



TOP LEADERS — Mapping out preliminary plans for 1962-63 Community Chest campaign are (left to right) Edward D'Anna, commerce and industry chairman; Harry Howison, Gardena City chairman; and Fred Mill, overall chairman for the Harbor Area.

Canines from Southland 'Show Off' At Annual Obedience Club Showing

The Southwest Obedience Club held its 9th annual American Kennel Club licensed obedience show Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Rosecrans Playground, 149th St. and Vermont, Gardena.

Over 300 dogs of many breeds were there to participate and compete for the 66 Goldtone class trophies and 75 specially donated breed obedience trophies.

Eleven classes were in operation during the trial — each with separate ring and judge. All judges at this show are nationally recognized by the American Kennel Club.

JUDGES
George Miller was judge of Novice A, part I; Roy Waer, Novice B; Dr. A. E. Quirk, Graduate Novice; Carl Spitz, Open Class A, part I; Harold Hylton, Open Class A, Part II; Warren Stephens, Open Class B, part I; Howard Cross, Open Class B, Part II; Scott Roberts, Utility Class, part I; and Robert Davis, Utility Class, part II. In addition there were Brace and Team Classes and an Obedience Title parade.

To those uneducated in the dog show game, the purpose of a licensed show is to demonstrate the usefulness of the dog as a companion of man, to further obedience in a given area, and to enable dogs and handlers entered to permanently record their wins with the American Kennel Club to-

ward gaining an obedience degree.

MINIMUM SCORE
Regardless of the class a handler enters he must try for a score of at least 170 out of a possible 200 points. In so doing the dog must earn a minimum of 50 percent of the total points allotted to each of the exercises. In novice work — which leads to a Companion Dog degree — a dog must heel on leash, stand for examination, heel off leash and recall. This work is done individually. Then the class must all line up in a group to sit for a period of one minute, and stay down when commanded for three minutes.

ALL EXERCISES
Open, or Companion Dog Excellent, work involves all exercises off the leash, and jumping on command and retrieving. Utility work is even more advanced and dogs in this group are trained for scent discrimination, signal exercise and directional jumping.

For the record — last year the club's licensed show was recorded with the American Kennel Club as the largest night show, and the third

largest obedience trial in the United States.

"The advancement of obedience work, which began in 1934 as a mere fad, has grown to tremendous proportion," said Club President Steve Mallott, "and it is the endeavor of this Club to show people how they can enjoy their pets even more by training them for obedience. And the profits from this show will give us another chance to contribute toward our favorite welfare fund — The Guide Dogs for the Blind at San Rafael."

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