

REALTY PRESIDENT WARNS

Spring Brings Fast-Buck Artists Out of Woodwork

With the spring home repair and improvement season once more at hand, Torrance home owners were warned today by Jack Schmidt, president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors, to beware of racketeers operating in this field.

"The eagerness of many home owners to repair winter damage to their residences or to take advantage of favorable spring weather in making additions or improvements is commendable," Schmidt explained. "As realtors know, home maintenance is an essential factor in conserving property and neighborhood values and standards. And as long as our home owners contract with our many established, reputable repair and maintenance firms for service and products, results will be good."

"UNFORTUNATELY, however, spring always brings a return of fly-by-night operators who annually 'take' the public for millions. It is against this latter group that home owners should be on guard," he said.

Schmidt said that in issuing his warning he was following a suggestion made to all realtors by their organization, the National Assn. of Real Estate Boards. He pointed out that NAREB and its members have consistently sought to protect the interest of property owners in all fields.

According to the Torrance-Lomita Realtor president, home improvement racketeers

67th GOP To Meet

The 67th District Republican Assembly has invited Alfred H. Thorsen, endorsed Republican Assembly candidate, and all candidates for the Los Angeles County Central Committee, 67th District, to appear at the meeting tonight.

Richard Fears, newly elected president of the organization, extended an invitation to all voters of the 67th District to attend the meeting to meet and discuss vital issues with all of the nominees before the June Primary Election. The meeting will be at the Western Club Cafe, 15316 Western Ave., Gardena, at 8 p.m.

WHILE THERE IS no hard and fast rule that may be used by homeowners in distinguishing between the claims made by racketeers and reputable firms, Schmidt cited five examples that have been developed by the Federal Trade Commission from its experience in investigating home improvement frauds. These are:

1. Before signing up for any offered service or product, get comparable cost estimates from at least one competing firm. Reputable merchants are quite willing to have this done. "Hit-and-run" organizations will immediately think of scores of reasons why the home owner should sign up with him immediately.

2. Obtain names and addresses of previous customers from the soliciting firm and contact these customers. Note in particular how long they say the work or product has been satisfactory.

3. MAKE SURE that the firm has a place of business. Many fly-by-night groups operate out of temporary headquarters such as a hotel room.

4. If the product or service is said to be guaranteed, find out exactly what is guaranteed, any conditions that are attached to the guarantee, and who will make good on it if necessary and where he can be located.

5. Be doubly suspicious and ask many more questions if the price of the service or product is a great deal lower than the going price in Torrance for similar services or products. There are, of course, real bargains. But many so represented are no more than bait.

Schmidt urged homeowners who find that they have been cheated despite taking these precautions to report their experience to the proper authorities as a public service. In the Torrance area the Better Business Bureau at 115 Pine Ave., Long Beach, HEmlack 6-7249, could be contacted to furnish advice, he indicated.

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