

# Leisure Worlder

OF THE MONTH

## HAROLD KIME

If it weren't for the Great Depression of the early thirties, Harold Kime would probably have entered the ministry and become a foreign missionary. Instead he became an educator, and his ministry has been a dedication to the service of others.

His Leisure World activities have been many and varied. A listing of the ten organizations with which he has been affiliated is impressive, but far more impressive are his accomplishments for those groups. He was Vice President of the People-to-People Club for two years; a member of the Masonic and Scottish Rite clubs and edited the Club bulletin; served three years as President of the Latin American Club. During his leadership, the Latin American Club initiated contacts with foreign students attending area schools, recruited volunteers to work one-to-one with foreign students, and initiated the custom of granting club scholarships to Mexican students entering local colleges.

Harold was president of the Camera Club for two years. During his term the club participated in the development of the photo facility at Clubhouse Four where twelve classes now meet. It instituted the custom of granting awards to students in photography at Saddleback College for excellence in print-making. It began conducting an annual contest to select the color slide to adorn the calendar issued annually by United California Bank. It filed papers to incorporate as a non-profit organization and started issuing a monthly bulletin called "Camaraderie."

Harold has been president of the Parapsychology Club since its founding eight years ago. It has grown from a few couples meeting in homes to an attendance of several hundred in the auditorium and has a library of books, magazines and tapes to circulate.

Other affiliations include the Keyboard Club, Travel Club II, Retired Rotarians and Leisure World Historical Society of which he is a charter member and for which he has produced a 30-minute slide show on Leisure World.

Harold is also well and affectionately known for his poetry and for the amazingly beautiful music he produces on a miniature mouth organ. He has composed scores of poems and gives delightful recitals from memory of many more. People marvel at his ability to memorize long passages of poetry. But, he says, *"people think we lose our memory as we grow older, but that isn't necessarily so if we continue to exercise our minds and challenge them."* In November, he will be 77.

Among his hobbies are photography and antique cameras, slide show presentations, playing the organ, harmonica and singing in the church choir, the study of Spanish and composition and reading of poetry. He has in his cupboard thousands of slides taken since 1940 and it is his ambition to re-edit them into lots of new slide shows.

After graduating from Culver-Stockton College with an AB degree and Stanford University as an education major with AM degree, Harold received life credentials to teach in California schools and serve as school librarian. He taught in Pasadena City schools from 1926 to 1963. He was a Junior High teacher and librarian and taught Latin American Relations in adult classes in Pasadena City College. During that time, Lucille taught in the Pasadena elementary grades.

Following his school career, Harold served in the Pasadena Public Library and the Chapman College library. Then there were two very interesting years of volunteer work with the Disciples of Christ Historical Society in Nashville, Tennessee. With the help of local volunteers, Mr. and Mrs. Kime sorted and classified literally tons of material from more than a thousand Disciple churches.

The Kimes love to travel. They have visited and photographed in 42 countries in Latin America, Europe and the South Pacific. They have been delegates to two world conventions of the Christian Church, held in Edinburgh, Scotland and Adelaide, Australia.

Among his other activities, Harold is also an author and editor. He has edited Library and Masonic bulletins and, as a ghost writer contributed six chapters and numerous pictures to the book, *"Fireside Travels in South America"* by James A. Fitzpatrick. He has also produced and sold slide travelogues for large school audio visual departments.

Their love of young people led them to open their home to numerous Latin American students of college age. Under the American Host program they have entertained visitors from England, Germany and Holland.

Harold's philosophy is simple, yet profound, *"Keep others happy,"* he says, *"and that will keep you happy, too. Be useful, aware of people around you. Give them a kind word or a helping hand. Count not the hours, but the fruitfulness of what you do."*