

Pioneer developer L. R. Green dies; 85

ESCONDIDO — Lawrence Rutherford Green, 85, a major citrus grower and businessman whose philanthropic activity included Palomar Memorial Hospital, Escondido schools, United States International University, the Claremont College Group and many youth organizations, died suddenly Friday night of a heart attack at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Bannister of Ross Lane and El Ku Drive.

At one time his real estate holdings included some 40,000 acres, much of it in citrus groves, on Escondido's south and southeast areas.

During recent years Mr. Green gradually disposed of his real estate, contributing much of the proceeds to colleges and youth groups. The last parcel was the site of the Royal Inn Motel on Highway 395 and Mr. Green stipulated the proceeds were to be given to United States University, then known as Cal-Western College.

Although Mr. Green considered himself primarily a citrus grower, he also engaged in several business enterprises. He founded and operated an adobe brick factory for 20 years and also built Palomar Lanes bowling alley.

Mr. Green was born Oct. 25, 1885, in a sod house at Alton, Kans., on land being homesteaded by his father, Lemuel K. Green. His father was engaged in developing and extending electric power systems in western Missouri and Kansas. Lawrence and his brother, Ralph, were associated with their father in utility



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developments there until the family came to San Diego in 1927.

The father bought a home in Escondido and died several years after the family's arrival. The two brothers purchased land in the Escondido valley and began planting citrus groves. When Ralph decided to return to the utility business in Kansas, Lawrence purchased his holdings.

Although Mr. Green always lived in San Diego, he showed great interest in the growth and development of Escondido. He served many years as a director of the Green Mutual Water Co. and on the board of the Sunkist Growers Association. He was among the original promoters of Palomar Memorial Hospital and helped in its financing.

Mr. Green also donated land on Sunset Lane to the Escondido

Union High School District where a new school is to be built and also donated land nearby the school which will be kept in its natural state as a wild life study preserve.

Mr. Green considered one of his major accomplishments to be the recently-opened 12-story apartment building in Mission Hills for low-income, elderly persons. In recognition of his efforts, the Mission Hills Congregational Church, the apartment's sponsoring agency, has named the building Green Manor. Mr. Green was a longtime member of the church.

The Claremont College Group also has named a building after Mr. Green. Other recipients of Mr. Green's donations have been youth groups in San Diego. In November, 1970, the San Diego Downtown Rotary Club presented him with its Harris award for his philanthropic work.

Mr. Green is survived by his wife, the former Georgia H. Green, with whom he celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary in June 1970. Mrs. Green presently is in a rest home.

In addition to Mrs. Banister, Mr. Green is survived by another daughter, Hildreth Von Kleinsmid of Long Beach; two sisters in Kansas City, Mo., Jennie Thomas and Mabel Diebel; eight grandchildren, including Raymond Banister of Escondido, and 15 great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Mission Hills Congregational Church with Dr. Joe Sandven, the pastor, officiating.

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