

Retired Ranchers, Wed 50 Years, Prefer Life Today By Soquel Creek



Mr. and Mrs. Gracian A. Iturbury

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From 10 acres to 500 acres to 1000 acres and now to a home overlooking Soquel creek with no acreage at all is one way to sum up the 50 married years of Mr. and Mrs. Gracian A. Iturbury of 4650 Wharf road, Capitola.

This congenial couple who have known each other since kindergarten days in Los Angeles and who were married there, are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary today.

They started their married life on a 10-acre farm near Artesia in southern California. From there they moved to a 500-acre place at Oakhurst, then to a 1000-acre cattle ranch near Fresno.

Seventeen years ago the Iturburys and their son, Gracian Jr., came to Santa Cruz with retirement in mind, looked around for three days, and have been here ever since.

Although we didn't exactly retire," Mrs. Iturbury added with her ready smile.

Scotts Valley P-TA To Attend Music Festival

Following annual custom, the Scotts Valley Parent-Teacher Association's final meeting of the year Tuesday will precede the school's spring music festival.

The business session will be at 6:30 p. m. featuring installation of officers.

Mrs. Art West, school music teacher, will direct the student program.

Instead, they opened a real estate business on East Cliff drive which Mrs. Iturbury has operated since her husband's illness and retirement from active business in 1954.

For the past three years they have occupied a house poised on the banks of Soquel creek where they can watch steelhead from their living room windows.

"We loved ranching when we were younger, but we are happy not to have even a yard to care for today," Iturbury said.

Guests for the quiet family party this evening at the Iturburys' home will include his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bruhn of Monterey Park, and his brother, Paul Iturbury of Los Angeles.

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