

# Even the Sun Joins in Spirit of Bay Area Mother's Day Festivities

Even the sun could not resist the spirit of Mother's Day 1955.

It shouldered through a misty morning sky and poured down on San Francisco most of yesterday offering its own special tribute to the acknowledged grandest lady of all.

The warm rays reflected on myriad corsages pinned to smart new outfits — the gifts of children from six to sixty.

Mothers wore their flowers proudly to the churches, parks and restaurants of the city and on downtown promenades with their families.

## MOTHER WAS QUEEN.

Everywhere in the Bay area — typical of scenes throughout the Nation — people gathered and mother was queen.

In homes she was treated to breakfast in bed or dinner out somewhere.

More than 600 persons, including city and State officials, met for breakfast at the Fairmont Hotel where the South of Market Boys sponsored their thirtieth, and traditional, salute to motherhood.

There, twelve mothers from the Laguna Honda Home — the oldest ninety-six and the youngest seventy-five years old — were the special guests.

"The home is the unit on which society rests and mother is the cornerstone of that home," said the Rev. Richard W. Powers, pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Westlake and the breakfast speaker.

"Break up that home and you destroy society; destroy society and you destroy the Nation. What the world needs most of all are more mothers

who will teach their children the two great laws on which all the others rest.

"They are love of God and love of neighbor," Father Powers said.

A citation as "Mother of the Year" went to Examiner writer Anita Day Hubbard in ceremonies at the Eagle Center, 3053 Sixteenth Street, highlighting Golden Gate Aerie 61's commemoration of Mother's Day.

## BENEFITTED FAMILY.

The award was based on "efforts that have benefitted the family life of the community — a mother who has interested herself in youth groups and volunteer work." It was presented by Adrian W. Rose, Aerie president. The principal speaker was San Francisco attorney Arthur J. Barrett Jr.

Elsewhere, in the city's official Mother's Day celebration at the Golden Gate Park band concourse, tribute was paid to Mrs. Emily Andrews, the city's oldest Gold Star Mother. She represented all San Francisco mothers of men who died in the country's wars.

The park program also included a band concert and other entertainment.

Mothers of the Salesian Boys Club were guests at a special communion service and breakfast at St. Peter and Paul's Church. The program was typical of many arranged in churches of all faiths around the Bay area.

## SPECIAL BREAKFAST.

In the East Bay, the West of Market Boys conducted their seventh annual Mother's Day breakfast in Oakland's Hotel Lake Merritt.

A special program, led by

fourth degree Knights of Columbus was held at Larkspur with the seventh annual pilgrimage to the outdoor shrine of Our Lady of Fatima.

Mother's Day evening programs included one at the San Francisco Elks Club where 200 mothers of San Francisco businessmen were honored.