

JUDGE MOORE

Harvey F. Moore was the last city judge in Brea. He came from from Yakima, Washington with his wife and daughter in 1925 and was a resident of Brea for nearly thirty years. For thirteen of those years he was employed by the Brown and Dauser Lumber Company. After retirement he served as an assessor for some time then took the job of City Building Inspector. The Brea City Council asked him to serve as city judge. He filled that office from January 1, 1947 to October 31, 1952 when he was forced to retire due to ill health. After his term of office the court was moved to Santa Ana.

His office was located in the City Hall at the immediate left of the entrance. He held court on Wednesday of each week. William Atkins was the chief of police at that time. Judge Moore worked closely with the police. They expressed dissatisfaction with previous regimes because citations were ignored or improperly handled.

He particularly wanted to curb drunk driving. So he enforced a ruling - the penalty upon conviction was a fine of \$200.00. At that time that was a very stiff penalty. But he made a great effort to help people who were sincere in attempting to settle their fines. He also worked with parents and juveniles to solve their problems when young people were involved in pranks.

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Mr. W. C. Hirth and Barbara Hirth of 847th Orange Avenue visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Lee of Santa Ana over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hinkley of San Fernando were dinner guests here Saturday in the home of Mrs. Hinkley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sexton.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn (Green), Eleanor Green and Elva Smith of Ontario, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John Daugherty, spent the week-end at Big Bear.

Clifford Miller who has been in Northern California for some time is at home now on Maple Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Johnson and Miss Margie Gilbert attended the Simmons pageant in Hemet last Sunday.

Mrs. Marie Horning of Los Angeles spent the first part of the week with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Johnson of the Brea Malt Shop.

Mrs. Opal Fagnin and Mrs. Paul Story of Bakersfield were in Brea over the week-end visiting their mother, Mrs. L. F. Overstreet of the Brea Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hixon spent Saturday visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Alford in Long Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Landree and children, Bob and Patty, of Long Beach were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Louise Papilio of 106 East Dale Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hart of South Walnut Avenue spent Sunday visiting friends and relatives in Santa Ana.

Mrs. Henry Rudd of the Brea Sweet Shop has been ill in her home this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Blackmore moved to Whittier Tuesday where Blackmore has recently been employed. They had been living at 106 South Laurel Avenue before he secured the position with Ford Alexander in Whittier. Blackmore was employed with Yarborough Guns some time ago.

Mrs. Henry Rudd was taken to the Fullerton General hospital Tuesday afternoon after being confined to her bed since the first of the week. At present she is reported to be improving.

Miss Hilda Carlson of South Walnut Avenue visited last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Talmage of Montebello.

Melton Chittenden, whose home is at 230 North Madroska, has been promoted to signal striker of the U. S. B. Ball Club, stationed at Honolulu.

THE 5311 THE YOUNG'S FASTEST 100-YARD



Los Angeles Daily News Photo

Paul Moore of 221 South Sierra, Brea, boy who several weeks ago ran the half-mile in 5 min. 51.7 sec.—the fastest half-mile ever recorded for a human—won two events Saturday at the Los Angeles coliseum in the Stanford-USC dual track meet.

High spots of the meet were three races between Stanford's Paul Moore and USC's Louis Zamperini and Lesly Wood. Moore defeated both Trojans in both the mile and the half-mile races.

A letter from the board of trustees, Stanford University, to the Progress says in part:

"Brea certainly has reason to be proud of Paul, who in addition to being one of the outstanding runners in America, is a fine boy and a good student. Although he is taking a difficult engineering course, Moore still finds time to train himself for world-record performances. I believe that, before the season is over, Paul and his teammates will set a new world record in the two-mile relay and possibly in the weekly relay."

Paul Moore, Brea, Calif., runner.

Robert Arch Logsdon, Hugh Jones, Charles Morrison, Charles West, Edward Bierhaus, Louis Crowe, George Lithgow, Jack Collins, T. J. Johnson.

The regular stated meeting of the lodge was held after the dinner.

Heard in Brea Restaurant C-R-A-S-HI B-A-N-G-I-I

Waitress, looking through service window to woman in kitchen, asked: "Are you OK?"

"Oh, yes. I just dropped the salt out of my ring."

Let's Clean Up Our

By MRS. F. V. STIFF

One does not need to have a mansion on the front of a lot to make an attractive and inviting home. Notice many of the homes on the rear of the lots and see how pretty the flowers are and how well kept the long expanse of ground in front.

On South Poplar there are many of these homes and the city can be proud of them. The home of the Ellenberger's on 234 South Pomona is an example of what can be done.

Another vacant lot has been cleared off and thus makes the 30 block on Madrona Ave. a section of the city that is good to look at.

A nice fence improves the vacant lot on the corner of Walnut and Birch Streets. As soon as piles of grass have been removed from a number of other lots which have

Legion Will Plan Annual Memorial Day Services

When Brea post No. 181, American Legion, meets Tuesday evening, May 14, at Legion hall, plans for Memorial day services will be completed, according to Commander Chittenden.

Brea post, in conjunction with other North Orange county posts of the Legion, holds yearly memorial services at Loma Vista cemetery.

Other business up for discussion will be Past Commanders' night.

Tonight (Friday) the Orange county council of the Legion will meet at K. of P. hall, Fifth and Broadway, Santa Ana. Ladies are invited. Dinner will be served 6:30 to 8:00 cents a plate.

Judge Frank West will be master of ceremonies and an outstanding speaker, with an important message, it is promised.

Legion Auxiliary to Sponsor Card Party

American Legion auxiliary Brea Legion post 181 will sponsor a card party tonight in the Legion hall with the proceeds going child welfare.

Everyone interested is invited come but and they are being held at the Legion hall, 1000 S. Main St., Brea, Calif.

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Lengthy Illness Precedes Death Of Former Judge

Harvey Franklin Moore, 64, city judge and building inspector for Eves until a few months ago, died Thursday night, March 5, in his home at 412 S. Flower following a lengthy illness. His health had been failing for the past 1 1/2 years; three months ago he was made bedfast as the result of a stroke.

Mr. Moore was Eves city judge from Jan. 1, 1947, until Oct. 31, 1952, when he was forced to retire because of poor health. He also served as city tax assessor for two years.

A member of the church for the past 50 years, Mr. Moore did a great deal to forward the building of the Eves Baptist church. He also belonged to the Citrol Lodge for approximately 25 years.

Judge Moore was born in Marquette, Neb., and had been a Eves resident for the past 30 years. He married Margaret Van Hoosen on Dec. 23, 1906, in Central City, Neb. To the union were born two daughters. The oldest died in infancy, but the other, Mrs. Catherine Schief, survives her father.

Other survivors of Mr. Moore are his wife, Margaret; three sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Dixon, of Marquette; Mrs. Ella Dixon, Parma, Ida., and Mrs. Jennie Woodward, Grants Pass, Ore.; four brothers, Charles A., Chico; William H., Central City, Neb.; John G., Portland, Ore., and Walter C., Cheyenne, Wyo. Three grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in McCuskey and Puters Mortuary, Pullerton. The Rev. R. McFadden, pastor of the Baptist church, officiated. Burial was in Loma Vista cemetery.

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BREA CONGREGATIONAL

Community to Honor Pioneer Churchwoman

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BREA — Community tribute will be paid Sunday to Mrs. T. Elwood Moore, 281 Sievers, 82, charter member and active for half a century in the Congregational Church of Brea.

Mrs. Moore, who has been a leader in the church even before its formal founding almost half a century ago, is retiring and moving to the San Francisco area to join her home with her daughter, Mrs. Caroline Dietrich, Alameda, Calif.

Mrs. Dietrich, who was the first baby baptized in the Brea Congregational Church, and her brother, Paul Moore, San Gabriel, will be here Sunday to attend the 10 a.m. reception at the church.

Mrs. Rosalie Williamson, the other resident charter member of the church will help conduct the service and speak on "Church Memories." The Rev. Charles E. Harlow, church pastor, will speak on "So Much."

Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Williamson were among the 21 persons who started the church more than 40 years ago. Both were active in the pre-organization work of the group.

"The church is honored to invite the public to worship with us and linger awhile during the coffee hour following the service to meet Mrs. Moore," said the Rev. Mr. Harlow.

Mrs. Moore recalls when she and her late husband came to the community when it was still called "Randolph" and before it was officially named Brea.

"There were sidewalks, a few stores and homes, but we moved up on the oil lease into a tent house," she recalls.

Her husband, whose death came in 1906, a few months after they had celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, was first Sunday school superintendent elected for the church, serving more than a quarter century in this post, and aiding in other church activities.

Mrs. Moore was cradle roll superintendent for years, taught Sunday School, and was active in women's leadership.

She recalls the early founding days of the church, when the group of 21 residents started meeting in a tent.

"We started a building, and the building burned down. Then a big windstorm came, and our church tent blew down. Then we moved into the bank's director room, or used empty stores until we could build a permanent church."

The church is now housed in a beautiful modern sanctuary on 300 E. Imperial, the result of years of congregation effort, in which Mrs. Moore has been a part.



HONORED — Mrs. T. Elwood Moore, Brea, pictured here with her late husband in the garden of their Brea home, will be honored Sunday at a reception at the Congregational Church in which she and her husband were founding members a half century ago and in which both were leaders in activity.

Besides their church work and family, the hobby of Mr. and Mrs. Moore was their home, with the beautiful plantings and garden care of the three-quarter acre grounds making it a showplace in Brea.

Mrs. Moore's hobby in recent years, aside from her usual activities, has been her interest in sports, especially the Dodgers.

"I may give to like those San Francisco Giants, but I'm doubtful I'm certainly going to miss those Dodgers."

When she goes to northern California sometimes in the next few weeks, she plans to take keepsake furniture, and her pets, which are two parakeets, Billy Sunday and Hey You, and her dog, Wendy, described as partially cocker spaniel.

"I'll also take along wonderful memories of Brea: our friends, and our work, but I'll go knowing that it will continue to be carried on by the fine younger people."

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PROGRESS PHOTO

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Moves To Alameda

Today, Mrs. Moore is packing and labeling her memories as she prepares to give up her home at 201 S. Sievers St., and move to Alameda with her daughter. She faces the future with mixed emotions.

The bright-eyed little lady regrets leaving the friends and neighbors she has known for so many years but looks forward to the new people she will meet in Alameda.

She speaks with pride of her children. One of her most prized possessions is a sketch of her son made at the time he broke the world's record for the three-quarter mile sprint in 1940. He was then a student at Stanford University.

Ceramic Collection

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Special Services

Mrs. Moore will be honored at the 10 a.m. service at the Congregational Church this Sunday. Her daughter and son-in-law will be present at the service.

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CATHERINE SEILER

May 1982 Interviewed by Jean Howlett

Brea Community: Early Brea: 1924 to present

Catherine Seiler, at the age of nine, was brought from Washington to Brea by her parents in 1924. Her father Harvey Moore worked for Brown and Danser Lumber Company who had a branch office in Brea on the corner of Orange and Ash Streets. This business later became Ward and Harrington Lumber Company. Her mother worked as an orange packer. She first attended Laurel School.

Catherine's family liked to travel and they took many trips just to see what California was like. She remembers well seeing the play Ramona in 1925 when "there were no seats, no amphitheatre, no nothing. You sat on rocks or on the bare hillside.... Everybody thought it was wonderful, and it was, for its time."¹

As a child the thing she remembers most about the great oil fire, when lightning struck the tanks at the Stewart Tank Farm, was that "the strange part of this fire was that you would have thought the fire would have been on the ground, but, no, you didn't see any flames until thousands of feet up in the air was where the flames were."² "There was a honeymoon house down here, [owned by the] Sievers, the big,

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Thomas
Sr. Jones
for Moore

green house [that] sits over here [and is] quite outstanding and is the original Siever's home. Well, evidently, one of the family got married; I believe it was the daughter. They had a smaller house down below where they had put all their wedding gifts, set it up, and gone on their honeymoon. For some reason when this fire hit, the burning oil came down on each side of that big Siever's house and didn't hurt it, but it burned around it and it came down and caught this little house and burned it up. When they came back from their honeymoon, they didn't have anything."³ It just burned and burned for weeks and in April when the rain came down through the black smoke every house was streaked with black. She remembers being very fearful also of how easily the wooden oil rigs would catch fire and would blow up with a roar of escaping gas. This was fairly common especially in Santa Fe Springs where the rigs were as close as trees, until the Shaffer Company perfected their shut off valve (see sub-chapter on Shaffer Tool Company). Catherine was much aware of how much lumber was needed to build those rigs. Today, of course the structures are steel.

Catherine very much enjoyed Sleepy Hollow in Carbon Canyon where her parents bought a lot and built a home. Especially she enjoyed walking through the hills with Mrs. Purrington and learning to identify the wildflowers.

She felt this was a great privilege. A matter of great curiosity to her was the great number of centipedes and tarantulas, in fact, a plague of both. In those days, there were no washing machines, so it was usual to put a laundry tub on the service porch and wash and dry outside, always, of course, searching through the clothes to pick off the centipedes. She laughs about the time the family watched a centipede crawl through the bricks into the house and when her mother reached over with her scissors and snipped it in two "do you know that centipede ran both ways!"⁴

Surprisingly, though La Habra and Brea are small side-by-side townships there is a noticeable difference in weather conditions- colder in winter and hotter in summer. This explains why La Habra needed more "snudge pots" in the citrus orchards during the winter frosts. Oil and even old tires were burned regularly to help disperse the frost but, she says, Brea did not need so much artificial heating, so the homes, furniture and linens in Brea remained cleaner and easier to care for.

Though Brea and Fullerton had good small stores, people usually went to Anaheim, Saturday nights, for clothing or cloth purchases so this became quite a social affair and "you saw all your neighbors.... or you would just sit in the car if nothing else and watch the people go by, and, of

course, they'd see somebody and they'd stop and visit."⁵

Catherine remembers the old movie theatre there and seeing Wings with Gary Cooper and watching awestruck as it was the first movie that even showed anyone being killed, "maybe you saw them being shot, but you didn't see the gory details."⁶ What were even more interesting were the previews of the movies because the movie people such as actors, actresses, directors and producers would also attend to get the audience reaction and act accordingly: for instance Wings was originally three hours long and after the preview was cut considerably. Catherine did get to see Douglas Fairbanks, Mary Pickford and Lillian Gish at such previews.

In 1937 the Moores moved back to their ranch in Washington but kept returning to Brea in the winters. Mr. Moore would regularly truck boxes of apples from his orchard to Brea where people were delighted to buy a box of large red Delicious for a dollar. It was not till after World War II in 1946 that they finally returned to Brea. Meantime, Catherine had married and her husband served twenty-seven months in Europe.

Mr. Moore was appointed census taker and then property assessor and later building inspector. His salary was about \$1.50 per inspection. Finally he was appointed city judge, the last city judge, in Brea. He held court one day a week at the old city hall though sometimes he would hold court

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in his office, or even at his home. Prodded by police complaints of too lenient judges, he regularly charged drunk drivers \$200 and admittedly that cleaned up a lot of the drunk driving around Brea. Judge Moore never gave any favors, least of all to his friends and by sticking to his guns and meting out punishment to fit the crime he earned the respect of the community and the sincere appreciation of the police force.

Housing was another topic discussed in the interview. Nearly all the original abodes were houses from the oil leases purchased for \$50 or \$100 and moved from the lease into town—many of which still exist today. Adequate at the time, they consisted of some two-by-fours as uprights with batten board attached for the outside and wall board inside with no insulation in between. New houses fetched between two and three thousand, a popular contractor being Van Tuyle who favored English style houses with the two peaks. These usually were two bedroom with hardwood floors and Philippine mahogany doors and woodwork and tile floors in the bathroom. Many early residents of Brea might also recall the following items mentioned by Catherine.... the rowdy oil workers "living it up" in town on Saturday nights.... "Brea the sinterase town"... Brea almost totally owned by the oil companies.... babysitting for fifty cents a whole evening... babysitting and housework as the only jobs for teenagers...

Fullerton Junior College putting on The Desert Song with John Raitt..... going to Redondo or Huntington Beach for a swim before the Plunge in Brea Park was built..... the old Red Lantern Theatre and the big Buddhas inside... going out walking at night (nobody even thought about being afraid in the town)... the Saturday matinees with the exciting serials and munching a nickel's worth of Walnettofs washed down with Delaware Punch..... only boys rode bicycles.... scooters made with roller skates with a plank between the upright handlebars.... when the Ku Klux Klan was considered just a radical bunch and were all but ignored by the Breans.... the promise of a "chicken in every pot".... when practically all the newcomers to town came from Texas, Oklahoma or Arkansas.... when the principal suggested the eighth grade girl graduates should appear for graduation in "cotton voile" dresses (and not Celanese Voile)... ration books and coupons in World War II.... when coffee came in glass jars.... empty shelves in all the stores during World War II.... there are still people who save string, foil, mountains of rags and paper bags.... storage in attics (now goes to Goodwill).... "no sugar today, sorry".... when almost every Brean was quiet, conservative, kind, church oriented and always concerned for other citizens.... when you never needed to lock your house, day or night....

To Catherine, Brea means "continued growth and, perhaps, more problems but you can't stop progress."⁷