

August LWer walks with rich and famous

Lunch at the White House with President Eisenhower. An audience with Pope Innocent at the Vatican. A trip to Taiwan as a guest of the Taiwan government. Meeting Haile Selassie of Ethiopia and Prince Phillip of England.

Although it sounds like the opening to "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous," these experiences and more belong to one of Leisure World's own, Cliff Grant.

To recount and honor Grant for all he's accomplished, he will be named "Leisure Worlder of the Month," on Wednesday, Aug. 5. The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. in Clubhouse 6 and is sponsored jointly by Home Federal Savings and the Leisure World Historical Society. The public is invited to attend.

James Alan Clifford Grant, known to his friends as Cliff, and professionally as J.A.C. Grant, was born in Grand Forks, N.D., the second son of Canadian-born parents. Before he was five, the family moved to California.

Grant went to Southern Branch University of California and then to

Stanford where he earned three degrees culminating in a Ph.D. in a combination program of political science and law. He married Helen Allison in 1928 in a garden wedding with harp music by an American Indian in tribal dress.

Grant taught for a year at the University of Wisconsin. His bride liked everything but the cold winter weather which made her miserable.

When an offer came from UCLA, Helen thought it was a gift from heaven, so reluctantly he left for a new school without status or an adequate library. He expected to stay at UCLA only until an offer came from a quality university in a mild climate. But he found UCLA stimulating and growing and when offers did come, he turned them down.

Grant stayed at UCLA 47 years as a political science professor, dean of social sciences, chairman of the Academic Senate, as well as chairing many important committees, including one that supervised the establishment of the law school.

He feels he has made a real contribution to the development of UCLA,

of the students who had returned to their homeland.

Cliff and Helen Grant come to Leisure World in 1977. Grant had not been here but a short time when he was offered a job on the hearing board of the South Coast Air Quality Management District, a job he kept for over six years. Even with being gone all day he managed to square dance three nights a week. He and Helen were co-presidents of Fun Shop Stars and later co-presidents of the Globe Twirlers.

Grant was president of Club 30, a ballroom dance group. After retiring from the air pollution group, he joined Saddleback Kiwanis and is at present their program chairman. He is immediate past president of Academians, and attends meetings of Laguna Hills Braille Transcribers of which Helen is a member.

which has become one of the nation's great universities.

In 1938 the Association of American Law Schools published a collection of the best articles on constitutional law, and devoted much space to Grant's articles. This gave him instant status, and a Guggenheim Fellowship. He used the fellowship for research in Mexico, studying Latin-American law and improving his Spanish. In later years he was able to lecture several times at the law school of the National University, including teaching a short course in its post-graduate program. He was vice chairman of the Second in Bogota, Columbia, 1977. He served as advisor to Mexico's Ministry of Finance, giving seminars for the unit heads on fiscal problems of Federalism.

In 1956 Grant was personal advisor to President Ngo Dinh Diem of Vietnam, and consultant to the Ministry of Justice. This proved to be one of the most interesting, but least satisfying experiences of his life.

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ments by President Nixon was an eight year term on the Oliver Wendell Holmes Devise. It meets four times a year under the chairmanship of the Librarian of Congress and is preparing what it hopes will be a definitive history of the Supreme Court.

Grant's greatest interest lay with his students. The Grants had an open house once a month, sometimes with a speaker, but always with refreshments. Ninety to 120 students would assemble in the Grant's large recreation room. Helen made the cookies, figuring five per person. She worked with foreign student organizations and entertained them especially on holidays to acquaint them with American celebrations. When the Grants travelled abroad they were often entertained by some