

John L. Webb

teacher, coach, librarian

Native Claremonter John L. Webb, known to family and friends as Jack, died on September 9, 2009 from complications of Alzheimer's disease. He was 85.

Mr. Webb was born to Vivian and Thompson Webb on November 4, 1923 and grew up on the campus of The Webb Schools and eventually became a Webb graduate.

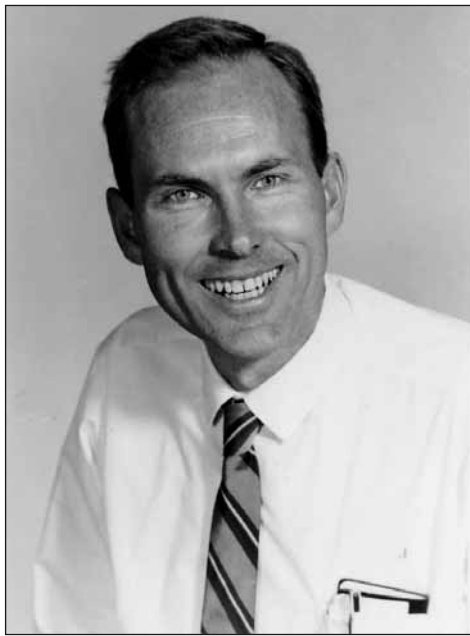
After serving in the navy during World War II, he earned a degree at Pomona College. He then accepted a job as a clerk with the State Department and requested an assignment in China, pursuing his interest in the country that was inspired by the novels of Pearl S. Buck and by a Chinese scholar at Pomona. He was assigned to the American Consulate in Darian, China.

However, during his sea voyage on a freighter bound for China, the consulate in Darian closed, and Mr. Webb was re-assigned to the American Embassy in Tokyo, Japan. There, he met Chieko Sakai whom he married in 1953.

Leaving the State Department, Mr. Webb accepted a teaching position at the Iolani School in Honolulu, Hawaii, where he and his new bride began their married life.

Returning to Claremont in 1957, Mr. Webb began teaching at Foothill Country Day School. In 1962, he ventured back to Japan with his family and taught at the Tokyo American School.

Mr. Webb and his family came back to California, settled in Larkspur and taught at the Marin Country Day School. It was there that he rekindled a childhood love



of boating and became a member of the Marin Power Squadron. He studied boat building at Arthur Piver's boatyard and, in his backyard, built a small sailing trimaran, which was very fast, stable and graceful on the water and provided great fun for friends and family.

In 1965, Mr. Webb once again settled in Claremont and began teaching English at Pomona High School. He also coached the debate and tennis teams there, the latter of which presented him with a plaque with the inscription, "Coach Webb. For the best season yet." He was enthusiastic and proud of both teams, noted his wife.

While teaching at PHS, Mr. Webb earned a master's degree in library sci-

ence at Claremont Graduate School (now University), and became a librarian at the high school. Outside of work, he enjoyed collecting books on fine art and crafts.

In the summertime, Mr. Webb frequently took his family to the beach at Corona Del Mar. When the family went out surfing, his wife had difficulty paddling her board to her desired destination, and she wished she had something that would help her paddle. Hearing this, Mr. Webb experimented, and the outcome was the invention of flexible, rubber hand-paddles, which he patented. He named the product "Swiftly Mitt" after the original webbed, neoprene glove prototype.

Another interest of Mr. Webb's was architecture, and he enjoyed visiting Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin and Taliesin West. In 1967, he began building a cedar and stone house on a hillside in Claremont. Natural materials were important to him, and he hand-selected each rock from local sources with the help of fam-

ily and good friends, and he delighted in doing much of the work himself.

After retiring from Pomona High School, Mr. Webb developed the hillside around his house into an orchard of Kaki persimmons, happy with the experience of being a farmer. The soil of Webb Canyon was well-suited for these trees and, with his good care, they produced abundant, high-quality fruit.

Mr. Webb's neighborhood involvement led to service on the board of the Webb-Oak Water Company.

Mr. Webb is survived by his wife of 57 years, Chieko Sakai Webb; his son, Kenji Webb; his daughter-in-law, Anne Marie Webb; his former son-in-law, Jerold Terhune; his grandchildren, Jessamyn and Justin Terhune; and his brother, William Webb. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Mieko Webb Terhune.

A celebration of Mr. Webb's life will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 7, 2009 in the Vivian Webb Chapel on The Webb Schools campus.

Bob Rogers

A memorial service for Claremont resident Bob Rogers will take place at 2 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2009 at the Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum on the Claremont McKenna College campus, 385 E. 8th St.

Mr. Rogers died on October 20, 2009 at his home.

A more complete account of Mr. Rogers' life will appear in an upcoming edition of the COURIER.

Notice of Intent to Adopt Negative Declaration and Scheduled Public Hearing for Proposed Ordinance to Allow Drive-Through Facilities in Conjunction with Banks and Pharmacies Located in Certain Districts Along Major and Secondary Arterials

Notice is hereby given that staff has prepared an Initial Study in accordance with the City's guidelines for implementing California Environmental Quality Act on a proposed ordinance to allow drive-through facilities in conjunction with banks and pharmacies. As proposed, drive-through facilities will be permitted only with a Conditional Use Permit and in the following zoning districts: CH (Commercial Highway), CL (Commercial Limited), CF (Commercial Freeway) and Mixed Use Districts MU1 (Indian Hill Boulevard/Arrow Highway), MU3 (West Foothill Boulevard, and MU4 (Towne Avenue/Base Line Road). Drive-through facilities will not be permitted in the CV (Claremont Village), CVO (Claremont Village Overlay) Districts, and Village Expansion Specific Plan area.

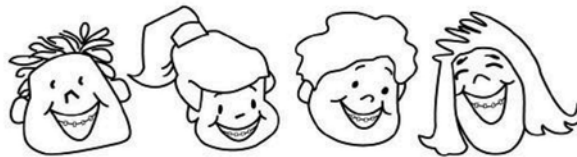
The ordinance includes development standards to avoid and/or minimize all potential adverse impacts such as streetscape compatibility, noise, light and glare, and circulation hazards. Staff concluded that the ordinance will not have a significant effect on the environment and recommends the adoption of a Negative Declaration as the ordinance will not result in any significant impacts.

The Initial Study, Proposed Negative Declaration, and Ordinance are available for public review. The public review period for the Initial Study and Proposed Negative Declaration will run from October 24 to November 12, 2009. Written comments on the Initial Study, Proposed Negative Declaration and proposed Ordinance may be submitted prior to the end of the public review period to Principal Planner Belle Newman, Claremont City Hall, PO Box 880, Claremont, CA 91711. The public is also invited to submit comments on the proposed ordinance prior to and/or at the scheduled public hearing. Questions may be directed to Principal Planner Belle Newman or City Planner Lisa Prasse at 909 399 5470.

Notice is also given that the Planning Commission of the City of Claremont is scheduled to hold a PUBLIC HEARING to consider the proposed ordinance. The Public Hearing is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 225 W. Second Street, Claremont. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the commission will be requested to make a recommendation to City Council on the adoption of the Proposed Negative Declaration and the Ordinance.

Copies of the documents are available for review at Claremont City Hall, 207 Harvard Avenue, the Claremont Public Library, 208 Harvard Avenue, and the City's website, www.ci.claremont.ca.us.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if you need special assistance to participate in the above mentioned public hearing, please contact the City Clerk at (909) 399-5461 "VOICE" or 1 (800) 735-2929 "TT/TTY." Notification three (3) working days prior to the meeting, or time



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Saturday, October 24, 2009 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 25, 2009 3:00 p.m.

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Wayne Sheppard, bass-baritone

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