

ANDRESON FAMILY

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John Andreson, Jr., in 1936

harness the Santa Ana River, Lytle Creek, and the other streams which drained the San Gabriel and San Bernardino Mountains. Hence, he gave his full support and endorsement to the establishment of the new Flood Control District.

At age 67, and not a well man, Mr. Andreson did not seek re-election to the Board of Supervisors in November, 1940, and retired from public service. He was voted a life membership in the County Employee's Association at his retirement ceremony. He had held office in the San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce, was a Past-President of the San Bernardino County Historical Society, a Director of the Rancheria Water Company, a member of the Board of Directors of the San Bernardino Thrift Loan Company, and was one of the sponsors and most diligent workers for the "High-Gear" road to Crestline. Mount Andreson, in the San Bernardino Mountains, was named for him. He devoted much of his time to water conservation problems and to fire prevention in the mountain areas. He was elected President of the Santa Fe Federal Savings and Loan Association on July 21, 1930, and held that position until he died.

A pioneer in the valley's citrus fruit industry, Mr. Andreson owned vast citrus acreage in the County, much of it in the Rialto and Highland Districts. He was at one time the President of the Rialto Fruit Company, an orange packing and distributing firm. For many years he was a member

of the San Bernardino Board of Education and was on the Library Board for two years. He was an avid motion picture fan and had taken thousands of feet of film of his various automobile trips throughout the United States.

In addition to his many business and civil interests, Mr. Andreson was widely known for his interest in charitable work and fraternal organizations. He was a member of San Bernardino Lodge #348, F. & A.M.; Keystone Chapter #56, Royal Arch Masons; San Bernardino's Commandery #23, Knights Templar; Al Malaidan Temple, Shrine; and Knights of Pythias of Highland. He was a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason; a charter member of the San Bernardino Elks Lodge, and a long-time member of the local Lions Club. He was a Grand Trustee of the Native Sons of the Golden West in 1920, for years a member of the Arrowhead Parlor of the Lodge (46 consecutive years of that time as treasurer of the Parlor), and a charter member of the Past-Presents Association of the State Lodge and the only man to hold office of Grand Director of the Arrowhead Parlor.

John Andreson, Jr., died at his home on November 27, 1941. He was survived by his widow, Minnie Elizabeth Riley; their two children, John Andreson III of Pasadena and Laura Frances Andreson, an art instructor at U.C.L.A.; two grandchildren, Deborah Frances Andreson and John Andreson IV; two sisters, Mrs. O. H. Kohl of Pasadena and Mrs. Walter Kohn of Los Angeles; and an uncle, Jacob Andreson of San Diego.

So highly respected was this dedicated man that flags on all City and County buildings and offices in San Bernardino and nearby communities were lowered to half mast out of great respect to the memory of John Andreson, Jr.

