

Darley lends services to LW

A small one-room un-accredited school in the mountains of south-central Colorado played a vital role in the success story of Rossmoor Corporation's Leisure World of the Month for May.

From this humble beginning, Dr. Ward Darley, as one of the most respected medical leaders in the land, traveled the road to the presidency of the University of Colorado and then went on to become executive director of the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Darley's trail led him, finally, to Leisure World. As a member of the Gol-

den Rain Foundation's committee on Health and Medical Care Delivery, he has helped complete a study of all health and medical care services available to the residents of Leisure World; a vital adjunct to the improvement of the community's health program.

On Tuesday, May 1, at 10 a.m. Dr. Ward Darley's color portrait will be hung in the rotunda of the Rossmoor New Sales headquarters. His friends are invited to attend the short ceremony.

Darley's portrait will remain on display until Friday, June 1 when it will be presented to him

and his wife, Pauline.

"Education for health and medical care," says Darley, "has been my all-consuming interest. My philosophy has been that the end result of all medical endeavor should be the improvement of patient care. This is the thrust of my interest that I brought with me to Leisure World."

The most recent of a host of honors bestowed on Darley came last year when the University of Colorado's Department of Preventive Medicine and Comprehensive Health Care established an annual lectureship and seminar room and library in his name.

The Darley road to success started in the San Luis Valley of south-central Colorado. There his father's farm in the foothills of the San Juan mountains was two miles from the one-room school to which he and his brother walked or rode horseback when the weather was inclement.

"Our teacher never knew whether she would have six or a dozen pupils," he remembers. "The number was controlled by the weather or the need for help on the farms."

Pauline Braiden was growing up at this time on her father's vast cattle spread in the same valley but they never met. Not until her senior year at the University of Denver when the Darley family was invited to a social event at the home of her parents did their paths cross.

"It wasn't until five years later in 1930 that we were married. Romances lasted longer in those days," recalls Mrs. Darley.

Darley practiced internal medicine in Denver until 1944 while teaching in the university's medical school. It was then his career turned full-time to medical education. In rapid succession he became

dean of the School of Medicine, vice president in charge of Health Sciences and president in 1953.

Four years later the Association of American Medical Colleges lured him to its headquarters at Evanston, Ill., as executive director where he played a role in the development of new medical schools and strengthening existing schools. During the same time he was executive secretary of the National Intern Matching Program, spending a decade in national activities.

In high school Darley discovered he had an ear for music. So he bought a piccolo at Montgomery Ward for \$5. Although he could scarcely read a note, he soon learned all the marching songs and played in the band. This carried over to his university days. He said it was a good thing the 'Buffaloes' needed bodies to fill out the band. If he had been selected by tryout, he'd never have made it.

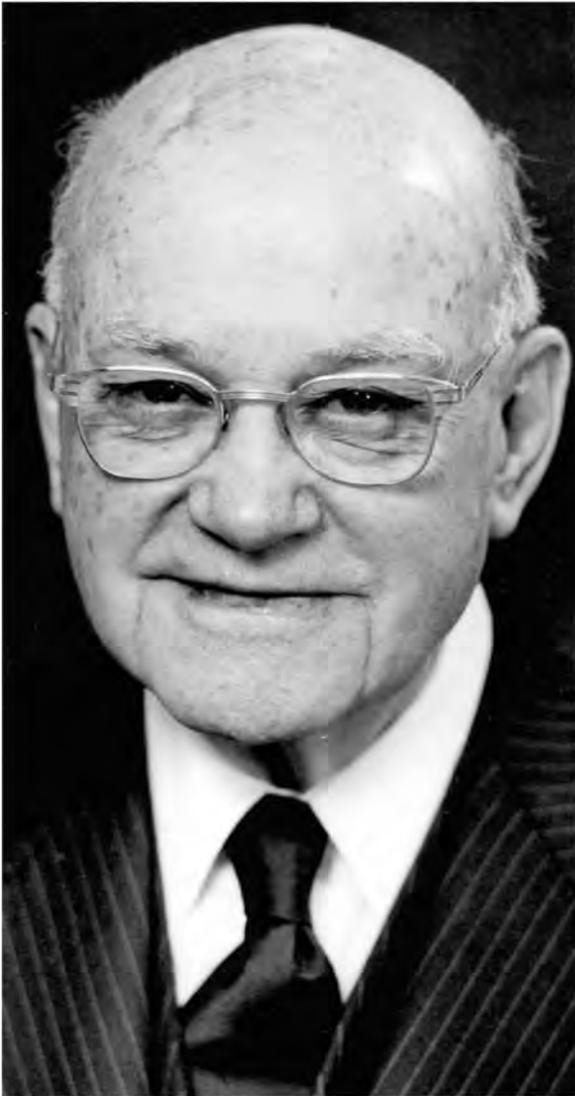
Space does not permit the listing of the scientific and medical societies to which Darley has been elected, his awards and citations, honorary degrees, consultantships, professional organizations and governmental agencies, memberships on councils, commissions and committees, nor his addresses, lectures and publications.

To him one honor stands out above all the others. On the wall of Darley's den hangs a bronze plaque that reads:

"The American Board of Family Practice presents its Distinguished Service Award to Ward Darley, M. D., in recognition of his outstanding contribution to medicine. His vision, wisdom and leadership were significant factors in the establishment of family practice as the 20th primary specialty

discipline." November 20, 1969.

As a member of the Leisure World community and in addition to his work for GRF, Darley is a member of the Academician Society; Medical Society of Leisure World, Colorado Club, Historical Society and Institute for Living. As a member of Saddleback Kiwanis Club he helped install its blood pressure screening program. Mrs. Darley is a member of Ebell, Panhellenic and Los Libros. Both are members of the Geneva Presbyterian Church.



Dr. Ward Darley