

COMMUNITY CONCERT PLAN MEMBERSHIPS TAKEN WEEKS BEFORE CAMPAIGN IS DUE

Enthusiastic reception of the proposal to stage three fine concerts in the Torrance high school auditorium next spring is indicated in the fact that nearly 40 memberships already have been subscribed, according to James L. Lynch, president of the Torrance Community Concert Association said.

Board Urges Present Rents, Controls Here

Continued control of rents at their present levels was recommended by the members of the Rent Advisory Board No. 15 in a formal resolution to Tighe E. Woods, acting National Housing Expediter in Washington, D.C. Bronson C. Buxton, chairman of the Rent Board announced today.

The area which this board represents is bordered by the ocean to the south and west and Western ave. to the east and Rosecrans ave. to the north; including the communities of Cardena, Torrance, Harbor City, Palos Verdes, Monica, Waverly, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach, and are all a portion of the Los Angeles Defense Rental area.

The board stated that after a study of the report of the Mayor's Emergency Housing Committee of Los Angeles, which includes their area, that they feel present rent levels are adequate and that circumstances at the present time do not warrant decontrol of the area represented by this board or any portion thereof.

The above recommendations were made pursuant to the provisions of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947. Rent Advisory boards are empowered to recommend to the housing expediter decontrol of rents in their area, as well as the adequacy of the rent level in the area, and the operations, generally, of the local rent office, with particular reference to hardship cases.

Members of the Rent Advisory Board No. 15, in addition to Buxton, realtor, include Andrew C. Getty, secretary-general manager of Blue Star Mines; Parker D. Hanna, Jr., newspaper editor; Jack Kelly, paint superintendent; and Earle E. Parkhurst, textile engineer.

Six Groups Contribute To Audiometer Fund

Six organizations already have contributed to a project sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary of Bert S. Crossland Unit No. 170 to purchase an audiometer for use in Torrance City schools, according to Mrs. Contrace Boyle, child welfare chairman of the Auxiliary.

Money has been received from the following groups: American Legion, \$25; American Legion Auxiliary, \$25; Torrance Elementary P.T.A., \$10; St. Cecilia Child of the Episcopal church, \$10; To-Lo-Ha Club, \$10 and the Lions Club \$25.

"Funds are coming in well," Mrs. Boyle said. "We are asking other organizations send their contributions immediately, so that the audiometer may be put in use at the schools as quickly as possible."

The Maleo Audiometer, a device to test hearing is a portable model costing \$228 and is readily needed, according to school medical authorities. Any money received over the purchase sum will be presented to the school health program, Mrs. Boyle announced.

Mrs. Boyle can be reached at 1229 Acacia ave. or by telephone at Torrance 506-J.

PLOMERT LEAVES FOR CONVENTION IN MIAMI, FLA.

R. I. Plomert, Jr., manager of the tax department of the General Petroleum Corp., left yesterday for Miami, Fla., where he will attend the meeting of the National Association of Assessing Officers. He is traveling by way of Chicago.

After the meeting, he will fly to Havana for a short vacation, and will return to his office about December 11.

New 50-Home Tract Planned

Construction will begin after the first of the year on a new \$500,000, 50-home subdivision to be located between President and Athens aves., north of Palos Verdes dr. in Rolling Hills.

The five-acre tract, to be known as Palos Verdes Terrace, will be built by the Gonzales Construction Co., of San Pedro. The houses, valued at \$10,000, will be five-room stucco and frame of modern design to be situated on lots averaging 52 by 110 feet each.

Other construction during the past week according to the San Pedro building office consisted of permits issued for a store at 1585 W. 224th st., to be built at a cost of \$5,000, and a residence at 1427 W. 254th st., valued at \$4,600, owned by Mrs. Dena Darlis, 1430 W. 254th st.

Working Plans Approved For Harbor College

Plans and drawings for new buildings to cost \$1,500,000 have been approved by the Los Angeles Board of Education for the new Harbor area junior college which will serve the Shoring strip, Lomita, Harbor City and other communities.

When preliminary plans for the new college were prepared by architect A. C. Zimmermann and James E. Friend, these were approved by the board. The cost of the entire group was estimated at \$2,100,000.

The board subsequently asked for a set of working plans for a portion of the desired buildings. The new working plans were submitted last Tuesday evening. The breakdown follows:

Classroom and science building, \$402,100; students activities building, \$245,900; physical education building, \$285,900; shops No. 1 and No. 2, \$412,000; site work, \$88,000; athletic fields, \$45,000; landscape work, \$30,000; electrical distribution system and vault equipment, \$55,100; steam distribution system, \$14,400; sewage disposal system, water and gas distribution systems, \$21,600.

Townsend Club No. 1

Townsend Club No. 1 will hold a birthday party at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Torrance Woman's club. Everyone is welcome to an evening of bunco and dancing. Members are asked by Mrs. Ethelyn Vorhis, secretary, to bring pie or cake.

SHOESTRING STRIP RENT CONTROLS MAY REMAIN

Continued control of rents at their present levels was recommended by the members of rent advisory board 14 in a formal resolution to Tighe E. Woods, acting national housing expediter in Washington, D.C. Dr. G. L. Dummit, chairman of the rent board has announced.

The area which this board represents includes the Shoestring strip, Harbor City, San Pedro, Wilmington and Compton, bordered by the ocean to the south, Western ave to the west, Alameda st. to the east and Rosecrans ave. to the north, and is a part of the Los Angeles Defense Rental Area.

The board stated that decontrol is impossible at this time because an acute housing shortage exists in the area and that there is a continued necessity for the continuation of federal rent control in the Los Angeles defense rental area, further that a large number of workers in local industry live in rented units, that renters generally are unable presently to help themselves because of circumstances beyond their control, that the relaxing of rent controls or the increasing of rent ceilings would lead to mass evictions and chaotic living conditions, and that particular and specific cases of injustice may be individually considered under present regulation.

The estimated need for housing units in the Los Angeles defense rental area as reported by the City of Los Angeles Housing Committee for the period ending Dec. 31, 1948, is 174,892 new dwelling units, which clearly indicates that an acute housing shortage now exists. This figure does not include any allowance for demolition, freeway removal or for substandard dwellings that should be replaced.

The board further stated that economic conditions in the Los

Arm Broken In Collision

Allen J. Ayrest of Inglewood suffered a fractured arm when his car was sideswiped by one driven by Paul J. Entringer, 21739 S. Western ave., on Hawthorne blvd. near 182nd st. early Friday morning.

Entringer told Torrance police that he was attempting to pass another car and misjudged his distance because of the fog. He and a passenger riding with him, Edgar Sherrill, also of 21739 S. Western ave., were treated at Harbor General hospital for lacerations and released. Ayrest was also treated at the hospital.

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