

## CARLSBAD MAGAZINE

Not everyone living at Carlsbad by the Sea is retired...tired, maybe, but not retired. For instance, there is Kitty Peeling. This is a woman who has had a very interesting life. She has enjoyed a variety of occupations...she was a gag writer for George and Gracie (Burns and Allen, that is), a foreign correspondent for Associated Press, an Olympic swimmer, comedienne, worked with Laurel and Hardy, a nightclub singer with the Paul Whiteman orchestra (she can still belt out those songs...heard her not long ago), a hotelier, a restaurateur, owned a trout farm, is the only woman in the United States who had a C-12 license (excavating, grading and paving). This venture lead her into bankruptcy from which she recovered enough to enable her to repay her debtors. This event led her to seek employment in agricultural field in an attempt to keep her in food and shelter. She was recognized by a friend and was subsequently rescued and nursed back to health. Before long she was teaching mentally retarded ("special") kids. She has written two books about her nine year's experience in that area. She is still writing. Her articles appear in the Senior Life Magazine, the Blade Tribune and many other publications throughout the United States. She recently wrote a movie scenario, "The Reign of Terror"...a story of Tom Dewey when he was a special prosecutor for the State of New York. Many scenes described in the scenario were witnessed by the author (ess?). This movie will be produced soon.

Kitty graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in psychology. She did not put that degree in use until many

years later. She realized that it was a sad world out there and she wanted to make people laugh. She still does that through her published articles.

She was a millionaire twice and lost her fortune. However, Kitty's goal is to make another million dollars. Not for herself, but for her animal friends. Her goal is to establish a permanent home for lost and discarded animals so she needs funds to purchase the property for such a venture. Many of our animal friends have sacrificed their lives for research of diseases suffered by humans. Her philosophy of life is to "keep going and be happy. You're not down and out because you're old. There's got to be a reason for living." She served on the jury a few years ago. She had this to say, "We're not useless. When you're young, you're too busy getting ahead that you don't have time to serve others or get involved in politics or to try to make life better. There's a lot more we could be doing if we just get together, get going and don't give up." Quite a lady!

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