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MEET DORIS AND WEBB THOMAS. They have lived at CARLSBAD BY THE SEA for three years and have become integrated with our family here. Mr. Thomas serves as the Chairman of the Residents' Council and contributes much to make this a pleasant place to live.

Webb was born in Oklahoma into a large family. His older brothers were athletes of some stature. So as Webb grew older, he naturally assumed that he would also excel in sports. Unfortunately, Webb was born with a club foot and was considered an invalid. However, at age 15 he spent one year undergoing surgery several times to correct the defect. After the correction he went on to gain many honors in sports. He competed in the Kansas-Oklahoma track meet and was winner of the medal in high jump for three consecutive years. He also played baseball, basketball and tennis. He was all-star center on his high school basketball team.

This young man moved on to Los Angeles in 1922 and was employed by the Federal Reserve System, a position he held for 33 years. He studied banking at the American Institute of Banking, becoming its president in 1950-51. He continued working in the banking industry for the next several years and before retirement had spent over 50 years in the industry. He was Vice President of First Interstate Bank when he retired in 1968. He cared for his wife until her passing when he moved to Oceanside.

After spending so much time in the banking industry it is easy to understand that when he moved to Oceanside that he sought ways to get involved in banking again. He helped organize the Oceanside National Bank (now La Jolla Bank & Trust). He remained as advisor for several years.

All during his career in banking, he remained an avid athlete. He played basketball in the Banker's League, his team winning many championships. He was an avid golfer and played in tournaments throughout this country.

However, he soon became tired of living alone. He remembered a lovely lady who had served as his secretary a few years back. He learned that she also had lost her mate. So Webb call Doris one fine day and proposed marriage saying, "Let's go to Las Vegas and get married." Doris replied, "I'm busy today, but I'll meet you there tomorrow."

And so began a beautiful relationship that continues to this day. Doris also enjoyed a career in banking so these two wonderful people have much in common.

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