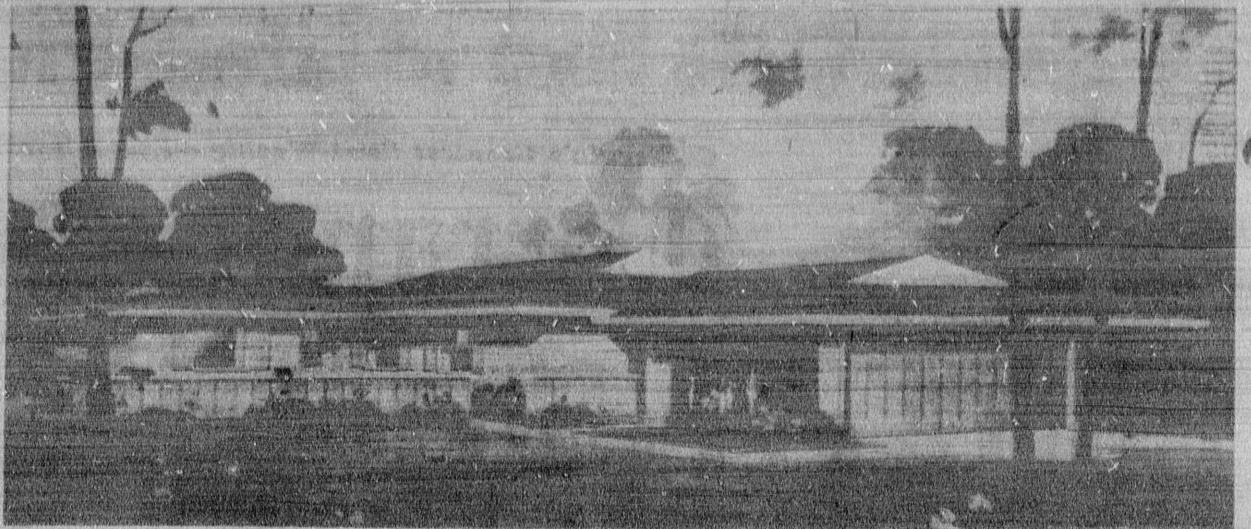




FINAL CHECK . . . Checking final act of the hilarious musical comedy, "Take Your Medicine," to be presented under the auspices of the Bay-Harbor Osteopathic Hospital. From left to right are Ralph DeWarr, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Korjan of San Pedro. Players from left to right are Ralph DeWarr, created as "Dr. McKay," Stan Zelen as "Jack," Joe Callahan as "T-t-t-t-t," Chuck Criss as "Dr. DeWarr," and Marcia Farnsworth as "Miss Miller." Production is to be presented Sept. 4, 5 and 6 at the Redondo Beach Union High School Auditorium by an all professional cast from the Pasadena Playhouse.



HILLSIDE LIVING . . . Shown here is one of the 15 exterior designs available at the Peninsula community of Palos Pacific overlooking the Harbor and other Southland scenic spots. Homes feature three bedrooms, family room, two baths, and a choice of five floor plans. The McCarthy Co. is sole agents for the project in the hills above San Pedro.

Williamson to Succeed Voogd As Shell Chemical Plant Manager



G. S. WILLIAMSON
... Back to Torrance

G. S. Williamson, manager of Shell Chemical Corp.'s ammonia plant at Pittsburg, Calif., will become manager of his company's synthetic rubber plant at Torrance this fall, it was announced today.

He will succeed Maarten Voogd whose retirement after 29 years with Shell was announced recently.

Williamson, who holds a degree in chemical engineering from the University of British Columbia, joined Shell in 1936 as a laboratory helper at the Shellburn Refinery in British Columbia. In May of 1951 he was named assistant refinery manager at Shellburn, and six months later was promoted to superintendent of the company's chemical plant at Montreal.

Williamson was transferred to Torrance in 1955 as superintendent in charge of operations, which position he held until July of last year when he was named manager of the Pittsburg plant.

Replacing Williamson as manager at the Shell Chemical Corp. plant at Pittsburg will be Frank G. Watson, presently assistant manager of Shell Chemical Corp.'s development department in New York.

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Chapel Opposes Narcotic Clinic Idea, Supports Elk's Campaign

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL

You will remember that for about eight years I have been trying to get tougher anti-narcotic laws passed by the Legislature and have succeeded, with the help of many people, of tightening the penalties slightly, but certainly not as much as they should be.

In a recent issue of the Herald, I discussed the commendable campaign now being waged by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which I am a member, to

arouse the people of the State to demand that the Legislature at the 1959 regular session enact laws forcing the judges to pass severe sentences on narcotic peddlers. I state that I support this worthy activity by the Elks and asked for comments from readers.

MUCH TO MY surprise, I received several letters which can be summarized as follows: "Committee of the American Medical Assn. and the American Bar Assn. have discussed

how narcotic addicts drug addicts would be given narcotics free after an all-out effort has been made to cure the addicts of their habit. The theory is that many, if not all, of the crimes in which narcotic addicts are involved spring from their need to get money to buy their drugs. The precedent for this free-drugs approach is that in some completely civilized countries, where drugs are supplied on prescription by the family doctor, drug addicts do not need to commit crimes to get money

to buy narcotics and lead fairly normal lives, with little chance to other people.

"OUR EXISTING laws follow the repressive philosophy that was characterized by the prohibition laws during the 'roaring twenties,' which give rise to gangs, mobs, and corruption in government. Our present effort is to deprive the addict of his narcotics, but we fail to accomplish our real purpose. Instead, we build up a lucrative international conspiracy for smuggling drugs into the United States and peddling them at enormous profits. Because an addict must spend from 20 to 40 dollars per day for his drugs, he or she turns to crime to get the money. Burglary, larceny, armed robbery, and prostitution are often caused by the dope fiend's desperate need for money. Take the profit out of the narcotic trade and you will reduce crime and get down to a practical plan for eliminating the spread of the drug habit."

THOSE WHO WROTE to me in opposition to the free dope idea, which I have never mentioned before in this column, admitted that in some European countries narcotics are either given free or sold at a very low cost on prescriptions issued by family physicians.

They emphasized that in China and Japan, where a similar system was in effect for many years prior to World War II, the gangs and mobs were eliminated, but the narcotic habit itself was increased, simply because there are always people of weak character who will turn to narcotics when they cannot or will not face their responsibilities, and they will turn to dope faster and easier if it is comparatively inexpensive and not too difficult to obtain.

DURING THE THREE years that I was in China, I found that in those areas controlled by the Chiang Kai Shek government severe penalties for selling, giving, or taking narcotics cut down the number of addicts, but in those areas controlled by the Japanese, who encouraged the Chinese to buy narcotics at low prices, there were not many crimes directly attributable to narcotics, but

there was a constantly increasing number of addicts.

Incidentally, the policy of the Japanese was to weaken the moral fibre of the Chinese people in order that it would be easier to conquer China when Japan got ready to take over all of that vast country.

I ALSO FOUND that many intelligent Chinese people hated the British because the British Empire had, in the 19th Century, forced China to import drugs from British India, purely from motives of profit. The Chinese Emperors and the ruling class fought this because they did not want their people enslaved by the dope habit. This is the saddest aspect of British colonial history and one that is often passed over very lightly because it does not reflect credit on an otherwise great people, but any Britisher who knows history will admit that the so-called "Chinese Opium Wars" were fought to force narcotics on the Chinese, just as I have stated.

Therefore, based on my own observation of what went on in China when I was there, I am opposed to giving away narcotics or selling them at a low price. I agree with the leaders of the Elk Lodges who want tougher California laws, tougher enforcement, and tougher sentences by judges.

Pastor to Speak On Constitution

Dr. G. Henry Green, senior minister of the First Presbyterian Church of San Pedro, will be featured speaker at a public "Constitution Observance" night at the Rolling Hills Masonic Lodge Thursday evening, Sept. 11, it was announced here yesterday by Master Frank Schmidt.

This event is one of the first public meetings of the newly chartered Rolling Hills Masonic Lodge, Schmidt said. The meeting will be opened at 8 p.m. at the Lomita Temple, Walnut and Bland in Lomita.

Officers of the lodge will greet guests, and Schmidt will be master of ceremonies during the evening.

Refreshments will be served at 9 p.m. by Rollettes, wives of lodge members.



CITY CHEST LEADERS . . . Top echelon Community Chest leaders for Torrance meet at the office of Jim Becker, City chairman, to map out September recruitment of volunteers. Seated left to right, are Mrs. J. E. Nichols, Mrs. J. A. DeJoffre, and Becker. Standing are Ray Wyatt and E. E. Franklin.



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