Local Realtors to Attend CREA Session This Week

Many local Realtors, members of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors, will attend the committee meetings and a directors' meeting of the California Real Estate Association at Monterey this weekend, it was announced today by Albert Z. England, president of the Board. Sessions will be at the Monterey County Fair Grounds, and the Casa Munras and San Carlos hotels.

According to David N. Robinson of Berkeley, president of the 48,000-member organization, over 2,000 Realtors, real estate salesmen, and their guests will attend from 175 real estate boards throughout California.

Educational programs, ways of easing the tax burden on the property owner, and equal housing opportunity for minority groups will be some of the subjects discussed at the gathering, England said.

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THURSDAY evening, there will be a conference discussing special factors involved in listing and selling industrial and commercial property. Cameron Dorsey of Santa Ana, chairman of CREA's Industrial and Commercial Division will be moderator.

England said that Thursday and Friday will be devoted to committee work sessions with 72 such meetings scheduled. On Saturday, some 1,000 members of the CREA board of directors will hold its 350th session.

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HE ALSO EXPECTS that during the three-day meeting, plans will be firmed for a Property Owners Division of CREA with membership open to the general public.

"This will be a big step toward informing property owners about legislative and other matters affecting them," England added. "There should be more details on this available right after the meetings are over."

The schedule also provides entertainment for those attending, including a golf tournament at the Del Monte Golf Course on opening day. A special show Friday night will feature the cast of California's First Theatre of Monterey, which specializes in nineteenth century melodrama, he stated.

Official hosts of the gathering are Paul A. Verga, president of the Monterey Peninsula Board of Realtors, and Mrs. Theil Hampton of Monterey, CREA vice president.

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The greatest revivalist of the 20th Century isn't Billy Graham — it's Walt Disney. And one sure way to keep coming back like a song, is to start in one of the Mouse Man's efforts because he is one of the few movie makers who knows his product is substantial enough to stand a second look.

On television recently he revived a successful film of some years back called "Johnny Tremaine," the story of a young lad whose fictional life touched on most of the real-life events of the American Revolution.

The book "Johnny Tremaine" has been required eighth grade reading for some time (ask the kids) and the audience for the movie was what they call "built-in." The role was a choice one for a debut and Disney gave it to an unknown Los Angeles boy who had never been in a film—Hal Stalmaster. They didn't even bother to change his name to something like Buck Masters or Hal Stallion.

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TRACING OF child stars is an occupation that would challenge the patience of Mr. Keene, Tracer of Lost Persons. But Stalmaster was no problem. He turned up at the San Francisco Presidio, still in uniform—but this time it's the U. S. Army instead of the Sons of Liberty.

"Sure I remember the movie. Who could forget a thing like that!" he said. "Come on out and I'll tell you all about it."

Stalmaster turned out to be so pleasant that I wonder how he ever made first lieutenant. Certainly he's too nice to be an actor. After more than a decade of interviewing performers of varying ages and skills, he is the first one I have met that (a) didn't complain about the way Hollywood treated him or (b) didn't fang at least one of his fellow actors. At first I thought I had gotten hold of the wrong man.

"I can always tell when the studio releases the film for classroom viewing because I will get letters from students who think I'm still the same age as they are. It pleases me to think they would want to write," he said.

A TEACHER at a nearby school showed "Johnny Tremaine" to her class recently and then produced its star in person. She has been following his career for some time at close hand as Mrs. Stalmaster. The youngsters were delighted. What other schoolteacher has a movie star waiting in the wings?

Today Stalmaster may be a lieutenant who is an ex-actor, but soon he gets out of the Army and becomes an actor who is an ex-lieutenant.

"I know he has been looking around San Francisco for a job that is suited to his talents," one of his Presidio buddies confided. "It seems unbelievable to people around the post that he wouldn't want to jump right back to Hollywood. The old dollar sign, you know. But I have a hunch he will venetually head south to ply his old trade."

Apparently the old dollar sign hasn't been as important in Stalmaster's life as it is with most former child stars. After "Johnny Tremaine" and many movie and TV appearances he deliberately shortened his career to finish his education. He graduated from UCLA two years ago.

During his Presidio assignment he has been attending law school at night. This won't help him on TV next season. Lawyers are going out of style. But the TV warriors will still be very much in fashion from "Combat" to "Gomer Pyle." Who knows maybe they'll make "Gidget Goes To War" or "Beach Party Lieutenant." He can't lose.

Hobbyists to See Movie on 'Ocean Life'

The Harbor Aquarium Society will meet Thursday at 8 p.m., in the Recreation Hall at McMasters Park, Artesia and Yukon avenues.

Main event of the program will be a movie on sea life. A question and answer session will follow.

Showfish of the month are from three different families, the Ananbantids, the Cichlids, and the Nanids.

The door prize will be a five gallon aquarium with hood. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.