



S. R. (BOB) MAGNUSEN

ernor of the Southern California Section of the Mathematics Association of America. For six years he has been President of the Southern California Athletic Conference.

Dr. Jaeger is a member of the honorary mathematics fraternities of Pi Mu Epsilon and Kappa Mu Epsilon. He also belongs to Delta Sigma Phi, and Nu Alpha Phi, and Sigma Psi (graduate scientific honorary society), fraternities.

Dr. Jaeger married Alfreda Springmeier. They have a son and a daughter, Chester Earl and Harriet.

Dr. Jaeger's hobby is music and it is interesting to note that for several years he was in vaudeville, having helped to pay his way through high school and college by acting.

Judge Edwin Rhodes

Judge Edwin Rhodes, former Justice of the Peace in Chino for thirty-three years, is one of the city's oldest and most honored citizens. He was born in Joe Davis County, Illinois, on April 6, 1866, son of Isaac and Sara Rhodes. He went to school in Illinois and taught school for a short time there prior to coming to California. He arrived in this State in 1886, and after spending a few months in Ontario he attended the old State Normal School in Los Angeles, and not having sufficient funds to continue he got a job in a printing shop in Los Angeles. After a short time he returned to Ontario and took a job in the newspaper office and printing plant in that community.

It was in 1890 that he moved to Chino, and immediately took a job in the newspaper office in this city, publishers of the Chino Champion, of which he ultimately became the owner. Disposing of this paper he joined the newly organized Chino State Bank as assistant cashier. He ultimately became controlling owner and president of the bank, which was converted to the First National Bank of Chino and finally sold to the Bank of America in 1925.

Judge Rhodes is former president of the Pomona Valley Historical Society. His fraternal affiliations are with the Masons.

He married Grace E. McNab. Three children have been born to this union, Grace Bernice, of Chino; Dorothy, the wife of Carl D. Wolfe, of Fillmore, California; and John E. who is a rancher.

S. R. (Rob) Magnusen

S. R. (Bob) Magnusen, the builder, was born July 29, 1898 in Chicago, Illinois. His mother, formerly Miss Anna Johanason of Sweden, and his father, James Magnusen of Norway, named this one, their fifth child, Sigurd after a Scandinavian prince. There was another prince whom the family admired, and his mother added "Olaf." Later, when Teddy Roosevelt was a national hero, his mother added "Theodore." So the completely assembled name added up

to "Sigurd Theodore Olaf Magnusen." Sigurd discovered that the boys of his neighborhood weren't particularly impressed by any of these names and his mother finally agreed to add "Robert." "Robert" grew to be the favorite in all directions. With the years the S. T. O. R. M. finally was streamlined to S. R. M. or "Bob" for short, with apologies to all the Scandinavian Princes and Teddy Roosevelt.

Bob's father invented and patented a structural glass prism to be used where daylight is required in concrete vaults. Many tons of these prisms were used in the building of the Panama Canal. Father also operated a structural steel shop and furnished and erected the steel framework and ornamental iron work for many of Chicago's structures. So, Bob was exposed to building business all his life and had the opportunity of cutting his teeth on T-squares, scale rules and blue prints.

Bob also had the good fortune to be a tenderfoot Boy Scout in one of the first Scout Troops organized in Chicago, away back in 1910—old Troop 6. He was one of the first "Eagle" Scouts in Chicago. If you ever visit Scout headquarters and look at the First Aid Trophy there, you will see his name engraved upon it, representing several championship teams.

Between Boy Scouts, model airplanes, wireless sets, and sail boats, Bob led a wonderful, busy, and interesting boyhood. Magnusen, Sr. was a member of the Columbia Yacht Club and the Jackson Park Yacht Club in Chicago. He and Bob sailed all over Lake Michigan in their 40 foot sloop "Echo."

After graduating from High School Bob received his early business training with the Continental and Commercial National Bank of Chicago. While in School Bob excelled in mathematics, and art; was on the track team; artist on the school paper; runner up for the tennis doubles championship; and played in several school operas and plays.

In 1917 he joined the Army as construction draftsman for the Engineers at Camp Grant, Illinois. He was nineteen years old at the time and because this job had little adventurous appeal Bob transferred to the 332 Field Artillery, 86th Division, as a wireless operator. When he received his honorable discharge in 1919 after serving a year in France, he had received a First Class Commercial Wireless Operator's license and a certificate for codes and ciphers. The last six months of A. E. F. service he served as an instructor in "wireless."

In 1921 Bob married Miss Pearl Albertson, sister of his wartime buddy, Roy Albertson. "I went to visit Roy just once," said Bob. "Pearl was in the kitchen making doughnuts. She was beautiful! So were the doughnuts! After that I came to visit Pearl." From the first, Pearl and Bob dreamed of someday living in California.

Bob actively started in the building business as a journeyman carpenter in 1922. He studied estimating and blue print reading at home, finally completing the more advanced courses of architectural design and structural engineering. Progress went hand in hand with knowledge. Bob was foreman on various jobs, then superintendant. He has worked for several of Chicago's leading architectural firms handling every type of construction from housing

projects to power plants. The first building contract of his own was for a two car frame garage—cost \$425.00. The last contract he completed before leaving for California in 1947 was for a two story reinforced concrete factory and office building for the Acme Printing Ink Company—cost \$250,000.00.

Bob and Pearl have one daughter, Doris June, born March 13, 1929, in Chicago. She attended Milwaukee Downer College.

Bob is a member of Pomona's Trinity Methodist Church. He is a member of the Pomona Lions Club, the Elks Lodge, and the Pomona Chamber of Commerce. Bob says his only regret is that he and Pearl did not move out here when they had their first dream of California back in 1921.

S. R. (Bob) Magnusen has completed many jobs in the Pomona area in the last two years. Following are just a few: Clark Brothers Buick Agency addition, U. & I. Restaurant, St. George's Church Rectory in Ontario, Dr. Robert's offices, Drs. Marr and Jacobs offices, Associated Telephone Company's new building, Pomona First Federal Savings and Loan Association alterations, Riley's Restaurant, Barrett's Pharmacy in Claremont, Pomona Valley Community Hospital addition, and the Pomona Y. M. C. A. alterations. He has been ably assisted in this work by his son-in-law, Jack Towne. Doris married Jack in July, 1948. They also live in Pomona.

When asked if he specializes in any particular line of the building business, Bob said, "I specialize in any construction job that requires experience, ability, and integrity."

L. D. Phillips

A native son of a native son there are few residents of the Pomona Valley area whose affiliations with the land are more closely knit than are those of Dudley Phillips. Back in 1866 his grandfather, Louis Phillips, acquired the land comprising the original site of Pomona, a greater part of the Spadra section and the surrounding hills, as related in an earlier chapter. The grandson is owner and operator of the Phillips ranch containing a large acreage of the property.

Dudley Phillips was born in Pomona June 7, 1902, the son of George S. Phillips and Irene Dudley Phillips. His father was closely associated with his grandfather in the management of the extensive ranch and business properties. He passed away in 1923. Mrs. Phillips was one of the early school teachers of the Valley and also a member of a pioneer family. She has endeared herself to the community through her kindly, benevolent disposition, her church and charitable activities and her keen interest and participation in the cultural and civic advancement of the city.

Following his graduation from Pomona High School Mr. Phillips enrolled at the University of California. Upon the death of his father he remained out of college for a short time, resuming at the University of New Mexico where he received his A.B. degree. For some time thereafter he engaged in the finance

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