LIBRARY HAS COLLECTION OF BOOKS ON HOME BUILDING

Six bright covered books of varying sizes now available at the Torrance public library hold a wealth of information for all who own homes, want to own homes or who are still in the "just looking around" stage of becoming home-builders. They were collected together this week by Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, librarian, to form a group from which many a Torrance resident may glean the latest ideas about home craftsmanship, what you get for your building dollars, attractive smaller homes, new California residences and even creative furniture design.

These books and some others on the same subjects are now available at the library but they won't be there long, so if you've an urge to build, to study home design, or just add to the dreams you've woven about "that real home," run, do not walk to the library and ask for:

THE 1938 BOOK OF SMALL HOUSES, compiled and edited by editors of The Architectural Forum . . . This volume is replete with a variety of plans, specifications, cost data and interior detail and is well illustrated. The prospective home builder will find it a constant source of reference and guidance in the course of his building program. Included also are four bulletins issued by the Federal Housing Administration covering: Principles of Planning Small Houses, Contract Documents, Planning Neighborhoods for Small Houses and Mechanical Equipment for the Home.

SMALLER AMERICAN HOMES, edited by E. Power of The House Beautiful . . . This is a selection of 55 less expensive small homes taken from the best work of architects all over the country. The houses chosen were not selected to demonstrate the desirability of any one style or superiority of material but simply to depict a cross-section of the best domestic American architecture today. It is full of illustrations, exteriors and interiors and sketches of floor plans but there is no accompanying text.

INSIDE 100 HOMES, edited by Mary F. Roberts and compiled from Arts and Decoration . . . Lavish use of illustrations supplement the text of this excellent selection from homes of famous personalities — writers, musicians and decorators. Most of the material is beyond the reach of the average person but many of the ideas depicted could be duplicated on a smaller scale with resultant smaller cost.

SMALL NEW HOMES OF CALIFORNIA, published by the Architectural Book Shop of Los Angeles . . . In this volume is presented a carefully selected group of small homes. These have been designed by recognized members of the architectural profession. Photographs of exteriors with sketches of floor plans and layouts of rooms are accompanied by much construction data. This includes the approximate cost per square foot. There is no formal text.

MORE HOUSE FOR YOUR MONEY, by Elizabeth Gordon . . . This book has been written and compiled with the help of experts to "help you get the house you want for what you can pay." Too many of us simply do not know how to convert visions into realities. It is the belief of the author that it is impossible for most people to realize their dreams of home building and to plan wisely for economy and comfort. When they know and understand a few simple fundamentals explained in this book, home-builders should have a better grasp of the art of construction.

CREATIVE DESIGNS IN FURNITURE by William H. Varnum . . . Is a simple text on design of things closely connected with home life chiefly furniture. It emphasizes the functional spirit of modern design and illustrates the theory with examples and photographs. There are many sketches of the use of new materials and some working drawings for the amateur craftsman.

Two most interesting books for the man who likes to make things are:

HOME CRAFTSMANSHIP by E. Stieri . . . This is based upon the idea that a "basic knowledge of how to use tools and materials is necessary in order to produce articles of utility and beauty." This book is full of information enabling the worker to select the requisite tools intelligently, keep them in good condition and choose the correct material for any object he may desire to construct.

IT'S FUN TO BUILD THINGS by W. T. R. Price . . . Is designed for the amateur who wishes to increase the number of book shelves, closet shelves, cases and other useful articles in the home. It has complete and detailed illustrations and clever sketches.

T-L Team Wins With 4 Pitchers Hurling Sunday

With four pitchers dividing the hurling job, the Torrance-Lomita Merchants crushed the El Segundo Merchants last Sunday 22 to 5 at the city park diamond. Morris used Lising, Hamilton, Patalano and Watts on the mound while Homer Cheek served as backstop thruout the game. Batting honors went to Cheek who poled out a home run, a double and a single. J. Venable also connected for a circuit trip of all bases.

Next Sunday the Hollywood Painters will come here to start the summer tournament season. The Painters represented Southern California in the semi-pro tourney last summer at Wichita, Kansas. They were eliminated in the finals.

Dolton Starts Building Home

George W. Dolton, veteran member of the police department, started construction of his new five-room frame stucco house and garage at the triangle of Arlington avenue and Engracia this week. The completed home will cost about $4,000 and should be very attractive in the apex of the triangle-shaped lot.

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two years ago the supervisors named Roscoe E. Shonerd, Davidson's chief assistant.

Recorder Seriously Ill

John H. O'Conner was elevated from assistant county counsel when Everett W. Mattoon resigned as county counsel last March 10. Joseph M. Lowery, chief deputy county auditor, was acting county auditor following the suicide of Herbert A. Payne only last month.

It is generally admitted that John W. Hartman had carried most of the work in the office of the assessor for the past three years, following Hopkins' first serious illness several years ago that kept him confined to his North Whittier Heights home for several months.

Today in Los Angeles another veteran county official, County Recorder C. L. Logan, was reported to be seriously ill. Logan has long passed the retirement age, but has been kept on the job by the supervisors at his request.

County Assessor Hopkins, who held that office since 1907, died suddenly last Sunday at his home. On March 25 he observed his 75th birthday. He came to Los Angeles from Iowa in 1863 while in his twenties and in 1895 entered the county assessor's office as a deputy. The county's assessed valuation then was around 100 million dollars, compared with today's $2,438,570,000.

Twelve years of conscientious and efficient service when he gained the confidence of all residents of the county were recognized in 1907 when he was appointed county assessor after the death of Ben K. Ward. Mr. Hopkins ran for the post in the succeeding election, was elected, and since that time was re-elected six times.

As the years passed and the county grew, his trim figure and neat white goatee became as familiar as the Hall of Records itself to thousands of residents. Few men, it was recognized, were more familiar with the county's amazing progress.

Council Favors Removing Trees To Allow Homes

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them. But the eucalypti, with their continual shedding of both bark and leaves have been removed one by one until there are only about 35 or 40 left.

Renew Three Leases

Three leases were renewed by the council during the Monday night session and one was held up for further consideration. This was the proposed renewal of the agreement between the city and Walt Morris regarding the granting of exclusive Sunday baseball playing privileges at the city park diamond to Morris' Torrance-Lomita Merchants.

Mayor William H. Tolson said that he favored renewing the pact with Morris because "we've had no trouble whatever in regard to the operation of the park as long as Morris had the concessions." However, Councilman George V. Powell suggested the delay until June 14 to allow Joe Sandland, manager of the Torrance Merchants to present his claims to consideration for use of the ball diamond. Sandland has been attempting to bring his team into the local field for several months but has been blocked by the city's agreement with Morris.

The leases renewed by the council were: With Robert Nuckles for the use of the Recreation building at 2415 Arlington avenue at the rate of $15 rent per month; with the Los Angeles County library services here during the fiscal year, the budget having been approved at a previous session; and with the county library for the branch center at Walteria at a rental of $25 per month.

Grant Fireworks Permit

A claim for $30 damages to the top of their car was made Monday night in a letter from Mr. and Mrs. John Bright of 1966½ Plaza del Amo. The letter stated that the damage resulted when Mrs. Bright, in parking the machine on the 700 block of Sartori avenue, came in contact with a protruding limb that extended beyond the curb line in a dangerous manner. Councilman Hitchcock agreed that the tree was a hazard and so City Attorney John E. McCall was authorized to reimburse the Brights not to exceed the $30 bill for their car repair.

Plan Four-Way Stop

W. R. Vickery, who has operated a fireworks stand for several years in city limits near Lomita, was granted a permit for his 1938 July Fourth operations on Highway 101 between Ocean and Bernice streets on the western edge of Walteria.

Six requests for tree removals, read by Councilman Hitchcock, were referred to the street department with power to act. A request by Mrs. Nina Griffin, owner of "Nina's Cafe" in the South Torrance oil field, to establish a portable lunch stand in the new oil development, around 233rd street, was reviewed and it was agreed by the council that if she conforms to state and county health regulations and places her stand on a foundation that a permit would be granted.

A four-way boulevard stop is to be established at Sonoma and Madrid avenues as result of a number of accidents at that intersection. There is a boulevard stop on the west side of Madrid at the present time. The request for the four-way stop was made by the police department. A resolution authorizing this safety improvement is to be drawn and adopted at the next meeting of the council.

South Torrance Oil Activity Given Impetus

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3,000 feet with its first well east of the Patton-Conway Fee on 233rd.

McCaslin, who brought in its Whitney No. 1 earlier in the week, is starting another well on 229th and Pennsylvania.

A permit has been granted the Lomita Drilling company for oil development in this area by Edwin M. Dougherty, commissioner of corporations. The directors of the company are listed as Albert Stevenson, Harry R. Collins and Chester F. Dolley with capital of 25,000 shares whose par value is $1. The firm has been permitted to issue 1,000 shares and 40 one percent participating royalty interests.

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