

Grounded Grandmother Takes to the Air Again

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Grandmothers are special people. There are little gray-haired grannies who knit and tat, grandmothers with blonde hair who play golf, grandmothers who babysit with their grandchildren.

Emily Myers is a grandmother with clipped wings.

She loves her nine grandchildren, the offsprings of Ontario Mayor and Mrs. Howard J. Snider, Mrs. Mary Boyd of Ontario and Mr. and Mrs. John Snider Jr. of Sun Valley, but her heart's desire is to pilot her own plane.

And if she gets into the air, Emily would like to make a parachute jump.

Up until 13 years ago, Grandma Emily flew in air shows.

Her stunt was to ride standing on the plane's wing. The plane would fly right side up and upside down. To make it more interesting, Emily would secure a handkerchief on the ground. The plane would fly upside down and Emily would snatch the hankie . . . then blithely drop it to the crowd below.

As an added attraction, Emily did parachute jumps.

Her flying career came to an end when she married James C. Myers, a Coast Guard career man. Now the vivacious lady lives in Jacksonville, Fla., and bakes for retarded children, belongs to the woman's club and is a general Good Samaritan to all her friends . . . or anyone who needs her.

But she still wants to fly. Emily keeps her pilot's license in effect just in case her husband relents.

"Jim retires in another year . . . I'd sure like to start a flying school when he does," Emily said.

The bubbling woman's flying career started when she was in her late 30s. Widowed and the mother of three daughters, she had worked at various things including the management of a YMCA dining room in Evanston, Ill.

While flying one day, a young fellow bet Emily five cents she wouldn't make a parachute jump with him. Those who know Emily realize a dare is a challenge to a woman with adventure in her soul.

Emily made the jump. Her challenger chickened out. Emily never saw him again . . . or her five cents. But a spectator witnessed the venture and offered Emily \$250 and expenses to jump in an air show.

From then on it was barnstorming across the country riding on wings and making jumps . . . until James Myers convinced Emily being his grounded wife was more important than being a flying grandmother.

Emily's daughters, Lois Snider and Arabella Snider (the girls married brothers), have flown with her once. Six of her grandchildren have flown with Emily in her antique Curtis Pusher . . . and open cockpit craft . . . now sold.

Mary Boyd refused to fly with her mother . . . or even watch her in the air. None of the girls have seen their mother jump.

"I've seen the results," said Mary, "Bruises, broken ribs, black and blues."

"Oh I had a few unfortunate landings," Emily scoffed.

If she can't find her excitement in the sky, Emily will take it on the ground. She and her husband are in Ontario to see the California 500 and take part in all the benefit activities for OPARC (Ontario-Pomona Association for Retarded Children).

They danced at the "Bal des Enfants Cheris" at the Ontario Motor Speedway, watched the Celebrity Golf Tournament at Ontario National Golf Course, and viewed the art sale on Euclid Avenue.

Today at the track, the loudest cheers will be coming from Emily.

With all the activities planned, there was only one thing Emily wanted to do most of all.

She wanted to fly in that Goodyear blimp. Her wish came true in more ways than one . . . she not only flew in the blimp, Emily piloted the craft.

Joel Chamberlain, the pilot, was told of Emily's



Emily Myers Bubbles

Longs to Parachute

career. He gallantly insisted she try her hand at the controls.

Emily was in her glory as she pushed the pedals and spun the big wheel.

The grounded grandmother was off the ground. Her husband's knuckles were white, her son-in-law's eyes were big. The other three passengers were breathless.

Emily was smiles from ear to ear.

"Too bad this thing doesn't go high enough so I could make a jump," Emily said.

"Why don't you jump anyway?" asked Howard as he winked at the pilot.

November Wedding Rite

Rebekah Lynn Arnold of Chino will become the bride

of Clifford Schnack of Ontario during an evening wedding ceremony on Nov. 6 in the Chapel of the Bells, Ontario.

The news was announced Aug 30 at a family dinner party given by the bride-elect's mother, Mrs. Goldie Arnold of Chino.

A switchboard operator at The Daily Report, Miss Arnold is majoring in elementary education at night classes at Chaffey College, Alta Loma.

The future bride graduated in 1969 from Chaffey High School.

Schnack, son of Mrs. Helen Schnack of 1340 Flora Ave., Ontario, is employed by The Daily Report. He is studying fire science at Chaffey College.

The future bridegroom attended Chaffey High School.



REBEKAH ARNOLD



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ROMANTIC RINGS

The new romantic look in women's fashions, according to jewelry industry sources, will continue the demand for important rings on more than one finger. Besides the wedding duo worn on the left hand, if married, even more important looking rings are must for the other hand.

The bolder rings using colored stones encircled by diamonds are elegant and lady-like, in keeping with the new graceful skirt lengths and fluid fabrics. Cultured pearls rings may be clusters of freshwater pearls sprinkled with small diamonds, sapphires and rubies, or large blister or baroque pearls with a tint of pink or bluish-grey. Intricately "draped" rings of fine gold combine well with stone-set rings, and are especially suitable for wear on the fifth finger. Antique reproduction rings are also popular, especially with the younger market.

When buying colored stone rings, one thing to remember is that there should be complete disclosure by the jeweler as to the physical properties of the colored gem. By this I mean calling a stone by its correct and proper name. If a stone is synthetic, as often the case with improperly labelled Alexandrite, for example, then it should be identified to the customer as synthetic compound, or whatever. As a member firm of the American Gem Society, you can depend on our full disclosure of every gem we sell. Stop in and see our fine ring collection soon.



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TWILIGHT WEDDING

Vows Exchanged Saturday



MRS. DENNIS M. COMSTOCK
... Nee Kristina Collins

Kristina Marie Collins of Pomona and Dennis M. Comstock of 4231 Evert St., Montclair, were married Saturday in a twilight wedding performed in the First United Methodist Church of La Verne.

United in marriage were the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Collins of Pomona and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Comstock of 1515 W. Arrow Hwy., Upland.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride appeared before the 250 guests in a fitted gown of organza and chantilace fashioned with an Empire waistline, full sleeves with tight bandeau cuffs and a three-pointed cathedral train banded and appliqued with chantilace.

Her bouffant illusion veil fell from a crown of organza rosettes, and she carried a cascade of pastel summer flowers and red roses.

Mrs. Roger Campbell of Pomona was matron of honor. Bridesmaid were Mrs. Ronald Collins of San Jose and Alina Ostroska of Montclair.

Peter Worth of Claremont was best man. Ushers were Ronald Collins of San Jose and Richard Epperson of Claremont.

Following a reception at the church, the newlyweds left to honeymoon in San Simeon. They will make a home in Pomona.

The bride is a 1967 graduate of Pomona High School and attended Mt. San Antonio College (MSAC), Walnut. She is a 1968 past honored queen of Job's Daughters, Bethel 47, Pomona. The new Mrs. Comstock is head teller and bookkeeper for Fireside Thrift Co., Covina.

Comstock is an aerospace design draftsman. He attended MTSAC and Chaffey College, Alta Loma and served in the Navy. He is a 1962 graduate of Claremont High School.

ON ORCAS ISLAND

Earl Johnsons Celebrate Anniversary at Reception

Mr. and Mrs. Earl H. Johnson of 418 N. Laurel Ave., Upland, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 30 while staying at their summer home on Orcas Island, Wash.

The Johnsons invited 60 relatives and friends to an informal reception in the music room of the Rosario Hotel and Resort on Orcas.

Former residents of the West End attending were: Mrs. Johnson's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce L. Moore of Azusa; Mrs. Johnson's nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. William G. Moore and family of Sumner, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Van Fleet, who reside on Orcas; Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Alter of Palm Springs, who are summering on Orcas; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cameron of Upland and Orcas.

Johnson came to the West End in 1912 and his wife in 1905. They were married Sept. 2, 1920, in Upland, William G. Moore, her brother,

was best man.

For a number of years, Mrs. Johnson was a member of the music faculty of Chaffey Junior College and High School. She also was director and organist of the choir of the First Presbyterian Church in Upland until her retirement.

Mrs. Johnson has been a member of the Women's Auxiliary to San Antonio Community Hospital since its founding and is a past president of that organization. She has served as chairman of the auxiliary's Sick Baby Fund almost since its inception in 1926 and also is a member of the Hospital Association.

Before his retirement, Johnson was manager of the Mt. View Citrus Association, Upland. He has been a member of the Upland Lions' Club for over 40 years and belongs to the University Club of Claremont.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have belonged to the United First Presbyterian Church in Upland since 1920.

Ontario Club's Board to Map Future Events

Future events of the Ontario Woman's Club will be discussed at 9:30 a.m. Monday at a board meeting in the home of Mrs. H. A. Crocker, 418 E. J St., Ontario.

The opening reception of the club will be held Tuesday, Sept. 29. The first general meeting will be a tea on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

Membership in the club is open to local women interested in community activities. Further information may be obtained by calling Mrs. Henry Lucas, president, at 986-4492 or Mrs. Royal Dunn, membership director, at 986-0232.

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