



LET'S HIT THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL, PARDNER MAY 6 1959

Los Altos Hills Mayor John Fowle (left) and Los Altos Mayor Irving Atkinson get together on plans to corral cash for the \$75,000 fund-

raising drive for the youth center in Los Altos. The campaign has a western theme, "Los Altos Roundup."

\$75,000 fund drive for Altos youth center to open Monday

The fund-raising drive for the \$75,000 youth center in Los Altos will get under way next week with the kickoff campaign dinner Monday in the Los Altos Union Church.

Nearly 300 campaign solicitors will meet to map strategy for raising the funds which will finance a youth center and community facilities building on the civic center on San Antonio Road. Theme of the drive is "Los Altos Roundup."

SOME FUNDS have already been raised in the advanced gifts division of the drive which has a goal of \$45,560. Other goals are \$18,940 in the business and professional division, \$11,000 in the residential and \$500 for youth contributions.

C. E. Dawson, former General Motors vice president, is chairman of the campaign.

Lisle (Red) Berkshire, formerly an organizational director with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, is campaign director. He is being assisted by Raymond Healey.

Heads of the drive divisions are Col. Albin N. Caldwell, U.S. Army (Ret.), advance gifts; Billy Russell, business and professional; Mrs. Jane Crocker, residential, and Paul Epley, youth.

The committee in charge of all arrangements is the Rev. Milton Johnson, Harry Humphries, Ruth Durst, Bill Niepoth, Mrs. Paul Peterson, the Rev. Charles Cox, Mrs. Keith

Bentlinger, Fire Chief Richard Bassett, and Lee Strensky.

A PLEDGE of \$5,000 toward construction of the youth facility has been received from the Crosby Foundation and the Los Altos Foundation has about \$8,000 earmarked for the project.

The Los Altos Federated Woman's Club and the Los Altos Foundation have been the prime movers in the drive to establish a youth center. Both organizations became active in the project more than a year ago.

Other civic groups so far endorsing the fund campaign are the Los Altos Kiwanis Club, the Los Altos Lions Club, the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce, Los Altos Junior Women's Club, the Los Altos PTA Council, Los Altos High School PTA, Carmel PTA, Portola PTA, Quota Club and the Los Altos Rotary Club.

Support and promise of aid in the fund campaign has also come from educators, civic leaders, professional people and other individuals.

Dr. Blaine Huntsman, superintendent of the Mountain View Union High School District, urged full cooperation on the part of the community.

"THE YOUTH of a community is its greatest asset and provisions should be made for their development along wholesome lines. A youth center can help to provide this

development," he said.

"Twenty-five years of my life have been spent in working closely with teen-agers, so I recognize the importance of this project," the superintendent added.

William Duggan, chairman of the Los Altos Recreation Commission, commented that "from my experience in Los Altos, this is one age group for which we do not provide the facilities they need."

Dr. Lee Shakinian, trustee of the Los Altos Foundation and president of the Los Altos Golf and Country Club, said that "Los Altos is a mature community and should assume mature responsibilities."

"Every effort should be made by all of us to give full support to the youth center drive," he stated.

Mrs. Kenneth Rowley, president of the Los Altos PTA Council, urged backing from individuals, clubs and groups in the community.

"THROUGH PERSONAL experience, I know the value of recreational facilities for youth," she said.

The proposed youth center would be a 4,000-square-foot building with a large all-purpose room for youth gatherings and dances, a snack bar and kitchen and a game room. The facility would be primarily designed for teen-age activities, but is planned to be used also for younger children and adults.