

People . . . On the Move

(Promotions, Assignments, Affiliations)

Election of C. J. Parkinson as a director of Stauffer Chemical Co. has been announced. Parkinson is president and a director of The Anaconda Company.

Capt. Francis Leon Lorente has been named interim master of the Matson Line's flagship SS Lurline. Commodore H. O. Mathiesen, the ship's master, is vacationing.

Harvey Aluminum has assigned K. K. Bigelow to new duties as senior supervisory liaison officer representing the company's research and development operations on the East Coast. He will be located in the Washington, D.C., office.

McCulloch Aircraft Corp. has elected General Paul L. Freeman, U.S. Army (Ret.), and Rear Admiral John F. Harlin, USNR (Ret.), to its board of directors.

Nell R. Sheeley has been appointed plant manager of Torrance Machinery & Engineering, Inc., a subsidiary of P & F Industries, Inc., of New York. Announcement of the appointment was made here by Charles A. Babbitt, president of the Torrance firm.

President Johnson has appointed Stafford Grady, chairman of the board and president of First Western Bank, to be a member of the National Highway Safety Advisory Committee.

Installed recently as president of the Independent Colleges of Southern California was Dr. H. Norvel Woung, president of Pepperdine College. Installation was during the organization's annual meeting held at the Music Center in Los Angeles.

The appointment of Harry L. Kagan as chief right of way agent for the California Division of Highways has been announced by State Highway Engineer John A. Legarra.

James W. McCrary has been named parts representative for Southern California by

Japan's Toyota Motor Company.

Mrs. R. O. (Frances) Young of Hermosa Beach has been reappointed to a three-year term on the board of governors of the County Department of Arboreta and Botanic Gardens by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Mrs. Pamela Richter RN, South Bay Hospital, recently completed a five-week course of study on "The Nursing Care Management of the Acute Cardiac Patient" at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

Harvey E. Daniels, 5501 Calle de Arboles, has been elected a member of the Sales and Marketing Executives Association of Los Angeles, president John Longnecker announced recently. He is currently manager of passenger sales for Continental Airlines.

Mrs. Leilani R. Matoba of 16121 Hoover St. in Gardena has been appointed assistant cashier in charge of operations at Bank of America's Play del Rey branch, announced manager W. M. Barker.

Appointment of James G. Morrish, 4734 Cadison St., as manager of finance for the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. Los Angeles plant has been announced. Morrish, employed for the past 35 years by Goodyear, also received a gold tie clasp. He and his wife, Mildred, have two children.

Vincent F. Romano, 13 Cerinto Place, Rolling Hills Estates, has been named an assistant vice president in the Los Angeles headquarters of United California Bank. He is an assistant chief appraiser in the bank's real estate loan department.

Ron Tepper has been named a partner in the public relations of Litrov/Levinson of Los Angeles. Tepper, a Torrance resident, will handle such accounts as Mattel Toys, Concert Associates, and Glen Campbell.

G. I. Loan Changes Announced

Recent changes in the G.I. home loan program should make it easier for thousands of widows of veterans to get G.I. home loans, Mort Webster, manager of the Veterans Administration regional office in Los Angeles, has announced.

Basis eligibility requirements are that the widow's husband either died on active duty or from a service-connected disability, Webster said, and the veteran's service was during World War II or after June 27, 1950.

A new law permits the VA to guarantee home loans up to \$12,500 of the loan amount but not more than 60 per cent of the loan, Webster added.

THE HIGHER ceiling on G.I. loan interest rates that went into effect recently should help these widows to get a G.I. loan from a commercial lending institution, he said.

Many eligible widows had husbands who served in World War II; under current legislation, they will have more than two years to obtain a G.I. loan — until July 25, 1970.

Entitlement for qualified widows of men who served in the Korean Conflict is not scheduled to expire until Jan. 31, 1975.

WIDOWS whose spouses served during the Viet-Nam era—or any time after Jan. 31, 1955—will have their eligibility expire:

- 20 years from the date of veteran's death in service;
- 20 years from the date of veteran's discharge; or
- March 3, 1876, whichever is later.



A TENDER MOMENT . . . Lady Alice More, played here by Gay Klimenhagenm, in a rare moment of affection, comforts Paul Tschke, who portrays Thomas More in Chapel Theatre's production of the award-winning modern classic "A Man for All Seasons" by Robert Bolt. The show will run on the Chapel boards, 2222 Lomita Blvd., through July 27.

At Conference

Palos Verdes Peninsula life insurance specialist Donald J. Bathgate, 28925 Moro Bay Drive, recently attended Mutual of New York's "Top Club" conference at the Concord Hotel in Kiamasha Lake, New York.

Airman I.C. Jose C. Casas-Curiel, brother of Francisco F. Casas-Curiel of 1212 Ford Ave., Redondo Beach, has arrived for duty at Goose AB, Canada.

Airman Casas-Curiel, an automotive repairman, is a 1966 graduate of Lawndale High School and attended El Camino College.

Solon Attacks Plan for Limit on Property Tax

SACRAMENTO — A plan to limit property taxes to 1 per cent of the market value of property proposed in Southern California at the November general election as an initiative measure, was attacked by Senator John F. McCarthy (R-Marin).

"How would you like," asked McCarthy, "the effective rate of your personal income to be more than doubled, and pay a sales tax upwards of 15 per cent?"

According to tax experts, this is what would happen if the proposed initiative gets on the ballot and is voted as a part of California law by the people of the state.

THE PLAN carries other provisions, such as using the property tax for property-related services only, and limiting the total bonded indebtedness by all local agencies to 5 per cent of the market value of property.

"It is estimated," said McCarthy, "that it would cost the state four to five billions of dollars to replace this loss of revenue to local government, unless of course, we wish to create total chaos in the financial condition of our various political agencies."

McCarthy pointed out taxpayers at the present time not only desire but are demanding relief from the tax burden, and also that denied this relief, the people could easily resort to unsound practices in government financing such as the tax limitation plan.

"Such proposals," he declared, "create somewhat of a dilemma for legislators who have been working hard to

find relief for our property taxpayers, who I am convinced are being increasingly over-burdened.

"But it is not responsible to suggest that we suddenly eliminate the entire tax base of our local government agencies just to please popular opinion.

"THIS IS NOT only irresponsible, but would endanger that very institution in California of which we are so proud, local home rule."

The proponents of tax limitation, the senator pointed out, fail to realize that positive and constructive proposals, designed to deal with a cause rather than the effect of problems, are necessary to achieve their objective. And tax limitations, he declared, strike at the effect rather than the cause of a problem.

"The effect of any overall limitation on the property tax would be to reduce seriously the amount of money currently available to local government for provision of needed services," said the senator. "Lost revenues would have to be replaced by new

revenue sources, which would most likely be increases in consumer taxes already existing.

"SUCH INCREASES would hit the small home-owner, businessman and farmer most heavily — the same group of people the tax limitation is designed to help."

McCarthy suggested rather than arbitrarily cutting off a major source of revenue to local government, a more logical approach to tax reform would be to encourage studies and proposals dealing directly with property tax assessment, and administration.



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OFTEN THE U. S. Supreme Court agrees with the lower state or federal court. Many times it regards a decision on appeal as unimportant and will allow it to stand. It may want to wait for a case with a sharper focus on an important problem.

The U. S. Supreme Court deals with questions involving federal law, often Constitutional law. If the case comes under state law—a contract, divorce, personal injury, or a property dispute — the U.S. Supreme Court is not likely to hear it, but to let it stand, as a matter of state concern only.

Even when the case is important and involves a federal question, the U. S. Supreme Court may first wait for a state court to pass on it. This policy rests on "judicial abstention." The court abstains from acting until lower courts have a look at it. Thus, suppose a citizen claims that a state law is unconstitutional. Still, the U. S. Supreme Court usually waits for the highest state court to pass upon it.

eral courts may have much the same jurisdiction since most states as well as the federal government protect the same rights. The U.S. Supreme Court may still review a decision, but usually it first weighs the opinion of the state court which has already passed upon it.

In this case, if the state court upholds a state law, the challenger can appeal directly to the U. S. Supreme Court. Again, the Supreme Court seldom interferes with the state court action. Out of thousands of cases sent to the U. S. Supreme Court only a few hundred can get a hearing.

Often the U. S. Supreme Court "remands" a case back to the state courts for a more explicit decision than it gave in the first place. With some guidance to the state court, the Supreme Court may hope that the state court will settle the case itself.

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