

Lawsuits Start In Drive Against Security Deposits

Collection and retention of security deposits by landlords and operators of priority constructed war housing are "out."

Firing opening guns in its long heralded all-out drive against such practices, OPA through its enforcement division today instituted injunction proceedings in Superior Court directed against Elfrida Properties, Inc., and John Bayer, operators and landlords of such properties.

And the battle was won by the government almost with its launching. For immediately, its attorneys got together with counsel for the defendants and agreed to consent decrees under which the latter would supply an audit showing that such collections, refunds to be made to tenants accordingly.

OPA legal talent, headed by Robert L. Moore, chief rent attorney, used as ammunition in

their court tilt the recent amendment to the Rent Regulation for Housing Act, prohibiting landlords from demanding and receiving security deposits, or the retention of such previously collected in connection with occupancy or use of such accommodations.

Complaints alleged that both defendants, operating projects in Burbank and Hawthorne, have, since the effective date of the amendment, Sept. 1, 1944, committed such violations.

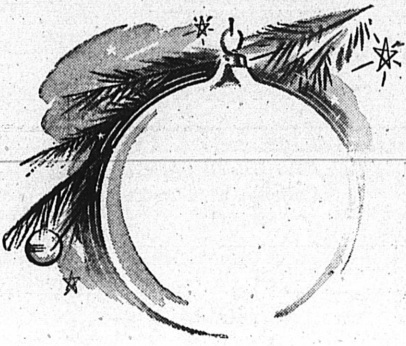
Moore declared that considering the fact that about 40 per cent of all priority constructed war housing in the entire country is located in the Los Angeles and San Francisco Defense Rental areas, today's action, the first of the kind to be instituted here, is regarded as extremely important.

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Veatch Cousin Visitor Here

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arza Veatch of 2242 W. 250th st., were Mrs. Veatch's cousin, Russell E. Porterfield and Delbert Wells, from the Maritime School at Catalina Island. The boys arrived Saturday evening and spent Sunday at the Veatch home, at Cottage Grove, Calif.

Mrs. Jack Petty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Veatch, who is living with her parents, received word from her husband, S. J. Jack Petty, that he was being transferred from Moscow, Idaho to Coral Beach, Florida, and would be unable to spend Christmas at home.



We Wish You a
Merry Christmas
—and—
Happy New Year

The undersigned wish you a bright and happy American Christmas, the ability to understand and appreciate the blessings of freedom for which we are fighting . . . the courage to give everything we have to the struggle now and in the coming year . . . and above all, a triumphant victory and a speedy return of loved ones.

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Church Services

NOTICE: Copy for Church Notices cannot be accepted after 10 a. m. Tuesday.

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Harry Branton, pastor, El Prado at Manuel, in front of high school.

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. I. W. Goss, superintendent. Classes for all ages.

Morning service, 11:00 o'clock. Christmas message and special music.

Evening service, 7:00 o'clock. The young people and adults will hold a combined Christmas Eve service with carol singing and Christmas refreshments.

Thursday evening choir rehearsal at 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday morning prayer groups meet in the different homes at 10 o'clock.

CENTRAL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

H. Wesley Roloff, pastor, Marcelina at Arlington. One block from the postoffice. Phone 131.

Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Morning service, 11:00 o'clock. Topic: "When Angels Sang."

Evening service, 7:30 o'clock. Topic: "The Night Before Christmas." Followed at 8:30 by Christmas Caroling.

Service of Bible study and prayer each Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Christmas program, by the Sunday school including a portrayal of nativity scenes in line art on the screen. Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Dec. 22.

FOUR SQUARE CHURCH

1207 El Prado. Rev. and Mrs. Arthur P. Pedersen, pastors. Phone 1152.

Sunday school 9:45 a. m. A class for everyone.

Morning service, 11:00 o'clock. Topic: "Christmas Within." Christmas numbers and music.

Evening service, 7:30 o'clock. Topic: "The Christmas Story." "The Guiding Star." Costumes and colored lights. Twelve characters participating. Message by Rev. Alene H. Pedersen. Caroling by Crusaders.

Young People's Meeting 6:30 p. m. Crusader Young People.

Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Mid-week preaching service.

Friday, 7:30 p. m. Dec. 22, the Sunday school children's Christmas program will be presented. Treats for everyone attending. Come and bring your friends.

Everyone cordially invited to all services.

SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Engracia, between Arlington and Manuel. The Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler, Rector. Phone 560.

Sunday Services—9:30 a. m. Junior church and school.

11:00 a. m. morning prayer and sermon. Holy communion, first Sunday.

6:30 p. m. young people's meeting. 7:30 p. m. third Sunday, holy communion and service of intercession for the armed forces.

8:00 a. m. second Sunday, holy communion for the young people, followed by breakfast.

Second Friday, 7:30 p. m., Gardena Guild.

First Friday, 8 p. m., St. Cecilia's Guild.

Second Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Vestry meeting.

Second Thursday, 1:30 p. m. Woman's Auxiliary.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Services at Torrance Men's Bible Class building on Cravens. Boyd Field, pastor.

Study, 10 a. m. Worship, 10:45 a. m.

Tuesday evening services, 7:45 o'clock.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Meets at 7:30 Thursday evening in their hall opposite public library on Cravens ave. All men welcome. Rev. Reynolds, Hermosa Beach, preaching.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Paul H. Perry, pastor, 1741 Border ave.

Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Morning worship, 10:45 o'clock.

Christ's Ambassadors, 6:00 p. m. Evening service, 7:30 p. m.

Prayer meeting each morning at 10 o'clock except Saturday, Bible reading.

Wednesday service, 7:30 p. m. Friday, 7:30 p. m., Christmas program.

NAZARENE CHURCH

W. A. Penner, pastor, 1501 West Carson st.

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning service, 11 a. m.

Young People's meeting, 6:30. Evening service, 7:30 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday 8 p. m.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

2128 21st st. and Manuel ave. Sunday morning services at 11. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Wednesday evening meeting, 8 p. m. Reading room at 1750 Manuel ave., 11 a. m. to 4 p. m. each week day.

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined." This verse from Isaiah will be the Golden Text on the Sunday Lesson—Sermon on "Christ Jesus" in all branches of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston.

In John's Gospel Jesus declares, "He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. . . . verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. . . . I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. . . . And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd."

Mary Baker Eddy says in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures": "Our heavenly Father, divine Love, demands that all men should follow the example of our Master and his apostles and not merely worship his personality." Again she says, "It is the living Christ, the practical Truth, which makes Jesus the restoration and the life to all who follow him in deed."

Bank of America Declares Its Regular Dividend

At the regular meeting of the board of directors of Bank of America NT&SA today, regular dividends were declared for the current semi-annual period on both the common and the cumulative preferred stock. Dividend on the common stock was \$1.20 for the six months at the regular annual rate of \$2.40 per share, and on the preferred stock \$1 for the six months at the regular annual rate of \$2 per share. Payment is to be made on Dec. 30 to shareholders of record as of Dec. 15.

Other matters were of a routine nature.

In response to inquiries about previously reported plans to undertake an increased capital financing program it was stated that the special committee studying the matter would defer making its report to the board until a special meeting called for Dec. 16. It was deemed inappropriate to discuss a private financing program while continued emphasis was required by banks and investment houses on the Sixth War Loan, which closes Dec. 16.

"Public Notices"

(67094)
NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL
No. 238229

In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles. In the Matter of the Estate of Everett H. Grubbs, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the petition of Gertrude F. Grubbs for the Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased and for the issuance of Letters Testamentary thereon to petitioner will be heard at 9:30 o'clock A.M., on December 28, 1944, at the court room of Department 25, of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles.

Dated Nov. 30, 1944.

J. F. MORONEY, County Clerk, by M. BUSH, Deputy.

Otto B. Willett
1313 Sartori Ave.,
Torrance, Calif.
Attorney for Petitioner.

Dec. 14-21

(62736)
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

No. 225,073

In the matter of the estate of John C. Smith, also known as John Curtis Smith, deceased.

Notice of hearing of petition for order authorizing conveyance of real property, in pursuance of contract.

Notice is hereby given that Chas. T. Rippey, the duly appointed, acting and qualified executor of the estate of John C. Smith, also known as John Curtis Smith, deceased, has filed heretofore a verified petition to convey the following described property in Los Angeles County, California to Minnie C. Moeching, a widow, in pursuance of the terms of a Contract dated May 1, 1939, to-wit:

The Northerly 315.38 feet of the Southeast Quarter of Lot 32 of the McDonald Tract, as per Map recorded in Book 15, pages 21 and 22 of Miscellaneous Records of Los Angeles County, California, excepting therefrom an individual one-half interest in all oil, gas and mineral rights upon, or under said property, until May 17, 1949, and thereafter, as provided in said contract, and excepting and reserving also therefrom certain easements over the northerly 20 feet of said property as provided in said contract for the benefit of the South Half of the North-west Quarter of Lot 32 of said McDonald Tract, all as provided in said contract. Reference is hereby made to said Petition on file in the Office of the County Clerk of said County for a full description of said exceptions and reservations and for further particulars concerning said contract and property.

Notice is also given that on the 4th day of January, 1945, at the hour of 9:30 A. M., in the Superior Court of the State of California, in Department 25 thereof, has been fixed as the time and place for the hearing of said Petition, and any person interested in said estate may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the order should not be made.

Dated December 8th, 1944.

J. F. MORONEY,
County Clerk.

Chas. T. Rippey
Attorney-at-Law
1331 Post Avenue
Telephone 423
Torrance, California
Dec. 14-21.

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Ads may be filled at any time up to 12 noon Wednesday and refund given for unexpired insertions. Not responsible for more than one inserted insertion. Errors will be corrected by republication.

Cash-in-advance Ads may be placed at offices of Torrance Herald, 1336 El Prado, Torrance, or Loma News, 24702 Norborne, Lomita. Ads telephoned to Herald or Loma prior to 5 p. m. day of first publication (Thursday) will be given benefit of cash rate.

Contract rates on application. Closing time for acceptance of Classified Ads is 12 noon, Wednesday—for Thursday publication. Ads received after 12 noon Wednesday will be held over until the following week.

Card of Thanks 2
WE WISH to thank each and everyone who so generously and hospitably came to our aid during our time of trouble when our home burned. To each and everyone of you, we hope that this little in his favor to grant you your most cherished wish this glorious Christmas season and best wishes for health, happiness and prosperity during the coming year. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fouts, and Family.

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LOST—On East Road, Studebaker large hub cap. Tuesday. Reward. 722 W. 155th—Place, Gardena.

LOST—Lady's Green wrist watch with strap band, last gift of soldier husband. Phone Tor. 1571 or call 1621 Date ave.

Personals 10
SERVICES
YOUNG MOTHER must go to hospital immediately for major surgery. Couple desperately need home or board and room and care for two-year-old boy. Husband locally employed—best of references. Will someone please help us? Box 2 Torrance Herald.

"Public Notices"

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE
No. 237545

In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles. In the Matter of the Estate of William Gascolgne, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at private sale, to the highest and best bidder, subject to confirmation of said Superior Court, on or after the 15th day of January, 1945, at the office of Chas. T. Rippey, 1331 Post Ave., Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California, all the right, title and interest of said deceased at the time of death and all the right, title and interest that the estate of said deceased has acquired by operation of law or otherwise, other than or in addition to that of said deceased, at the time of death, in and to all the certain real property situated in the City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 11 in Block 44 of the Torrance Tract, as per map recorded in Book 22, pages 94 and 95 of Maps, in the office of the recorder of said county.

Terms of sale cash in lawful money of the United States on confirmation of sale, or part cash and balance evidenced by note secured by Mortgage or Trust Deed on the property so sold. Ten per cent of amount bid to be deposited with bid.

Bids or offers to be in writing and will be received at the aforesaid office at any time after the first publication hereof and before date of sale.

Dated this 18th day of December, 1944.

INEZ CLARA GASCOIGNE,
Administratrix of the Estate of William Gascolgne, Deceased.

Chas. T. Rippey
1331 Post Ave.,
Torrance, California.
Attorney for Administratrix.
Dec. 21-28 Jan. 4

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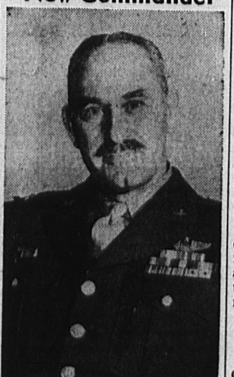
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Catholics to Mark Christmas

Rev. Thomas Barry, pastor of St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church, 253rd Place and Narbonne ave., announces Christmas day services will be held as follows: High Mass at 6:30 a. m., Mass at 8:30 a. m., and Mass at 10:30 a. m., followed by benediction.

Sunday services will be as usual, Mass at 8:00 a. m., and 10:00 a. m. Confessions Saturday and Sunday afternoons and evenings from 2 to 5, and 7 to 9.

New Commander



By United Press
Brig. Gen. Thomas O. Hardin has assumed command of the Air Transport Command's West Coast Wing. Gen. Hardin's headquarters will be in San Francisco.