

Jim Donahoo

--early farming = ¼ mile block @--w/orchard house surrounded by lemons= 5-acre plots

Wife's grand parents had one of first lemon orchards= Carles Austin (planning commissioner)

--Sweetwater Dam brings truck farms w/ celery & Otay Ranch lima bean farms—allowed gleaning after harvest

Early CV: railroad down 3rd ave near Fucrucker's now—freight only

CV childhood: father a “ diesel engineer” for Navy= took garbage from ships in port to dump—lots thrown away, even unopened turkeys and boxes so brought it home—1st silverware =- USN insignia

Community Congregational Church: wife a member since birth—started in school house—1st bell from school to church—married in church 1938—site once South Bay Community Center—Hand Quilters since 1800's continuously (PHOTOS)—built extra bldg to serve over 500 Sunday School

Wife's family: Austins on 4th ave

Schools: first elemen = F Street School (library now) Thelma Kretz= principal

Jobs: 1936 Sweetwater High grad—job after school @ Greek produce stand—fired for putting too much wine from barrel into bottles—sold to good customer/ bottle exploded

--Liberty Magazine salesman= 5C/copy—many in Navy shipped out suddenly so not paid

--1st real job: recommended by Baptist Sunday School teacher--lemon orchards: cultivated trees, hauled from orchard to packing shed—chicken and cow manure to different fields shoveled by hand—tractor driver sun up to sun down—smudge pot lighter w/charcoal briquets—cover crop of grasses below trees very wet, so soaked and covered w/ charcoal dust—no hot water at home so boiled on stove to heat to clean up—worst job= chicken droppings from Mrs. Morehouse's chickens w/ stored in small room & almost overcome w/ ammonia smell

--SDG&e 2 years

--No Island—32 years until 1973

Dating/courting: 25 cent bananas and tamales from Old Town—park at airport for picnic & watch planes in Model A -Exposition in Balboa Park—had pass—lost car parked nearby but found it several blocks away

Retirement years: 1970's volunteer @ Palomar Elem w/wife taught—crafts @Greg Rogers & Sunnyside—best volunteering= greg Rogers= wood scraps from merchants cut out so kids can make—favorite= small bird w/clothespin beak for menu cards for Mom

Palomar School—50th anniversary in June