

Engageemnt Told As Guests Gather At Birthday Party

Completely surprising guests assembled last night to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. Erma Brixen, Mrs. Ford Brooks, (Olive Barr) announced the engagement of Mrs. Brixen to Clyde Dawson, formerly of Kansas City but now a local resident. The happy secret was revealed during the supper hour when betrothal cards were found in the napkins on the supper trays.

A gay, colorful setting was arranged for the birthday and betrothal fete. The rooms were decorated with quantities of marigolds, zinnias, and other midsummer blooms. Bridge was the main diversion, and in addition to the presentation of awards for high scores, Mrs. Brixen was showered with birthday gifts.

Since early girlhood the bride-elect has been connected with local church and musical circles. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lombard of Rincon Valley and a graduate of the Jenkins School of Music in Berkeley, and the College of the Pacific. Fraternally she is president of P. E. O. Chapter GO of Oakland, and an active member of the Eastern Star.

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Mr. Dawson is widely known in the Middle West. He is an interior decorator of considerable reputation and expects to make his future home in this part of the state. No definite date has been set for his marriage.

Mrs. Brooks resides in Beaver Street, and entertained her guests there last night. Among those present were Miss Marian Fairman of Oakland; and Miss Alice Reddy and Miss Eleanor Connors of San Francisco who are spending the week end at the Lombard suburban home. Mrs. Brooks was assisted in enter-

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