



Boy Scout Court of Honor Slated

The newly reorganized Rancho Santa Fe Boy Scout troop will hold its first 1956 Court of Honor on February 11 in the San Diego High School auditorium.

Fourteen year-old Gunter Amtmann will receive the Eagle award, Scouting's highest honor, Scoutmaster R. B. Duran said last week.

Young Amtmann will be the third member of his family to receive the honor. Deiter became an Eagle last year and will this year receive the Eagle palm in lieu of another Eagle award.

Duran said he thought that no other county troop as young as the Ranch troop could duplicate this honor.

He said attainment of the Eagle award involves many hours of extra work devoted to citizenship, physical culture, outdoor crafts, camping and science.

Los Ancianos sponsors the local troop. Victor Rakowsky was named institutional representative this year replacing Fred Van Sicklen.

1955 Home Building Sets New Record

Ranch building construction during 1955 was expected to break every record in sight. It did, but the lightning pace set during the first six months slackened somewhat during the latter half of the year.

Total 1955 construction value, according to building permit estimates at the Association office, was \$1,486,660, up \$400,000 from the previous year.

Sixty-two permits were issued during the year. Forth-nine permits were issued for residences, 32 before July 1 and 17 in the last six months. Others included five for additions to residences, one multiple residence group and seven miscellaneous permits.

The actual number of homes completed during the year differed somewhat from the permit figures. Forty-six residences were completed during 1955, according to the Building Commissioner, Arthur Brune; 19 are now under construction and two permits have been issued for which construction had not started by January 1.

In addition, 1955 construction included a telephone exchange, a church, four additions, two stables, two guest houses and the new elementary school.

Board Names Four Members To Art Jury Staff

Four Art Jury appointments were made January 20 by the Association Board of Directors acting on the recommendations of a special committee headed by W. O. Fleetwood. Board members C. K. Whittaker and W. M. Vandersluis also served on the committee.

Howard Harrison was reappointed to a three-year term. Harrison began his Art Jury tenure as an alternate four years ago. He has been a voting member of the Art Jury since September, 1952 and has served as president since February, 1953.

The Board appointed Claude Welles to replace Emory Peterson as the second voting Art Jury member. Peterson's term was up January 1, 1956.

Welles moved to the Ranch three years ago from Evanston, Illinois. He and his wife live on Mimulus road. They have five married children. The new Art Jury member maintains an interest in oil production on a semi-retired basis, he said.

In a third appointment, the Board appointed George Vernon Russell of Los Angeles as Art Jury consulting architect. Thomas Shepherd of La Jolla, who had served in that capacity for two years, resigned in January.

Fleetwood said that Russell, a senior director of A.I.A., teaches graduate courses in architecture at the University of Southern California. He has also been the recipient of national awards received for outstanding merit in his field.

A retired contractor from Oceanside was appointed Building Commissioner to replace Arthur Brune. He is Glenn Lewis and will begin his duties February 1.

Pipe Replacing Program Told

The pipeline replacing and installation program of the Santa Fe Irrigation District will this year cost nearly \$40,000, D. M. Bakewell, District manager said early this month.

The cost figure includes pipe replacing, re-lining, fittings, valves and contracted labor costs. A major portion of the work will, however, be done by the District's own employees.

The year's major project is a pipe-replacing project in Block 3 and 12. Some of the pipe is over 30 years old, Bakewell said. Over \$16,000 will be spent in replacing 4850 feet of 10-inch pipe and 700 feet of eight-inch pipe lines.

A 760-foot eight-inch line from the Civic Center pump to The Inn parking lot will be replaced at a cost of \$1640.

Thirteen hundred feet of six-inch pipe will be replaced along Cantarerras and El Secreto.

District directors voted January 9 to install 2200 feet of six inch pipe along Linea del Cielo and Las Planideras.

The Board also authorized installation of 1200 feet of eight-inch pipe on El Vuelo. Material costs for this project have been estimated at \$2628.

The American Pipe and Construction Co. has been contracted to re-line over 11,000 feet of a major transmission line along Del Norte. The company's bid was \$9000, Bakewell said.

Planning Commission Expected To Rule on 4-Acre Re-zoning

The County Planning Commission was expected to decide Jan. 27 on the feasibility of re-zoning 1085 acres in north Rancho Santa Fe into minimum building sites of four acres.

A previous hearing conducted Oct. 27 was continued to that date to allow both advocates and opponents of the re-zoning to contact additional property owners to sign their petitions.

It was expected that many interested property owners would be present at the hearing to speak for their side.

The re-zoning attempt was sponsored by the Rancho Santa Fe Association to strengthen present Board subdivision policy.

Several "islands" of non-Covenant property are scattered throughout the area. Under present county zoning, one-acre subdivisions are possible in these areas. The Association presently limits building sites in outlying sections of the Ranch to a minimum size of four acres.

The zone classification permitting minimum four-acre building

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Ranch Population Estimated At 1544

Rancho Santa Fe population swelled to 1544 during 1955, according to D. Maitland Bakewell manager of the Santa Fe Irrigation district.

Bakewell based his figures on the number of domestic water meters installed in the District last year.

He said a total of 56 meters were installed by District crews bringing the number of Ranch meters to a record 386.

Most authorities agree that an average of four persons are supplied from each domestic water meter, he explained.

MUCH TO REMEMBER

Major Ranch Activities And Events for 1955 Told

Nothing ever happens in a small town, some people say, but Ranch residents have a multitude of events to remember in just-past 1955.

Highlighting the January, 1955 news in Ranch Santa Fe was the greens fees hike to three dollars during the week and five dollars on Sundays and holidays.

Fire-proof vaults and directors' meeting-rooms were built early in the year in both the Irrigation District and the Association offices.

Tennis courts, under discussion for years, became a reality in May after the Board appropriated \$10,000 for their construction in March.

Approximately 175 people attended a special Association meeting called March 15 to discuss possible conversion of the golf course into a private country club.

May saw the first edition of the newly-enlarged Association Bulletin. In June, Francis Patton who had served as first editor during the early newsletter days resigned for health reasons as chairman of the Bulletin committee.

Two annual events, one a tradition and the other a necessity by reason of the Association by-laws, were held June 10. The school pet parade attracted a record 90 entries and later, the Annual Meeting attracted well over 200 citizens who heard the various committee reports and defeated a motion to discontinue the Bulletin in its present form.

Construction on the Ranch school also started in June. On June 13, a record vote turnout resulted in the election of C. K. Whittaker, H. F. Bakewell, W. M. Vandersluis and W. O. Fleetwood as Association directors. The new Board then e-

lected Adm. Felix X. Gyax as Board president.

Over 90 signed a petition for a Community Service District which was filed with county officials June 23, but large-scale opposition—over 100 had signed exclusion requests—prompted county supervisors to permanently shelve the petitions at the August 2 hearing.

Included in requests for appropriations for the 55-56 fiscal budget were \$2000 to extend the network of Association bridle trails, \$1500 to the House and Grounds committee and \$4500 for lowering of the seventeenth tee and construction of a new practice fairway on the golf course.

Budgets passed in 1955 included \$88,577 for the elementary school district, \$40,000 for the fire department and \$119,966.50 for the Association.

The \$15,000 Riding Club stables were begun in August with the help of a \$3500 loan from the Association. Additional financing was done through private subscription.

In September, the P-TA completed a drive to equip the first kindergarten class in Rancho Santa Fe. The Board adopted a sliding scale of minimum cost restrictions. The assessment rate was set at 65 cents to produce a total assessment of \$20,769.82. Total Covenant valuation was \$3,195,640. Country Friends raised \$1800 September 28 in an annual charity fashion show.

The old school building, abandoned November 7 when youngsters moved into the newly-completed school, was the prime topic of discussion during the fall and early winter. The School Board voted to sell the building, regarded as "surplus property", and established \$47,500 as minimum price. The Association bid on the building for use

as a community center, but it and 3.9 acres were awarded to Fred Manning whose \$48,000 bid was 500 dollars higher than the Association's.

The two-day Rancho Riding Club horse show, held October 8 and 9, attracted entries from throughout the county.

Petitions and counter-petitions were offered October 21 to the County Planning Commission which studied a move to re-zone 1085 acres of north-eastern Ranch land to minimum building sites of four acres. The hearing was continued to January 27.

The worst Rancho Santa Fe fire since December 1943, occurred November 8, when high winds fanned flames in the south western part of the Ranch until they had scorched 50 acres of heavily forested eucalyptus. Property damage was slight due to prompt action of firemen and volunteers.

Norman Carmichael, long-time Ranch resident, former Board member, Art Jury member and prominent in the Garden Club, died November 17.

First rain of the fiscal year fell November 14. The rain gauge

of R. E. Badger registered .56 inch.

A clubhouse remodeling study by greens and house committees was authorized December 16 by the Board. The special committee was ordered to work with "greatest speed possible."

As a Christmas tribute the Board honored Mr. and Mrs. George Richardson for their Ranch contributions.

School Property In Escrow

The deed for the Ranch school district property recently awarded to Fred Manning in a public bid sale has been signed, and the transaction is now going through escrow according to Russell Q. Fellows, president of the Board of Trustees.

The property, sold for \$48,000, included 3.9 acres and the old school building, abandoned when the new building was completed early last November.

A subdivision request, necessary before the transaction could be completed, was approved this month by both the Art Jury and Association Board of Directors.

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BOARD MEETING: JAN. 20

RSF Parking, Stop Sign And Road Striping Needs Told

Civic Center parking facilities, road striping and stop signs for which the Ranch is dependent on the county of San Diego to a large degree, were among major items considered by the Board of Directors January 20.

Previous Board discussions had brought out that village parking facilities were becoming increasingly difficult. Board member W. M. Vandersluis and Manager W. S. Smart had been instructed to meet with county officials to work out a possible solution.

Manager Smart said the county, after installing parallel parking signs in the village could do little more. County enforcement of a limited parking ordinance would be impossible, he reported.

Mrs. Louise MacFall remarked that parking congestion would be shortly relieved when a 75-car landscaped lot is finished behind the Post Office Building. She said this should be done within a month.

The county has also been asked to stripe additional village roads. Danger to motorists while traveling along unstriped roads, especially on foggy nights, prompted the request. The Association manager said the county has installed traffic counters along some roads, but has indicated, that if the traffic count is not over 1000 cars a day, additional roads will not be striped with white lines.

A traffic and pedestrian count is also being made at the Las Colinas-Paseo Delicias intersection to determine the feasibility of installing stop signs for through traffic on Paseo Delicias.

Additional requests now before the county include: installation of three reflector signs on the Solana Beach road; correction of spelling on several road signs.

The Board awarded a one-year contract for the fuel used in golf course maintenance trucks to General Petroleum Products of Oceanside. The bid was the lowest of five submitted. Fuel prices are: gasoline, .2389 cents a gallon; oil, 62 cents a gallon; gear oil, 16 1/4 cents a lb.; grease, 17 cents a lb.

The Rev. George Culbertson and Richard Blackedge presented a plat map to the Board show-

ing approximate building placement and parking lot for a non-denominational Protestant church planned by the Church Extension Board of the Los Angeles Presbytery.

The proposed church site is near the corner of La Valle Plateada on Paseo Delicias. Blackledge said sale of the property is now going through escrow. The property must be rezoned before any building can be erected.

The Board approved a request of Mrs. Emily Bertschinger to subdivide 44.75 acres in Lots 3 and 5 into six parcels of five acres and a remaining parcel of 14.75 acres.

C. K. Whittaker gave a further report on the clubhouse remodeling project. Further cost estimates had been made and with the inclusion of an automatic sprinkling system, renovation of the caddy and caretaker's lean-to structures, the total cost would be about \$52,000. An automatic sprinkler system would pay for itself within five years because of lowered fire insurance rates, he said.

Emergency food and restroom service during renovation of the building, are now being considered, he said.

Association members will be polled when the next tax notices are sent on a possible Covenant amendment. It had previously been suggested that the assessment delinquency date coincide with the county delinquent date.

4-Acre . . .

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sites was created by San Diego county in August, 1954 and is designated as an E-1-C zone. It has not yet been applied to any other county area.

Four-acre re-zoning opponents say that re-zoning would work a hardship on property owners, depreciating their property values; that subdivision should be "home-controlled" (i.e. by the association); that four acre sites are too large for the average home owner; and, that contour and topography should be the rule of thumb governing subdivisions.

Rancho Santa Fe Temperatures

Temperatures recorded in Rancho Santa Fe at The Inn for the past month are as follows:

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Notes From Ranch Records Years '20 to '50

By Ruth R. Nelson

It was our children's wildflower classes, shown in competition at the 1933 Garden Club Flower Show which first disclosed that at least 125 different native flowers and shrubs blossom on Ranch hillsides and meadows.

The Flower Show that year was staged at the old Osuna homestead which was then without a tenant.

For the two days of the Flower Show the lovely, historic gardens were alive with Spanish music and dancing during the tea hour. Every room held flower exhibits, and Miss Lilian Rice staged the children's wildflowers in one of the small buildings where she used a clever arrangement of test tubes to show this educational entry neatly.

Garden Club members are apt to remember that Mrs. Norman Carmichael's plans for this 1933 Flower Show made it the club's first attempt to display its arrangement classes as "Flower Pictures". This was a new exhibit pattern for flower shows

in the San Diego area, and one which was soon adopted by other floral organizations in the county.

A Graceful Shrub

Each year Spring signals her approach at Rancho Santa Fe by the flowering of the ceanothus, a graceful shrub with small shiny evergreen leaves . . . a native well worth preserving wherever it occurs.

Soon the scarlet bush mimulus appears, and in the meadows dainty shooting stars dot the dry grasses. Here also, blue brodiaeas will be growing so thick and tall they resemble rugs thrown over the sloping meadow.

The rare Mission bell lily also appears in the same flower colony, which is probably crowded in upon one of the sticky clay areas these particular flowers love so well. Later there will be golden stars there, growing even as tall and thick, and colorful.

The blue-eyed grass iris, wavy leaves of the amole, and

wild onions also appear in the same place.

Toyons at Best

This year, the toyons, tree-sized, have been at their very best in spite of the past dry seasons. Wherever clumps of scrub oak are still growing the flaunting colors of the trailing wild sweetpea will be seen for this seems to be the preferred shelter for these perennial vines.

In a small area just above the old schoolhouse there has been noted an inconspicuous shrub which bears its flowers and fruit at the same time. The leaves are very fine, the flower small and white, the berries tiny with pitted skin like citrus fruit, to which family it does belong.

Early Spring brings another strange plant in its accustomed place near the old ceremonial Indian trail that winds along the western bluff. This is the Indian Warrior which appears in staunch little companies, bearing jaunty blossom stalks, deep blood-red, supported by a feathery bronze foliage on its stiff stem, very suggestive of a warrior's sweeping headdress. Growing as they do, in this particular spot, these plants quaintly suggest the dim presence of those people long departed.

Manzanitas Also

There are fine manzanitas in this same area also, a shrub

which the Indians found useful in many ways. They ate the berries and used the hard wood for arrow points, two-edged swords and their meccanas which were skillfully used as boomerangs for killing small game.

Much later the mint bush, romero, will come into bloom with its lovely blue velvety flowers, unlike any others. Then the lavender mariposas appear although the ground is long since very dry. Finally the beautiful yellow mariposas seem to end the flower procession, springing up suddenly to wave above the dusty shrubs, so like the butterflies for which they are named.

This list has named only a few of our weedlings. Until we have another "wet" year we cannot hope to see all these which the children gathered for that competition in 1933.

Annual Dinner Held

The annual membership dinner of the Rancho Riding Club was held Monday, Jan. 23 at the Garden Club. The buffet dinner was under the chairmanship of Mrs. Potter Bowles.

Mrs. Bowles said this week that another bride trail is now being graded by David Dewey. The trail is located along Las Planideras road, she said.

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Garden Club's Annual Rummage Sale Set Feb. 14-15

The year's pot-purri accumulation of many Garden Club members will be disposed of Feb. 14 and 15, dates for this year's annual Garden Club rummage sale. Mrs. Fred Van Sicken is general chairman.

The rummage sale is the largest event on the Garden Club's yearly schedule. Part of the proceeds will for the first time be given to charity through the Country Friends.

Rummage is now being collected at the Garden Clubrooms daily and division chairmen and their committees are busy sorting and packing away the contributions.

Members of the club will have an opportunity to preview the contributions at a rummage-fashion show to be held Feb. 3.

Admission to the fashion show will be a bundle of rummage, Mrs. Edmond Sullivan, publicity chairman announced last week.

Committee chairmen for the rummage sale are Mrs. Everett Flanders, collections; Mrs. Hans Amtmann, properties; Mrs. Harry W. Booth Jr., food; Mrs. Raymond Gordon, teen-age clothing; Mrs. Georgette Patnaude, jewelry; Mrs. Roger Woolley, china; Mrs. Raymond Grisette,

Mrs. C. Ames Is Garden-Wing Chairman

Mrs. Charles Ames has been appointed chairman of the Garden Club garden-wing now being organized, according to Mrs. Edmond Sullivan, president.

Any Garden Club member is welcome to join this new section which will devote special emphasis to the arrangement of flowers, the annual Garden Club flower shows, and invitational judging at various other flower shows in the county and Southland areas.

The group has already been invited to a rose-pruning demonstration sponsored by the San Diego Rose Society, Saturday, Jan. 28 from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.

Permission to initiate the garden wing was recently granted by the California Federation of Garden Clubs of which the local club is a charter member. The Rancho Santa Fe Garden Club, with a membership of 500, is the second-largest garden club in the state, Mrs. Sullivan said.

books.

Mrs. Victor Barton, art objects; Mrs. Lewis Lintner, furniture; Mrs. William Fleetwood, women's clothing; Mrs. Arthur Thorne, linen; Mrs. Thomas Faulconer, accessories; Mrs. Neil Randol, children's clothing; Mrs. George Ravenscroft, men's clothing; Mrs. William Herbert; toys; Mrs. Victor Venberg, consultant; Mrs. W. Clifford Jones, treasurer; Mrs. Sullivan, publicity.

"Skyliners" To Present Program Jan. 29

Skyliners, a San Dieguito area choral group, will present a program for Garden Club members Jan. 29 at 8 p. m. The forty one member group is made up of singers from Del Mar, Rancho Santa Fe, Solana Beach, Encinitas and Cardiff. Harold Baltz of Solana Beach is director.

Mrs. Richard Harris, Skyliner president, who also is a member of the Garden Club, said the chorus will present a program of semi-classical and folk music. Christmas music will also be repeated by the group.

Skyliners is sponsored by the Adult Education Department of the San Dieguito High School District. It was organized several years ago by eight interested singers who have since seen their organization grow to its present strength. Mrs. Harris and her husband are charter members of the chorus.

Chairmen of hosts and hostesses for the evening are Mr. and Mrs. Louis Renn. Assisting the Renns will be Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dacus, Mr. and Mrs. John Rule and Mrs. Evelyn Nestor.

Book Club To Fill Club Membership

New members will be selected to join the Rancho Santa Fe Book Club January 31. The luncheon-business meeting will begin at 12:30 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Charles Ames Jr. Assisting Mrs. Ames as luncheon hostesses will be Mrs. Sydney Nelson and Mrs. C. Gray Stewart.

Following the luncheon and business meeting, book reviews will be presented by Mrs. Edward Cheyney and Mrs. W. Clifford Jones.

P-T-A Plans Three Feb. Events

Three events have been planned by the P-TA for February. P-TA directors will meet at 9:15 a. m., February 7, to discuss program plans for the month's activities. The Board meeting will be held at the elementary school.

The national P-TA Founder's Day will be observed on the following Thursday, February 9, at 3:15 p. m. in the school. Mrs. Virginia Ashley is program chairman.

Individual room parties will be held by Ranch school youngsters on February 14 in observance of Valentine's Day. Following the traditional Valentine card exchange, cookies and punch will be served by the P-TA. Room mothers are in charge.

The most valuable part of the human machine is the self-starter.

"Holiday Bazaar" To Replace Fashion Shows

A "Holiday Bazaar" will this year replace the fashion show as the major fund-raising event of Country Friends.

The all-day sale has been scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 6. Mrs. Francis Patton has been appointed general chairman of the bazaar.

The nucleus of sale items will consist of stock remaining from Green Leaves, a shop located in the village for several years. Mrs. Arthur Lindburg, owner of the shop has donated the merchandise to Country Friends.

All proceeds of the bazaar will once more be given to charity. For the past two years, the group has realized nearly \$2000 each year which has gone for charitable purposes.



SORTING RUMMAGE—Members of the clothes committee recently gathered to sort clothes donated for the popular rummage sale, an annual event of the Garden Club. Chairman of the committee is Mrs. William Fleetwood, left. Other members of her committee are Mrs. Ben Fletcher, center and Mrs. Kenneth Walker, right. Mrs. Walker will also commentate at the rummage sale fashion show and tea for members February 3. All costumes will be rummage and the show will feature smart and amusing fashions. Donation for admission will be a bundle of rummage.

"Meet Your Neighbors" The Charles Ames Family

One of the many Ranch families whose philosophy of living centers in "the family group" is the Charles Ames family of La Gracia road.

Whether it's swimming, fishing, skiing, Girl Scouts or football, this theme governs all of the Ames' activities.

Mrs. Ames said recently, "Our children have been the center of our activities for the last 13 years and probably will be for at least five more. Fundamentally, that's why we came to the Ranch to live".

Charles and Meriam Ames have two lively children, Peter, a freshman at San Dieguito High school, and Cynthia, a seventh grader at Earl Warren Junior High.

Right now the greatest family interest is skiing. Both children learned the winter sport "nearly as soon as they could walk".

"It's one sport that all members of the family can participate in with varying degrees of proficiency" the Ames declared.

Last winter the family decided to spend a week at Sun Valley. The children were told months before that they would be included in the outing if their school marks were better than a B average. The children came through with flying colors and the Ames took off for Idaho.

This year the children will remain in school when Mr. and Mrs. once more go to the northern winter resort in early March. But the children, although somewhat disappointed, have New Year's weekend to remember. It was spent at Yosemite, where the snow was fine for skiing, they said.

The Ames also ski in the San Bernardino mountains, Snow Valley, Big Bear and Holiday Hill. They have never had a serious accident to deter their interest.

"My husband and I conducted most of our courtship on the slopes of the High Sierras near Donner Pass," Mrs. Ames said.

Mr. and Mrs. Ames were married in 1941. Her marriage interrupted Mrs. Ames' plan for a career as an attorney. She had shortly before passed the state bar examinations after graduating from Mc George College of Law at Sacramento.

Mr. Ames, who like his wife,

is a native Californian, is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, where he studied mechanical engineering. After his graduation he spent six months in Cairo, Egypt where he supervised non-skilled Egyptian labor in the air-conditioning of such places as the Egyptian Parliament building and the palace of King Farouk.

Returning to this country, he worked for General Motors for several years before he joined the engineering staff of Convair. He was transferred to the San Diego office nine years ago. He now is chief design engineer in Convair's guided missile section.

Before deciding that Rancho Santa Fe would be the ideal spot to establish their permanent home, the Ames spent four years in Del Mar. Their home Ranch is constructed of pumice block, redwood board and batten and large amounts of glass.

Mr. Ames, whose hobby is woodworking did all of the cabinet work for the house. He has also made several pieces of handsome furniture in his shop.

Peter's interests are diversified. Besides skiing, he enjoys fishing and skin diving, two sports which he shares with his father. During the summer, the two usually go to the High Sierras for a week of trout fishing and they also dive and spear fish in La Jolla and off the Solana Beach reef.

Peter played left guard for the San Dieguito junior varsity last season and wasn't discouraged when the team came in fifth in the seven-school league.

He hopes to someday follow in the footsteps of his parents and study either law or engineering. To help finance his college career, he now takes care of 36 avocado, 4 lemon and six orange trees. For over a year he has been watering, picking and marketing the fruit.

Young Cynthia's chief interests lie in riding, playing the piano and Girl Scouting. She and Peggy, her Arabian mustang, entered competition in the Junior Riding Club gymkhana last November. She is also a proficient pianist and recently was elected president of her Girl Scout troop in Solana Beach. Mrs. Ames

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Work Begun On Fire District Office, Residence

Construction began the first week in January on the Fire Protection District's combination office and chief's residence.

Construction is being done by the George Wright Construction Co. of San Diego. The company's winning bid of \$15,664 was the lowest of four submitted. The Wright company also built the District garage three years ago.

The contract calls for a completion date of 100 working days, according to Leon Janinet, chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

The concrete block structure will contain living quarters for Chief R. B. Duran, a department office, dormitory facilities for two men and a radio room. It was designed by John Bancroft.

The new building will replace a 30-year old duplex which had been invaded by termites and dry rot. It was originally built by the Irrigation District to house District personnel. The old building was razed late last year by Chief Duran and his assistant, Dick Wessels.

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What's Doing on the Ranch

Garden Club-Jan. 29, 3 p. m. music by "Skyliners" choral group, Harold Baltz, director, Clubrooms.

Book Club—January 31, 12:30 p. m., Luncheon-Business meeting, Home of Mrs. Chas. Ames Jr.

Board of Directors—February 3, 9:30 a. m., Association office (open).

Fashion Show-Garden Club rummage show for members, Feb. 3 at 3 p. m., Mrs. Kenneth Walker, commentator.

School Board—February 6, 8 p. m., Rancho Santa Fe School.

P-TA—February 7, 9:15 a. m. Board of Directors, RSF School; February 9, 3:15 p. m., Mem-

bership meeting, "Founder's Day", RSF School.

Irrigation District—Board of Directors, February 13, 9 a. m., District office.

Valentine's Day—February 14, Room parties, RSF School.

Garden Club-Annual Rummage sale, Feb. 14-15, Clubrooms

Board of Directors—February 17, 9:30 a. m., Association office (open).

Garden Club-Buffer Dinner, Feb. 24, 6 p. m. Mr. and Mrs. William Walker, chairmen.

Ranch Polo Field Petition Delayed

Sponsors of the Ranch outdoor polo field hope to have it ready for team-play in 1957. Site of the proposed field is along La Orilla road near the western boundary of the Ranch.

Cecil Gray, spokesman for the group, said the 400 by 800 foot field will be planted with Bermuda grass. He said circulation of a petition necessary to effect re-zoning of the site was delayed pending a more complete survey of the area.

Polo is usually played in this area during the summer and early fall. Gray said the polo field's backers do not expect the field to be ready for play this year.

Other sponsors of the field are Jess McMillen, Willis M. Allen and Charles R. Berdel.



MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ames and their children, Peter and Cynthia are pictured in the living room of their contemporary-styled home on La Gracia. Missing from the family portrait is Khaki, the Ames' friendly Boxer dog.

The Ames ...

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serves on the Scout committee.

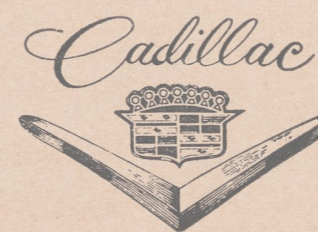
Cynthia's career ambition changes frequently, her mother said. Right now she wants to get a bachelor of about 22 when she grows up, she said.

"Cynthia is the spice in our family and is active from morning to night," her parents said.

Mrs. Ames is active in Garden Club work and is also a member of the Book Club. She will head the recently formed garden section of the Garden Club.

She also takes an active interest in P-TA. She is a Board member of both the Earl Warren and San Dieguito P-TA groups. She said she consented to be on both boards to make the schools more aware that Rancho Santa Fe is an active part of the school district. Mrs. Ames also belongs to P.E.O., an education, cultural and social sisterhood. She is active in organizing a chapter for the San Dieguito area.

Always eager to broaden their horizons, the Ames have been studying Personal Finance and Investment at the San Diego University Extension during the last semester. Mr. Ames has also spent several semesters teaching in the San Diego Adult Education program.



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Protective Covenant Basic Restrictions Explained

Several articles have appeared in various issues of the Association Bulletin on the Protective Covenant. Its origin, zoning restrictions, subdivision and keeping of animal policies have been discussed at length.

At one of the recent Board meetings, the statement was made that it might be hard to keep up with so many of the minor restrictions imposed by the Covenant. Following are some general basic restrictions listed in Article one.

Certain industries are specifically forbidden in all parts of the Ranch.

Included on the verboten list are saloons, foundries, distilleries, brickyards, cemeteries, crematoriums, tuberculosis sanitariums, mental hospitals, gunpowder factories, slaughter houses, stock yards, fish canneries, oil refineries and fertilizer factories.

The manufacture of pickles, sausages, sauerkraut and vinegar is forbidden only in Class D districts, but the Board of Directors is reserved the right to pass on any business or industrial use. (Paragraph one)

Drilling for oil and natural gas is not allowed, but if oil should ever be developed within 3000 feet of Covenant property, it could then be opened for prospecting, drilling and producing of oil. (Paragraph three)

Another basic restriction protects the Ranch from shacks and other undesirable buildings. Par-

agraph six limits building materials to new materials but stone is considered a new material.

No temporary vegetable stands are permitted, but packing houses may be erected without first constructing a minimum cost building, after surrounding property owners are notified, a hearing is held, and the Association gives its written consent. (Paragraph eight)

In residence districts A, B, and C, ornamental plantings, trees, shrubs, flowers, etc. are expected to be planted within six months after the completion date of the house. The cost of these plantings is expected to be at least three per cent of the cost indicated on the building permit, with a 200 dollar minimum, but more than 1000 dollars expense is not required. (Paragraph nine)

Trees over five feet high and within 25 feet of a public road may not be cut back, removed, or killed except with Association approval (Paragraph 11)

The Association has the right to plant or improve the area within 25 feet of any front, rear or side line on any vacant lot. If the owner later gives the Association a 30-day written notice of his intentions to improve the property, the Association may then remove its improvements. (Paragraph 12)

As a protective measure before the days of the Fire Protection District, Paragraph 14, as amended in 1939, declared that no fires would be permitted except in chimneys, barbecue pits, fireplaces or other fire arrangements, without written Association approval. This paragraph did not, however, apply to fires used in clearing land where a permit had been obtained from the Fire Warden.

Paragraph 16 provides for the necessity of service yards, saying that clothes, sheets and blankets should be hung out to dry only in an area enclosed by lattice, fence or wall.

Farming machinery can not be stored in the open for so long a time that it becomes an "unsightly nuisance". Any Association member who feels aggrieved on this issue may complain to the Board which is then instructed to "informally investigate the matter". (Paragraph 18)

Civil Defense Kit Needs Listed

Although Rancho Santa Fe is out of what Civil Defense officials consider a number one target area, the fallout pattern following any enemy attack could make it necessary to evacuate the Ranch, Lewis Lintner, local zone warden said recently.

Each car should be equipped with a first-aid kit, a pocket knife, shovel, can-opener, candles, matches and soap.

In addition, Civil Defense officials have suggested that a minimum disaster kit for each person should consist of one gallon of water, a spoon, blanket, two cans of soup, two cans of tomatoes, baked beans, two cans of evaporated milk and baby food as required.

If any family member is on a special diet of food and medicine, these should also be provided, Lintner stated. Food and water should be provided for pets and gas tanks should always be kept at least half full, he said.

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BOARD MEETING: JANUARY 6

Clubhouse Remodeling Study Continues; Committee Reports

Construction on the clubhouse remodeling project could begin within 30 days, C. K. Whittaker told the Board of Directors January 6.

Board member Whittaker was reporting on a special meeting held January 5 by the combined Greens and House and Grounds committees who had last month been authorized by the Board to proceed with the remodeling study.

At the special meeting, the committee unanimously authorized John Bancroft, local designer and interior decorator, to proceed with detailed plans, specifications and working drawings of the proposed renovation, Whittaker said. The committee named John Heddson as chairman of the renovation project and Mrs. Hampton G. Wall as co-chairman.

Thirty days would be needed to complete working drawings and renovation could then be completed within 90 days after that date, Whittaker quoted Bancroft as saying. This would bring the first possible completion date to about May 15.

Installation of an automatic sprinkler system at the time of reconstruction would save the Association \$6500 in insurance premiums in five years, more than enough to pay for the system, the committee reported.

The renovation study was prompted after it was learned that kitchen facilities did not meet county health standards. A previous study with a "\$25,000 limit" was abandoned by the directors as inadequate for Ranch needs.

The Bancroft plan incorporates refurbishing, carpeting, draperies, a soundproof ceiling, overhauled heating system and enlarged locker room and shower facilities into its features.

The men's and women's locker rooms will be in the west portion of the building. The bar and lounge will be moved to the general area where the kitchen now stands. Kitchen, serving counter and dining room will be in the north part of the building.

The plan also provides for future expansion features including an outdoor terrace, swimming pool and a 26 by 40

foot extension. building and 3.9 acres of school property recently awarded to Fred Manning.

Cost of the basic plan has been estimated at about \$45,362. With the 26 by 40 foot extension included, the cost would rise to \$60,912.

Subdivision of the land belonging to the Rancho Santa Fe School District (Lots 21, 22, 23, Map 2129) was approved pending approval by the Art Jury. Subdivision was a technicality needed by the School District to complete sale of the old school

A copy of a letter from the county Board of Supervisors to the County Counsel regarding a recent Board request to allow the Maintenance District to clean street and gutters in the Village Center was read. The Supervisors are recommending that a county ordinance be amended to facilitate the request.

The directors discussed the possibility of future Covenant amendments. It was noted that in some cases, revision might be desirable to "tighten up" or "loosen down" certain Covenant paragraphs which are considered too "tough and ambiguous".

Water Tax

Delinquencies Down

Delinquencies on first installment Santa Fe Irrigation District taxes were this year lower than last year, D. M. Bakewell, District manager said recently.

This year's delinquency was only \$2,918, or 5.18 per cent of a total tax bill of \$57,896, Bakewell said. First installment delinquencies last year were \$3,802 on a total bill of \$54,583. The deadline for first installment payments was December 27.

Second installment payments are due now, but will not become delinquent until June 30. The total second installment is \$57,877, he said.



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Real Estate Transfers

Recent transfers of Covenant property as recorded in the Daily Transcript include the following:

James M. Young and Russel C. Durni to A. E. C. and Margaret Oxley, Portion of Lot 5 and 6, Block G.

Howard J. and Jane L. Barney to John G. and Willadene F. Johnson, Portion of Lot 7, Block 34.

David S. and Edith B. Oakes to Morris Bakken, Jr. and Madeline P. Burnell, Lot 29, Block 37, Map 2057.

Lester R. and Carolyn D. Walls to Otto and Lilly G. Berk, Lot 16 and Portion of Lot 17, Block D, Map 1742.

Benjamin T. and Helene G. Harris to Lorenzo and Rosaria Piazza, Lot 23, Map 2089.

Goerge M. and Eva C. Gere to John S. and Bernice M. Berkson, Portion of Lot 4, Block 32, Map 1742.

Union Title Insurance and Trust Co. to Arnold W. and Thelma J. Buck, Portion of Lot 1, Block 47, Map 1742.

Jenny P. Forwood and Mary P. Phillips to A. C. and Marilyn M. Ridland, Portion of Lot 9, Block 32, Map 1742.

Richard C. and Mary F. Blackledge to Joseph E., Jr. and Rita Kowalski, Portion of Lot 2, Block 33.

George B. and Dorothy Lou Willoughby to Robert C. Corlett, Robert E. Cantwell, Jr., and Louis Yager Cantwell, Lots 10, 11, 12, and Portion of Lots 7 and 8, Block 33, Map 1742.

Edith M. Trowbridge and Helen F. Trowbridge to George B. and Dorothy Lou Willoughby, Lot 48, Map 2089.

Union Title Insurance and Trust Co. to Joseph W. and Mabel E. Hennecke, Portion of Lot 1, Block 47.

Cecil and Marion Bainbridge, to James E. Dudley, Portion of Lot 14, Block 33, Map 1742.

Willene W. Sullivan to Charles J. Houtteman, Portion of Lot 6, Block 33.

Union Title Insurance and Trust Co. to Leland L. and Dorothy D. Evison, Portion of Lot 1, Block 47.

A. C. and Marilyn M. Ridland to Harold C. and R. Maxine Nigg, Portion of Lot 8, Block 48.

R. E. and Ruth C. Badger to Robert Crichton, Portion of Lot 4, Block 29.

John M. and Lucille E. Cook to John Heddon, Portion of Lot 14, Block 32.

Cecil L. Jenks to Jean. G. Thompson, Lot 103 of subdivision of Blocks 25 and 26 of Por-

County To Change District Scope

A resolution is now being drafted by the County Counsel to include in the purposes of the Rancho Santa Fe Maintenance District such items as cleaning the streets and gutters in Rancho Santa Fe.

The proposed change in ordinance is in response to an order by the Board of Supervisors acting on a request of the Association Board of Directors. The Maintenance District is presently set up to maintain and trim shrubs and trees along the village roads.

A public hearing will be called before any change in the present ordinance becomes effective.

Final Storage Site Report Nears

Engineers are expected to submit a final report on a possible reservoir site in La Jolla Canyon sometime in February, according to D. M. Bakewell, manager of the Santa Fe Irrigation District. Kenneth Volk, District engineer, is preparing the report.

The La Jolla site, the third to be investigated by the District as a possible site for water storage, is north of Black Mountain. If feasible, it would be used to store Colorado River water for the Irrigation District.

A proposed second San Diego aqueduct is expected to pass near the La Jolla site. The County Water Authority hopes to have the second aqueduct finished in five years.

The District now stores its water in Lake Hodges. The water storage contract expires in 1958.

Mothers' March Needs Volunteers

Collectors are needed for the January 31 Mothers' March on polio, according to Mrs. John MacFall, chairman of the 1956 March of Dimes drive.

Volunteers will call at homes where porch lights are on from seven to nine p.m. for contributions to the polio drive, Mrs. MacFall said.

Prospective campaigners may call Mrs. MacFall, PL 6-1544 or PL 6-1151; Mrs. Theodore Finch, PL 6-1072; Mrs. Frank Watts, PL

tion of Blocks 19, 20, 32 and 33.

Esther S. Caldwell and Cedric and Eva L. Garagliano to Union Title Insurance and Trust com-

County Completes Traffic Survey

The county road department recently completed a traffic survey on certain Ranch roads. Traffic counters were placed at 11 different spots to determine the amount of traffic which flows over the roads. Installation of stop signs and road striping depends on results of these traffic surveys. Traffic volume varied in a 24-hour period from a high of 615 vehicles on Avenida de Acacias south of La Granada, to a low of 127 vehicles on Rambla de Las Flores.

In a letter to the Association, county officials also stated: "Diagonal parking regulations have not been established in Rancho Santa Fe, and all vehicles parked in this manner are therefore subject to a citation. It is pointed out that adequate parking space is available within a reasonable walking distance of the business district, and the establishment of diagonal parking cannot be justified in this area. In the interests of safety and the reduction of traffic hazards, motorists are requested to comply with the existing parallel parking regulations."

1956 Golf Club Officers Told

Col. Kenneth M. Barager, Sr. was recently elected 1956 president of the Rancho Santa Fe Golf Club. Other new members of the Board of Governors are Wade Rutherford, vice president; Oscar Taylor, secretary; E. E.W. Duncan, treasurer; Roy Bargy, Rod Streed, John Shaw, Board members.

Committee charimen for the club the Rod Streed, tournament; Wade Rutherford, handicap; C. J. Ridley, greens; Robert Barry, entertainment.

1955 Golf Course Income Told

Golf course income for the first six months of the fiscal year was \$52,868, W. A. Smart told the Board on January 6. The figure, down \$2644.50 from the similar 1954 period, represents both greens fees and pro-rated playing privileges.

The greens committee last summer set a \$98,500 estimate as 55-56 fiscal year income.

Total income for 1955 was \$102,628. In 1954 it was \$109,738.

Welcome Rains Fall

Light and scattered showers within the past week have resulted in over a half inch of rain, R. E. Badger said Thursday. To 8 a.m., January 26, .58 inch had fallen since January 16. Total for the rain year is now 2.11 inches, Badger said. He said that heavy showers could be expected. Runoff would then fill the low reservoirs.

Golf Club Scores

Rancho Santa Fe Golf Club's two teams captured two wins January 22, in the first of seven team matches among Southern California Golf Assn. members.

The home team beat Pomona, 35-13, and the traveling team topped Mission Valley, 36-12. The interclub competition will continue each Sunday for the next six weeks.

Picnic Sites Readied

The first picnic area in San Dieguito Park is expected to be ready for public use by May. County crews are now preparing the first of three picnic sites. All are planned to be in operation by summer. The 100-acre park area is located between the Ranch and Solana Beach. It was donated to the county for park purposes in 1954 by the Santa Fe Irrigation district.

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ART JURY: JANUARY 9

Two Subdivisions, Realignment, Six House Plans Reviewed

Two subdivisions and a lot realignment were approved by the Art Jury which delayed its January meeting to the ninth because of the New Year holiday.

Recommended for approval to the Board of directors was the request of Mrs. Emily Bertschinger to divide 45.57 acres in Lots 3 and 5, Block 11, into six parcels of five acres each and one parcel of 15.57 acres.

The Art Jury also recommended for approval the request of the Rancho Santa Fe School District to divide 11.47 acres in Lots 21, 22 and 23 into two parcels of 7.47 and 3.9 acres. The smaller acreage includes the old school building recently sold to Fred Manning.

A lot realignment request submitted by Mrs. Ruth Badger, to combine a Portion of Lot 8, with a small Portion of Lot 5 and a 20-foot strip in Block 9, was approved.

Six house plans were considered by the Art Jury. Final approval was given to four plans, preliminary approval on another

and action was postponed on the sixth plan.

Approved were the plans of: A. Dewey Allard for a residence and garage in Portion of Lot 11, Block 47, with plans submitted December 28; Charles W. Haugsten for residence and garage on Portion of Lot 2, Block 48, plans submitted January 5;

Horace G. Phillips for residence and garage in a Portion of Lot 7, Block 10, plans submitted January 6; and, A. H. Stone Jr. for residence in Portion of Lot 6, Block 47, plans submitted January 4.

The Art Jury gave preliminary approval to plans submitted by Leland L. Evison, for residence and garage in a Portion of Lot 1, Block 47.

Action was postponed on residence plans submitted by Gordon Kern, Portion of Lot 4, Block 47, with plans submitted January 4.

Color samples approved by the Art Jury were submitted by Rancho Riding Club; Portion of Lots 1 and 2, Block 34; Charles

Richardson, Portion of Lot 4, Block 29; S. R. Murphy, Portion of Lot 4, Block 35; William F. Nugent, Lot 95, Map 2129; and Horace G. Phillips, Portion of Lot 7, Block 10.

Garage plans submitted by Barton Millard for Lots 1 and 2 and Portion of Lot 3, Block E, were approved.

Plans submitted by R. M. Clotfelter for a swimming pool in a Portion of Lot 4, Block 33 were approved.

A change in plans for the residence of Mrs. Dorothy C. Bancroft, Portion of Lot 2, Block 19, was approved.

Plans submitted by Chester Root for a glass enclosed porch in a Portion of Lot 1, Block 3, were approved.

In other business the Art Jury approved a change in window roof covering from tile to copper on the additions to the Post Office Building in Block C of the Civic Center; approved alterations submitted by Charles Houtteman for a residence in Portion of Lot 6, Block 33; delegated authority to two Art Jury members to give final approval to plans for an addition and separate guest house submitted by John Heddon for a Portion of Lot 14, Block 32.

Lake Hodges Carp Program Postponed

The Lake Hodges carp eradication program, originally scheduled December 20, has been postponed because of lack of rainfall and resulting heavy irrigation. The program was being sponsored by the city of San Diego which owns the lake, and the San Dieguito and Santa Fe Irrigation Districts whose water supplies are piped in from Hodges.

The program is expected to get underway as soon as sufficient rains fall to bring San Dieguito reservoir to a safe level for normal consumption, according to D. Maitland Bakewell, Santa Fe manager.

By eliminating the carp, water officials hope to provide clearer water, as carp often stir up the lake to a very murky state. The fish will be eliminated by rotenone, a chemical which enters their gills and results in suffocation. The lake will then be restocked with game fish by the State Fish and Game Commission.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT—Construction on the combination Fire Protection District's office and chief's residence is well under way. The building is expected to be completed by at least May 1. The fire department garage is just north of the unfinished structure.

Stamp Sales Show Gains

Stamp sales at the local Post Office have nearly doubled within the last five years, according to Haskell Strawn, Postmaster.

Stamp receipts for 1955 totaled \$23,705.26, a \$2000 jump from the previous year and nearly twice as much as 1951 which registered \$12,447.27 for the year.

Postal receipts from 1947, shortly after Strawn took over as postmaster, to 1951, showed steady but small increases each year. Since that time, stamp sales have increased almost \$3000 each year.

When annual stamp sales reach \$40,000, the Post Office will be given a first class rating, Strawn said. Additional employees will be allowed the local branch when the new rating is acquired, he said.

Practice Fairway To Open In Spring

The golf course practice fairway will be ready for play by early Spring, according to Carl Croft, chairman of the greens committee.

The new driving range will be large enough to accommodate 20 golfers at one time. Markers will designate 50, 100, 150 and 200 etc. yard drives. Attendants will dispense and collect golf balls.

A new road was recently installed around and in back of the fifth tee for the use of electric carts, Croft said. He also said the greens crew is now repairing and putting in order, other paths traveled on by electric carts.

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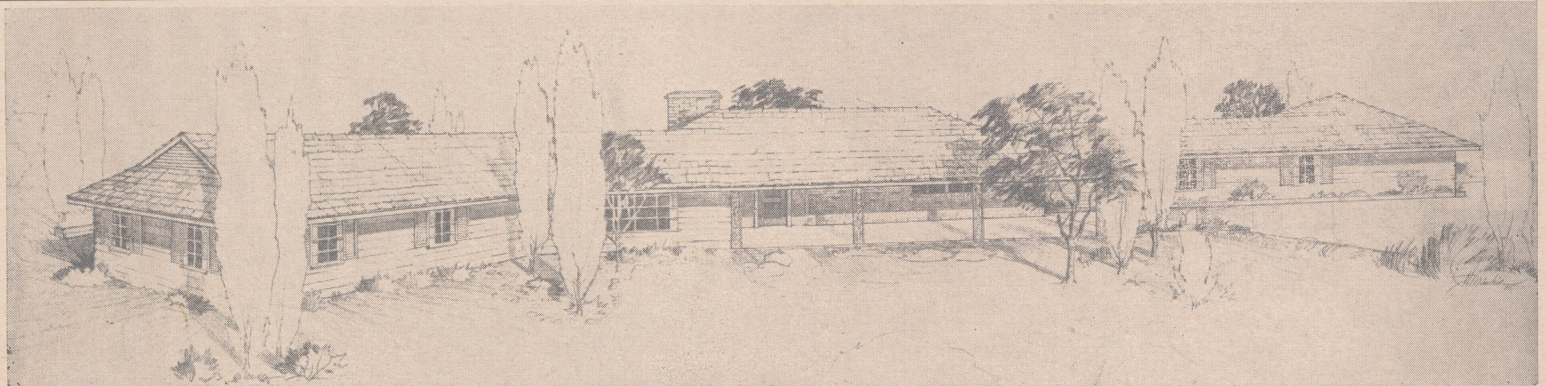
Santa Fe Irrigation District directors January 9 tabled without action an Association request to include District land in the re-zoning petition of north Rancho Santa Fe.

The petition, considered January 27 by the County Planning Commission, asked for minimum building sites of four acres in 1085 acres of the Ranch.

The directors indicated that

the zoning request was not pertinent to District business. The Irrigation District is the owner of approximately 100 acres of tax-deeded lands in the area.

The Board also discussed the possibility of surveying the entire District to establish a master plan for eventual conversion of the distribution system from gravity to pressure flow. The District, originally established for irrigation needs, is faced with increased demands for pressure water.



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