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DR. AND MRS. VIRGIL BAXTER ... Nuptials Climax Whirlwind Romance

WSCS Picnic Set July 11 at Park

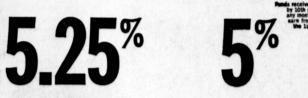
Annual potluck picnic for the Women's Society of ages. The picnic will be en-Christian Service of the Tor-rance First Methodist Church will be held Thurs-day, July 11, at Torrance Park. Hondist Church Service are Mmes. Arthur Barker, Russell Paxton and Bruce Russell Paxton and Bruce Beginning at 11 a.m., high- Smith.

Luncheon Today Mrs. Robert Tolson is entertaining at a luncheon today at her Konya Avenue me. Her guests are Mmes. Joyce Barrington, Patty Pe-trara, Nancy Fales, Marlene Witt and Emma Roberts.



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June Was Bustin' Out All Over

Wedding Bells at Nursing Home

"It was love at first sight, the ceiling to form the wed-to walk again and has re-e minute I saw her I knew ding altar. gained her eyesight followthe minute I saw her I knew

she had to be mine," so said Dr. Virgil Baxter, whose wedding to Mrs. Clara How-ell was the first to take place at the Golden Leisure place at the Golden Leona on Hours Nursing Home on Vermont Ave., last Thursday afternoon.

It was four months ago that cupid stepped in and brought a whirlwind ro-mance to the 78-year-old re-tired Baptist minister and the 76-year-old bride, who had been a bed patient for 22 years at Rancho Los Amigos. Amigos.

In February, following a checkup at Harbor General Hospital, Dr. Baxter moved Hospital, Dr. Baxter moved into the nursing home. The next day, Mrs. Howell was brought in from Rancho Los Amigos. That enchanted eve-ning "across a crowded room" Dr. Baxter saw "a stranger" and vowed to "naver let her so". tranger" and vowed to 'never let her go."

That same dining room was festively decorated on the wedding day with gar-lands of roses hanging from

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The bridegroom, seated in a festooned wheelchair, was placed under the arch by his orderly. As the organist, Jean Devine, struck the chords of "Here Comes the Fride." the door normand and Bride," the door opened and the bride, wearing an orchid print and an orchid forget-

print and an orchid forget-me-not hat, walked through the door to take her place in another rose-be-lecked wheelchair. (During the past few months she has been learning to walk again.) Rev. Jack Burris, adminis-trator at the nursing home, officiated at the ceremony and Mrs. Viola Harlow long-

officiated at the ceremony and Mrs. Viola Harlow, long-time friend of the bride, sang "Each for the Other, Both for the Lord." A reception followed with the 250 patients and the st a f f congratulating the newlyweds.

* The couple now occupy the same room at the home

and Dr. Baxter, wreathed in smiles, says, "I have been watching my bride's im-provement. She is learning

someday we are hoping to be able to move into my home in Los Angeles." \$\overline{x}\$ \$\overline{x}\$

cards and good wishes

In San Francisco

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gained her eyesight follow-ing cataract operations, and

In the meantime, the two in the meantime, the two lovebirds, who have both known marriage before, he four times, and she three times, are happily ensconsed in their hoppital room, bank-ed high with flowers, gifts, cards and good wishes

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hunt of Calle Mira Mar, have returned from a week in San

Frances Thompson Now Eta Delta Frances Ellen Thompson, versity of California, Los daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson of 180th

Angeles. She is one of six girls en-rolled in engineering at UCLA and will return to the university in the fall quar-ter to begin here imple year. Place, is a recent initiate of Eta Delta Chapter of Phi Mu fraternity at the Uni- ter to begin her junior year.







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