

Elks to Honor Fire, Police Departments

San Pedro Elks will honor Harbor area fire and police departments with a gala dinner and program at San Pedro Lodge No. 966, 1748 Cumbre Ave., April 21. A social hour will precede the 6:30 dinner.

Co-chairmen Francis Foley and William Antkiewicz said guests of honor at the annual affair will be senior men from each department. Firemen will be represented by Engineer

Sam LaDoux of Fireboat 4 and Harbor division police by Lt. Earl E. Rombeau.

Between them, Rombeau and LaDoux have served more than 38 years in the city of Los Angeles. LaDoux, started as a boot, Aug. 4, 1924, and Rombeau was a rookie Sept. 1, 1925.

Raymond M. Hill, chief engineer and general manager of the Los Angeles City Fire Department, will be present.



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New Plan for Selecting Architects Is Approved

By BURTON W. CHACE
County Supervisor

County supervisors, by a unanimous vote, have initiated a program which will establish better guidelines for the selection of architects for capital projects.

The proposal was prepared by the County's Citizens Economy and Efficiency Committee, which had the matter under study for many months. More than 70 interviews with architects, administrators of capital project programs, and other experts went into the study.

In a nutshell, the program provides for establishment of a five-member committee of experts to screen and recommend a list of architects for various county construction projects. The final selection will be made, as it is now, by the Board of Supervisors.

THE COMMITTEE believes the creation of a screening board will add new and needed depth to the process of architect selection.

The committee was careful to point out that in the past, the architects appointed by su-

pervisors have performed well. No criticism of the selections was intended, the committee said.

However, the county is becoming more and more committed to major capital projects, and a systematic and uniform selection of architects to design these facilities is needed.

Because of increased population and demands for more county services, it has been necessary to embark on a \$391 million capital projects program for the next six years. This fact alone stresses the need for systematic selection of architects.

ON SMALLER projects, the County Engineer's office handles the design of buildings and other facilities. But it has been proven to be economical to contract with outside architects for design of larger buildings than to have it done by the county.

If the county were to embark on an "in-house" architectural program for major projects, another massive bureaucracy would be the inevitable result and the cost would

far outdistance the cost of using architects from the private sector.

As you probably have noted from my explanation of the program, I favored the recommendations of the Citizens Economy and Efficiency Committee and supported them wholeheartedly with my vote.

I believe they are in the best interests of the taxpayer and will take the selection of architects out of the realm of politics.

Garden Founder Honored

Preparation of a scroll honoring Mrs. Frances Young of Hermosa Beach for her work with the South Coast Botanic Gardens has been authorized, Supervisor Burton W. Chace said.

On Chace's motion, the Board approved a resolution honoring Mrs. Young. She lives at 1037 Second St., Hermosa Beach.

"Mrs. Young has done an outstanding job as Founding President of the South Coast Botanic Gardens Foundation," Chace said. "She also has served in top fashion on the County Arboretum Commission."

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