# Rental Housing Development Opens Near Here

House-hungry parents with families of several children vainly searching for a three-bedroom house to rent are due to hit the jackpot this week-end with the opening of a huge housing development on Avalon boulevard, south of Carson street.

The rental development, reported to be the first of its kind in Southern California, cost $4,000,000 and includes 536 single 3-bedroom houses which will rent for $65 per month, according to Charles E. Thorson, head of the firm of Thorson Homes, Inc. None of the houses are for sale and children will be welcomed, Thorson states.

Privately financed, there will be no governmental financial restrictions, Thorson states, and the only additional charge required of a tenant in addition to the first month's rent of $65 will be a ten dollar returnable deposit to cover any unusual damage to the property.

The large scale rental development, known as "Southridge Homes" fronts on Avalon boulevard south of Carson street between 233rd street and Avalon Village. It extends north to Dolores street.

The locations are selected because of its proximity to Torrance, Long Beach, Los Angeles Harbor and Lomita, with their large numbers of industrial workers.

Southridge Homes are now ready for occupancy and a rental office has been opened on Avalon boulevard, at 233rd street, Thorson states.

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## Search Through Applications Draws A Blank

Officials at the local employment office are gray-headed and red-faced this week.

The janitor work at the Cravens and Gramercy avenue office is piling up but the officials can find no one with an application filed for a janitor's job. The regular office help are ready to turn the $200 a month job over to someone—anyone, willing to work the 40 hours.

Mrs. Winona Ellis is the person to see at the office.

Since there is no one on the civil service list most anyone with a year's experience can qualify, Mrs. Ellis said.

# Songwriters Meet to Plan

Organization plans for a new songwriter's club were made today at the home of George Wanee, 25841 Eshelman avenue.

The club is backed by Leo Leonard, local songwriter who has hopes for national recognition for the group. Leonard now publishes a monthly songwriters magazine which is distributed throughout the nation.

Members hope to give new songwriters a chance to get in "the big time" and encourage those who can write either lyrics or the music.

Others attending the meeting were Esther Dandoy, Imgz Brombelow and Mrs. John Kornblum.



# Japan Training Keeps Engineer Outfit Hopping

SENDAI, Japan—They're harder to pin down than that elusive little bean used in the old shell game, these engineers. Just when you think you have your finger on them at Camp Haugen, they've moved to Mt. Fuji, or if you manage to uncover their bivouac at Ojojihara, they've just walked up the gangplank for a little excursion to Chigasaki Beach.

Officially, they're the 578th Engineer Combat Battalion, bridge builders and Mr. Fixit's for Southern California's 40th Infantry Division, but they'll more often than not refer to themselves as "blankety-blank gypsies" . . . or something equally picturesque.

The division is scattered from Hachinohe, at the northernmost tip of the main island of Honshu, all the way down to Mt. Fuji, southwest of Tokyo. They're in a half-dozen camps, and 578th specialists have been hopping from camp to camp trying to meet the needs for bridge and road repair, water supply, map distribution and just plain odd jobs.

The battalion was originally stationed in the South Bay-Harbor-Inglewood area as a National Guard organization.

The organization's headquarters has been at Camp Matsushima, 34 miles north of Sendai on Japan's east coast, since its arrival in the Far East in April but "transient" has been the word for the "letter" companies.

Company A, stationed at Torrance Ball Park before its induction last fall, has been getting around with the best of them.

Originally quartered at Camp Matsushima for training, it put in a stint at Funaoka, 50 miles to the south, building roads near an ordnance depot. A few weeks later it journeyed to Camp Haugen, near Hachinohe, to take its place in the 160th Regimental Combat team.

Less than a month ago it accompanied the RCT on a 500-mile sea voyage to take part in a practice amphibious landing at Chigasaki Beach, near Yokohama.

The outfit is currently engaged in maneuvers and field training on the slopes of Japan's most famous landmark, Mt. Fuji, 70 miles southwest of Tokyo.

Headquarters and Service Company, once stationed at Torrance Municipal Airport, has had it easier, at least from the collective standpoint — they've been able to call Camp Matsushima home throughout their service in Japan — but individuals or special sections of the company have been in every division camp or maneuver area. As roving specialists, they've handled such widely varied tasks as reconnaissance, providing pure water for troops in the field, setting off demolitions in field training and a host of other technical jobs.