

# PV Board to Boost Living On Peninsula

A major civic informational campaign to emphasize the 20th century advantages of peninsula living was announced yesterday as a top priority project of the newly elected officers and board members of the Palos Verdes Realty Board.

to be launched immediately," reported Robert C. Allen, newly elected president. "It climaxes a year which has been the biggest in our history in residential sales and construction, and we fully expect 1958 to create a new record."

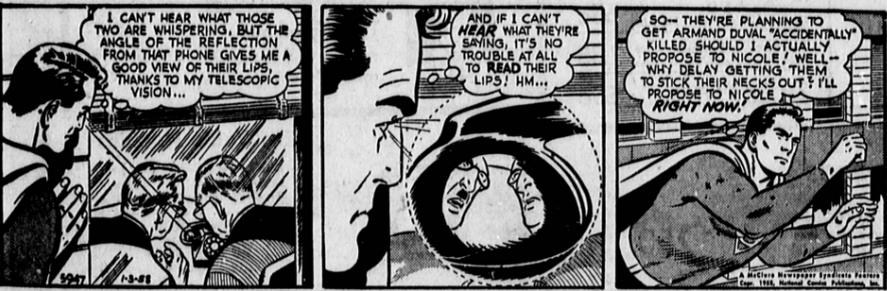
Allen accepted the gavel from the outgoing president, William Farnar. Other new officers include Don E. Williams, vice president; James L. Couch, treasurer, and Elsie Nees, secretary.

Elected to the board of directors were Jack Kahlo, Al Truchin, Ray Burns, Frank Wright, and Farnar.

## RIVETS



## SUPERMAN



## RED RYDER

By Fred Harman



## VIRGIL

By Lew Kleis



## LARGE MILKSHED

New York City is fed milk by all of New York state, substantial parts of six other states, and sometimes as far away as two of the Canadian provinces.

## SALT USE

Salt is used in making steel and various chemicals.

By George Sixta

# CHILDREN HARDEST HIT BY RHEUMATIC FEVER

Rheumatic fever is one of the most common serious diseases in America today, yet it remains one of the least understood.

It is a disease affecting primarily the young — between the ages of 5 and 15 being the most common. Over three-fourths of initial attacks occur before the age of 30. It is not a contagious disease, although the streptococcus attack which precedes it is highly contagious. While some families have been shown to have a marked pre-disposition to rheumatic fever, it is not truly an hereditary disease.

Preceding each case of rheumatic fever there is a sore throat or tonsillitis—and in each instance the agent causing the sore throat is a streptococcus, a pus-forming bacteria. Only 3 to 6 per cent of strep sore throats, however, lead to rheumatic fever.

**Starts in Throat**  
The usual course of the disease begins with the throat infection which may last from a few days to two weeks, during which the patient has a high fever, a painful throat, possibly weakness and abdominal pain, and a rash. Following this there is apparent complete recovery for a period of from 10 to 30 days, a latent period

that ends with a sudden onset of fever. This is the beginning of the rheumatic fever itself. The patient is weak, easily fatigued. There may be rash; often nose bleeding and swellings under the skin. Usually the larger joints—the knees, elbows, hips, shoulders, ankles and wrists—are variously affected in what is called a migratory acute arthritis. This is an arthritis with inflammation that jumps from joint to joint with no particular pattern. Although the arthritis is intense during the course of the illness, damage is seldom permanent.

**Heart in Danger**  
The heart is of primary consideration in this disease inasmuch as it can be permanently damaged, although this is more likely to happen from subsequent attacks of rheumatic fever rather than following the first one.

Treatment of rheumatic fever is a difficult problem even though the streptococcus which led to the illness has been eradicated. The strep throat which preceded the rheumatic fever was caused by the germ, but the rheumatic fever developed, for some reason, because of the patient's reaction to the streptococcus. This may sound like the germ

caused the rheumatic fever. It didn't—it merely triggered the illness in some mysterious manner.

Treatment has two main objectives — elimination of the symptoms of acute rheumatic fever and prevention of damage to the heart. Today's medical care has several remarkably effective drugs at its command—ACTH, cortisone, aspirin and, in recent years, certain hormones.

The primary medical problem is to recognize the possibility or existence of rheumatic fever early and to begin adequate treatment promptly. Quick attention to a strep throat infection can prevent subsequent rheumatic fever in 96 per cent of the cases.

Prevention of recurrence of rheumatic fever is an important prophylactic measure, but to achieve this it is necessary that a constant course of

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