

June Was Bustin' Out All Over

Wedding Bells at Nursing Home

"It was love at first sight, the minute I saw her I knew she had to be mine," so said Dr. Virgil Baxter, whose wedding to Mrs. Clara Howell was the first to take place at the Golden Leisure Hours Nursing Home on Vermont Ave., last Thursday afternoon.

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

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

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

the ceiling to form the wedding altar.

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 Bride," the door opened and the bride, wearing an orchid print and an orchid forget-me-not hat, walked through the door to take her place in another rose-bedecked wheelchair. (During the past few months she has been learning to walk again.)

Rev. Jack Burris, administrator at the nursing home, 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 staff 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 improvement. She is learning

to walk again and has regained her eyesight following cataract operations, and someday we are hoping to be able to move into my home in Los Angeles."

In the meantime, the two lovebirds, who have both known marriage before, he four times, and she three times, are happily ensconced in their hospital room, banked high with flowers, gifts, cards and good wishes.

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

Frances Thompson Now Eta Delta

Frances Ellen Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson of 180th Place, is a recent initiate of Eta Delta Chapter of Phi Mu fraternity at the Uni-

versity of California, Los Angeles. She is one of six girls enrolled in engineering at UCLA and will return to the university in the fall quarter to begin her junior year.



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

WCS Picnic Set July 11 at Park

Annual potluck picnic for the Women's Society of the Christian Service of the Torrance First Methodist Church will be held Thursday, July 11, at Torrance Park. Beginning at 11 a.m., high-

light will be games for all ages. The picnic will be enjoyed at 1 p.m. to culminate the activities.

In charge of the affair are Mmes. Arthur Barker, Russell Paxton and Bruce Smith.

Luncheon Today

Mrs. Robert Tolson is entertaining at a luncheon today at her Konya Avenue home. Her guests are Mmes. Joyce Barrington, Patty Petrara, Nancy Fales, Marlene Witt and Emma Roberts.



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