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Happy Day for the Cass Family

On his 80th birthday (and he doesn't look 80) Dr. Donald Cass was feted at a family reunion at the Whittier home of his granddaughter and her husband, Chris and Harry Borak, assisted by her twin sister, Margery (Mrs. Joseph) Berta, and Eleanor (Mrs. Dick) Hyde, a cousin.

Around 100 attended the 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. celebration, which took place indoors and out around the swimming pool. Am happy to report that nary a soul fell in the water.

Most of the guests were relatives of the Cass family, one of Los Angeles' best known families. Alonzo Beecher Cass, Don's father, married Emily Tufts Cass. They had nine children, Frank, Phil, Louis, Don, Quincy, Harold, Emily, Alonzo, Jr., and Marsha. Upon Mrs. Cass' death in 1911, A.B. Cass married her younger sister, Martha Tufts, (we used to call her Aunt Maime) who had three children: John, William and Robert. Mr. Cass, who

was president of the Southern California Telephone Co., adopted the three sons.

The three oldest, Frank, Phil (who was a judge in the Hawaiian Islands), Louis (of Cass & Johansing), and Dr. Alonzo B. Cass Jr., well known pediatrician until his death several years ago, are all deceased. William and Jack died in a tragic auto crash last year.

The Cass family was a notable family. When they moved to South Pasadena, where this writer grew up, many of the citizenry of the urban cith thought I was a Cass because I was toeheaded, as were most of the Cass boys, and spent much of my time at their huge home. It was in their garden on Sundays that "Aunt Maime" spent hours on end reading novels to the children who surrounded her. I remember it was a great treat to dine with them at their large table and watch Mr. Cass carve roasts.

There was always a member of the Cass family

who was graduating from high school. A party, including all the graduating class, gathered there for dancing on the tennis courts, for soft drinks and often supper. Mr. Cass would always watch the young fry with a smile on his face. In fact, it was Mr. Cass who gave me a letter to the publisher of the old Examiner, Max Ihmsen, when I applied for work as a cub reporter in 1917.

Getting back to the birthday party, Dr. Donald Cass is an alumnus of L.A. High (when it was downtown on the hill) and took his undergraduate work and also his M.D. degree at Stanford University. He and his lovely wife, the former Leona Wayte, were married in Visalia nearly 55 years ago. Don, or Doad, as his intimates still call him, is semi-retired from his practice of medicine which began in Los Angeles in 1917.

Dr. and Mrs. Cass are the parents of three children, Margery (Mrs.

Alfred) Howard Wilson, (Bill) Cass and Don Cass Jr. All were at the party and Margery took pictures of every guest. Pictures were placed in an album with dozens of congratulatory cards, letters and telegrams that her dad received.

Don and Leona have been members of both the Los Angeles Turf Club at Santa Anita and also at Hollywood Park since thoroughbred racing was started in this area in 1934. They never owned horses; neither did this writer, but we all have sent enough dough through the mutuel windows to have bought a dozen of 'em!

At the peak of the afternoon, after all had cocktails in the garden, the doors of the dining room were opened. There on a table was a buffet and three birthday lighted cakes which had been baked by Sandra, the nine-year old daughter of the Boraks.

Some of those at the gay celebration included Jack and Mona Eagle, Austin and Beth Belcher, Hattie (Mrs. Clarence) Cass, Quincy and Marjorie Cass, Virginia (Mrs. Louis) Cass, Bob and Bea Henderson of Merced, Jake and Margaret Hurst, Dick and Sandy Hyde Jr., Ross and Carolyn Korte, Mrs. Beth Martin, Emily (Mrs. Ralph) Sanson, Dick and Marsha Stuart and Harold and Lesly Cass of Emerald Bay, Zeb and Lucille Terry, Joseph and Margery Berta, Bob Howard, Barbara (Mrs. Donja) Cass, Dr. Earl Clampett and his mother, Mrs. Etta Clampett, John and Mary Doyle.

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Due to shortage of space, my column about the birthday party that Dr. Don Cass' granddaughter, Chris Borak, and her husband Harry, and Chris' twin sister, Eleanor (Mrs. Dick) Hyde gave at the Boraks' Whittier home, had some important guest list names chopped off.

They included Lee Ho-Ean (Mrs. Alonzo Beecher) Cass Jr., who's fashion coordinator for the Broadway Department Stores (and she looked as if she had just stepped out of a top high fashion salon), Dick and Eleanor Hyde Sr., Dale and Lynne Meyers, Charles and Martha Ann Bragg, Mrs. Milton Vedder, Steve and Merry McCalley, Dian Mortensen, Lee and Wini Murrin, Bill and Chris Reynolds