

Harold Kime chosen outstanding LWer for May

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. At age 18 he was already an elder and superintendent of the Sunday School in the Disciples of Christ Church in the small northwest Missouri community near his grandfather's farm where he was born in 1901.

Instead he became an educator, and his ministry has been a dedication to the service of others.

Harold Kime has been chosen by Rossmoor Corporation as Leisure Worlorder of the Month for May and his portrait will be hung in the Rossmoor Leisure World sales office during the month. His many friends and neighbors are invited to the hanging on May 1 as well as to the presentation of the portrait to Mr. and Mrs. Kime at 10 a.m. on June 1.

If all who know and admire Harold are present, it should be quite a turnout, for his Leisure World activities have been many and varied. He and his wife Lucille became Leisure Worlorders on June 1, 1967 and they immediately plunged into community affairs. He was chairman of the committee to select candidates for the first directors of Mutual 16. A listing of the 10 organizations with which he has been affiliated is impressive, but far more impressive are his ac-

complishments 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.

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 4 where 12 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."

Upon his retirement, the Camera Club presented Harold with a citation which reads in part: "We have found you a person who loves people and enjoys working with them. You have consummate insight into human nature, and into the qualities and incentives which characterize people. In your role as a leader you have always been modest and self-effacing. We have been proud of your dignity, your humaneness, and your confidence in yourself."

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 2, 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. He has presented the show at meetings of several Leisure World organizations and plans to have it produced on tape with sound before presenting it to the library.

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.

After graduating from Culver-Stockton College with an AB degree and Stanford University as an education major with AM degree, Harold re-

ceived 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, Tenn.

With the help of local volunteers, Mr. and Mrs. Kime sorted and classified literally tons of material from more than a thousand Disciple churches. During much of the time they lived in their travel trailer happily free of phones and alarm clocks and ready to take off for frequent trips into the mountains.

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 contri-



buted 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. When Camp Pendleton requested sponsors for the Vietnamese refugees, the Kimes were among those who spent days with the seven young men released to the Laguna Hills Christian Church, teaching them English, and locating jobs and housing.

Perhaps the best summary of what Harold is like was written as a

wifely tribute by Lucille.

"After 51 happy years together," she wrote, "I feel that Harold's success with people is due to several factors:

"He has a happy way with people.

"He enlists the cooperation of many members of a group...persons sometimes overlooked.

"When he accepts a responsibility, he tackles it with total dedication, spending uncounted hours at his desk, at the telephone and the typewriter.

"He is resourceful and innovative."

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 kindly word or a helping hand. Count not the hours, but the fruitfulness of what you do."