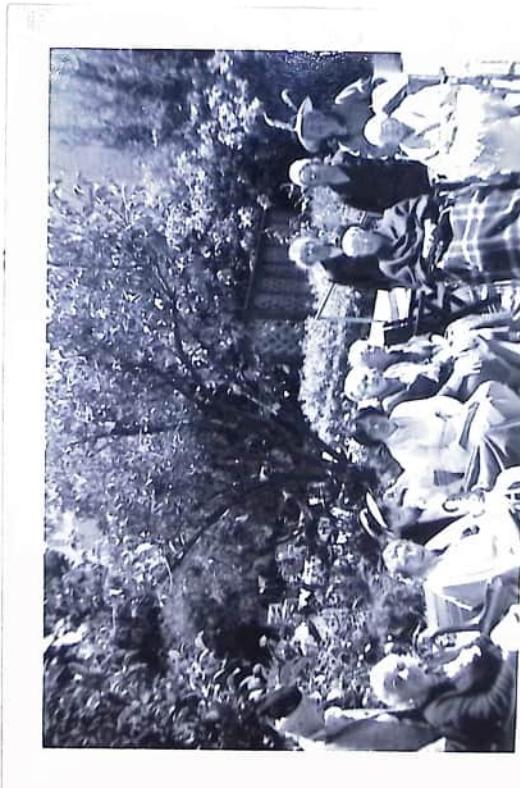
Mrs Ebba Burrows



Garden - 3400 Laguna Street

Life Members of "The Heritage"

Mrs Jane Thatcher
Nurses And
Yours Mae Charleston
Miss Marcia Kee
Miss Edna Koefel
Miss Ely Spearey
Mrs Julia Porter
Board of
Managers



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First Stone San Francisco & Architects
Protection and Relief Society - Franklin Street



3400 Laguna Street - Front View



3400 Laguna Street - Rear View

Home for

Aged Gets New Name

Now Called *'The Heritage'*

The Heritage became the official name last week of a little noticed old brick house at Laguna and Bay Sts.

The stately home and its modern wing in the rear was formerly called the San Francisco Ladies Protection and Relief Society and Crocker Old People's Home. Besides being quite a mouthful, officials decided the lengthy name no longer accurately described this home for the aged.

Historians say the Ladies Protection and Relief Society was founded in 1857 when San Francisco was a sprawling town of 50,000. Some women met to answer the plea of help from a young girl whose brother failed to meet her on Steamer Day. The girl was about to be taken to a brothel by a chance acquaintance.

AID FOR STRANGER

Those to whom the girl appealed gathered in Trinity Episcopal Church, then located at Pine St. between Kearny and Montgomery Sts. The society was formed to "render protection and assistance to strangers and dependent women and children."

The society soon learned it needed a permanent home instead of just an office on Sacramento St. to give aid to the needy. Some one talked the Legislature into appropriating \$20,000 and with another \$6,000 collected privately the home was built at Tahama and Second Sts. Later it moved to Van Ness Ave. and Geary St. and then to its present site in 1925.

The Crocker Old Peoples Home, which merged with the society in 1955, was founded in 1874 by the Scandinavian Benevolent and Relief Society. It bought the interest of Mrs. Charles Crocker who donated land and a building at 2507 Pine St.

SPACIOUS INTERIORS

The home stood at that site until the merger. Life memberships for its occupants before the turn of the century, were just \$200.

Though the home's heritage

"THE HERITAGE," HOME FOR AGED
... its former name—a lengthy one

is rich in San Francisco history, its present day era-spottless infirmary, the bright

interiors, rooms with a view, like an expensive hotel

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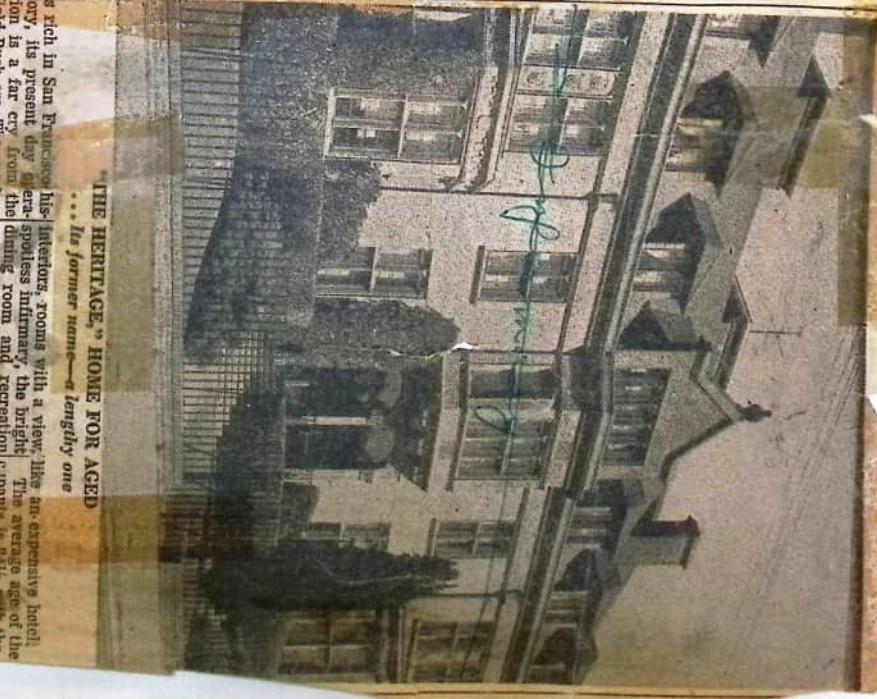
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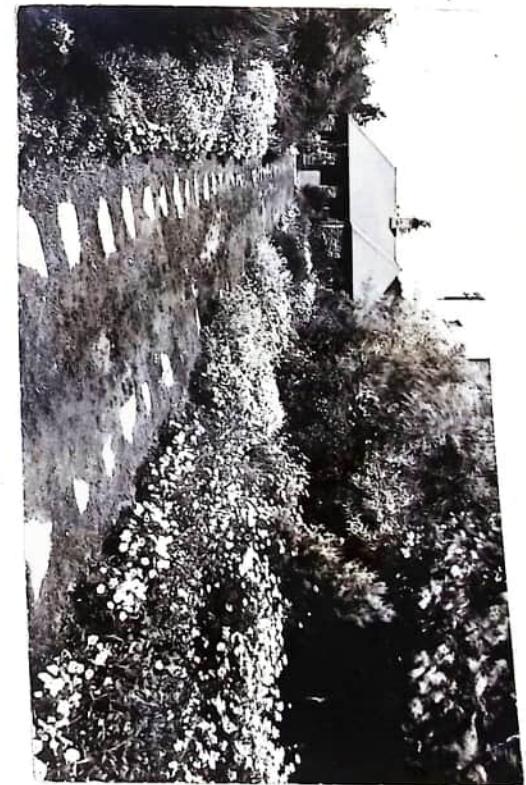
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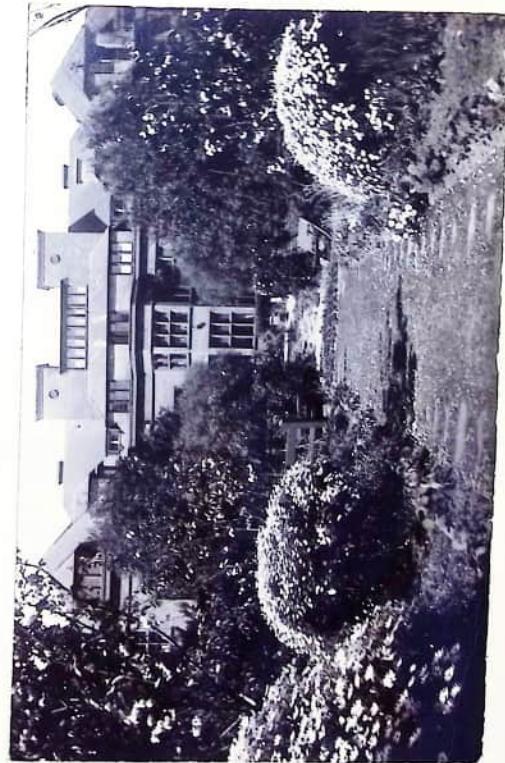
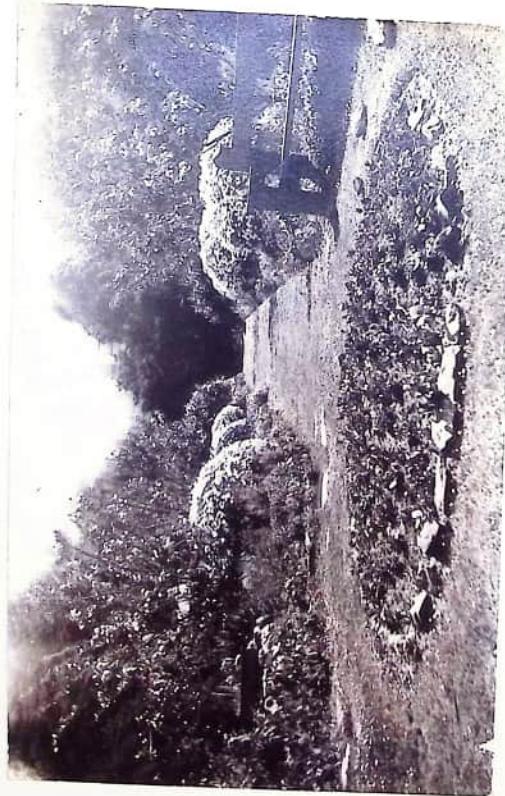
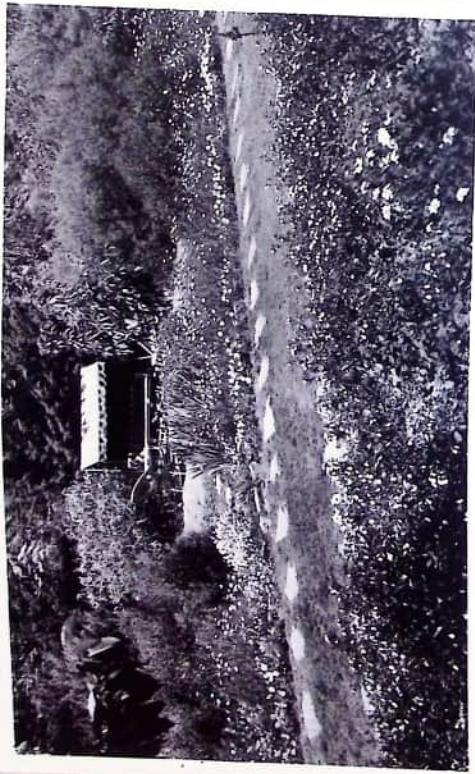
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Views of garden before new edition.



Mrs Josephine King shore and rear
Gardens under Japanese flowering Cherry tree.



Mrs Anna M Dermott
Mrs Mae Charleston
Mrs Edna Koepel



Tree in the Garden

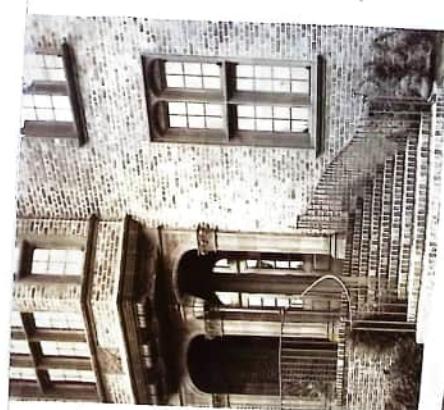
Underneath a sky of blue
A tree stands bare and strong
Through winter, snow and rain - trees
It holds a silent song.

Underneath a sky of blue
A tree where blossoms grow
Holds sacred her life divine
In beauty all may know

Underneath a sky of blue
A tree is full in bloom
With blossoms pink - fragile pink
Singing its song in tune -

Wm. Burrows

View of garden - 3400 Laguna Street



Front Entrance 3400 Laguna Street

1967

City's 91-Year-Old Twins

A Happy, Graceful Birthday

San Francisco's — presumably — oldest twins celebrated their birthday yesterday.

In a small room filled with memorabilia at The Heritage, a retirement home at Bay and Laguna, Robert A. Thompson and his sister, Roberta V. LaFarge, gracefully reached the age of 91.

Assorted daughters hovered in the background as they prepared to have their picture taken. "We could take it out in the hall . . ." said one. "No, that's all right," said Thompson, commanding.

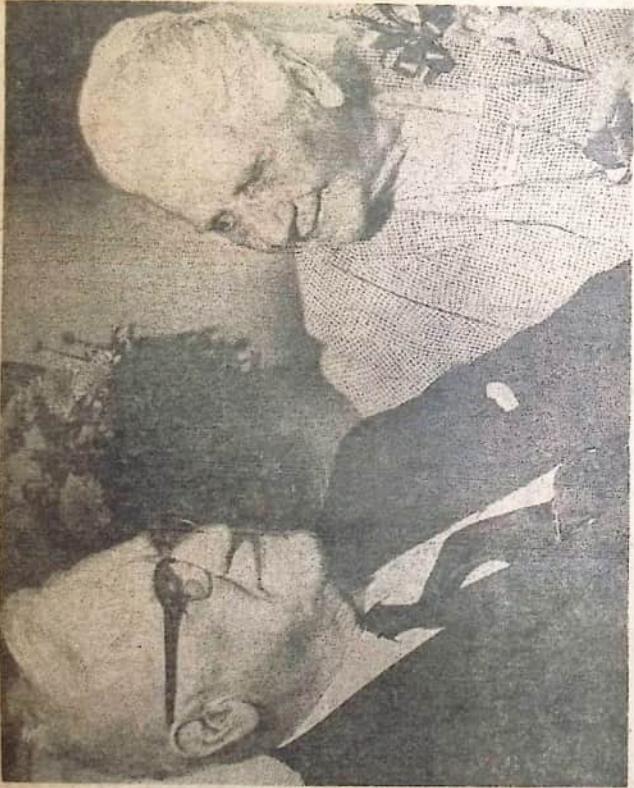
They were posed on a small love seat. "I feel like a cheerful fool," muttered Mrs. LaFarge.

They were born in Santa Rosa in 1876, their father a newspaperman, their grandfather a judge in San Francisco during the days of the 49ers.

Thompson was involved in newspapers and trade publications much of his life, and also in advertising. He founded the San Mateo Times and the Palo Alto Times. He now lives in Alameda.

His sister, Roberta, married a shipper, George LaFarge, and lived much of her life in Palo Alto. She was the first principal of the Channing Avenue school, an early elementary school there. Now she lives at The Heritage.

They have, between them, four children and five grandchildren. "I had only daughters," said Thompson. "That was a mistake. Sons are cheaper." He laughed heartily.



TWINS ROBERT THOMPSON AND ROBERTA THOMPSON LaFARGE

"I feel like a cheerful fool," she said

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Mrs. George Rockfort



1914. Florence Rockfort



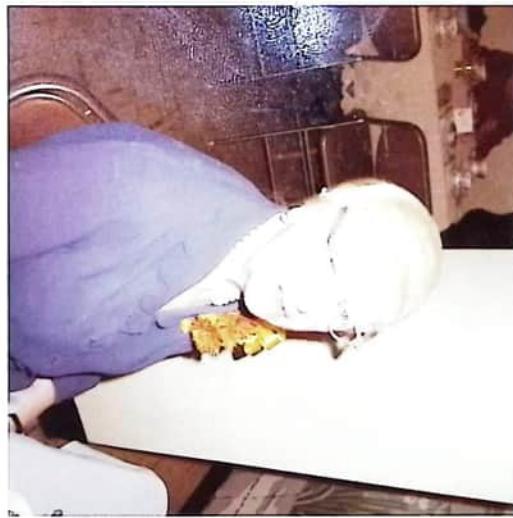
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Birthday Parties



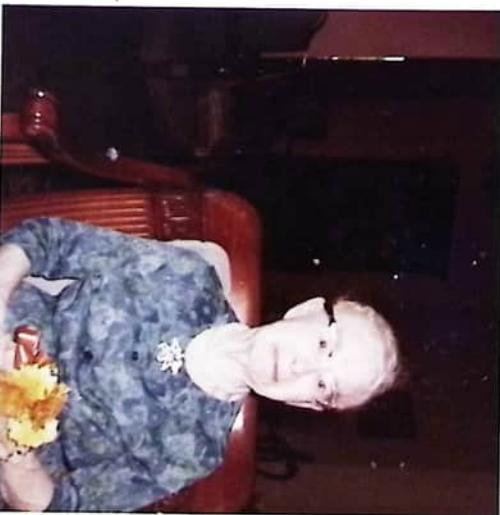
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Mrs. Sophie Baldwin



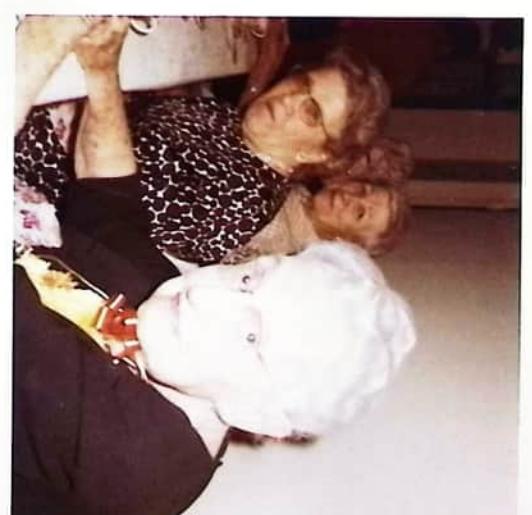
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Mrs. Mabel Keegan



Mrs. Mary Renox



Miss Caroline Saeter
Mrs. Syney Matairin



Mrs. Catherine Grant.



Miss Karen Nielsen



Mrs. Virginia Jennings.



MRS DURBROW - MISS EMILIE ROUD.
MRS URSULA CASPER - MISS IRENE KELLY



Mr. Walter Vogel.



Mr. Clinton Maynard.



Mrs. Marian Bell Mrs. William Rogan
(Administrator) (President Bd. Directors)

Mrs. U. Houston Miss Mary Zopczak
Board member



Mr. Walter Bates Miss Pearl Estep
and visitors



Mrs. Kate Nigh Mrs. Julia Porter Mrs. Sigunther
Chairwoman

1968

Blanche Clear, Botanist, 82

found dead in her room at Blanche Clear, plant lover and intrepid traveler who lived to be 82 but never got old.

Mrs. Clear reported to her volunteer job as a staff botanist at the California Academy of Sciences last Wednesday as usual, mounting specimens to ornamental plants for the herbarium.

The next morning she was found dead in her room at The Heritage, 3400 Laguna St., which she had once wryly described to relatives as "full of little old ladies." Death was presumably instantaneous after a heart attack.

Mrs. Clear, born in England, was married to the late Charles Gerald Clear, an accountant, and with him traveled widely. She had lived in her own home in Berkeley until last November, when relatives prevailed upon her to move to San Francisco.

Despite her age, she flew to Ames, Iowa, for a granddaughter's wedding last September, and spent a month in

England and Portugal this spring.

She had no formal training in botany, but studied constantly and became an expert on rare plants. She was a charter member of the California Native Plant Society and belonged to the California Horticultural Society, the California Botanical Club and the English Speaking Union.

Mrs. Clear leaves a son, Gerald, of Sausalito, a chemist; a daughter, Mrs. Kathleen Keller, wife of a physics professor at the University of Iowa, and four grandchildren.

There were no funeral services: she had willed her body to the University of California Medical Center.

The Heritage
(Photographs made in 1968)

3400 Laguna St



The Heritage



Hall leading from main building to addition and Infirmary.



Garden between main building and addition.



The Heritage.



Rear Garden



A Lady Reaches 101 With Style

By Jerry Carroll

A brandy-drinking, poetry-reciting old lady met the press yesterday wearing a pink robe and a flower in her hair.

Elizabeth Shearer — looking like a Norman Rockwell magazine portrait of someone's grandmother — celebrates her 101st birthday today.

"What is this?" she demanded sharply, looking up through gold-rimmed spectacles at the newsmen standing over her at the Heritage retirement home on Laguna street.

Miss Shearer snorted when told that it is considered newsworthy whenever anyone achieves her venerable years.

"It's nothing to be proud of," she said with the briskness of a school teacher who takes no sass. "Your years just catch up with you."

PERSPECTIVE

Having satisfactorily put her birthday in a proper perspective, Miss Shearer — who looks a good half-century younger than she is — relented and answered some questions.

"I was born about noon, April 27, 1867 — in Oakland, when it was a nice, lovely little village," she said, smiling a ruddy, retrospective smile.

Miss Shearer chatted good-naturedly about the years past, the decades quietly gliding by, the modest milestones of a quiet uneventful life.

Teacher

She was a school teacher in the Piedmont and Oakland school districts from 1892 until her retirement in 1927.

"I can remember things as if it were yesterday," she said. "If there is one thing I'm thankful for, it's my good memory."

Eight nurses in white uniforms listened raptly to the interview. Miss Shearer is far and away their favorite.

POETRY

"Ask her to recite some poetry," one called from the rear room.

"Oh no, you're not going to ask me to do that," Miss Shearer said, flushing a little. "I'm going to stick my



MISS ELIZABETH SHEARER
'Your years just catch up with you'

tongue out at you," she said long line of ancestors," she announced, ending the line of questioning about brandy.

Later on she recited some lines from Tennyson. She has memorized scores of poems.

"I can't read anymore and I'd be hard up against it if I hadn't," she said.

Another of the nurses mentioned Miss Shearer's penchant for a glass of brandy before lunch and dinner. Miss Shearer raised a cautionary finger and changed the subject.

"I think I inherited a wonderful constitution from a

long line of ancestors," she announced, ending the line of questioning about brandy.

Just as crisply, she answered the inevitable question about why she never married: "Never found the right man."

It was time for her to go, but before being wheeled away she confided to one newsmen that "I'm glad I've kept all my marbles."

Miss Shearer had one last comment: "I shan't love The Chronicle anymore." But you could tell she was teasing.

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LOCALITES at the
Olympics were, be-
low, Byron Nishkian,
president of the U. S.
Ski Association, and
Mrs. Nishkian



Mrs. Elly Nishkian
1st Vice President Board of Directors
Chairman of Admissions



Mayor Joseph Aiello congratulates Miss Elizabeth Shear
on her 102nd Birthday April 27-1969

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Birthday Parties



Mrs. Sue Metcalf Mrs. Marian Bell
(President Bd. of Directors) (Administrator)



Miss Winifred Jones.



Miss May Frye - Miss Winifred Jones
Mrs. Jane Thatcher



Mrs. Ethel P. Mauritus Miss Caroline Sabler.



1968

BIRTHDAY Parties



MRS. Sue Metcalf, MRS. Ebbie Borrow
(Pres) MRS. Marian Bell
(Administrator)



MRS. Henriette Fesca - Miss Janet Wanner



Mrs. Edith Fish, Mrs. Vogel, Mr. & Mrs. Vogel



Mrs. Marian Bell, Mrs. Genevieve Blessing
Miss Elizabeth Hadd



Christmas 1968



Mrs. B. Downing Mrs. Edith Fish
Mrs. Eva Eriksen



Mrs. Percy Ford Mrs. Maurice Tiu
Mrs. Eda Lored



Christmas Party.



Sitting Room Tree



Xmas

1960



Sitting Room Tree



2nd Floor Trees.

U.C. California Santa Barbara Women's
Glee Club.

1967



glee club had dinner and gave concert Feb. 3, 1969.





Mrs. D. Staples (board member)
Mrs. V. Heurekka.



Mrs. Fillmore - Miss Faye - Mrs. Burgess -



Miss Faye Mrs. Merrill Mrs. Onch.



Mrs. Taysum. Miss D'Aubigny - Mrs. Staples



Hobby Shop

1969



Mrs. Marsh - Mrs. Giehl - Mrs. Neffell - Mrs. Clark
Miss Burgess, Miss Raser
Board members
Mrs. Young.



Mrs Alves - Mrs Roemer



Mrs Vivian Ritter and her hobby.

1969



Infirmary sitting room



Dr. J. Henderson



Nurses station. Infirmary



utility Room Infirmary



Party tables.

1969



The Girl in *Cherry Ripe*
Though she was but four years old when she showed up at a fancy-dress ball in London in 1891, blue-eyed Edie Ramage melted the hearts of her beholders. Reason: she wore a frilled white mobcap and dress, pink sash and shoes similar to those made famous by Sir Joshua Reynolds in his portrait *Simplicity*. So charmed was her uncle, *Graphic* Founder and Editor William Lanson Thomas, that he commissioned Painter John Everett Millais to do a portrait of Edie in that same costume. Thomas paid a fancy \$5,000, but used the finished canvas in the *Graphic*, made 600,000 color reproductions and sold them profitably across the Empire. A print of the portrait, known as *Cherry Ripe* because Edie was perched atop two sacks of cherries, became a sentimental adornment in every Victorian and Edwardian nursery.

In the decades that passed, the whereabouts of Model Edie turned into a mystery. One day a fortnight ago, a young

man visited London's Royal Academy of Arts, noticed Millais' *Cherry Ripe* on exhibition in the collection of the late South African mine owner, Sir Joseph B. Robinson. Thomas sold the portrait to Robinson 60 years ago, and it had been stored with the collection since 1910. The visitor strolled up to a gallery assistant, remarked that the model was his grandmother, and that she would soon come in to see the painting.

Unwilling to wait, Academy President Charles Wheeler hastily inserted a "personal" in the famed front-page classified advertising section of the *London Times*:



Royal Academy of Art
MILLAIS' "CHERRY RIPE"

"The Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, wish to contact the lad who sat . . .". With Academy Secretary Humphrey Brooke, Wheeler spent long hours sifting scores of replies from families who claimed that the real model was one of their kin. "Signora Ossorio herself did not answer the advertisement," said Brooke, "but I received an anonymous phone call giving me her phone number in London." Wheeler and Brooke tracked down the new lead, found an Edie Ossorio "still fascinating, vivacious, certainly not looking her 84 years."

"She remembers quite a lot of sittings

Talking to the



Tribune pho
John Peterson raps with donkey while his grandmother, M. Hammond, and Mrs. Albert Churchill look on

Animals

Baby animals galore—a horse, llama, lion, goat, cockatoo—we petted and fondled at the Matilda Brown Home in Oakland when the Ladies Home Society held its gala picnic and mini-circus. The event honored residents of the Home, their families and friends, and featured such attractions as two clowns from Children's Fayland, Suzanna Hubbard and Heidi Robinson; ventriloquist Linda Phillips, and 11-year-old Lenny Rossi, who played the accordion. Balloons and giant bright-hued paper flowers decorated the grounds and gazebo. Guests included friends from the Beulah Home in East Oakland and Heritage House in San Francisco. Mrs. J. Frederick Seulberger was chairman of the day.

World of Women

by Ron Riesler
.. Floyd

Oakland Tribune
24-E Sat., May 16, 1970



PET FEST ADDS NY TISSUE

Mrs. John Barthrop (left), Mrs. J. Fredrick Seulberger and her grandchildren Kassie and Jake Reynolds cuddle a kid





Mrs. McTeal, Mr. R. Field, Mrs. M. Bell
Pres. of Board, Mrs. F. Barbut, Mr. Fillmore



Mr. R. Field - Mrs. M. Bell, Mrs. F. Barbut
Miss K. Liston



Miss K. Liston - Mrs. E. White, Mrs. Young
Miss E. Manners - Mrs. A. G. Connell, Mrs. Nigh



Mrs. J. Tayson.



Mrs. C. Fillmore

Bingo Prizes



Bingo Game



MR. Eugene Jones conducted Adult Education Choir
from Berkeley in concert. May. 16-1969.

May and June - Birthday Party

1969



Birthday Pictures

1969



Miss Elizabeth Shearer - Apr. 27



Miss Agnes Thompson - Apr. 15



Mrs Bertha La Farge Apr. 24.



Miss Marie Burgess Apr. 20



1964
Honoring Miss Elizabeth Shearer
and Miss Agnes Thompson.



Birthday Pictures

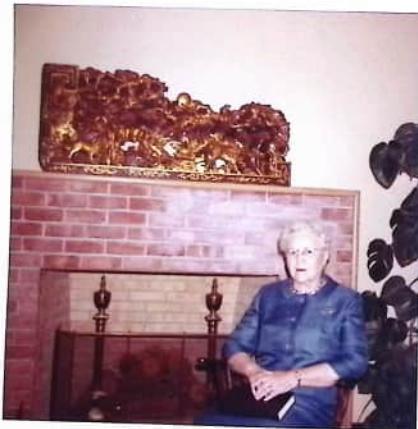
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Miss Patricia Davidson Aug. 22.



Mrs. Eda Huenenberger Aug. 10.



Mrs. Virginia Jennings July 18-



Miss Maren Nielsen Aug. 8.



1969

Buss Trip to Capitola.

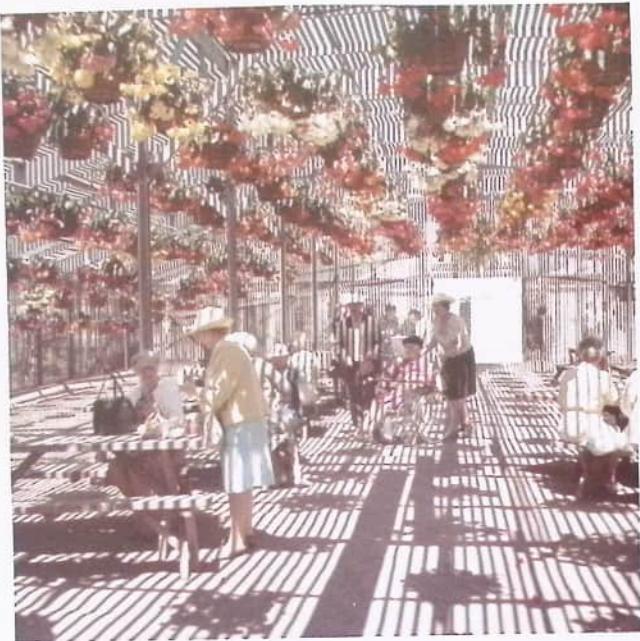


Lunch at Begonia gardens.



1969

Boss Trip to Capitola.



Lunch at Begonia Gardens.





Mrs. C. Vickery

Miss Edna - Mrs. Madleigh



Mr. E. Faicon - Mr. Fillmore - Mr. R. Field



Mr. Fillmore

Mrs. Eva Robley



Halloween Party



Halloween Party



Mrs. C. Vickery

Miss Edna - Mrs. Madleigh



Mr. E. Fallon - Mrs. Fillmore - Mr. R. F.



Mr. Fillmore Mrs. Eva Hobley



Birthday Pictures

1969



Mrs. Edith Fish Oct. 22.



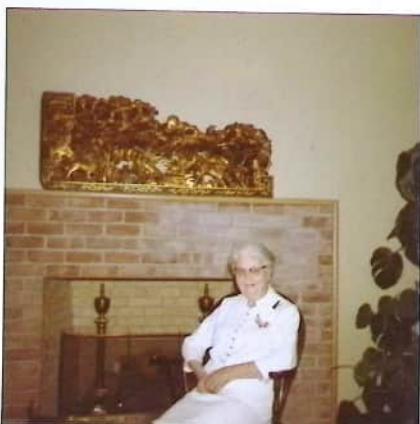
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Mrs. F. Stacy Sept. 12-



Miss Jeanette Loewer Nov. 10.



Birthday Pictures.

1969



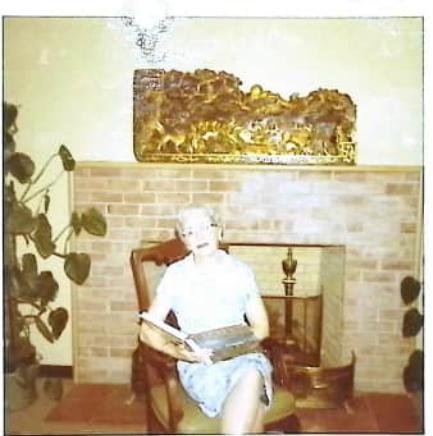
Mrs. C. Farquharson Nov. 14.



Mrs. J. McDermott Nov. 29



Mrs. A. Pice Marsh Nov. 30.



Mrs. Harriet Young Jan. 23

Happy Journey by Thelonious Wilder Sept. 19-1969
Play Reading group.
"Deep Production Co."



Mrs E Hobley, Mrs E. Rivers, Mrs M. Swingle
Miss. Liston



Miss. R. Liston Mrs. S. Calves - Mrs. E. Hobley
Mrs. M. Swingle.



Mrs. E. Hobley.



Mr. G. Hartnett



Mr. E. Rivers



Mr. H. Brewster

Christmas

1969



Ernie Chandlers Santa.



Christmas Party Dec. 1969



These photographs are given to remember the efforts by the Heritage
Organization for the tree to be made by the Holiday Group.

Birthday Pictures

1970



Mrs. Juliette Sweet. Dec. 11



Mrs. Gertrude Blessing Oct. 19



Mrs. Berthe D'Gobigny Dec. 9



Mrs. Flore Gribbe



Mr. Edward Fa Picomjan. 31



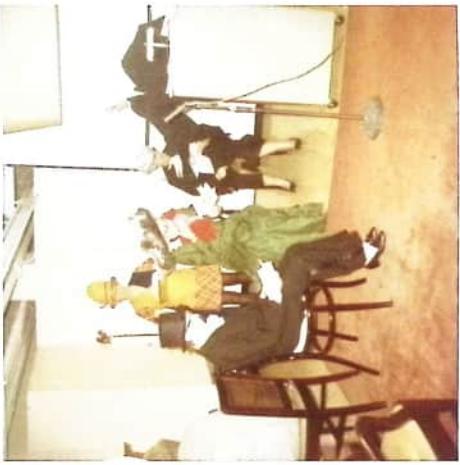
Miss Marjett McGloskie

Trial by Jury
Put on by "The Deep Dramatic Stock Co."

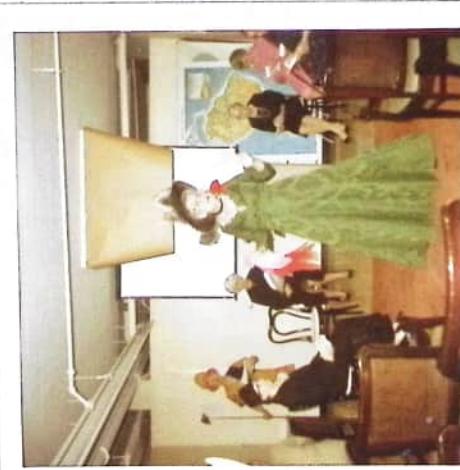
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Mrs. Hobley, Mrs. Swingle, Mrs. Stacy
Mrs. Givens, Mrs. Richwine



Mrs. Hobley, Mrs. Swingle, Mrs. Stacy
Mrs. Givens, Mrs. Galliano, Mrs. Richwine



Mrs. Hobley, Mrs. Swingle, Mrs. Galliano, Mrs. Richwine
Miss Danner, Mrs. Stacy



Mrs. Hobley, Mrs. Swingle, Mrs. Stacy
Mrs. Givens, Mrs. Galliano



Mrs. Hobley



Mrs. Hobley, Mrs. Givens

December Birthday

Dining Room Tree



Christmas

Three Wise Men

Melchior +
Gaspar +
Baltasar

1969-70

Hobby



Members of Kennedy Touches
visited the Heritage to learn
how to make Christmas
ornaments.



Christmas decorations made
in 1970

Valentine Party given by Mrs. M. Swingle
1970



Scrapbooks from San Francisco Senior Center

1970



Birthday Pictures

1970



Mrs. Rae Smith



Mrs. Dorothy Taysom Feb. 1



Miss May Frye May 1.



Mr. Applegate Hartnack Feb. 1.



February and March Birthday Party



Birthday Time at The Heritage

Mrs. Warren C. Perry, member of the board of directors of the San Francisco Ladies' Protection and Relief Society, a non-sectarian, nonprofit organization that operates the home, presented Miss Shearer with a lei.

It was Mrs. Perry's husband, incidentally, who in 1857 was architect for the imposing four-story structure designed around a beautifully landscaped court. This was added to an earlier building for which the eminent Julia Morgan had drawn the plans.

Wearing a cell blue chiffon frock and long strands of pearls was Miss Agnes Thompson, chipper, chear-

ful and active as a cricket at 101.

Among those who arrived with birthday greetings for her were Mrs. Criffenden Millikin, her granddaughter, and Mrs. J. Finley Thompson, a niece by marriage.

Before descending to the party room, we were introduced to Mrs. Roberta La Farge in the lobby. She and her twin brother, Robert Thompson, who resides in Alabama, reached 91 this month.

The youngest of the quartet was Mrs. Mahel Hope, 92. She retired half a dozen years ago from the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, where she spent 49 years. Mrs. Lawrence Metcalf,

president of the society, presided over a brief program during the tea. An original poem was read by Albert Hartack, a sprightly 92-years-old, also a resident. (Five couples and six unattached men live at The Heritage.)

This retirement home is the result of a merger in 1955 of two of the oldest service agencies in San Francisco, the Ladies' Protection and Relief Society, founded in 1853, and the Crocker Old People's Home.



Millie's Column:



By Millie Robbins
A SERIES of perky pastel satin bows tied to a railing led from the elevator to the sunny, flower-filled lower floor lecture hall at The Heritage last Friday afternoon.

The ribbon had been removed from the numerous floral tributes sent to women residents who celebrate their birthdays in April. (A similar function is given in the handsome building at Laguna and Bay streets every month.)

A merry crowd was on hand — overflowing into the adjoining hobby room — to congratulate the honorees and drink toasts to their health in champagne and punch.

Each celebrant was hostess at her own table. Each cut her own prettily decorated cake baked by Harry Chen, genial cook at this spacious residence hall that has the air of a refined country club.

The belle of the ball in a manner of speaking, was Miss Elizabeth Shearer, who'll reach the 103rd milestone on her life's path next Monday.



MABEL HOPE AND HARRY CHEN
A cake for the youngest honoree



ROBERTA LA FARGE
Birthday celebrant

A former teacher in Oakland schools, Miss Shearer retired in 1959 and thereafter made her home in Inverness until she moved to The Heritage 11 years ago.

She is particularly fond of poetry, can recite reams of it, and seldom misses the poetry reading sessions that are part of the regular recreational events.

Miss Shearer sipped a glass of bubbly and responded to her toast with a charming little speech.



AGNES THOMPSON AND ELIZABETH SHEARER
Satin bows and champagne toasts

Photos by Duke Downey

April Birthday Party.

1970



Mrs C. Wilson, Miss Shearer.



Miss Agnes Thompson.



Miss Agnes Thompson April.



Mrs Roberta Hartung April.



Mrs Mabel Hope Apr. 7.



Garden Party for Mrs. Kaufarge
Mrs. G. McKay, Mrs. Blessing, Mrs. Thatcher



Mrs A. Marsh
at Inverness Tea.



Miss Donner - Mrs Pratt - Mrs Hobley



Trip to Matilda Brown Home.

July-August Birthday Party.

1970



Entertainment



1964-1965 ENTERTAINER



A Young Magician



Employees Party.

1970



Mrs A Price Wadleigh (Chairman)



Blowing up balloons for decoration
Mrs Sitch - Miss Roustaud, Mrs Wadleigh

