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History of
John L. Brose

John Brose was born in Los Angeles, April 29, 1907, and moved to Coronado, CA in 1909. His parents were Paul A. Brose and Nellie May Brose. His father worked for AT&T for 42 years. He also has a brother, Paul E. Brose, who retired from the Telephone Co. 1-8-71, after 43 years.

At sixteen I became a summer Life Guard along the Silver Strand known as Coronado Tent City and later became the Head Life Guard until it closed in 1939. At Coronado High School I played baseball all four years while in school. In my Junior year I competed in a Military Track Meet, the following schools competed, State College, San Diego City and County High School and Military groups. I won First Place in the Shot Put event. I played as a Fullback on Offence and a Tackle on Defense. A knee injury ended my football career. In high school, I was President of my Freshman, Sophomore, Junior Classes and the Student Body President in my Senior year. I graduated from Coronado High School in the Spring of 1926.

I went to San Diego State College, where I held many State College and All Conference records in Track and Swimming. In my four years at State College (1926-1930) I was High Point Man, 34-55-59-64, a total of 212 points in Shot Put, Hammer Throw and Discus. I have some 40 medals in Track and Swimming and numerious ribbons. Played Baseball in '27 and had a 300 batting average and was Swimming Team Coach & Captain '28 and '29. We won the All Conference Meet held at Mission Bay Plunge in '29. I was High Point Man in that swimming meet. I served a term as President of Kappa Phi Sigma Fraternity, and was the first President of the Sigma Alpha Fraternity, an honorary Physical Education Fraternity.

I was married September 5, 1931, to Maude Bowman in her parents home in Mission Hills, San Diego. We moved to Los Angeles, I had been competing in track for the Los Angeles Athletic Club (LAAC), an outstanding track team. I later dropped this team, which caused me to miss the try outs for the 1932 Olympics in the Hammer Throw. I went to the University of Southern California (USC) and earned my Master Degree (MS).

My first teaching position in 1932 was at Barstow Union High School, where I started their first football team. I was there for four years.

In 1936 we moved back to San Diego and I taught and coached athletics at Memorial Jr. High School. From 1935 to 1940 I was Florence Chadwick's swimming coach at which time she entered many rough water swims. During that time I also coached five boys from the San Diego Athletic Club and the girl's Silvergate Swimming Club.

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From 1939 to 1945 I was Football Line Coach at San Diego High School where I gained a reputation as coach as well as a teacher. I coached at San Diego City College and later became Registrar there. While serving as Vice Principal of Kearny High School, I was honored by the students in 1961 when they dedicated their yearbook to me. The PTA also gave me a life membership in that association. The last position that I held was Principal of Clairemont Adult Evening High School where I retired after 34 1/2 years, February 1967, from the San Diego City School System at the age of 59. Also in the summers, after I stopped life guarding and coaching swimming, I worked at the Del Mar Fair and Race Track as a guard for 32 summers and retired as a Lieutenant of the Guards.

We belonged to the Jewell's Square Dance Club, The Diamonds, The Golden Slippers and several round dance clubs. I am a member of the Elk's Lodge of El Cajon and Maude is an Elkonette and a member of the Point Loma Assembly. She is also a member of The Womens Fellowship of Lake San Marcos. Since retiring we have done extensive traveling in the Orient, British Isles, South Pacific, Mexico, Alaska, The Hawaiian Islands, The Caribbean, Panama Canal, Micronesia and the Philippines. Also Norway, Sweden and Denmark, Germany, France and an Alpine Tour of the ski areas of Europe. We were trailerites for 25 years and belonged to the Airstream Trailer Club and the Turtle Traveling Square Dance Club and have traveled a lot in the States and in Mexico.

After retirement we traveled to Mexico and spent a month or two during the first part of each year for some nineteen years fishing at a place called San Carlos, about twelve miles Northwest of Guaymas.

They have one daughter Beverly Ann Kent, who is living in San Diego.

Maude and I celebrated our 60th Wedding Anniversary Saturday, September 7, 1991, with a buffet luncheon and 75 of our close friends and family at the Lake San Marcos Country Club.