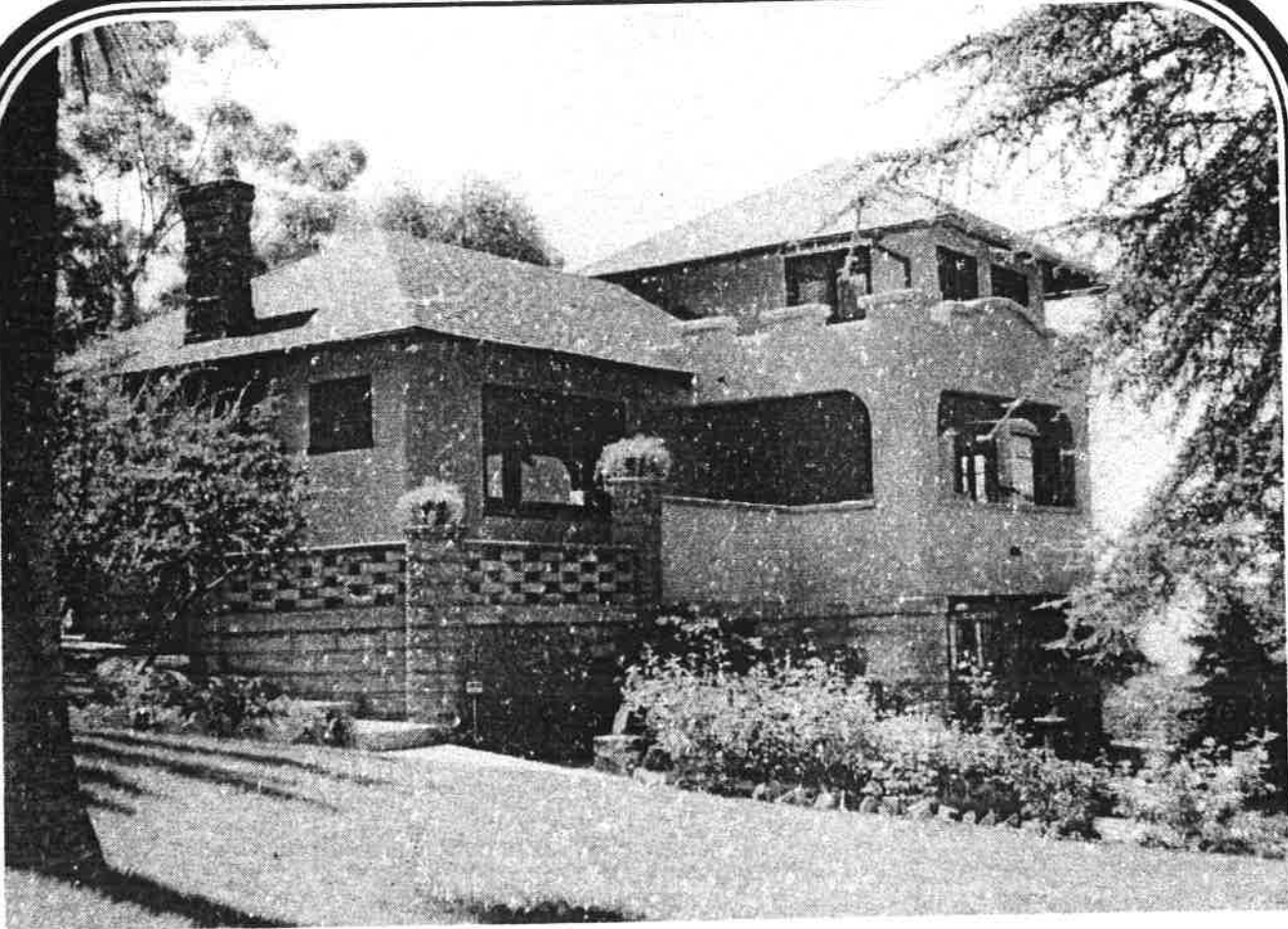




{ THE TODD HOUSE 1911 }

La Mesa Historical Society
P.O. Box 882
La Mesa, CA 91944



LA MESA HISTORIC LANDMARK NOMINATION FORM

1. NAME

Historic: **THE TODD HOUSE**
and / or common: **TODD HOUSE**

2. LOCATION

Address: **8069 Vista Drive**
City: **La Mesa** State: **CA** Zip: **91941**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
☐ district	☐ public	☒ occupied	☐ agricultural	☐ museum
☒ building(s)	☒ private	☐ unoccupied	☐ commercial	☐ park
☐ structure	☐ both	☐ work in progress	☐ educational	☒ private residence
☐ site			☐ entertainment	☐ religious
☐ object			☐ government	☐ scientific
	PUBLIC ACQUISITION		☐ industrial	☐ transportation
	☐ in progress		☐ military	☐ other:
	☐ being considered			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

Name: **STEVEN ROBERT SUND and RENEE ANN VALLELY**
Address: **8069 VISTA DRIVE**
City: **LA MESA** State: **CA** Zip: **91941**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Courthouse, Registry of Deeds, etc.: **San Diego County Recorder**
Address: **1600 Pacific Highway**
City: **San Diego** State: **CA** Zip: **92101**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

Title: **La Mesa Historic Resources Inventory**
Date: **June 1984**
Depository for Survey Records: **La Mesa City Clerk**
City: **La Mesa** State: **CA** Zip: **91941**

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

CHECK ONE

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

CHECK ONE

☒ original site
☐ moved date _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Legal Description: Lots 12, 13 and 14 in Block Q, of Lookout Park, Map #1085. Except therefrom that portion of said Lot 14 in said Block Q of Lookout Park, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the Southwesterly line of said Lot 14: North 52°00'00" West, 31.45 feet from the most southerly corner of said Lot 14; thence North 46°15'00" East, 23.80 feet; thence South 43°45'00" East 7.50 feet; thence North 46°15'00" East parallel with and 0.50 feet Northwesterly of a stone wall, 124.50 feet, more or less, to the northeasterly line of said Lot 14; thence northwesterly along the said northeasterly line to the most northerly corner of said Lot 14; thence South 38°00'00" West along the northwesterly line of said Lot 14 to the most westerly corner thereof; thence Southeasterly along the Southwesterly line, 18.88 feet to the place of beginning.

The Todd House stands on the north slope of Mt. Nebo in La Mesa. It has the low pitched roof lines with wide eaves and the variation in roof levels reminiscent of Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie Style. Wright advocated blending homes into the landscape, the use of earth tones, and central living spaces with rooms flowing into one another, features that can be seen in this house.

The Todd House was built into the hillside and has a large basement with a rock faced block wall exposed on the downhill side, a main floor living level, and also a tower with a second floor that is actually a room with views in all four directions. Features of the house include a composition shingle, cross hipped roof with a separate hipped roof on the tower, a rough stucco exterior, and wooden frame casement windows with leaded glass, geometrically shaped panes. There is an interesting exterior chimney constructed with rust colored, rock faced blocks with dark beading in the joints.

A large entrance porch features segmental arch openings, stucco walls, and a flat roof with crenelated and curvi-linear parapets. At the back of the house, a wooden beam pergola covers a patio. French doors lead to the patio from the living room.

This house has not had any exterior alterations or additions, and due to recent exterior restoration is in excellent condition. The current owners have rebuilt the rock face block wall that borders the sidewalk along Vista Drive. The yard is nicely landscaped with flowers, shrubbery, palms and a mature cedar tree.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE - CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ prehistoric	☐ archeology-prehistoric	☐ conservation	☐ landscape architecture	☐ religion
☐ 1400-1499	☐ archeology-historic	☐ economics	☐ law	☐ science
☐ 1500-1599	☐ agricultural	☐ education	☐ literature	☐ sculpture
☐ 1600-1699	☒ architecture	☐ engineering	☐ military	☐ social/
☐ 1700-1799	☐ art	☐ exploration/	☐ music	☐ humanitarian
☐ 1800-1899	☐ commerce	☐ settlement	☐ philosophy	☐ theater
☒ 1900-	☐ communications	☐ industry	☐ politics/government	☐ transportation
	☐ community planning	☐ invention		☐ other (specify)

SPECIFIC DATES: 1911

BUILDER / ARCHITECT: E. W. Stillwell Co.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Todd House is important as one of the few homes in La Mesa showing the influence of Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie Style. The house has been restored on the exterior and looks today just as it did when first constructed in 1911. Orien and Mary Todd purchased plans for the house from the E. W. Stillwell Company. The plans were adapted to this site. This house was the home of the prominent Todd family from the time it was constructed in 1911 until the death of Thelma Todd in 1984. The Todds were well known in La Mesa for their community, civic, and religious contributions. Mary Todd helped start La Mesa's first Easter Sunrise Service in 1915.

Orien W. Todd and his wife, Mary Waterman Todd, came to La Mesa in 1911 from Elgin, Illinois, seeking help for a health problem. On Nov. 6, 1911, they purchased Lots 12, 13, 14, and 15, in Block Q, Lookout Park from the Park-Grable Investment Company. The official map #1085 for this subdivision was recorded on Sept. 12, 1907. The Todds obtained plans for their house from the E. W. Stillwell Company, a Los Angeles architectural firm that advertised plan books in "The Craftsman" magazine. These plans were adapted to the La Mesa site. Soon the house was under construction near the top of Mt. Nebo. According to the family, the grounds were landscaped by noted horticulturist Kate Sessions, who owned a cottage on nearby Grossmont.

Orien Todd retained his business in Elgin, Illinois for many years, but finally sold it and opened a business in San Diego. Todd owned several millinery stores, including the Todd Millinery Company store at 726 Broadway and also Todd's Millinery, a store that opened in 1934 at 1139 Sixth Ave. Todd's Millinery

featured a work room under the supervision of Miss Josephine Langer, where "old hats could be remodeled and receive that touch which makes them individual." Orien W. Todd also developed real estate in La Mesa. La Mesa's Orien Avenue was named by Todd and the Orien Tract was subdivided by him in 1912.

Orien W. Todd's wife, Mary Waterman, had red hair and blue eyes. She was a native of Cameron, Missouri. Her father, William Waterman, fought in the Civil War, but was discharged because of the wounds he suffered while serving as a Lieutenant in the 37th Massachusetts Volunteers. He attended the Chicago Theological Seminary and became an ordained Congregational minister in 1867. In July 1867, he married Julie King of Monson, Massachusetts. Because Mary's father served as a minister in many different places, the family moved frequently, but in spite of this, her mother, who had served as the first woman principal of a secondary school in Massachusetts, saw to it that Mary received a good education. After Orien Todd and Mary Waterman were married on Dec. 20, 1897, they lived in Elgin, Illinois for some years. But when they moved to La Mesa in 1911, Mary's parents, William and Julie Waterman came to La Mesa also and lived with the Todds in the Mt. Nebo home.

Mary Todd became active in La Mesa affairs. She soon met and became life long friends with her new neighbor, May Worth. The two women organized many projects together. Due to their efforts, La Mesa's first Easter Sunrise Service was held in 1915 on Mt. Nebo at Prospect Park, just up the hill from the Todd House. Both families attended the Central Congregational Church, and Mary Todd was on the building committee when the new church was constructed. She was involved in many church activities. She was also an early member of the La Mesa Woman's Club. When she became president of that group, she created a study group in business and protective law for women. She also helped form the Mt. Nebo Club, a social organization. Mary served on the board of the American Red Cross and was affiliated with the American Legion Auxiliary. In 1916, Mary Todd was the chairman of the committee on street improvements and city beautiful for the La Mesa Chamber of Commerce. Miss Kate Sessions addressed this group and advocated planting trees along La Mesa's streets.

Orien and Mary Todd celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 20, 1947. Over 200 persons attended a reception at the Central Congregational Church, which was followed by a family dinner attended by 26 persons at the Todd's Mt. Nebo home. Family members arrived from all over the country. Orien and Mary Todd had at least three children: two sons, Harry W. and Orien Jr., and a daughter, Margaret. Both sons assisted their father with the millinery business for a time.

The youngest son, O.W. Todd, Jr. ("Junior" Todd), attended Beloit College at Beloit, Wisconsin. He was a prominent San Diego

County athlete and held the Southern California championship in handball. He was also a member of the San Diego Rowing Club and was active in many sports. In 1925, he purchased a sporting goods store in downtown San Diego. Later, he became president of the Stanley Andrews Sporting Goods Company. He has been given the credit for helping bring the Chargers Football team to San Diego.

On June 24, 1922, "Junior" Todd married Miss Grace Horr, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Horr of Jacumba. O. W. Todd, Jr., eventually became one of the best known men in San Diego County. He was active for many years in the Boy Scouts and received the Silver Beaver Award in 1963 "for distinguished service to boyhood." In 1949, he served as president of the City-County Convention Bureau. In 1972, the San Diego Kiwanis sponsored "A Civic Salute to Junior Todd" in appreciation of his service to the community. About 1,000 people attended the event. During his lifetime he had served as president of nearly 40 Southern California civic organizations. Orien Todd, Jr. died on Christmas Day, 1986.

Orien and Mary Todd's daughter, Margaret, married Dr. Robert Newby of Chicago in June 1924 at the Todd family's Mt. Nebo home. She was a graduate of the University of Michigan and San Diego State Teacher's College. They made their home in Illinois.

The oldest son, Harry Waterman Todd, went into the millinery business with his father. He managed the Todd Millinery Company in San Diego for many years. On May 29, 1926, he married Thelma Jones, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Jones of La Mesa. At first Harry and Thelma lived in San Diego, but later they shared the Mt. Nebo home of Harry's parents. After the deaths of the elder Todds in the late 1940s, Harry inherited this house. Harry and Thelma lived here for the rest of their lives. Harry's career included managing the Todd Millinery Company store in San Diego and working as a salesman, as a stock broker for the Walston Company, and involvement with an oil business in Louisiana. He died on Jan. 20, 1970.

Harry's wife, Thelma, was born in Dutch Flat, a Northern California mining town. She came to La Mesa in 1912 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Jones and her brothers and sisters. Thelma commuted by train to San Diego High School. After earning a degree from San Diego Normal School in 1920, she taught elementary school in Calexico and Ventura before returning to La Mesa in 1924. She taught in the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District for many years and retired in 1961, but substituted for another ten years. She is remembered as an energetic teacher who had a genuine interest in every child in her classroom.

Thelma Todd was active in many community and church affairs

and helped found the La Mesa Historical Society. Her home was the setting for many historical society meetings. She received a gold medallion from the American Red Cross for 50 years of volunteer service. She was a member of the La Mesa Bicentennial Committee and the La Mesa Community Welfare Association. Thelma and her husband were both members of the Central Congregational Church. Thelma Jones Todd passed away on Aug. 13, 1984.

After Thelma Todd's death, the house was purchased by David C. and Marlene E. Doyle on July 13, 1985. They started the restoration of this house, but on July 25, 1988 sold it to the current owners, Steven Robert Sund and his wife, Renee Ann Vallely.

9. SOURCES

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Photos courtesy Steven Sund and Renee Vallely
House Plans, E.W. Stillwell Co.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreage of nominated property:

approx. 1/3 acre

11. FORM PREPARED BY

Karna Webster, La Mesa Historic Preservation Commission
Steven Sund
Renee Vallely
Barbara Kennedy, Assistant Planner, City of La Mesa
Donna Regan
Dennis Tuttle (cover)

CHAIN OF TITLE

8069 Vista Drive, La Mesa

Lookout Park Subdivision Map #1085 recorded Sept. 12, 1907

Bk 538:127	11/6/1911	Park-Grable Investment Co. grant deed to O.W. Todd, Lots 12, 13, 14, and 15, Block Q, Lookout Park #1085
Bk 3588:240	4/14/50	Estate of Mary W. Todd, Superior Court, 8069 Vista Dr given to Harry W. Todd; Lots 12, 13, por 14, Block Q
85-326535	7/31/85	Estate of Thelma J. Todd, grant deed to David C. Doyle and Marlene E. Doyle, husband and wife; Lots 12, 13, por 14, Blk Q, Lookout Park #1085
88-401353	7/25/88	David C. Doyle and Marlene E. Doyle, grant deed to Steven Robert Sund and Renee Ann Vallely, husband and wife, Lots 12, 13, por 14, Blk Q, Lookout Park Map #1085

...and necessary and convenient to be made and accepted, contacts of the following conditions, which are hereby made covenants running with the land and which shall apply to and be binding upon the grantee, his heirs, assigns, executors, administrators and assigns, namely:

That no part of the premises hereby conveyed shall ever be conveyed, transferred, or demised to any person other than the White or Caucasian race.

To have and to hold the above granted and described premises, unto the said grantee, his heirs or assigns forever. Subject to taxes for 1911, which purchaser agrees to pay.

In Witness Whereof, said corporation has caused this deed to be signed, by its President and Secretary and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed, this 23rd day of August, 1911.

Signed and Executed in the presence of - -
 Mission Hills Company
 C. H. Goodwin President
 J. H. Tracy Secretary
 August 23, 1911

State of California, County of San Diego.

On this 23rd day of August, 1911, I, Elizabeth Chisum, hundred and eighty-four years of age, a Native born and of said County, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared, J. H. Goodwin, and J. H. Tracy, known to me to be the President and Secretary, respectively, of the Mission Hills Company, the Corporation that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such Corporation executed the same.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal at my office in San Diego, County of San Diego, State of California, the day and year in this certificate first above written.



Elizabeth Chisum
 Notary Public for and for the County of San Diego, State of California.

Recorded at Request of Union Title & Trust Co. (Party), Oct. 16, 1911 at 12 Min Past 4 O'clock P.M.
 J. H. Tracy, County Recorder
 Ref. Harold Briggs, Deputy Recorder
 Compared by E. A. Woodward
 DEPUTY COUNTY RECORDER

Part. Trable Investment Company, a corporation, of the Mesa County of San Diego, State of California.

For and in consideration of the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, Does hereby Grant to O. W. Todd,

All that Real Property situated in the County of San Diego, State of California, bounded and described as follows:

Lots Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14) and Fifteen (15), in Block 2, of Hookout Park, according to amended map thereof, filed in the office of the Recorder of said San Diego County, on September 12th, 1907, and being numbered 1885.

To Have and to Hold the above granted and described premises unto the said Grantor, his heirs and assigns forever.

In Witness Whereof said corporation has caused this deed to be signed by its President and Secretary and its corporate seal to be affixed hereto, this fifth day of November 1911.

Signed and Executed in } Park, Grable Investment Company
presence of } - - - - - L. P. Grable President
W. C. Park Secretary

State of California }
County of San Diego } ss.

That this fifth day of November, A.D. Nineteen Hundred and Eleven, before me, R. H. Humes, a Notary Public in and for said County, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared S. P. Grable and W. C. Park, known to me to be the President and Secretary respectively of the said Park Investment Company, the corporation that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that said corporation executed the same.

In witness Whereof, I have caused to set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal, at my office in San Diego, County of San Diego, State of California, this day and year in this certificate first above written.



R. H. Humes
Notary Public in and for the County of
San Diego, State of California.

Recorded at Request of Union Title & Trust Co (Owner) Nov. 16, 1911
at 15 Min. past 9 O'clock A.M. - John W. Berry County Recorder
By Harold Angier Deputy Recorder
Subscribed by E. A. Woodard

San Diego, California, November 14th, 1911.
For Value received, I, Charles E. Hengel, as single man, hereby sell, assign and set over unto E. J. Deavers, all my right, title and interest in and to that certain Agreement of Sale dated April 1st, 1911, between Frances B. Welch and Royal A. Brown, covering Lot Forty-seven (47) in Block One Hundred Thirty-nine (139) of University Heights, which said Agreement of Sale was recorded in the office of the County Recorder of said

Photographed By J. MILLER, Deputy Recorder

DEEDING REQUESTED BY CONTINENTAL LAND TITLE

TITLE ORDER NO. 80521-10
ESCROW NO. 5-22312M

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Grant Deed

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Documentary transfer tax is \$ _____

(XX) computed on full value of property conveyed, or

() computed on full value less value of liens and encumbrances remaining at time of sale.

() Unincorporated area: () City of LA MESA, and

FOR A VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged

GRACE JONES WILSON, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF THELMA J. TODD, DECEASED

This Deed is being executed under the authority granted under Independent Administration of Estates Act, pursuant to Superior Court Case No. 136027.

herby GRANT(S) to DAVID C. DOYLE AND MARLENE E. DOYLE, HUSBAND AND WIFE,
AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY

the following described real property in the CITY OF LA MESA
County of SAN DIEGO, State of California:

Lots 12, 13 and 14 in Block "Q" of Lookout Park, according to the Amended Map thereof No. 1085 filed in the office of the County Recorder of San Diego County September 12, 1907.

EXCEPT therefrom that portion of said Lot 14 in said Block "Q" of Lookout Park, described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Southwesterly line of said Lot 14; North 52°00'00" West, 31.45 feet from the most southerly corner of said Lot 14; thence North 46°15'00" East, 23.80 feet; thence South 43°45'00" East, 7.50 feet; thence North 46°15'00" East parallel with and 0.50 feet Northwesterly of a stone wall, 124.50 feet, more or less, to the northeasterly line of said Lot 14; thence northwesterly along the said northeasterly line to the most northerly corner of said Lot 14; thence South 38°00'00" West along the northwesterly line of said Lot 14 to the most Westerly corner thereof; thence Southeasterly along the Southwesterly line, 18.88 feet to the place of beginning.

Dated July 31, 1985

Grace Jones Wilson, Executor of the Estate of Thelma J. Todd, Deceased
GRACE JONES WILSON, EXECUTOR OF THE
ESTATE OF THELMA J. TODD, DECEASED

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

On August 24th, 1985 before me,
the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State,
personally appeared GRACE JONES WILSON

☐ personally known to me ☒ proved to me on the basis of
satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is
subscribed to this instrument and acknowledged that she
executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature Kelly Ann Green

FOR NOTARY SEAL OR STAMP



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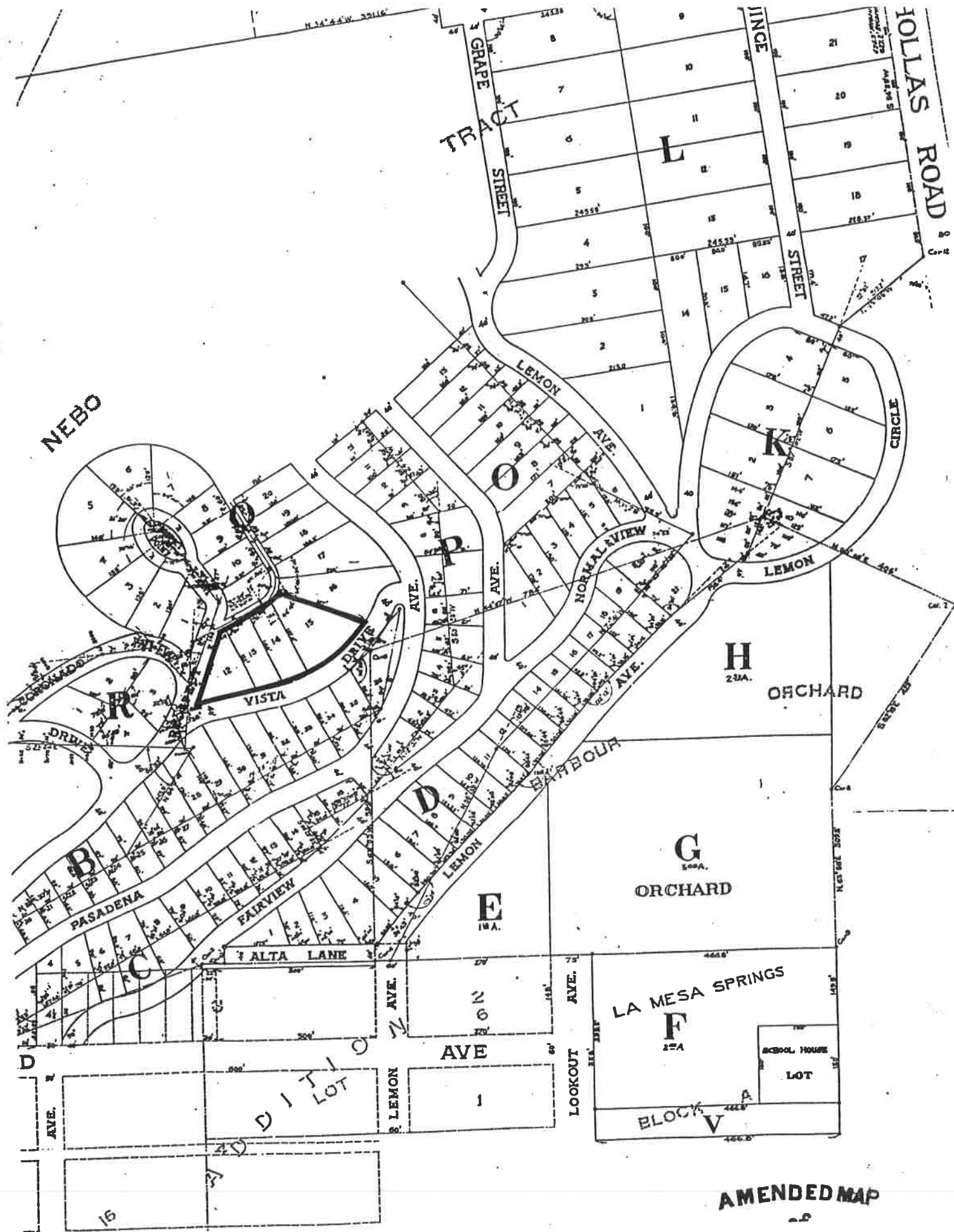
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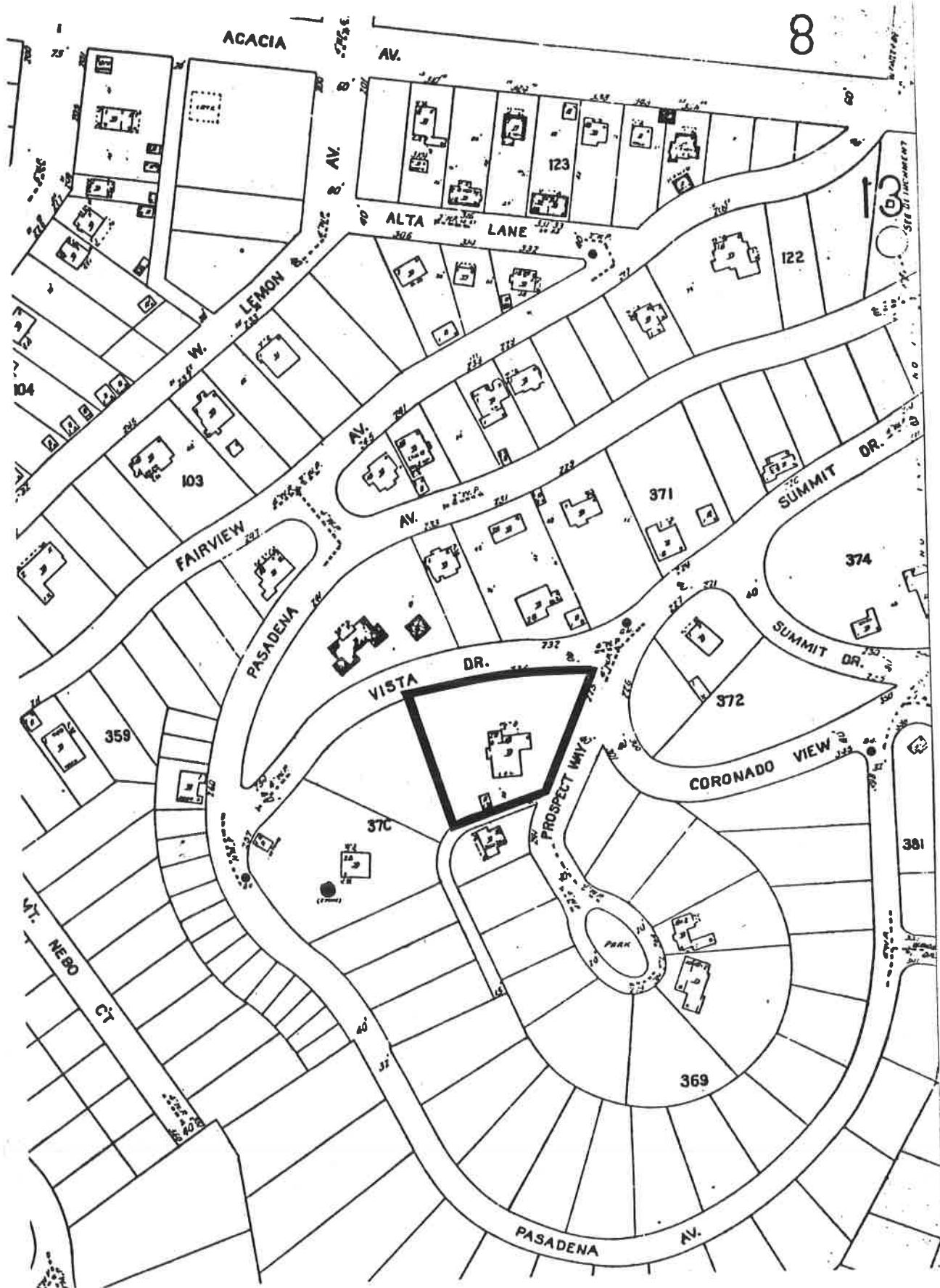
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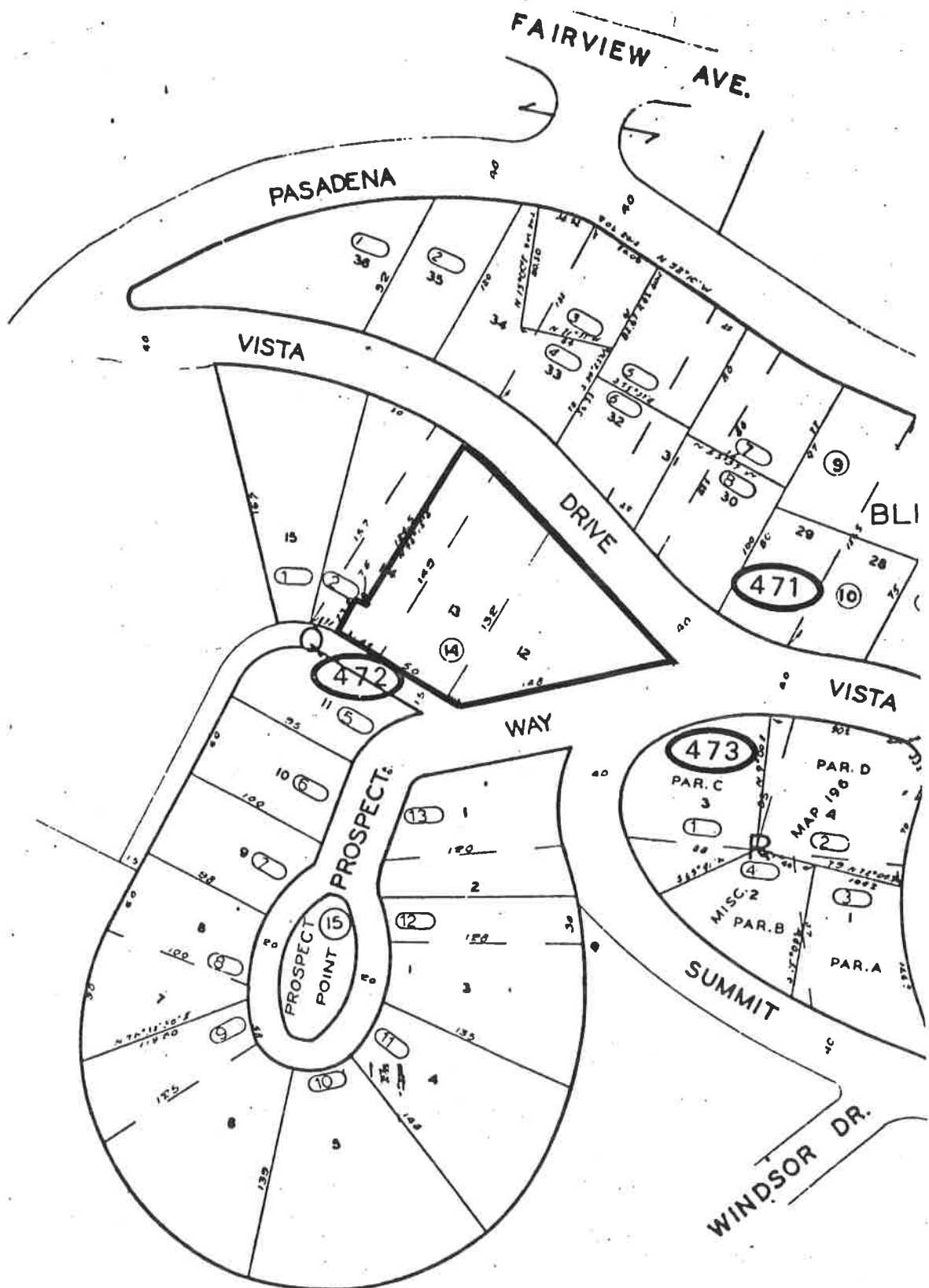
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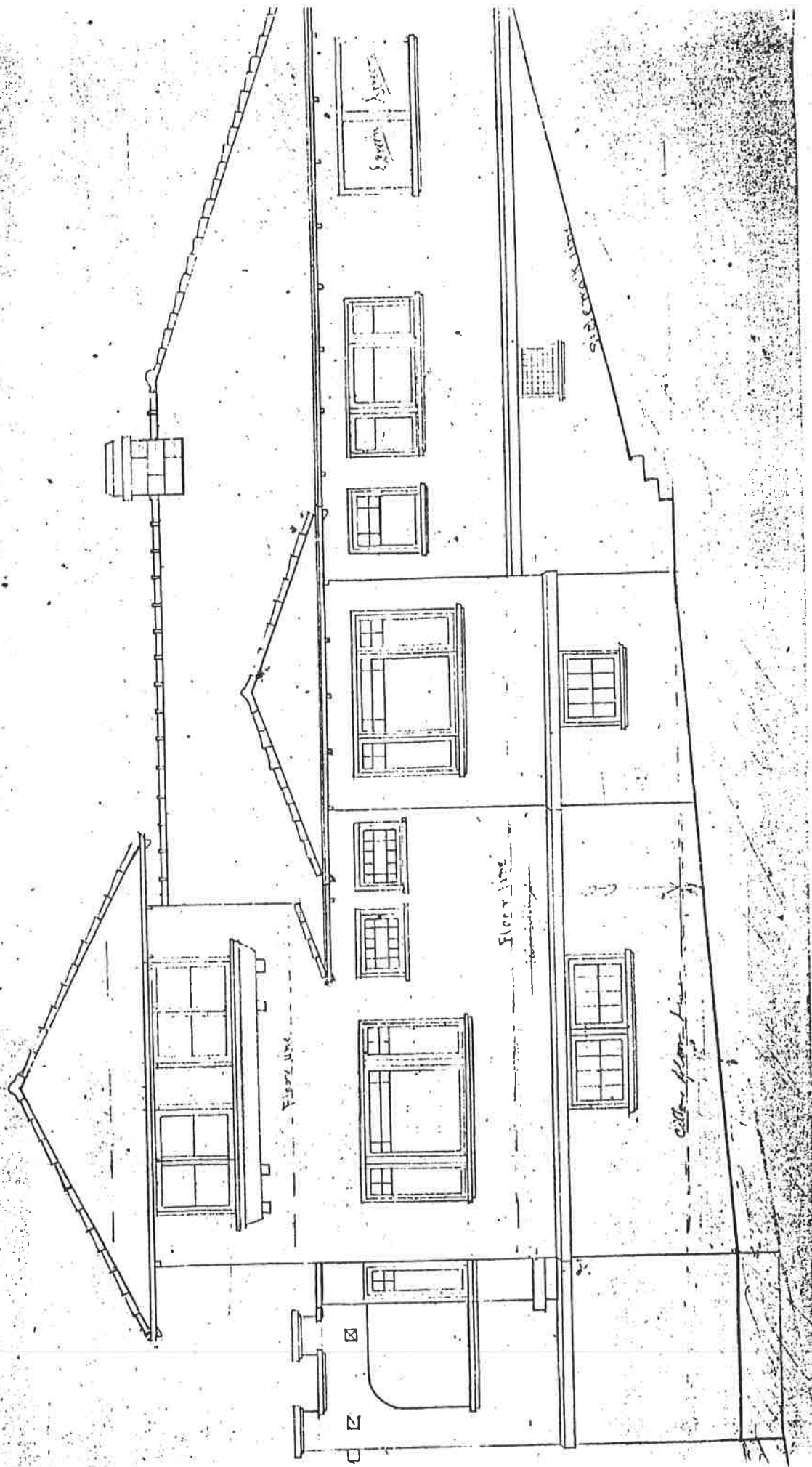
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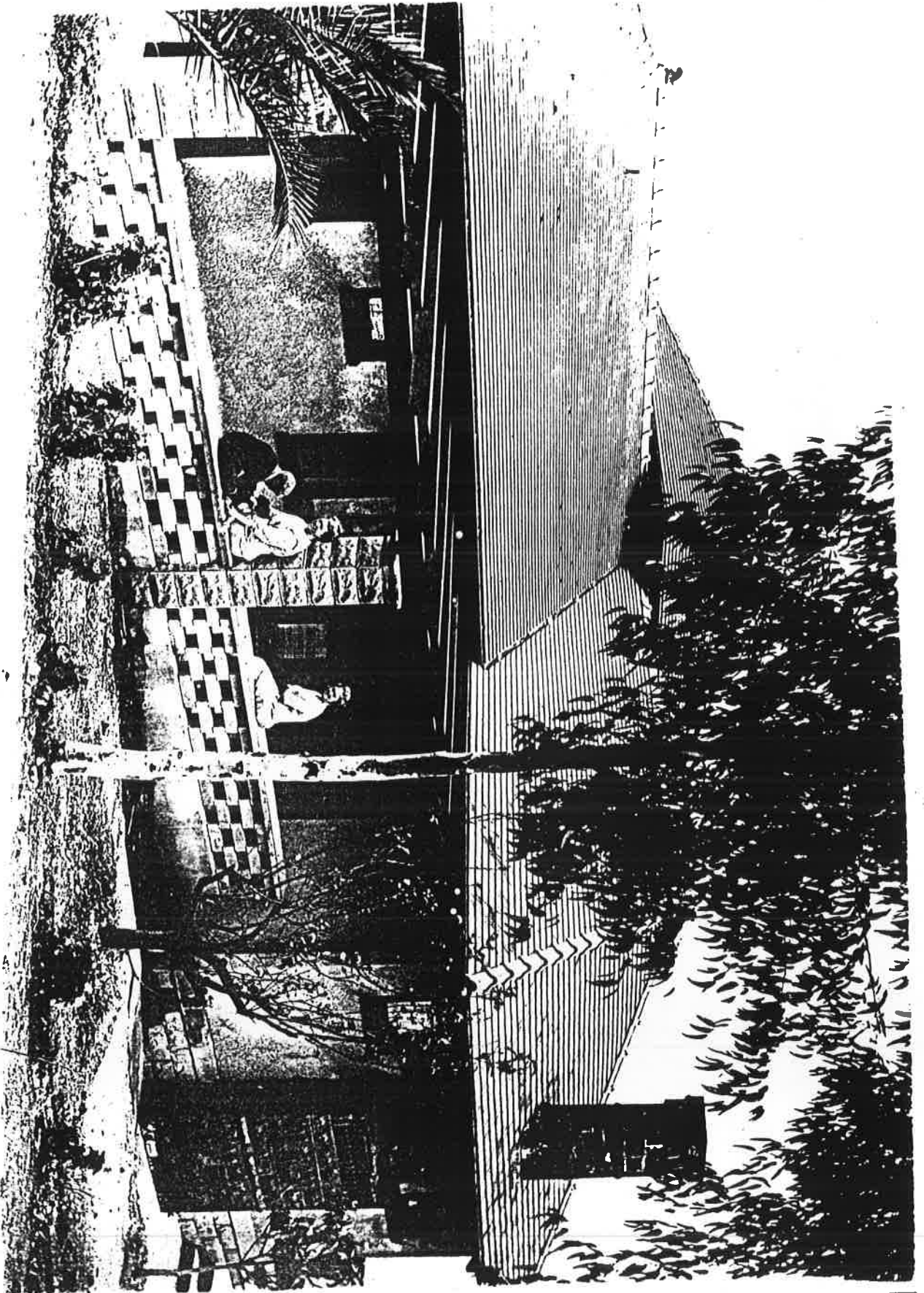


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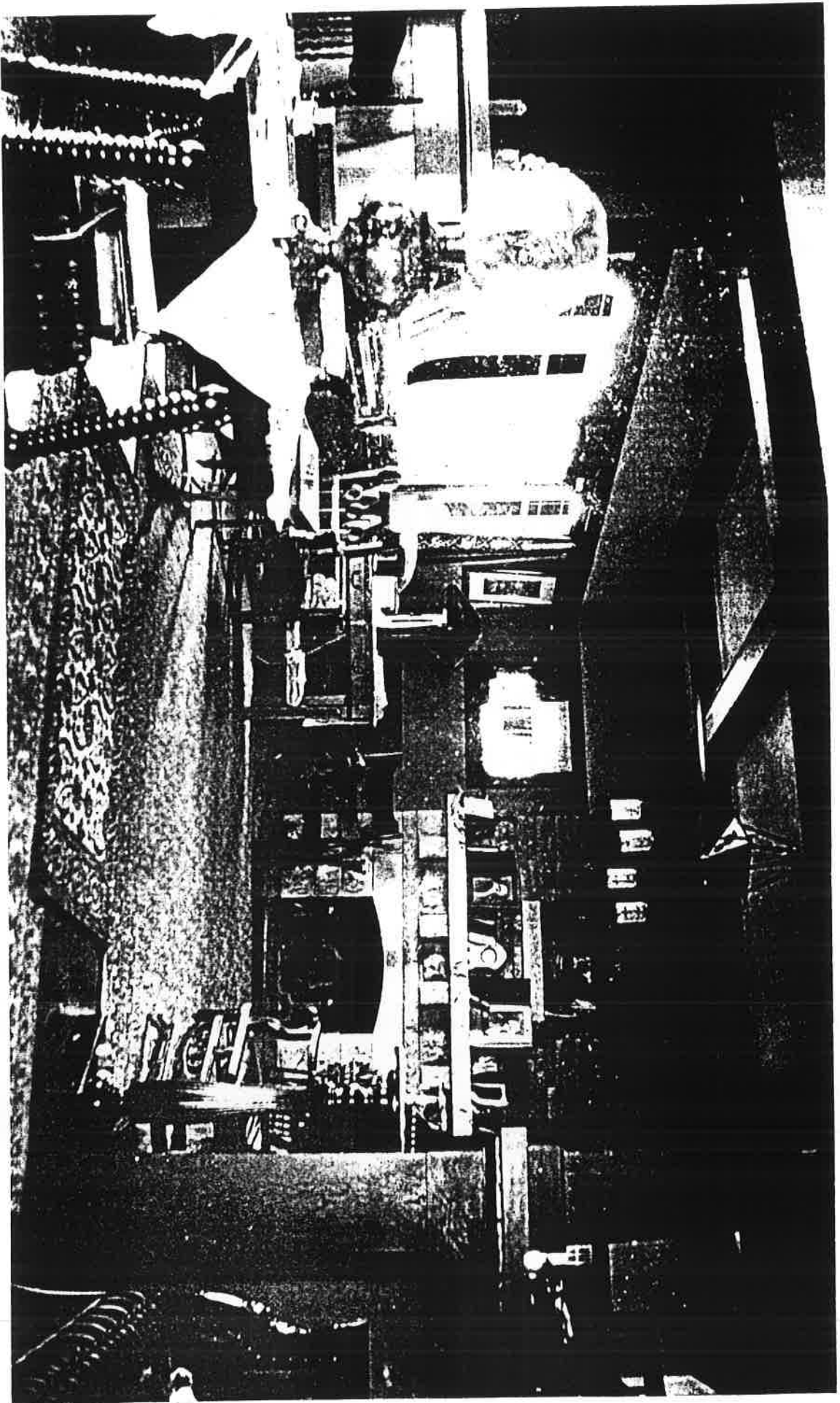


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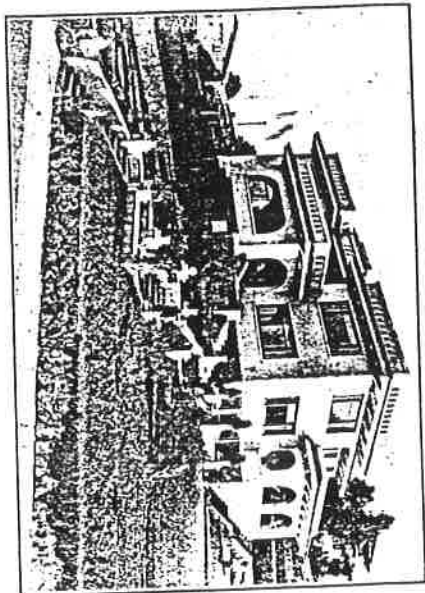




Side porch of the Todd House, c. 1913; (left to right) Orien Todd, Jr.,
Mary Waterman Todd, and Margaret Todd.



Todd House living room, c. 1915.



HOME OF MRS. MARY S. HODGSON



O. W. TODD HOME

The O. W. Todd home, a little farther up on Mt. Nebo is another attractive spot. The house does not stand out as some do, for though large, it is of a construction that blends with the landscape, and the porch is vine-clad. Orange and lemon trees, languats, acacia and other semi-tropical trees and shrubbery surround it. From this home one can overlook the city below and the mountains beyond.

While it blends into the hillside, it stands out as a home of hospitality. It might well be called the house with the open door. This has been true through the years extending to the younger members of the family, for upon returning home one evening long ago Mr. and Mrs. Todd found eleven little boys and a dog asleep on the porch floor. The youngest son, now a young man with a home and family of his own, had gathered in his young friends and was having a slumber party.

A little to the west of the Todd home is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Worth. They have what has been designated as a million dollar window. As one looks westward night or day, the view from this window is unsurpassed.

From 1917 to 1919 Mrs. Worth was president of the La Mesa Woman's Club. The Red Cross during all the time of the war did splendid work under the leadership of Rose Miller Parks for the boys overseas. But there was a need for other work at home. Mrs. Worth, seeing this need, organized the Girls' Liberty Club. This was a group of girls from twelve to fifteen years old. Then the boys of eight and ten years appealed to her and with her splendid ability for organization she answered this call as well as many others.

She was, during the war chairman of the woman's department for many movements, in both San Diego and La Mesa among, them being Community Service; Liberty Bond Drives; Food Conservation; Child Welfare; Armenian and Belgian Relief, and other movements to help the war-torn world. She was given a medal by Congress for the amount of Liberty Bonds sold under her direction.

Being a reader of marked ability she was called on to give recitals at Camp Kearny, at Neighborhood House in San Diego's foreign district and for the service clubs.

While commissioner of the Girl Scouts of San Diego County, she directed a one thousand foot film, the money to be used by them for patriotic purposes. In this film General John J. Pershing was shown pinning medals on Girl Scouts at the organ pavilion in Balboa Park before a vast crowd of people. Another portion of

ORIEN TRACT

Being a Sub-Division of Lots 43, 44 and 45 La Mesa Acres, San Diego County California, City of La Mesa, 50 ft Scale, 1 inch = 50 ft

Courses given are True.

I, Orin W. Todd, the owner of or interested in the land included in the map shown on this map and described in the caption thereon, and that I am the only person whose consent is necessary to pass a clear title is said land and I consent to the making of this map of subdivision and dedicate to public use the highways and alleys shown on this map within this subdivision.

Orin W. Todd

On this 24 day of February, A.D. 1912, before me, R. K. Haines, a Notary Public in and for said County, residing in said County, duly commissioned and sworn personally appeared Orin W. Todd and acknowledged to me that he executed the above instrument.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal of my office in the County of San Diego, State of California the day and year in this certificate first above written.

Notary Public in and for the County of San Diego, State of California.

State of California } ss.
County of San Diego } ss.
I, J. C. Williams, County Auditor in and for the County of San Diego, do hereby certify that there are no liens for unpaid taxes or County taxes shown by the books of this office, except of County taxes payable against the subdivision shown on the annexed map and described in the caption thereof or any part thereof as shown on this map.

I, J. C. Williams, County Auditor in and for the County of San Diego, State of California, do hereby certify that I have surveyed and stated the subdivision as shown on the annexed map and have set thereon as shown the center line of the same.

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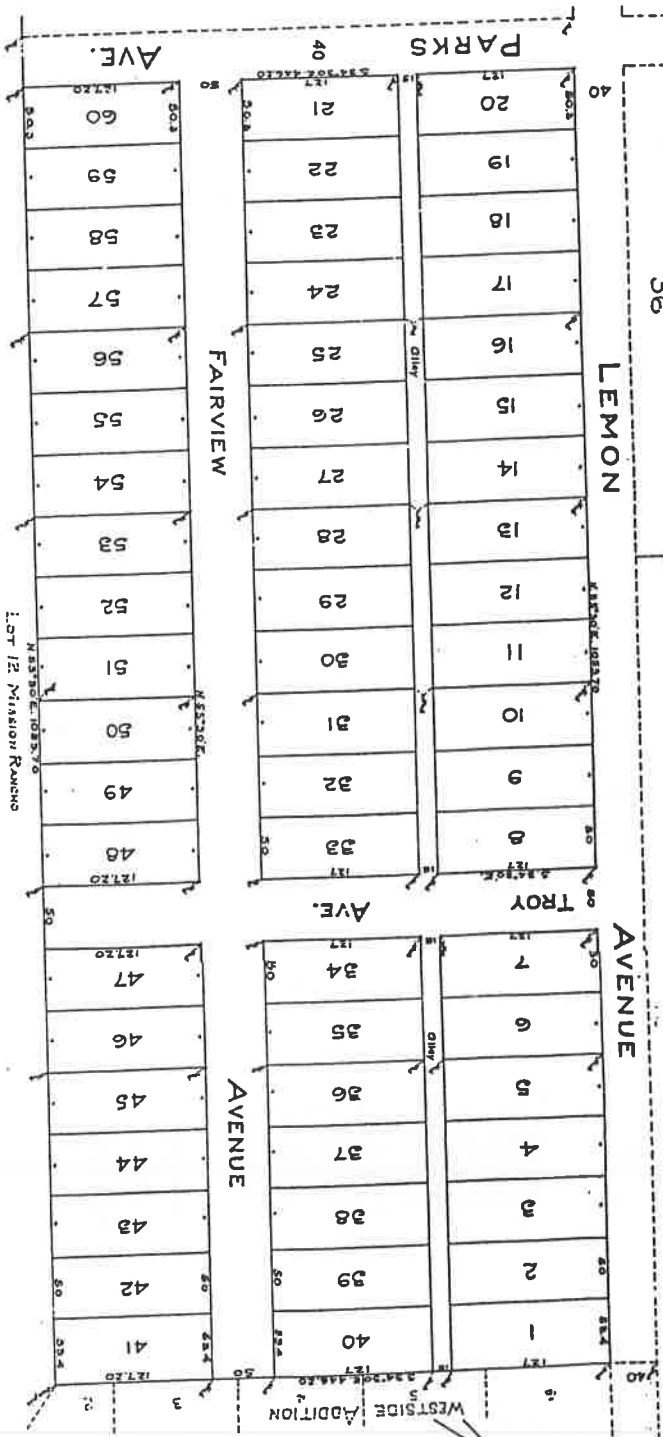
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The Orien Tract Subdivision Map #1419, Feb. 29, 1912
Subdivided by and named for Orin W. Todd

KATE SESSIONS ADDRESSES LA MESA PEOPLE

The regular monthly meeting of the chamber of commerce was held Tuesday evening in the school house and the attendance was the largest in several months. The first part of the evening was taken up in a short business session, during which various committees reported. The chairman of the committee on charity and public morals reported that that committee had accomplished a great deal in relief work during the past few months and that there is a great deal more work yet to be done, but they are hampered by a lack of funds. Consequently a motion was made and carried calling for a contribution, which was readily responded to.

At this point the program was turned over to the committee on street improvements and city beautiful, of which Mrs. O. W. Todd is chairman. She then introduced Miss Kate Sessions of San Diego, who has become quite prominent as a leader in the campaign for beautifying our cities by planting trees, flowers and shrubbery. The object of her talk was to enumerate the various plants and trees that are best adapted to this climate and to explain the best methods of planting and caring for them. She advocates first of all for the beautifying of our city the planting of trees along our streets. She then went on to enumerate the kinds of trees best adapted to this purpose and then said that the parkings and lawns should be looked after, and she enumerated a number of plants that grow well in rock walls. On the whole her talk was interesting and instructive and those who were there learned more about plants and their care in an hour than they have learned in several years under their own instruction.

ATOP MT. NEBO

Part Two

by THELMA TODD

Next door to the Worts lived the

Todds. Their house, the second one on

St. Nebo, was built in 1911. They, too,

had come to California seeking help for a

health problem. For many years Mr. Todd

kept his business in Elgin, Illinois, and

often her father and mother lived in the

La Mesa house. Finally, Mr. Todd grew

tired of being away from his family so

much, sold his Elgin business and opened

a business in San Diego.

Mary Waterman was born in Cameron,

Missouri. Her father, William Waterman,

was discharged because of wounds as a

Lieutenant of 37th Mass. Vol. at Washing-

ton, D.C., 1865, went to Chicago Theolog-

ical Seminary and was ordained a Congre-

gational minister in 1867. He married

Julie King of Monson, Mass., in July,

1867 (She was the first woman principal

of a secondary school in the State of

Massachusetts) and was sent as a Home

Missionary to Cameron, Mo.

As the child of a missionary she had

many changes in homes. She told of being

dressed from missionary barrels. In 1875,

her father went to a church in Marion,

Iowa where they lived until 1886, the

longest that she had lived in one town.

But it was not a really happy time for

Mary. She was the only red haired, blue

eyed member of the family. The other

children were brown eyed and dark haired

so she was teased by the children at

school who told her that she didn't really

belong to the Waterman family. To make it

worse, her mother, who had advanced ideas

for that time in education, sent her to

the high school after she finished her

day at the elementary school, to take

Latin and math. So she was not very popu-

lar at either school.

She graduated from high school when

she was sixteen and the same year a blond

baby sister was born. Mary then told her

mother of her years of unhappiness and

was reassured.

Her father was sent to Kalamazoo,

Mich., and she started college there. Her

father was the pastor of a Chicago church

when she married Orlen W. Todd in 1896 and

they went to Elgin, Illinois.

May Worth and Mary Todd became life

long friends. They organized many pro-

jects together. The first Sunrise Easter

Service in La Mesa was held on Mt. Nebo

due to their efforts. They were both in-

olved in the work of the Congregational

Church. Mary was the supervisor of build-

ing when the new church was built. Mrs.

Todd organized the church dinners and Mrs.

Worth furnished the programs. There was

a bridal pageant dreamed up by Mrs. Todd

who urged women to bring out their wedding

gowns. They were worn by daughters or

granddaughters. Mrs. Worth was the con-

mentor. They both taught Sunday School

classes. They were each president of the

Woman's Guild and each president of the

Missionary Society.

They were both active in the Woman's

Club. Mrs. Worth was president during

World War I and did a great deal of work

in organizing relief work. When Mrs. Todd

was president she organized a study group

in business and protective law for women.

Then there was the Mt. Nebo Club,

which seems to have been a fun thing. Al-

ways there was laughter and joking when

members were together. Mrs. Worth had

many funny stories about her early life

in Virginia where relatives came for a

week's visit and usually stayed for at

least a year. Mrs. Todd could dash off

a poem for any occasion.

They were tall, striking looking wo-

men. Mary Todd's red hair turned pure

white and her bright blue eyes never lost

their sparkle. May Worth with her darker

reddish hair brown said her golden hair

turned brown instead of gray.

Mary Todd might grumble that "Minnie

May" was never on time - ; May Worth

might observe that "Mayree" was always

President, regardless of her position in

an organization. But they loved each

other dearly.

Announcing the Opening of the

Todd's Millinery

at

1139 Sixth Avenue

O. W. and Mary Todd announce the opening of a new Todd's Millinery Store, Thursday, February 1. Smart styles, moderate prices are their policy, and they are featuring a work room under the supervision of Miss Josephine Langer, where old hats are remodeled and receive that touch which makes them individual.

A NEW STORE
NEW HATS
NEW LOCATION
NEW FIXTURES
BUT AN OLD NAME

TODD'S MILLINERY will
welcome their old and new custom-
ers most cordially to inspect
their new shop

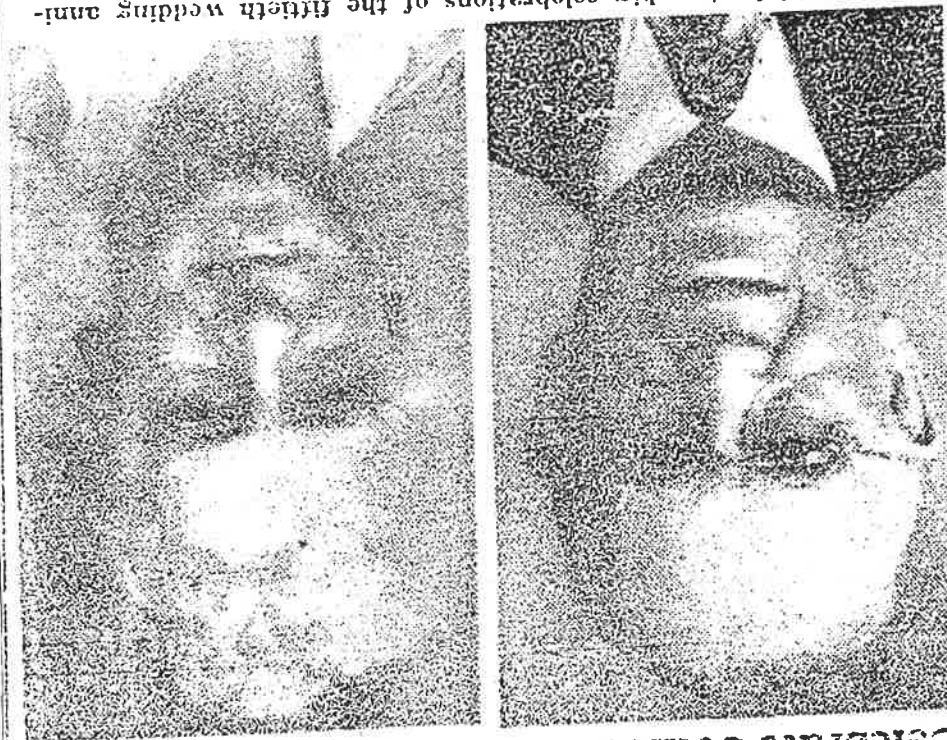
Featuring smart styles at moderate prices, Todd's millinery held a formal opening Thursday, Feb. 1, at 1139 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Todd of La Mesa, with many years of former experience in the business, are establishing the store, and their many friends will be happy to greet them in their return to millinery merchandising. A specialty in the new store will be the work room, under supervision of Miss Josephine Langer, where hats are remodeled with individualistic style touches. The Todds will welcome old and new customers, inviting the public to inspect the new shop, with its new fixtures, new location and up-to-the-minute styles.

New Todd Millinery
Opens at 1139 Sixth

LA MESA, SCOUT, LA MESA, CALIFORNIA.

12/11/47

Celebrate 50th Anniversary Dec. 20



There will be two big celebrations of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of the O. W. Todds, 8069 Vista drive, oldtimers and pioneer developers of La Mesa. One will be in the guild rooms of Central Congregational Church from 8 to 10 p.m. on December 20. The other will be an immense family dinner in the Todd home on Sunday, December 21, when members of the Todd clan will gather from far and wide to congratulate their parents. A score or more are expected to sit down at the festive board.

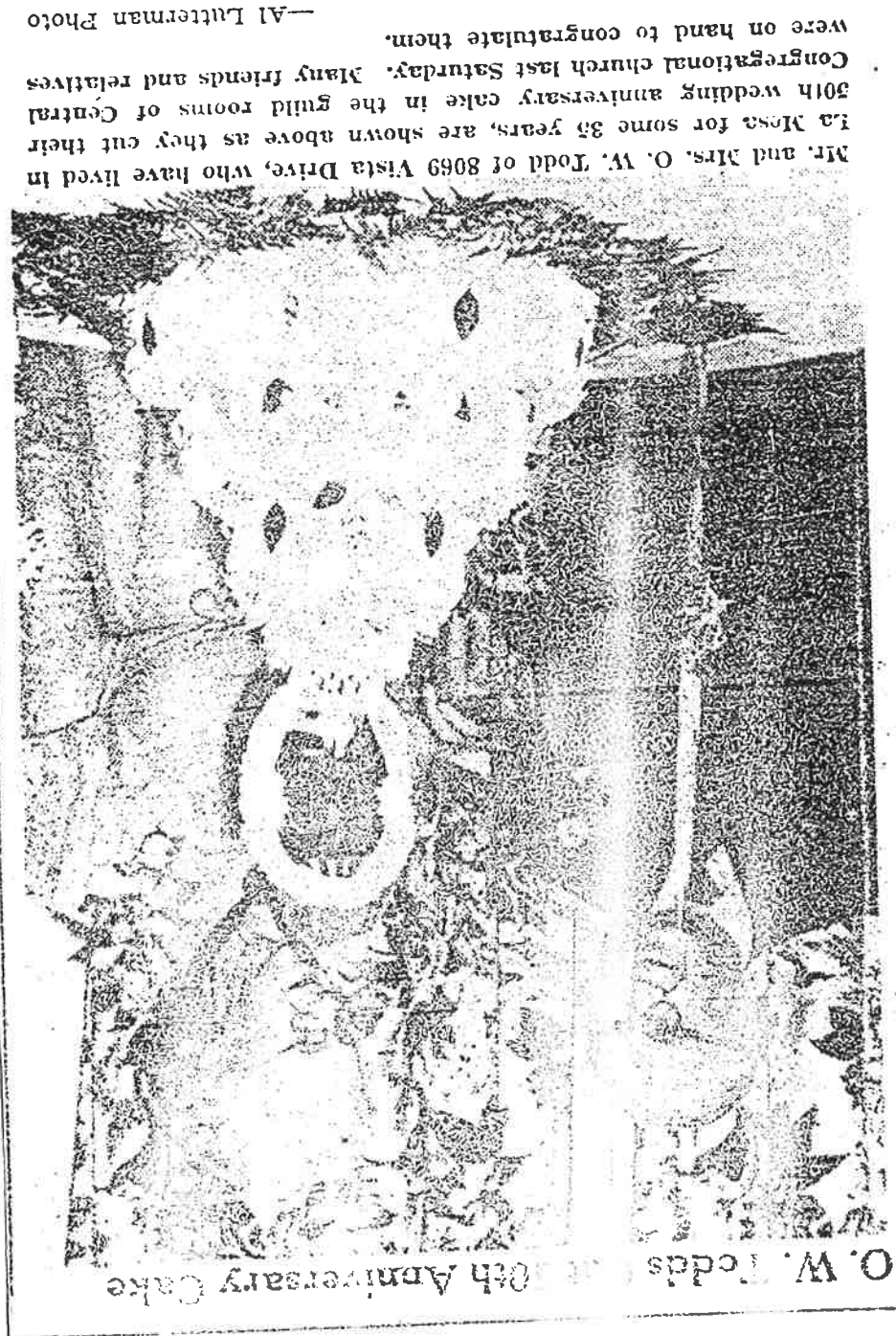
Pioneers to Observe 50th Wedding Date

LA MESA, Dec. 13 (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Todd will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with two big parties, a reception in the Congregational Church Guild rooms Saturday, and a family dinner in the Todd home Sunday. The Todds are pioneer developers of La Mesa.

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Orien and Mary Todd celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 20, 1947.





O. W. Todds 50th Anniversary Cake

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Todd of 8069 Vista Drive, who have lived in La Mesa for some 35 years, are shown above as they cut their 50th wedding anniversary cake in the guild rooms of Central Congregational church last Saturday. Many friends and relatives were on hand to congratulate them.

—Al Lutterman Photo

Todd Clan Comes From Far Places For Parents' Golden Anniversary

Last Sunday at noon Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Todd of 8069 Vista drive celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a family dinner attended by 26 persons. The centerpiece of the table was the same little artificial Christmas tree used by the family for that purpose ever since the oldest son, Harry, was a little boy. The rest of the house was bright with Christmas greens and flowers.

Guests at the dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson, and their two daughters, of Pasadena. Mr. Anderson is Mr. Todd's nephew.

A brother-in-law, M. A. Frost, former pastor of the Lemon Grove Congregational church and a principal once in La Mesa Grammar school. He came from Glendale.

His son, Harry Frost, who formerly lived here, and his wife and two daughters now living in La Canada.

A son, Harry, who arrived home Thursday night from Louisiana for the celebration. His wife, Thelma and son Tom, also attended.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Newby, their children, Robert and Mary Janice, came from Elgin, Illinois, for the event. Mrs. Newby is the former Margaret Todd.

Another son, O. W. Todd, Jr., of 3322 Granada, San Diego, his wife and two daughters, Mariana and Dorothy, and Louis Mote, completed the family circle.

Other guests were Mrs. Frieda B. Golden, an old-time family friend, and the Reverend Alex Milmine and Mrs. Milmine.

Over 200 Attended Reception For O. W. Todds

Saturday night, December 20

from eight to ten o'clock, over

200 people attended the reception

held at Central Congregational

church in honor of the golden

wedding anniversary of Mr. and

Mrs. O. W. Todds, 3063 Vista drive.

In the receiving line were Mr.

and Mrs. O. W. Todds and their

children: Mr. and Mrs. Robert

Newby (Margaret Todds) of El-

gin, Illinois, their children Rob-

ert and Janice; Mr. and Mrs.

Harry Todds and son, Tom; Mr.

and Mrs. O. W. Todds, Jr. and

children, Marjorie and Dorothy.

Dorothy is now Mrs. Louis Mote.

The receiving line stood in Hill

chapel, which was beautifully

decorated with large baskets of

white and yellow chrysanthem-

ums and fragrant evergreens.

Overhead was a bow of ever-

greens from which hung suspend-

ed a great golden bell. On the

piano was a sparkling gold tree

of holly leaves flanked by candles.

Tiny yellow chrysanthemums and

gold balls were combined with

the evergreen that completed the

piano decoration.

The punch table in this room

was large and covered with a

yellow cloth. Mrs. J. R. Dall and

Miss Irma Rombauer were in

charge of this table.

The Guild room was beautifully

decorated also. The large tea

table was covered with a cloth

of yellow satin. In the center

stood a gold holly tree on a large

round mirror sprinkled with

"snow". There were beautifully

decorated white and gold candles.

Back of the tea table stood two

tall candelabra, each with seven

gold candles. Between the candle-

labra was a great basket of white

and yellow chrysanthemums. On

the piano was a basket of yellow

roses. Around the room stood

baskets of the white and yellow

"mums".

A smaller table held the great

golden wedding cake. It was three

tiers high and the ledge of each

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Mrs. Michael Mannix was in

charge of the program. Mrs.

William Beck played her violin

softly throughout the evening and

was accompanied at the piano

by Mrs. Milton Virginia Mannix

Pettit played her harp. Mrs.

Nelson Ruth sang several solos.

Reverend Alex Manning spoke his

appreciation of the Todds' work

and helpful cooperation during

his years of pastorate.

Dr. Roy Campbell also voiced

his appreciation of the Todds

during his pastorate.

Mrs. E. C. Upp gave an appre-

ciation of Mrs. Todds' work in

the church during her 25 years

there. She presented from the

Woman's Guild a pair of beauti-

ful rose bowls in Mini glass deco-

rated with gold and a lovely

gold card tray.

Mrs. Todds, lovely in a beauti-

ful gold lace gown, accepted the

gifts in her ever-gracious manner.

Those in charge of the decora-

tion and the tea table were: Mes-

sames O. J. Daggett, Stanley

Cole, Blair Peterson and Cliff-

ford McNary. Those who poured

were Mesdames J. C. Elliott King,

Sherman Goble, Herbert Clark,

J. Fred Harding, E. D. Miller,

J. R. Patterson, E. C. Upp and

Priddy Golder. All the women

were old-time friends of the fami-

ly.

Gracious Mrs. M. B. Christo-

pher, another long-time friend,

was hostess.

Final Rite To Be Held For Late Mrs. Todd

LA MESA, Aug. 19.—Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Central Congregational Church, 1000 La Mesa, for Mrs. W. Todd, 40 years old, who died at her home in La Mesa, 19, from complications of the Central Congregational Church, which Mrs. Todd was a member, will officiate. Burial will be in San Abbey Memorial Park, Calda Vista. The Elks Lodge, 1000 La Mesa, is in charge of the mortuary.

DAUGHTER VISITS
Mrs. Todd had been in the hospital for several months. She left La Mesa July 20 to visit her daughter, Mrs. Robert H. Newby, in Elgin, Ariz., accompanying her son, her husband, O. W. Todd, and a son, O. W. Todd Jr., of San Diego.

Born in Cameron, Mo., Mrs. Todd resided in Elgin before moving to La Mesa in 1911. Her husband is the owner of the Todd Millinery Store, San Diego.

ACTIVITIES TOLD
She was one of the organizers of the La Mesa Woman's Club and a member of its building committee. She also served on the building committee for the present Central Congregational Church and had been active in various other church organizations. She served on the board of the American Red Cross and was affiliated with the American Legion Auxiliary.

Besides her husband, son and daughter, she is survived by an older son, Harry W. Todd, in the West, Mrs. J. J. Todd, in the West, and Mrs. J. J. Todd, in the West.

W. T. TODD

Mr. and Mrs. Hott and Orton
at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce
Weston in Mission valley Saturday
evening, June 24, M. A. Frost of
La Mesa part of the ceremony.
Both the bride and groom are
well known in La Mesa.
Mr. Todd is the son of Mr. and
Mrs. O. W. Todd, old residents of
La Mesa, and has a host of friends
here. He was educated in La Mesa last
year from Beloit College, Beloit,
Wis., a mechanical school, where he
spent a year's study.
After the ceremony the party
went to the home of Miss Jose-
phine Langer, 111 Elm street, San
Diego, where Miss Langer and her
mother, Mrs. Anna Langer, served
the wedding supper, after which the
young couple motored to Del Mar
for the week-end.
Mr. and Mrs. Todd plan to spend
the summer at Mission Beach, where
they have taken a cottage.
Those present at the ceremony
were: Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Frost,
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Weston, Mrs.
W. A. Waterman, all of La Mesa,
and W. M. Van Dusen and Charles
Lentz of San Diego. Mr. and Mrs.
O. W. Todd, parents of the groom,
have gone on an eastern trip and
were not present at the ceremony.

TODD PURCHASES SPORT GOODS STORE

Mr. Todd, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Todd of La Mesa, has purchased the sport goods store of H. R. Moore, 729 Broadway, San Diego. He will take possession July 1.

Mr. Todd states that he will handle a complete line of Wright & Ditson sport goods, and in addition carry a full stock of the Lee Johnson bicycle.

The business which Todd has purchased is an old established one in San Diego, Mr. Moore having conducted it at that location for the past ten years, and in that time has built up an extensive trade.

Previous to this branching out on his own, Todd has been in the millinery business with his father, having charge the 726 Broadway store.

Todd is a prominent athlete in the county, holds the county and city baseball championship, also the championship of Southern California, is a member of the San Diego Rowing club, is active in all sports, and has a wide acquaintance in local athletic circles.

O. W. Todd receives Silver Beaver honor

Orin W. Todd, president of the Mission Hills resident, who is president of the team, awarded the Silver Beaver honor for his outstanding leadership in the sports field who were presented the high Scouting award at the annual meeting. The event was held in the Convention Hall at the County Board. He received the Golden Boy Award from the Boys Club of San Diego. Particularly, Todd has made important contributions to the recent excellent growth of Explorer Scouting in the San Diego County Council.



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Todd honored

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Member, he has made many contributions to the progress of Scouting. His community work has been extensive: Navy League Executive Board, Past President of Kiwanis Club and Chairman of YMCA County Board. He received the Golden Boy Award from the Boys Club of San Diego. Particularly, Todd has made important contributions to the recent excellent growth of Explorer Scouting in the San Diego County Council.



O. W. TODD JR.

NEW PRESIDENT OF BUREAU

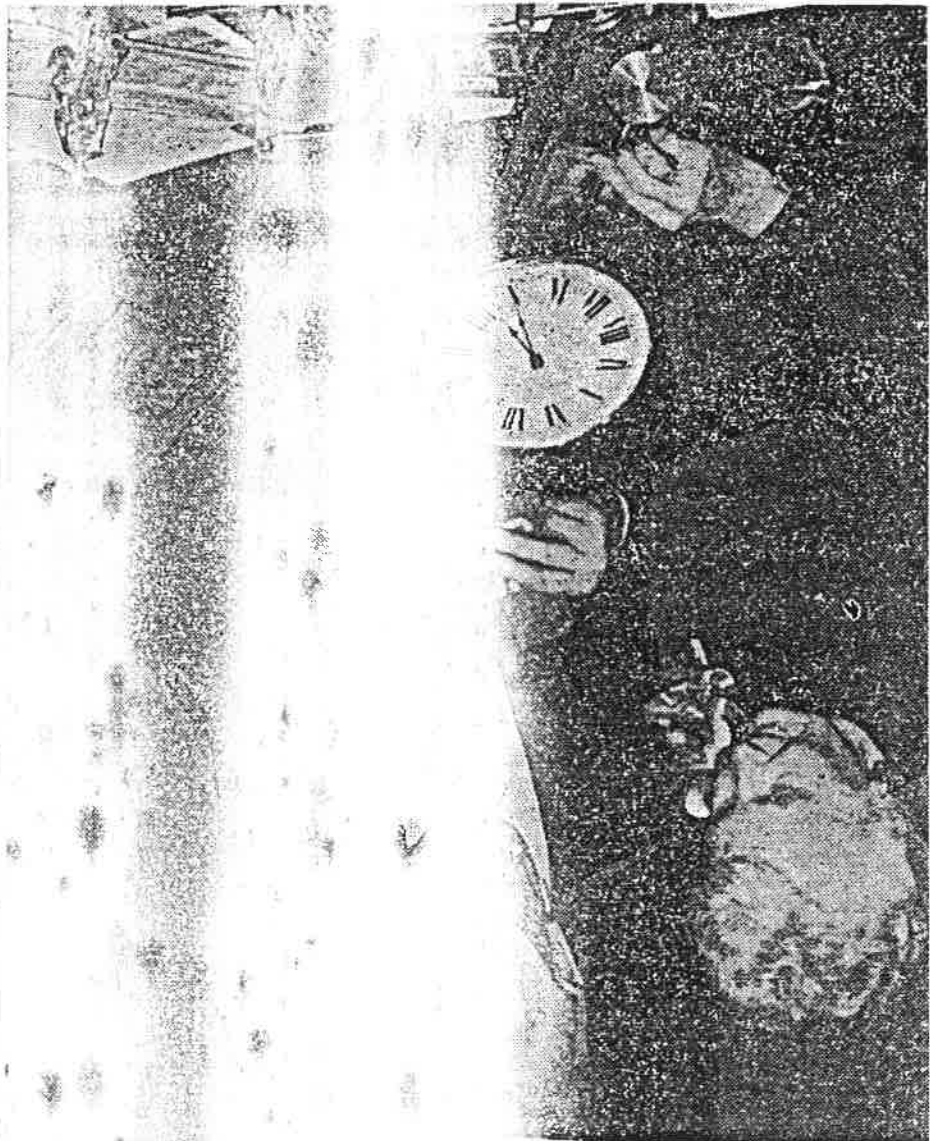
O. W. Todd Jr., businessman and civic leader, will take office as president of the City-County Convention Bureau Jan. 1, succeeding E. W. P. Scott, bureau head for the last 2 years. Todd and the following were elected at a board meeting of the bureau yesterday in U. S. Grant Hotel: Forrest Raymond and A. M. Sanders, vice presidents, and Howard Williams, re-elected treasurer. New directors for next year are T. C. DeBoer, Carl Frank, Perry Metcalf, Richard Nelson, William Scroggs and C. A. Waseem.

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Jr.

He and his wife, Emily, also
 celebrated their 30th wedding
 anniversary June 24.
 Speakers rostrum was
 shared with Kiwanis official
 and representatives of
 various organizations that
 met at one time or another.
 Hyndman, program
 chairman, setting the "toast
 mood of the lunch,
 that he had numerous
 is to speak about Todd
 had trimmed the list to
 in case "only the reputable
 the head table floral ar-
 rangements were designed
 and the various plaques,
 medals and other awards
 Todd had received dur-
 ing his lifetime of service to
 the community.
 as the speakers gave
 brief tributes, it was
 noted that Todd and his wife
 would go home with even
 more trophies to fill their
 home. These included person-
 al license plates marked
 "TODD," and a portable
 television set.
 The tributes came from
 Mayor Wilson, County Super-
 visor Henry Boney, Gen-
 eral McLaughlin of the Ma-
 rine Corps Recruit Depot,
 and representatives of vari-
 ous other service groups. Oh-
 ne of the tributes included a letter
 from Gov. Reagan.
 Todd served as chairman,
 president or organizer of nu-
 merous civic or charitable or-
 ganizations or programs, such
 as the American Red Cross at
 all levels, the United Cru-
 sades, Boy Scouts of America,
 YMCA and the Junior Golf
 Program.
 "This is a bit over-
 whelming," Todd responded
 as the group gave him a
 standing ovation.
 "A man has two or three
 treasures in his life. One is the
 right and honor to live in this
 country. Another is to have a
 fine family. No treasure can
 be greater than the family I
 have. The third is to have
 friends."

—Staff Photo by Dennis Holt
 Civic tribute honoring
 birthday and service.



Mr. and Mrs. Orien W. Todd Jr.
 over some of the gifts they

Junior Todd made man there. He came to Sa old with a new

ing goods and
national sports to
the president of
civic organization
At a luncheon

dozens paid him
But it's hard
about himself.
"Well, I'm hav-
self seriously,"

me asked: "I've tried it when I was in the hospital. I must look like a mess," Todd said.

in La Mesa, W. Va. when he was 6.

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firm, Stanley Todd. In 1969, Todd sold the publisher's

He arises each day. From here goes to his desk wants Club office can't break the

For example, To
rector of The State
cial of Greater San
past president of
of the Navy Le

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It was a world of words — the world of words that followed him. He also followed his friends. Lang and American friends. Lang and American friends. Lang and American friends.

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and down to a not high

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board of directors. He was elected in 1970, Grand Juror in 1971, and in 1972, when he was elected to the Board of Directors of the Boys' Life Society.

He was named California sportsman of the year in 1954 for his winning Florida basins to Upper Bay and later to lakes in 1957. —Importation of Florida bass fin-

useful to stay at home. Todd believes that a man needs to be in his spare time for his own reasons.

The also has been named organizer of the International Kiwanis Club convention for 22,000 persons in 1916. "See, I'm not afraid to look ahead," Todd said.

Sportsman: O.W. Todd Jr. dies at 84

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the time he was in the South Pacific in World War II.

"Junior's career has been totally entwined with the Red Cross, the Marine Corps and the world of sports," Frels said. "Sometimes it was difficult to sort them all out."

Mr. Todd was highly successful in the sporting goods business, a fact that is overshadowed by his contributions to the community.

Mr. Todd joined the Stanley Andrews Sport Goods company in 1929, and in 1946, after his return from the South Pacific in World War II, he formed a local partnership and bought the company. Family members said that it was the biggest sporting goods store in the state. At one time, there were 13 branches in the county. He served as company president until 1967, when he sold the corporation.

Memorial services are being planned for Mr. Todd by the Hall of Champions, and the date and place will be announced. There will be private family services.

Memorial contributions in Mr. Todd's name may be sent to the San Diego Kiwanis Club or the Hall of Champions.

Mr. Todd was known for his sense of humor and his zany — and always successful — promotions for causes in which he was interested. For example, as a member of the national board of governors of the American Red Cross, he commanded a submarine and held the board meeting 250 feet under water.

It was Mr. Todd who arranged a

letter, sent to the Australian Parliament by Gen. Tom Wornham, expressing the desire of Marines in San Diego to have their children see — as they had — the koala of Australia. The first two koalas released to the San Diego Zoo were named for Mr. Todd's daughters, Dorothy and Mrs.

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Mr. Todd had served as national president of Sporting Goods Industry, a trade organization. He was named California Sportsman of the Year in 1960 and San Diego Sportsman of the Year in 1961. He was chairman of the Breitbard Athletic Foundation board from 1967 through 1972. He served on

the board of the Hall of Champions and worked on promotions for major athletic events, including the Holiday Bowl.

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Scouts gave him the Silver Beaver Award, and in 1963 the Boys Clubs gave him the Golden Man and Boy Award.

Former Rep. Clair Burgener, who was the speaker when Mr. Todd was named Mr. San Diego last year, said he was a friend. He was a friend.

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TODD-JONES WEDDING

any friends of Miss Thelma and Harry Todd were pleased to learn of their marriage. They left Saturday morning for a motor trip up the coast, planning to go as far as Vancouver. While the eloping outfit packed by the groom was not until the arrival of "Mr. and Mrs. Todd" en route to the north he secret was out.

Todd is the daughter of Mr. W. B. Jones of Hawley and has been teaching in a grammar school the past year. Todd is associated with his father's business as manager of the day store of the Todd Mining Co. in San Diego.

on their return from an extended honeymoon trip, the young couple will make their home in San

THELMA TODD

the elder Todds, Thomas, born in the early 1900's, Harry's company store in San Antonio, Texas, as a sales-broker for the and involvement in Louisiana. He passed away in 1970.

as a substitute teacher during the early 1940's, becoming a regular teacher again in the late 1950's. Finally, at La Mesa Dale, she was remembered as an excellent teacher who had a gentle, patient in every child in her class, and a special use with problems.

her career was continued with community involvement. She was active during the 1930's and later with the La Mesa Community Welfare Association. She was awarded the American Cross Gold Medalion for her years of volunteer service. Both she and Harry were members of the Central Congregational Church of La Mesa.

Thelma was a member of the La Mesa Bicentennial Committee's History Subcommittee, which oversaw the research for the brochure, La Mesa-A Brief History, published in 1976. She was involved in the La Mesa Historical Society from its founding in 1975, serving on the Board of Directors, the Restoration Committee, as Memorabilia Chairman, and as one of the quilters. She was always a generous and gracious hostess, whose historic home atop Mt. Nebo was the setting for many LHS Board, Committee and quilters meetings.

La Mesa lost a fine person with the passing of Thelma on August 13, 1984.

Born in the North mining town of Dutchess, came to La Mesa in 1916. After receiving a diploma from San Diego High School, Thelma commuted by bus to San Diego to work in the telephone exchange.

and later moved to San Antonio, Texas, where she lived for many years. The family lived for a time in a small house which stood near what is now Anthony's Boulevard, in an area known as Hawley Heights.

Thelma returned to La Mesa in 1926 after a career with the La Mesa Valley School District. She was to spend a month with a starting salary of \$100.00 per month. She was to spend approximately 24 years as a substitute teacher, from 1924 to 1964.

In 1926 Thelma married Harry W. Todd, the elder son of Mary Waterman Todd, and Mary Waterman Todd had come to La Mesa from Elgin, Illinois, and had had their handsome home constructed on Mt. Nebo. Orien Todd, owner of several millinery stores, including the Todd Millinery Company, was also involved in real estate in downtown San Diego. La Mesa's named after him.

Thelma and Harry lived in San Diego at first shared the home of Harry's parents, remaining here after

from Tume Inc. in 1954 and lived on a farm near Nicosho, Mo. Mrs. Longwell has no survivors other than several cousins, including Elizabeth Wilson of San Diego. There will be no San Diego survivors. She will be buried near Nicosho, Mo.

Thelma J. Todd of La Mesa, who taught in the La Mesa (now La Mesa-Spring Valley) School District for about 40 years, died Monday.

fore coming to La Mesa in 1924. She retired in 1961, but served as a substitute teacher for another dec-

The family suggests contributions to the San Diego chapter of the American Heart Association.

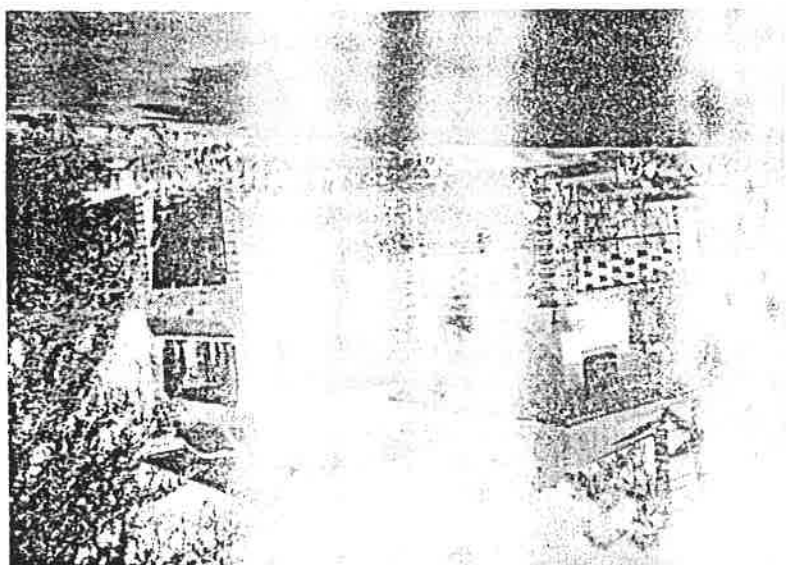
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the exterior has remained unaltered in 60 years.

the House, built in 1910, has passed through a number of owners.

front garage was removed and a small parking lot was added to the site. The recent construction of the adjacent building by La Mesa dentist, Pear Karlsgodt, complicates the Morrison House and creates an attractive architectural area.

Assistant City Manager Jim O'Grady also displayed an attractive historical designation marker to be affixed to the McKinney House and recommended that similar markers be affixed to all historic dwellings.



ison House, built in 1785, is now used as offices.

