



SIX MEMBERS of the Soroptimist Club of Fairfield-Suisun attended the Golden Jubilee Pilgrimage in Oakland, last Sunday. Preparing for the trip (left to right) were Peggy Campano, Reba Jay, publicity chairman; Olga Donahue,

president; Idella Dean, Gladys Corzett and Frances Petersen. (They neglected to study a roadmap, and after becoming lost, were escorted by an obliging police officer, to the event.

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## Soroptimists of Fairfield-Suisun Attend Golden Jubilee Pilgrimage

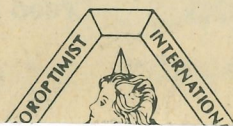
Members of Soroptimist Club of Fairfield-Suisun, District I of Southwestern Region Soroptimist of the Americas, Inc., had a police escort to Goodman's Hall in Oakland Sunday, for the Golden Jubilee Pilgrimage, after they had become hopelessly lost in the East Bay area.

Ethel Lord, president, Soroptimist International Association, delivered the keynote address. "People to

A special feature of the Jubilee was the fashion show depicting dresses worn during the growth of Soroptimist from 1921 through 1971. Katharine Stinson, president Soroptimist Federation of the Americas Inc., climaxed the fashion show

Fairfield-Suisun president Olga Donahue participated in the dedication ceremony by placing a capsule containing the history of the local Soroptimist Club in the compartment at base of the bronze bust, which will be reopened 50 years from now.

On September 24, 1971, the Jubilee Anniversary of



Peggy Campano, Frances Peterson, Idella Dean, Gladys Corzett and Reba Jay were the local members among the 1100 Soroptimists and guests who participated in the Pilgrimage, in observance of 50 years of Soroptimism . . . "Out Where It All Began."

October 3, 1921, the first Soroptimist Club of Alameda County was chartered. Violet Richardson Ward, founder president of this club and Eloise B. Cushing, founder member, were present for the Jubilee celebration.

Violet Richardson Ward's inspiration, enthusiasm and inexhaustible efforts toward Soroptimist caused it to flourish into an international organization within 42 countries, totaling 50,000 members of which 5000 members are in the Southwestern Region.

people concern" . . . "nice to be important, more important to be nice" . . . "Jack up the fire, not the ashes," were a few of the dynamic phrases she used to emphasize a Soroptimist now and for the future.

The next 50 years, she said, Soroptimist clubs should strive for continual growth with progress, idealism with realism along with involvement. Her closing comment was for each Soroptimist to implement the three-B's . . . BELONG, BELIEVE, BUILD. "Belong" as an active, participating member; "Believe", have faith in new ideas and work on new ideas; "Build", be a member of the working crew, not the wrecking crew.



Soroptimist was made a part of Congressional records.

Besides members present from the various 60 clubs within Southwestern Region, were members representing the 313 clubs within the Federation of the Americas Inc., from Arizona, Illinois, Nevada, New Jersey, Oregon, Pennsylvania and from the International Association, Canada and Germany.

Tables from which a delectable brunch was served, had decorations provided by the various Soroptimist Clubs. Local vice-president Peggy Campano received the beautiful centerpiece made by the Soroptimist Club of San Francisco, west of Twin Peaks.

The recitation of the Soroptimist Pledge by all members concluded the memorable event.

by appearing in a space suit with space helmet, projecting a future Soroptimist Club on the moon!

Included in the various presentation, was a founder member's Soroptimist pin presented to Ethel Lord, plus autographed photos of Violet Richardson Ward.

Highlighting the event, was the dedication of a bronze bust of Violet Richardson Ward . . . praising her as a warm person, large in her thinking and living.



PREPARING centerpieces for the Pilgrimage, marking 50 years since the first Soroptimist Club was founded in Alameda County, left to right, were Marie Hansen, Peggy Campano, Olga

Donahue, president Marjorie Wildman, Alice Long, Elaine Nelson and Pearl Hunter. The Fairfield-Suisun club was chartered June 14, 1952.

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# First Fifty Years . .

## "Out Where It All Began"

During the first year of the first Seroptimist Club, the ground work of rules and regulations were maintained.

Membership was open to only one woman in each classification.

Attendance rules were enforced. Bulletin notices kept members informed and publicity was good.

The Club's constitution and bylaws were drafted and accepted in November, 1921 and the word "SERVICE" became the KEY word for Seroptimists.

The first project included "Save the Redwoods" campaign, a heating plant for the Rescue Home, establishment of a vocational guidance bureau in cooperation with the YWCA and care of three destitute families at Chris-

tmas.

The idea of Seroptimism grew rapidly and Mr. Morrow traveled extensively organizing new clubs.



HELENA M. GAMBLE

Since he could not do all the organizing alone, Helena Gamble a charter member of the Alameda County club was hired to do the organizing with in the state.

This left Morrow free to organize clubs on the east coast and to travel to Europe where he organized the Greater London, England and Paris France clubs in 1924.

As more clubs were organized there grew a need to meet jointly and develop programs that pertained to all Clubs.

From this study, eight Regions were set up of which the Southwestern Region (ours) takes in Northern California, part of Nevada and the state of Hawaii.

Planning was also started to form an international Seroptimist organization the first step being the purchase of property rights and vested interests in the Seroptimists Club, Inc. from Mr. Morrow.

This was completed in 1927 and the American Federation of Seroptimist Clubs was formed in 1928 along with the adoption of the Seroptimist Emblem, and Seroptimist Pledge.

We have since grown into three Federations: the Seroptimist Federation of the Americas Inc. European Federation of Seroptimist Clubs and Federation of Seroptimist Clubs of Great Britain and Ireland with a total in excess of 1,533 clubs.

# Clear Lake Soroptimists attend fiftieth jubilee

## CLEARLAKE HIGHLANDS

Attending the Soroptimist International Golden Jubilee (1921-1971) Sunday, Oct. 3 at Goodman's Hall in Jack London Square, Oakland, were president Virginia Paul, Pat Ellis, Jean Prentice and Dorothy McCrea of the Soroptimist club of Clear Lake.

Over 1200 Soroptimists from all over the world and as far away as Turkey and Germany attended the gathering. The theme was "Where It all Began".

A parade of clubs by charter date with a club history in a small capsule was placed in a larger metal "time capsule" which will be opened on the 100th anniversary in the year 2021.

There was the official dedication of the bronze bust of Violet Richardson Ward, the

first president of Soroptimist 50 years ago. Of the original 80 charter members just two are alive today, one of which is the original president.

## RIVIERA GOLF CLUB

CLEAR LAKE RIVIERA — Professional Pete Leslie of the Riviera Golf course announced today that the newly formed men's golf club had been accepted into the Northern California Golf Association.

With 41 members on the starting roster of the club, tournaments and other golf activities are being planned for the year - round active group.

Mission Santa Clara is reported by National Automobile Club to have contained the first English language school in California.

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# Soroptimist Club Will Take 'Jubilee Jaunt'

Plans for a "Jubilee Jaunt" to Oakland as part of the celebration of the Soroptimist Club's 50th anniversary were announced by Mmes. Marion Belt and R. Hadley Cox at a recent meeting of the Soroptimist Club of Modesto.

The trip is planned for Oct. 3 with Goodman Hall, Jack London Square as the destination. Founding president Violet Richardson Ward will attend as will Ethel Lord, president of the Soroptimist International, and Katherine Stinsen, Soroptimist Federation of the Americas.

The event will include the dedication of a bronze bust of Mrs. Ward. The Sixth Army

band will present selections and a brunch will be served.

Reservations must be made by Sept. 23 and may be made with Mrs. Belt or Mrs. J. R. McGrath.

Dr. Steve B. Benak, director of the Memorial Hospital North's cancer treatment center, which will be open next year, will speak at the next meeting of the Modesto group at noon Thursday in the Branding Iron Restaurant.

He will discuss the \$650,000 center and will show illustrations of work being done at San Francisco's Franklin Hospital. Dr. Benak will be introduced by Willard J. Leuthard, hospital administrator.