

# Health Hearings Bring Out Wierd Assortment of Healing Gadoetry

By STATE SENATOR RICHARD RICHARDS

The first hearings of the Senate Interim Committee on Public Health brought out a great deal of valuable information on which to base future legislation to stamp out quackery in the diagnosis and treatment of disease.

The two-day hearings held in Los Angeles this past week were designed to throw light

on the scope and extent of these fraudulent, unscientific and deceptive practices, and I believe there is no doubt in anyone's mind but what new legislation is needed in this field.

**Sentences Lighter**

In comparison with federal cases where convictions have been obtained under the Federal Food and Drug Act, convictions under California law have resulted in uniformly lighter sentences. In the latter instances, fines have been a great deal more lenient, and jail sentences have usually been accompanied by immediate admission to probation.

Other hearings are to be held in San Francisco, Sacramento, and San Diego, and the committee will also consult with those who are best informed on every phase of this problem. It is well to remember that almost all legislation of this importance has been enacted after interim committee study, and this matter of abuses in the treatment of disease is certainly of sufficient gravity to warrant the most careful and thorough approach.

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**Ideas Varied**

The chief enforcement officer of the State Department of Public Health expressed a personal preference for the broader legislation, but some physicians who testified before the committee felt that cancer quackery should be the subject of special legislation, as being the most common form of malpractice.

In any case we are now get-

## Laffoon New V-P of Loan Association

In an announcement made by S. Mark Taper, chairman of the board, L. B. Laffoon has been named a vice president of American Savings & Loan Assn. He will make his headquarters at the association's home office at 210 E. Philadelphia St. in Whittier where he will continue his tract appraisal duties.

Laffoon has 20 years of experience in mortgage lending, financial, and savings and loan activities. He was most recently a tract appraiser for the association.

A California resident since 1919, Laffoon was graduated from the University of Southern California, School of Economics. He holds the key of Alpha Sigma Lambda, honor scholar society at SC, and he served with the U. S. Navy during World War II.

Active in civic affairs, he is a past vice president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Long Beach and a member of the Society of Federal Fee Appraisers. He is married and has two children.

## Four Enroll At Redlands

Four students from Torrance are part of the 1240 graduate and undergraduate student enrolled at the University of Redlands for the fall semester.

Consisting of 660 men and 580 women, the total enrollment represents an increase of 188 over last year, stated Mrs. Esther N. Mertins, recorder. The total enrollment includes 113 graduate students.

The students are listed by name, parent's name and/or address, class and major.

Sharon Kirks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Boone Kirks, 22916 Cabrillo Ave., sophomore, religion.

Thomas L. Cavanaugh, 1319 Cranbrook, junior, history.

Delyna Jane Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Smith, 18004 Ermanita Ave., junior, English.

Jeanette Ann Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Harris, 1007 Acacia, senior, physical education.

## House Trailer Taken, Man Tells Deputies

A man to whom he rented his house trailer apparently stole it and took off for parts unknown, Richard Gregory, Redondo Beach, told sheriff's deputies Friday.

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