

Validity of Hawthorne-Palos Verdes Zoning Law Challenged

Suit to restrain the city of Palos Verdes Estates from enforcing a zoning ordinance on Hawthorne boulevard and asking that the ordinance be declared void has been filed in Superior Court by Mrs. E. B. Willett, Palos Verdes real estate operator.

Last May 25 and again on June 22 the city council of Palos Verdes adopted a zoning ordinance placing all of her property in R-1 single-family residential zone.

Mrs. Willett asks that the ordinance be declared void on the following grounds:

She charges that public hearings were not held, the planning commission did not hold hearings; the council is unreasonable and discriminatory in prohibiting use of the property for purposes for which it is already subdivided.

Moreover, she says that being located along Hawthorne boulevard and Palos Verdes Drive the properties are not suited for single-family residences; values would fall if such residences were constructed.

Mrs. Willett contends that the ordinance does not provide adequate shops, stores and other commercial businesses and is therefore designed to prevent new residents from coming into the rapidly growing city.

She accused the council of trying to keep the city "isolated and sparsely populated," saying that the ordinance was adopted "for the purpose of discouraging and preventing the natural and normal growth in population."

No newspaper in the area has published the council's decision within 15 days after its passage, she concludes.

New Unit for Rolling Hills Being Opened

Appointment of George S. Denbo, long identified with Los Angeles County real estate, has just been announced as exclusive sales and advertising manager of Dapplegray Lane in Rolling Hills.

Denbo announced that the Dapplegray Lane construction program involving the final 22 residences in the picturesque development has reached completion. At the same time Denbo reported that a sales program is being readied for 74 and one-half acre home building sites.

Recently Denbo handled the sale of the Weston Ranch, South Torrance, to K. Sande Senness for a residential development known as Pacific Hills. The remaining residences in Dapplegray Lane are priced from \$14,750 to \$15,750, with lots ranging from \$1750 to \$2850, Denbo reported.

Public Utility Properties at All-Time High

Public utility property, assessed by the State Board of Equalization for local tax purposes, is valued this year at an all-time high of more than \$1,368,000,000. Subject to tax rates identical with those applying to property assessed locally, this State-assessed property will produce almost \$70,000,000 of current city, county, and district revenues.

In Los Angeles County tangible property assessed by the State Board of Equalization is valued this year at \$375,184,730, marking an increase of nearly \$55,000,000, or 17.16 per cent over the corresponding figure in 1947.

For the State as a whole, the increase was \$135,363,270, or 10.98 per cent.

Electric and Gas companies are the largest contributors to local revenues on the basis of taxes paid on property assessed by the State Board of Equalization. Railroads, with something less than half the taxable value of the gas and electric companies, are next, and are followed closely by the telephone and telegraph companies.

Consolidated Winding Up

Stockholders in the Consolidated Western Steel Corp. will vote on winding up the company's affairs incident to its sale to Columbia Steel Company on Aug. 27, it was announced this week.

The sale, due to be completed Aug. 31, already has been approved by the U. S. Supreme Court.

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Mixture on Harbor Board

C. S. (Bob) Sampson, real estate man, has been re-elected chairman of the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners. Re-named vice-chairman was James C. Ingebretsen, Los Angeles attorney. It is the second term for both.

Other commissioners include Kenneth Chantry, Beverly Hills attorney and rancher; Harold Tuttle, Long Beach auto dealer; and Roy Beaton, cannery association manager, one from the harbor area proper.

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Steel's Usage in Petroleum Industry Told

The petroleum industry estimated that it would require about 77,170 net tons of sheet and strip steel, less than 1/64 inch thick, for containers during the second quarter of this year, according to the American Iron and Steel Institute.

Sizes of cans range from one ounce to ten gallon containers. One hundred and fourteen tons are required to make 67,000 units of the latter.

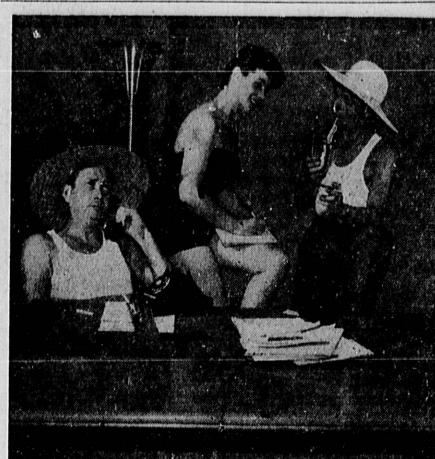
The most popular size is the one-quart-can, familiar to all automobile owners who buy crankcase oil.

Will Spend \$1,157,000 on Fishing Wharf

Construction of a new concrete wharf for San Pedro's fishing fleet will get under way here this fall at a cost of \$1,157,764.

Employees of the J. I. Barnes Company are tearing up the old wooden dock at Berth 73 and hope to have the site cleared by September 1.

Fishing craft will moor at Consolidated Steel's war-built wharf during the raising of the old wharf and the construction of the new one.



Treatment of Alcoholics is No. 1 Problem

Treatment of alcoholics is the biggest single problem of law enforcement officers, the Special State Crime Commission was told at its public hearing last week in San Diego.

"In Los Angeles county we found that 33 percent of the individual jail budgets go for the care of drunks," said Burdette Daniels of Los Angeles, chairman.

San Francisco and Los Angeles ranked one-two among all the major cities in the nation for drunkenness or drunk driving in a 10-month survey, Daniels said.

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PASADENA COOL OFF... NEW ADDITIONS TO EL CAMINO COLLEGE LISTED

Recently Helen E. Rodgers, librarian at Torrance High School last year, is among the 11 new members of the faculty at El Camino College who will assume their duties with the opening of the fall term, it is announced by President Forrest G. Murdock.

Miss Rodgers, who now is at Columbia University working on her doctor's degree, has been residing at 1840 Post avenue.

Charles B. Toyne, formerly of Clifton High School, Clifton, Park, who has visited in Torrance on several occasions, will instruct in all phases of automobile mechanics. He was in U. S. Army Ordnance for five years, serving overseas and left the service with the rank of major.

Other new faculty members are Eric G. Grundy of Hawthorne, who will teach drafting and science, and R. Gordon Orme of Hollywood, who will instruct in radio, radio script and speech. Orme spent four years in the army, leaving with the rank of captain; has traveled extensively and speaks several languages.

Stanley B. Brown of Hollywood Riviera, former Civil Aeronautics instructor, will teach aviation and biology. Robert W. Kirk of Burbank will instruct in English, history and music. Henrietta C. Martin of North Hollywood will instruct in the department of business.

John E. McQuerry, formerly of San Bernardino, where he taught in junior college, will teach mathematics and biology. Robert F. Stone, formerly of San Jose, who left the Navy with the rank of lieutenant commander, will instruct in chemistry and physics.

John K. Forrest, formerly of Seattle, Wash., will instruct in English, sociology and philosophy. George D. Watt, formerly of Logan, Utah, will instruct in the department of psychology and also will be a student counselor.

'CHEST' GOALS BEING WORKED UP FOR AREAS

The "rock bottom need" goal of the Community Chest has been set at \$7,550,000 for fall campaign, it was announced by Edward R. Valentine, general chairman of all volunteers who will begin their work here under B. T. Whitney, chairman.

Exact quotas for Torrance, Lomita and Harbor cities are now being worked out according to Willis H. Merrill, chairman for this area.

Increased pledges will be needed throughout these communities, Valentine said, in order to meet rising costs and greatly needed extension of services to neglected areas. The Chest for the past two years has fallen short of its goal, he said, stating that in 1946 contributions amounted to \$6,277,000 and in 1947 \$6,631,000, amounts which were inadequate to provide sufficient services.

A last-minute addition of \$150,000 was made to the goal in response to a request of the armed forces that the USA be reactivated for the benefit of draftees under the new selective service act. Goal was established by vote of the board of directors of the Welfare Federation of Los Angeles Area, headed by Paul K. Yost, president in conference with the volunteer budget committee and the campaign committee. Merrill is a member of the latter group as a representative of this area.

The Chest campaign will include 159 hospitals, clinics, children's homes, agencies which

More kindergarten and primary grade teachers are needed in unchartered cities, according to Dr. C. C. Trillingham, county superintendent of schools.

Dr. Trillingham explained that this shortage is the result of war babies reaching the educational age.

The true way to live is to bring to each duty that comes to our hand our wisest thought and our best skill.—J. R. Miller

Crackdown on Truck Drivers Due To Start

Too much speed, too much smoke, too much noise, too much overloading and following too closely—these were the sins of truck drivers uncovered by the California Highway Patrol which announced a statewide enforcement program.

Clifford E. Peterson, Highway Patrol commissioner, revealed his findings and plans for enforcement at a conference requested by truck operators representing the Truck Owners Association of California, and insurance carriers.

"Our records show heavy vehicles are traveling too fast," Peterson said. "For instance, one operator is forced to average 57.6 miles per hour for over 400 miles in order to meet his contract agreements for deliveries. The state speed limit for such vehicles is 40 miles per hour. This same operator is a constant violator of overloading and other regulations and last year the Highway Patrol issued almost 250 citations to his drivers."

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Tenants Obtain \$4200 Refunds On Overcharges

More than \$4,200 in excess rent charges was recovered from landlords and refunded to tenants by the Office of Housing Expediter's area rent office during June, Charles H. Blaylock, associate rent director, Long Beach office, announced today.

Twenty-eight landlords and 41 tenants were involved in the cases, which were settled by the area rent office without court action.

This brings the total collections for the first six months of 1948 to \$27,626. Of this amount, \$3,268 was obtained from 17 landlords by the rent agency for tenants through court action. In addition, fines of \$303 were assessed against the landlords by the courts. A total of \$24,057 was restored to 346 tenants through the agency without court action being taken against the 227 landlords involved, C. H. Blaylock stated.

"We have reason to believe," said Blaylock, "that many tenants who are being overcharged are reluctant to complain to this office because they fear eviction by their landlords if they do. This is not a legal ground for eviction.

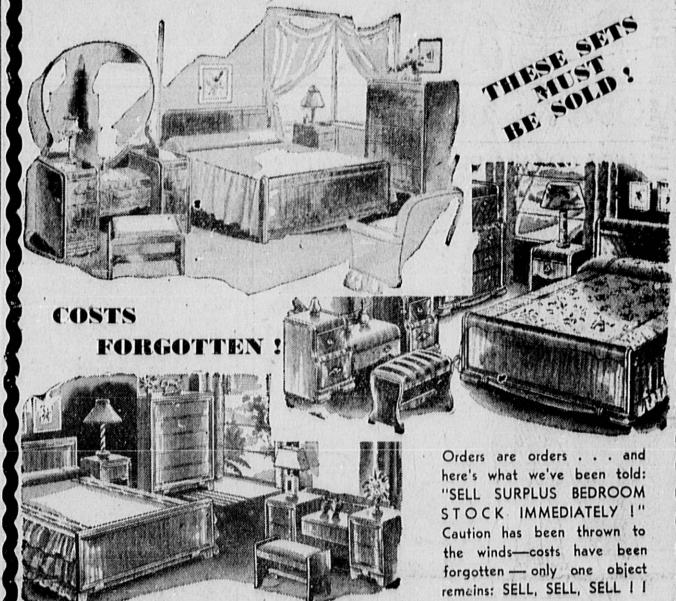
While eviction notices no longer have to be processed by this office, there are only 8 legal grounds for it, and any eviction on a legal ground must be sought in good faith," Blaylock continued. "This determination is made by the local courts."

Lambert Seal Selects Army For Duty Tour

Lambert Seal, 36, of 2200 Vermont avenue, Torrance, today resumed his military career via re-enlistment in the Regular Army. Seal, a veteran of duty with the Coast Artillery, chose for this enlistment duty with the 1362nd Army Service Unit, Fort Totten, New York. He will travel to that station after processing at Fort Ord.

Sgt. Seal served for nearly six years as a cook in the 13th Coast Artillery. He was discharged in 1945. Pending his permanent assignment, Mrs. Seal and their two children will continue to live at the Torrance address.

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