

# St. Andrew's Church To Launch Fund Drive

With a minimum goal of \$15,000, the St. Andrews Episcopal Church will launch a fund raising campaign within the next few weeks to finance the construction of a new Sunday School and educational unit adjacent to the church on Engracia avenue, according to M. B. Miller, fund chairman.

"With these funds," stated chairman Miller, "we will be able to complete and pay for a new educational unit which will provide attractive facilities for the community and church groups of all ages on a seven-day a week basis."

"The population of our community has doubled in the past ten years and continues to grow. Our church enrollment this year is 107 per cent greater than in 1940. Our church membership has increased 99 per cent in that period. If our church is to maintain its rightful place in the community, we must provide more adequate facilities," he said.

During the most important single hour in the week, the 247 boys and girls enrolled in our church school must meet in crowded and distracting surroundings. Even our volunteer teachers, who each week instruct our boys and girls in the Christian way of life, find themselves handicapped by the lack of adequate facilities."

Members of the campaign committee include Don H. Bradford, publicity; Edward Rhone, prospects; Sam Neely, canvass; and Mrs. Frank Church and Mrs. Jack Miller, arrangements.

## LABOR SEEKS TO BOOST BENEFITS

Efforts to safeguard and stabilize California's unemployment insurance reserve fund met head-on this week a determined drive spearheaded by organized labor unions to increase disability insurance benefit payments from \$25 to \$35 a week.

According to Assemblyman Harold K. Levering of Santa Monica, this effort, contained in Assembly Bill No. 3376, just introduced, is regarded as a precedent and if successful, will be used as an argument to increase unemployment insurance benefits from \$25 a week to \$35 a week or even \$40 a week.

Disability or sickness insurance, is closely allied to unemployment insurance inasmuch as the one per cent tax employees formerly paid for unemployment insurance now goes to finance disability insurance. Employers now pay the total cost of unemployment insurance.

"While it is difficult in the face of present rearmament prosperity to tell just what effect such increases will have on the unemployment insurance fund, which has been steadily decreasing," Levering said, "these proposed increases undoubtedly will prevent this war prosperity from increasing the fund, and the return of unemployment will diminish the fund rapidly."

It was pointed out that while a report by State Employment Director James G. Bryant for the year 1950 showed that during the last six months of 1950 the unemployment insurance fund showed receipts in excess of expenditures, Bryant admitted also that for the entire year of 1950 the expenditures exceeded receipts by about \$7,000,000.

Observers in Sacramento predicted that the action of the Legislature on the large number of unemployment insurance bills, some reform bills and other bills to pay still larger benefits to unemployed, will depend upon public reaction.

Arguments being used by the proponents of the decrease in disability insurance payments include that the workers themselves pay the tax.

These proponents are silent regarding unemployment insurance tax increases, so far as telling the public that the employers alone pay that tax.

Proposals in Assembly Bill No. 3376, it is stated, will even adversely affect some of the workers, notably the so-called "white-collar" class.

This is partly because the tax, under this bill, would be deducted from the first \$3000 a year wages of the workers. At present the deduction is limited to the first \$3000 of annual wages.

This tax on an extra \$600 of wages, coming between the \$3000 and \$4000 a year bracket, would hit the white-collar class rather than the members of organized labor, most of whom receive higher wages.

## Recuperating

Mrs. Margaret O'Toole of 1225 Madrid avenue is convalescing at the North Long Beach home of her sister, Mrs. Frances Webb, Mrs. O'Toole, a Torrance post office employee, recently underwent surgery at a Long Beach hospital.



THE THING... Flying what could well be "The Thing," 13-year-old Charles Johnson of Seaside won the 12 and over sweepstakes in the kite-flying finals held by the Recreation Department last year. Weird as it looked, Charles' kite flew like a strato-cruiser. (Herald photo).

## Kite Sweepstakes Go To Muldoon, Johnson

Thirteen-year-old Butch Cobb, representing Fern avenue, showed up at the city-wide kite finals at Seaside Elementary School last Saturday with the biggest darned kite ever saw. It measured eight feet from top to bottom, and was seven feet from side to side.

Butch's kite didn't get any flying awards; it crashed on the takeoff much like a B-29 might—but it was given a special award for construction and decoration.

In other kite events Ralph Muldoon, 10, of Seaside, won the sweepstakes in the 11 and under division, while 13-year-old Charles Johnson, of Seaside, won

the 12 and over sweepstakes. Johnson flew an intricate box kite—it had four boxes and fins—to win his prize.

**SEASIDERS WIN**  
Winners in the 11 and under kite division included Jim Harbison and Bob Thomas of Seaside, and Caren Smith of North Torrance.

Bill Butcher of Waveria knocked off the 11 and under home-made prize, while Ralph Muldoon and Henry Miller of Seaside got place and show certificates.

## OUT OF SIGHT

Flyer of the day in the kite made division was 13-year-old Tony Alvarez of Fern avenue. His kite soared out of sight to win, the first place in that division.

Michael Sampson, 13-year-old Waveria, took second place behind Tony.

Winners in the 12 and over home-made division were David Lenton, 12, of Torrance Park, and Gary Patton and Charles Johnson of Seaside.

Those flying in the finals last Saturday had previously won their starting berths in the wind-up by winning or placing in elimination contests held throughout the city the week before. The Seaside contingent in the final contest represented the more than 70 young kite flyers who turned out on March 16 to compete in the preliminaries.

## Veteran Lomitan Buried Monday

Services for Arie Verkuyl, 84, a native of Holland who lived at 24605 Eshelman avenue, were held in the Chapel of the Chimes at the Inglewood Cemetery last Monday. Verkuyl died Saturday.

A resident of Lomita for the past 15 years, Verkuyl leaves a daughter, Mrs. G. R. Keef, of North Hollywood; and four sons, Clyde of San Francisco; Joe, of Hanford; Peter, of Lodi; and Corey, of Fresno. A brother, Conrad Verkuyl, survives in Holland.

Rev. John Letson and Rev. E. M. Robb of the Free Methodist Church of San Pedro conducted the services. Funeral arrangements were handled by Stone and Myers Mortuary.

## Ex-Tartar, Assigned New Air Force Job

Private George Larry Mayfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mayfield of 2268 Dominguez street, has recently been assigned to the 1600th Supply Squadron at Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts. He is presently working at the Base Accountable Supply office.

Private Mayfield attended Torrance High School and was employed by the Senness Contracting Company of Los Angeles before enlisting in the Air Force on Jan. 2, 1950. He received his basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas and at Westover AFB.

## OLIMEN TO MEET

The Pacific Coast District of the American Petroleum Institute will hold its annual spring meeting next May 10th and 11th at the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles. It is announced by E. C. Babson, chairman of API's division of production on the West Coast.

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Beginning on Sunday morning at the 10:50 a.m. service, Rev. Clarence E. Miller, pastor of the First Methodist Church, El Prado and Manuel avenues, will preach a series of sermons on Stewardship. In this series, Rev. Miller will deal with the stewardship of all of life as our obligation to God and our fellow man. The sermon theme for this week will be, "The Stewardship of the Social Order."

The newly-organized Junior Choir, directed by Vernon Robinson will make its first appearance by replacing the regular

Adult Choir for the morning service.

A service of baptism for infants and adults will be held again this Sunday for those who were not able to be present on Easter Sunday. At the two services on Easter Sunday, eight infants, twelve children, and five adults were baptized and a total of 49 new members were received into membership of the First Methodist Church as 625 people packed the church for the two morning services. More new members will be received this Sunday morning at the 10:50 a.m. service.

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By J. Hugh Sherkey, Jr.

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I, you, your son in Korea, believe those words and have willingly carried our cross. We have been lifted, sustained, glorified. Those words have strengthened our faith in Him. Our sons face an enemy who has chosen to repudiate the facts of Easter. "I am the resurrection and the life" is prattle to Communists. Our sons and Christians everywhere have taken up the sword to defend the most beautiful story in history, the story of resurrection.

"He is risen" is a battle cry. Our voices will rise in such volume to stop stars in their orbits. It will be mighty. It will be a tide of such magnitude to make our sword-arm invincible. "I am the resurrection and the life" will live for another two thousand years.

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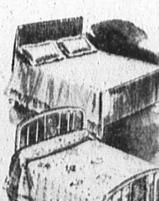
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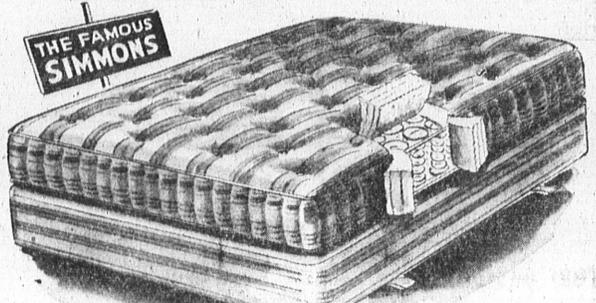
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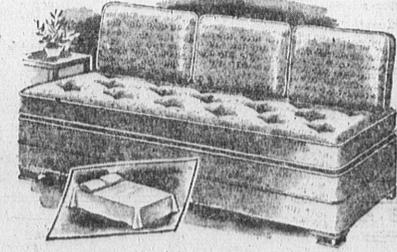
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