

50th!

# 1930's



First Congregational Church of Santa Ana celebrated it's 50th Anniversary with their Annual meeting on the same January 6th date - 50 years later - that was the official founding of this Church. The Church comes to its 50th Anniversary with a membership of 519 (from the 50 original members). Their current building was erected in 1910 and in the '30's a center isle was added to the Sanctuary and the organ counsel was moved to a more prominent position. Several large gifts were made to the church - Misses Julia & Helen Stubbins gave their home on Bush Street for a parsonage. Mrs. M. M. Crookshank gave the lot on which the Bungalow was erected in 1924, and Miss Dresser left a half share in her home on Tenth Street. Miss Amelia Randall gave \$1,000.00 and Mr. W. H. Crose \$500.00 to be invested in missions.

"In the Beginning"... Announcements were printed in the Sunday bulletin - weekly when things were good and monthly when things were not. The *League of Youth* got together and began publishing a newsletter - Congregational Digest - with news of the entire Church community. This was the "fore-runner" to our monthly newsletter. They covered all aspects of our Church life as well as editorials. The members of *The League of Youth* raised money to buy the first mimeograph machine for the Church. They published bi-monthly from 1935 to 1936. Ed Riniker was often a contributor, sponsor and advisor.



Happy 25th Anniversary



REV. PERRY FREDERICK SCHROCK  
Portrait photo. The arrival date (November 25, 1914)

Rev. Perry F. Schrock was called to this pastorate in 1914 and served until 1939. 991 new members were received into the Church during that time. He led the Church in supporting many constructive community efforts. From 1917 to 1936, weekly "silents" were shown to crowds averaging 100 to 500. Lenten Services were started in 1924 and midweek book reviews in 1927. Rev. Schrock formed the first Santa Ana Boy Scout Troop in 1915, as well as the *Pilgrim Clan* which became *The League of Youth*. Home Missionary efforts first took the form of work with Mexicans, and later with the Japanese. Rev. Schrock was supported in these efforts by his wife Lucy, and his children - Mary and Fred. He retired due to ill health and became