

## BOARD MEETING NOV. 16

### Directors Deny Applications For Property Resubdivision

Two applications for resubdivision of Ranch property were denied by the Board of Directors at its Nov. 16 meeting. Applications denied were those submitted by C. L. Stutsman, to resubdivide a portion of Lot 9, Block 48, into two parcels of 1.5 and 2.5 acres, and by Trueman Thompson, to resubdivide a portion of Lot 1, Block 37, into three parts of 2.0, 1.6 and 1.9 acres.

The Board voted that an ice machine be installed in the clubhouse immediately as a part of the program to bring present facilities up to current needs. The Board took action as follows on other motions:

Directed Secretary Smart to seek Attorney Clayton's opinion relative to the staking of property lines by the Association.

Directed the Theodore Kolby request to keep a heifer on a portion of Lot 1, Block 17, be

processed and referred to the Art Jury before the Board passes on the request. Board members were directed to look at the property and site for keeping animals in the meantime.

Approved the sign presented by Director Griset—subject to Art Jury's approval—to be erected at the old school flagpole site.

President C. K. Whittaker read Secretary Smart's letter to Louis Renn and six constituents relative to the Association returning the signed easement for sewer contract to the county.

Letters from the following were read and acted upon as indicated:

W. R. Fawcett — relative to building cost restrictions on Lot 10, Block 32, directed Secretary to acknowledge and file.

Mrs. William Colhoun relative to the condition of the isle in El Romero Circle, directed Secretary to correct this condition, needs of other isles in the area. acknowledge letter and check

John W. Bancroft — relative to building permit fees, directed Secretary to acknowledge and file.

Glenn F. Lewis, building commissioner — a report on construction in Rancho Santa Fe for the month of October 1956, ordered filed.

The following reports were made by Board directors:

President Whittaker reported on discussion with Ferdinand Fletcher of the Gere resubdivision, and on the matter of appointment of a civil defense zone warden, in which he advised contacting several prospective residents.

Director Ward A. Miller gave a progress report of current need to bring clubhouse facilities up to meet current needs.

David Hillman submitted questions on various subjects dealing with current activities on the ranch. In each instance answers, if available, were given by President Whittaker.

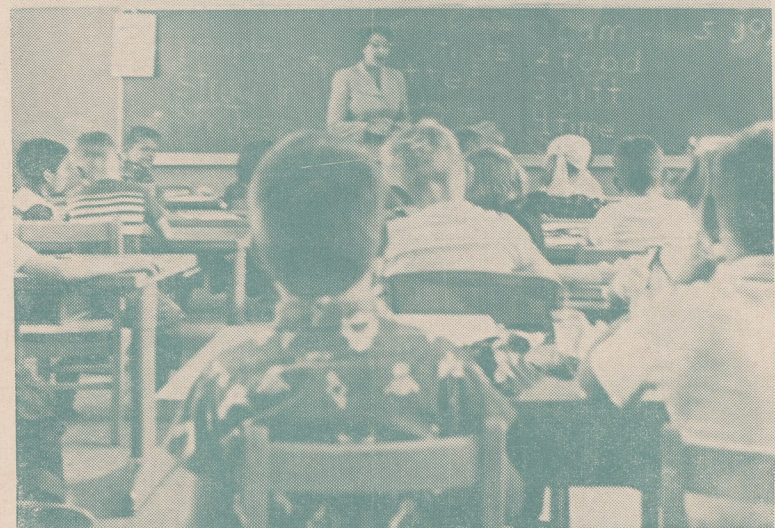
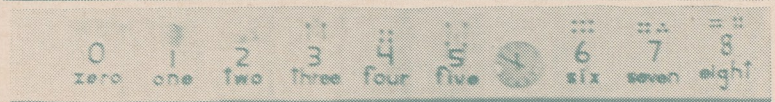
The situation created by water shortage was discussed at length by the Board.

### Financial Report Shows Receipts On Assessments

Of the \$22,555.55 due, \$17,772.45 had been collected on Association assessments for the fiscal year 1956-1957, reported Manager W. A. Smart. These figures were up to date as of Dec. 6; first installments became delinquent Dec. 5.

Income from greens fees for November, Mr. Smart reported, was \$8894.50; gross income from the restaurant and bar was \$5619.44.

Manager Smart said that Thomas M. Brown, field man for Associated Consultants, has been busy this month laying the groundwork for the exhaustive report to be compiled by the Los Angeles research firm. Mr. Brown visited and interviewed administrative and school officials in his preliminary "leg-work."



"NOCHE DE PAZ . . ."—Preparing for the community carol sing, bottom photo, Mrs. Anne Matthews instructs her second grade class at Ranch elementary school in the words of "Silent Night"—in Spanish. The second graders—or, as they now prefer to be known, "Segundo classe"—elected to learn about the history of Rancho Santa Fe this semester, and their study, naturally entailed the learning of some Spanish. Upper photo, bulletin board at the school displays results of children's investigation of the Christmas story.

# Country Friends Allot Funds To Agencies, From Profit of \$9000 on Recent 'Merry Mart'

Net profit from the "Merry Mart" held recently by Country Friends was \$9000, announced Chariman Mrs. Dorothy Patton at a meeting of the Board of Directors held Dec. 3 at Neighborhood House. The money will be distributed equally between San Diego Children's Home, for refurbishing and necessary equipment; Boys and Girls Aid Society, for—among other things—psychiatric treatment facilities; and Neighborhood House, where an additional \$1200, profits made by the Traders Shop, was given by the board to provide a highly trained staff worker, badly needed to take charge of girls' activities.

The additional gift to Neighborhood House underscores the particular interest taken by Country Friends in the 61-year old institution, which actively serves the needs of an extremely low income area in San Diego. In the past, the Friends have donated to Neighborhood House such useful facilities as a wrestling mat for the boys' department, where volunteers give instruction in boxing and wrestling.

The Country Friends are especially enthusiastic about the new president of Neighborhood House, Mr. Nisch, who took office in June. Significant increases in neighborhood attendance and in the number of volunteers working at the House are attributed in large part to the diligence and dedication of Mr. and Mrs. Nisch, who—in the words of Mrs. Paul Lloyd, Welfare Council chairman, "have done everything from scrubbing floors to putting on parties."

One such party, held last Halloween, is cited as an example of Neighborhood House's vital work in the underprivileged area it serves. The party, attended by 1400 people, provided a peaceful channel for destructive impulses traditionally loosed on Halloween night.

President Nisch cites also the

Neighborhood House town meeting, where area residents with limited education and language difficulties explore heatedly civic issues of interest to them.

The Country Friends' enthusiasm for new president Nisch and his work is fully reciprocated, said Mr. Nisch last week when interviewed. Aside from the considerable financial help being given by the Friends, Neighborhood House reports that the example of their vigor and intense interest has been a stimulus to other participating groups. The board of directors of the House, composed of San Diego people, has as a body joined Country Friends, said Nisch. Other branches making important contributions to Friends' work are located in Encinitas, Del Mar, La Jolla, Escondido and Vista.

## Investment Talks Slated at Garden Club by Jackson

The first in a series of four lectures on investments and the stock market will be given at the Garden Club Jan. 9, from 7 to 9 p.m., by Robert Jackson of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Beane, stockbrokers of La Jolla. Mr. Jackson is not only a licensed, registered broker's agent but also has teacher's credentials, having taught at Oceanside Junior college.

Movies will be shown and descriptive literature distributed covering all phases of the brokerage business and its future outlook. There will be no admission charge for the lectures, which are to be given at the same time and place each Sunday throughout January.



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# Irrigation District Prepares For Biennial Election Feb. 6

A resolution designating officers, polling places and hours for the February election of Santa Fe Irrigation district directors was approved by the present Board at its regular meeting Dec. 10.

Solana Beach Community Hall was suggested as a polling place for the election, Feb. 6, in which three district directors are to be named. The terms of Herschell Larrick and George Dose, both of Solana Beach, and Ray Badger, of Rancho Santa Fe, will expire.

Polling hours are to be from 12 noon until 6 p.m., as in the past. The Board decided that in spite of population increases, the minimum six hours required by law would be sufficient to allow everybody to vote who wants to. As in most local elections, it is unlikely that the polls will be swamped with voters. The traditional civic disinterest of American local electorates was pointed up by Director Janinet, who commented that a grand total of seven people from his own district had voted him into office last election. As for extending the polling hours, the directors agreed - speaking from experience - that calculations need allow for no more than 15 minutes for counting of ballots.

A discussion of rules governing the method of charging subdividers for the cost of pipelines resulted from questions raised by William Bauer, the developer of a new Solana Beach subdivision. It was agreed by the directors that, in accordance with applicable regulations, cost of off-site lines in the subdivision would be advanced by the sub-

divider, to be refunded over a period not exceeding five years.

Manager Bakewell will inform the sub-divider of the board's decision; if Mr. Bauer desires further discussion of the problem, an adjourned meeting will be called.

Chairman Larrick reported on a recent visit to the Julian district, scene of last month's destructive Inaja fire. Wind conditions and lack of rain, he reported, had left the ravaged district bone dry. Director Badger commented on the disturbing parallel between this year of low rainfall and dry winds, and the calamitous year of 1937.

According to Mr. Badger's gauge, .47 and .09 inches of rain, respectively, fell Dec. 6 and 7. Badger hopes that only the latter half of the 1937 parallel will be followed. That dry year was followed by rains in January.

## Land Sale Given County Approval

The county board of supervisors Dec. 10 gave tentative approval to the sale of 700 acres of unimproved land in the Santa Fe Irrigation district. The acreage is part of a 650-acre tract between Rancho Santa Fe and Solana Beach, held for 25 years by the county under a tax deed.

A minimum price of \$100,000, somewhat higher than the \$83,000 offer which led to the supervisors' action, was set on the 700 acres by the county.



FIREMAN'S BEST FRIEND—said Chief Rudy Duran last week, is high tensile strength protective helmet. Both Duran and his assistant Dick Wessels escaped serious injury from falling beams at the recent Phillips fire when their helmets took the brunt of the blow. Bottom photo, Chief Duran recalls the afternoon the ceiling fell on him. Blow drove him to his knees, but the helmet was not even dented.

Information Bulletin

of the

Rancho Santa Fe Association  
Rancho Santa Fe, California

Board of Directors—C. K. Whittaker, president; Raymond Griset, vice president; H. P. Bakewell, W. O. Fleetwood, Ward A. Miller, Arthur G. Thorne, W. M. Vanderluis; W. A. Smart, manager.



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BOARD MEETING NOV. 2

Private Club, Award Plaque Projects Dropped, Decision

At its regular meeting Nov. 2, the Board of Directors of the Rancho Santa Fe Association voted unanimously to drop the matter of forming a private club for members. Also unanimously carried was a motion to abandon the matter of the Commemoration Award Plaque.

Other business transacted at the meeting included:

Approval of the application of the Kilb estate subdivision - Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 44, Map 1742 into 4 parts of 5.0, 3.0 and 3.0 acres.

Deferring of action on the request submitted by Trueman Thompson to resubdivide portion of Lot 1, Block 37, consisting of 5.52 acres into three parcels of 2.0, 1.6 and 1.9 acres.

Deferring of action on the request as submitted by C. L. Stutsman to resubdivide portion of Lot 9, Block 48, 4 acres into two parts of 1.5 and 2.5 acres.

Acceptance of the contract submitted by Associated Consultants of Southern California.

Direction of Mr. Thorne and Mr. Miller to highlight step by step contents of contract with Associated Consultants of Southern California and to publish it in the next bulletin supplemented by individual letters to Rancho Santa Fe residents.

Direction of Mr. Miller and Mr. Smart, acting with the house committee, to continue study of necessities and costs to bring present club house facilities up to current operation needs.

Direction that the matter of appointing a Civil Defense zone warden for the Rancho Santa Fe area be turned over to President Whittaker for final handling.

Direction that the letter from Emery Peterson be acknowledged, reproduced in the Bulletin and filed.

Unanimous carrying of motion to give easement to county to extend sewer system to serve lots 88, 89, 90 and 92, Map 2089.

The following Association members and others addressed the board on subjects as indicated:

David Hillman submitted questions on various subjects dealing with current activities on the Ranch. In each instance answers, if available, were given by Mr. Whittaker.

Chester Root presented letter by Frank Pomeranz relative to the Kilb estate resubdivision and was advised this subdivision had been approved.

Manager Smart reported that he had a meeting with state and county Department of Health

representatives who are setting up a program procedure for control of gnats. He also presented a detailed report on the status of Association park properties.

Attorney Clayton reported on the status of the various legal matters involving the Association.

Letters from the following were read and acted upon as indicated:

Wishing Well Hotel requesting refund of building permit fee: The secretary was directed to refund all except \$25 of the fee paid said amount to cover Board expenses in the matter.

Ferdinand Fletcher relative to Gere subdivision: Mr. Smart was directed to acknowledge and Mr. Clayton to contact Mr. Fletcher.

City of San Diego relative to taxes: the letter was ordered filed.

Educators Advise PTA on Services Given by County

Feature of the Dec. 6 meeting of the Rancho Santa Fe Parent-Teacher association was a panel discussion on the topic, "We Offer You Our Services," in which the following county school officers took part: Dr. Werner Dreckman, assistant superintendent for special services; Miss Edna Ziebold, director of the school library section; Ralph Taylor, administrative assistant of the audio-visual section.

The PTA members discussed purchase of supplementary fictional reading for the school as a possible 1957 project. Hostesses were Mrs. William Apple and Mrs. John Grout.

The subject of next month's meeting, Jan. 10, is "The Three R's - Plus." Speaker will be Dr. Van Allen, director of curriculum coordination.

Real Estate Transfers

Recent transfers of Rancho Santa Fe Covenant property as recorded in the Daily Transcript include:

Chester A. and Lois R. Root to Clarence Gustlin, portion Lot 2 Block 19, Rancho Santa Fe.

Horace B. and Ann E. Phillips to Roswell C. and Mercedes V. Bolstad, portion Lot 6 Block 33, Rancho Santa Fe.

Paul L. and Mae R. Perry and H. G. and Ann E. Phillips to Josephine E. Tucker, portion Lots 1 and 3 Block 16, Rancho Santa Fe.

Paul L. and Mae R. Perry to Thornton and Mary F. Edward, Lot 146 of Map 2129, Rancho Santa Fe.

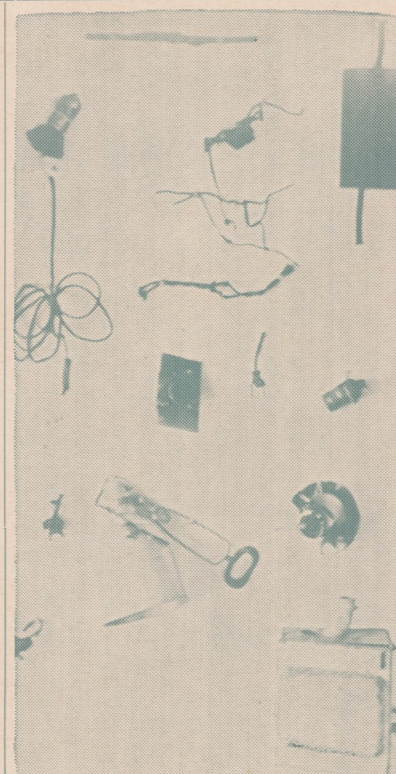
George M. and Lorraine D. Carter to Arnold W. and Thelma J. Buck, portion Lot 10 Block 47, Rancho Santa Fe.

Mary T. Kelley to Sun Finance, portion Lots 10 and 11 of resubdivision of portion Block 37, Rancho Santa Fe.

John Truoug, trustee of the estate of R. O. McKenna, deceased, to Robert M. Chrichton, portion Lots 3 and 4, Block E, Rancho Santa Fe.

Guyencourt Land Co., Inc. to J. C. Nichols, portion Lot 5, Block 32, Rancho Santa Fe.

William A. and Ruth M. Breniman to Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Rees, portion Lot 8, Block 29, Rancho Santa Fe.



ARSONISTS—are displayed on bulletin board at Ranch fire station. Chief Rudy Duran has retrieved these electrical menaces from burned homes where they caused fires; they make a persuasive lecture in fire prevention.

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Two-Dimensional Report Card Designed for Rancho School

All over the Ranch next month, gradeschool children — suddenly on very good behavior — will be coming home with their report cards. Fortunately, the apocalyptic "report card day" remembered with fear and trembling by many of today's parents has long since, like the schoolmaster's switch and the dunce cap, passed into folklore. Even the most nostalgic would probably resist a return to its old-style feelings of anxiety and its immutable, red-inked "64" in spelling.

But progress towards a more enlightened system of evaluating children's school achievement has not yet reached its end point, educators say. In what may well be a local giant step into the educational future, the elementary school will try out a new report card system next month.

Its first test will begin Jan. 15, when Ranch children troop home in the morning, ending a minimum school day, and parents go to school in the afternoon to confer with teacher about their child and his report card.

The new report card differs in one important respect from the "progress report" already familiar to parents. In each category of school achievement ("Reading, comprehension; Arithmetic, basic skills and reasoning," etc.), children will receive not one mark but two.

Their achievement will be measured relative to: 1.) grade expectancy (high, "low," "average), and 2.) individual abilities ("Satisfactory, or unsatisfactory")

Teachers have traditionally torn out bushels of hair at report card time, trying to decide what single mark will express both of these judgments; the new system of marking offers an almost suspiciously simple solution to their classic dilemma.

Of course the specifics of each child's progress remain to be worked out in conference with the parent, but the revised report card gives teacher, parent and child, for the first time, a point of departure stripped of the old form's inherent ambiguity.

This was the gist of Principal

Lloyd O'Connell's explanation when questioned recently about the new report card. Mr. O'Connell described the changed system as a joint project of the PTA and teaching staff, working in conjunction with the county schools office.

Some of the people who contributed most importantly to the project he said, were: Mrs. Fred Van Sicklen, former member of the school board; Mrs. P. W. Pichel, an interested parent; Mrs. Vernon Burns, PTA president, and Dr. Helen Fischer, county coordinator. Together with Dr. Fischer, Principal O'Connell is preparing a Teachers' Guide to be used with the new reporting sys'em.

Ranch parents—and their children—will be launching an experiment of more than local interest when report cards are given out next month.

Gnat Control Plan Outlined

The County and State Health departments are processing a program for control of gnats on the Ranch. Arthur A. Lee, entomologist of the San Diego Health department, under the guidance of Dr. J. B. Askew, has conferred with Association Secretary W. A. Smart and the Association is to construct and maintain traps for the purpose of catching the gnats.

The County and State Health departments have assigned specialized representatives to guide the Association in the gnat-control program, the County being represented by Mr. Lee and the State Department of Health by Harvey Magy, manager of the Bureau of Vector Control.

Ninth Green Due For Use; Turkey Tournaments Slated

The new improved ninth green should be in use by the first of the year, said Chairman Carl Croft of the Greens committee this month. Bent grass has been replaced and the green has been rolled, topdressed and fertilized. Crushed rock drainage and 350 feet of tile have been installed, and from now on, said Crofts, it's just a matter of some rain and sunshine to get the green in playing shape.

Qualifying rounds in the Mixed and Men's Christmas Turkey tournaments were held at the club on Sunday, followed by a special buffet dinner in the clubhouse.

Harry LeBarron Captures Title In Club Tourney

Harry LeBarron became Rancho Santa Fe Golf club champion again by winning the club championship tournament last month, 6 and 5 over Jack Berry. Other winners in this tournament were:

First flight: Dick Moon over Rod Streed, 6 and 4; Second flight, Chet Root over H. E. Mitchell, 4 and 3.

Results of the consolation tournament were as follows: Championship flight, Dr. Reagen over Ed Engler; 2 and ; First flight, Bill Beals over R. E. Leadon, 3 and 2; Second flight, R. J. Kirby over P. McDonald, 3 and 1.

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Scout Troop 716 Enjoys Cook-out

Members of Boy Scout Troop 716 enjoyed a cook-out Monday night, Dec. 10, on the troop grounds adjacent to the riding club. Plans are being made for an overnight hike, probably in February, said Assistant Scoutmaster Rudy Duran.

ART JURY MEETING DEC. 3

Plans for 2 New Residences, Golf Shop Addition Approved

Approval of plans for two new residences was voted by the Art Jury at its Dec. 3 meeting, and plans for four other new residences were given consideration.

The Jury approved the building of an addition to the golf course pro shop, in accordance with revised plans dated Nov. 28. Consideration was given to plans submitted by the Rancho Santa Fe Riding club, dated Nov. 1956, for a stable to be erected on Lot 2, Block 34. Action was deferred pending reconstruction, relocation and cleanup of existing corrals.

A proposal by the Village church to erect a sign at the flagpole on Lot 21, Map 2129, was given consideration. The Art Jury recommended to the Board of Directors that a smaller sign, similar in size and color to the one approved for the Christian Science church, be approved.

Plans for residential construction approved were:

A residence, garage and pool planned by Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Royal Lord on a portion of Lots 118 and 119, Map 2129, as per plans dated Nov. 6.

A residence and garage planned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lutz on portion of Lot 3, Block 10.

Consideration was given the following residential construction plans, which were referred to the designer for further study:

A residence and attached garage planned by Arnold Buck on a portion of Lot 114, Map 2129.

A residence planned by Pitt Warner on a portion of Lot 6 Block 24.

A residence planned by Dale Kramer on a portion of Lot 29, Map 2129.

A residence and garage planned by Joe Wickstrom on a portion of Lot , Block 48.

The Jury deferred action on the application submitted by Wayne Chubb to erect a residence on a portion of Lots 27 and 28, Block 37. Plans dated Oct., revised Oct. 31, were referred to owner for further study.

Consideration was given to plans dated September, submitted by Thomas Howe for addition to residence on a portion of Lot 4, Block 29. Plans were referred to owner for further study.

On non-residential construction plans, the Jury acted as follows:

Approved plans submitted in October by Joseph H. Emmert to erect a garage on a portion of Lot 15, Block 37, as per letter dated Nov. 26.

Approved plans dated Nov. 30,

submitted by Theodore Kolby, for erection of a shelter and storage facilities for keeping one animal on a portion of Lot 1, Block 17.

Approved request of Charles C. Randolph to erect a fence on a portion of Lot 20, and all of Lot 19, Block E, in accordance with sketch presented dated Dec. 3.

Approved request of R. M. Clotfelter to erect an addition, a porch, to residence on a portion of Lot 4, Block 33 in accordance with plans submitted dated Nov. 30.

Approved plans submitted by R. B. Todd, dated October, for addition to residence described as Lot 113, Map 2129.

Deferred action on request of Roswell C. Bolstad, letters dated Nov. 26 and 29, to grade house site pending receipt of specific house plans. Approval was given by the Jury to construction of access road, each request being for property described as a portion of Lot 6, Anza Heights.

Considered request of George Richardson on realignment of lot lines, plans dated November, 956 property described as Lots 74, 75, 76, 77, 78 and 79, Map 2129. The Art Jury's opinion is being presented to the board of directors.

Deferred action on plans of Mr. and Mrs. Rene Thery, as per letter dated Dec. , for subdivision of a portion of Lot 4, all pending further study by jury members.

Directed Manager Smart to refer matter of fence constructed by Mrs. Nell P. Daniels on a portion of Lot 8, Block 33, to the board of directors.

Color samples for exteriors were approved for the following:

Sverre A. Svendsen, residence on a portion of Lot 4, Block 35; dence on a portion of Lot 92, Map 2029.

Consideration was given to color samples submitted Dec. 3, by Lawrence Ganger for resi-



REHEARSAL—Children at the elementary school were rehearsing Christmas carols earlier this month for the Dec. 15 community sing. Here a group composed of three classes is led by Gordon Breidenthal, fourth grade teacher. Director of this intermediate group was Mrs. Ellen Ross; in charge of the kindergarten and first grade carolers were Mrs. Hazel Parkinson and Mrs. Caryl Hovland; second and third graders were directed by Mrs. Anna Matthews and Mrs. Carrie Taylor.

dence on a portion of Lots 6 and 7, Block 24. Action was deferred pending further study by the owner.

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Clubhouse Plans Include Addition Of Walk-in Box

Brightest prospect on the 1957 horizon at the clubhouse, said Chef Milo Lenton this month, is a new "walk-in box", or refrigerator room, which will significantly expand the now inadequate clubhouse freezer facilities.

Chef Lenton announced also that Wednesday night dinners, discontinued for the holidays, will not be resumed next January. Attendance has been erratic and unpredictable, he said, and Sunday dinners appear to be in more demand.

Lenton expressed concern over the fact that too many members seem unaware of the availability of clubhouse facilities for organization meetings, dinners, and use by other groups of 25 people or more. Postmasters of San Diego, for example, are to be served in January.

Lenton encouraged members to make full use of this facility,

reminding them also of the existence in the present clubhouse of a bar, patronage of which was also to be encouraged.

He emphasized that all hours of snack-bar and clubhouse operation are determined by joint consent with the House

Committee. Comments and criticisms may be as appropriately addressed to the committee, said Lenton, as to himself.



The Best of Holiday Wishes

Golf Shop Offers Gift Suggestions

Families and friends of golfers are reminded again this year that the pro shop at the golf course has a full array of golf items to solve the perennial problem of Christmas gift-giving. Available at the shop, among many other useful accessories, are golf bags and golf balls, head covers and clothing.



Board of Directors Rancho Santa Fe Association

## Rev. C. Tolson Will Assume Church Pulpit

A new pastor, Rev. Chester L. Tolson, will begin his ministry in Rancho Santa Fe in January. Rev. Mr. Tolson was elected pastor of the Village Community church at a meeting of the membership held Dec. 9, after Sunday morning service.

Presently director of missions of the Los Angeles Presbytery, Rev. Mr. Tolson is a former pastor of the Presbyterian church of Lake Grove, Ore. He and Mrs. Tolson and their two children will move to the Ranch Jan. 15, at which time he will begin his ministry.

Guest minister Dec. 16 was Right Rev. Walter Mitchell of Rancho Santa Fe, speaking on the topic, "The fullness of Time." Dr. George C. Cubertson, pastor emeritus, will conduct the Christmas Sunday service Dec. 23.

Worship service begins at 10 a.m. each Sunday at the Rancho Garden club, with classes for various age groups, same hour at the old schoolhouse. Westminster society, junior and senior groups meet Sunday at 7 and 7:30 respectively, at the old school building.

## Youth Concerts Tickets Sold to Rancho Children

With the help of the PTA, the San Diego Symphony and Dr. Suess, Ranch parents were given an opportunity this month to fortify their defenseless school age children against future Elvis Presleys by providing a painless, alternative form of musical experience.

Season tickets for a series of four "youth concerts," to be given Saturdays at 10:30 a. m. in Russ Auditorium, were being sold last week for a dollar at the Rancho Santa Fe school.

Sponsors of the series hope to educate children into the pleasures of non-rock-and-roll music, and to charm them into "concert manners"—with the aid of a booklet put together by the popular Dr. Suess.

Theme of the first program, to be given Jan. 19, is "Music and the Ballet." The PTA has given to the school recordings of three of the five selections to be played—so that children will have a chance to hear them before attending the concert;



**BARRANCA AT RIDING CLUB**—crossed here by Rudy Romo riding El Marino, will be spanned soon by Jess McMillen Bridge, commemorating the former director who did so much for youngsters learning to ride. Sponsors aim at a substantial structure and have been planning extensively with engineers. Donations to the fund may be made to John Robertson, c/o the Riding Club.

residents able to lend the school the other two—"Billy the Kid" (Copland) and "Ritual Fire Dance" (de Falla)—will be thereby closing the gap in classroom preparation.

Other concerts scheduled in the series are:

Feb. 10, "Music and Ceremonies"; March 30, annual concert of children's compositions; April 27, first performance in San Diego of the children's opera "Pepito's Golden Flower."

Parents who missed the sale of tickets last week at the school may still purchase them from Mrs. Vernon Fidero PLaza 6-1640.

## Fire Station Signal Heard In Maryland

A bizarre sidelight of last month's dangerous weather conditions, said Chief Rudy Duran, was the fact that a state forest ranger on duty near Baltimore, Md., picked up routine radio signals sent out by the fire station at Rancho Santa Fe. The signals sent out by Duran's ultra-high frequency set normally carry a maximum of about 100 miles.

Because of November's paradoxically "favorable" weather conditions, fire departments all over the Eastern seaboard, from Massachusetts to North Carolina, received local messages transmitted by the Ranch station. In a letter received last week by Chief Duran, the Maryland forest ranger wrote that he was fairly familiar with our area, having been stationed at Camp Pendleton during the war. "We have quite a few fires here, he wrote, "but nothing to what you are going through out there at this time.

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## Chief Praises Volunteer Aid Battling Phillips Home Fire

The Loma Verde home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Phillips was swept by a fire of undetermined cause Nov. 17, while Mrs. Phillips was sitting in the Solana Beach theatre with her daughter and a group of her daughter's birthday guests. Loss was estimated at \$12,000, but about 50 per cent of the structure and 90 per cent of its contents were saved by Fire Chief Rudy Duran, his assistant Dick Wessels, and a crew of courageous 'fire buffs'.

To that crew of 'buffs'—people from the community who spontaneously pitch in and help put out a fire—Chief Duran conveyed last week his heartfelt thanks on behalf of himself and the Board of Fire Commissioners. At the risk of their lives, the following Ranch people helped professional firefighters get under control a fire that would probably have been otherwise unstoppable, because of low humidity and high winds:

Augustine Medina, Don Hoflinger, Ralph W. Giffin, H. L. Jones, William Cronkhite and Russell Fellows.

Rural fire departments all over the country, said Chief Dur-

an, are grateful for the existence in their community of such groups, which offset the handicap of small staffs by springing up in time of emergency to render unselfish and completely voluntary assistance.

The call came in to the fire station early in the afternoon. When Robert Crews and Santos Hernandez, gardeners, noticed smoke coming from the Phillips' garage, they called it to the attention of Harry Newman a neighbor, who was working in his own garden. Mr. Newman reported the fire while Crews and Hernandez checked the house for open windows and occupants.

Preliminary attempts to halt progress of the fire were unsuccessful, and by the time Chief Duran arrived in No. 2 truck the garage had begun to collapse and the fire had traveled over the roof to the main house, where it was burning with very high intensity.

Before the fire was finally brought under control, both Chief Duran and his assistant had been stunned by falling ceiling beams, the volunteer crew recruited on the spot had undergone extreme danger in trying

to stop the fire from the roof, and Duran had fallen through the ceiling. Just managing to interrupt his fall by catching on to ceiling rafters, he was left suspended by his arms there, Perils of Pauline-fashion, until the crew pulled him out.

Only later, after the excitement had died down and the Phillips house was in the hands of a fire watch, did Chief Duran feel any pain from the torn ligaments and bruised nerves resulting from his fall.

Interviewed last week at the fire station, where he was back at work, Duran said that low rainfall, low humidity, and strong winds still added up to a high fire danger. He urged continued caution with regard to burning.

### BARRICADING STREETS FOR CAROLING OKEHED

The county road commissioner advised the Rancho Santa Fe Association that its request for permission to block off five blocks in the area directly east of the Inn on the night of Dec. 15 had been approved and that the road department had been directed to make the necessary arrangements, including routing of traffic.

Barricading of the streets was requested in connection with the community Christmas caroling program.

## Temperatures For November

Temperatures recorded at the Inn for the past month were as follows:

November	Max.	Min.
1	62	50
2	66	52
3	68	54
4	66	50
5	68	56
6	80	66
7	80	64
8	80	64
9	90	70
10	84	69
11	79	64
12	69	58
13	62	58
14	65	58
15	70	54
16	70	54
17	73	58
18	70	56
19	67	58
20	61	54
21	78	56
22	70	57
23	69	58
24	79	56
25	76	64
26	78	64
27	74	63
28	70	61
29	79	58
30	74	61



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## Santa to Pay School Visit

Santa Claus, laden with candy canes, will make the rounds of elementary school classrooms Friday, the last day before Christmas vacation.

Ranch children, however, will have a chance to become Santa Clauses in their own right by supplying Christmas dinner and gifts to four needy families selected by the Salvation Army.

Each room will celebrate Christmas with a small party, sponsored by the PTA, and then school will be out until Jan. 7, 1957.

In the coming year its recently installed cabinets and bookshelves will place the school, already ahead of the crowd with a brand-new report card form, in the less controversial avant-garde of school equipment.

These handsome birch cabinets, purchased from an educators' supply company in Long Beach, feature magnetic latches and permanently attached coat hangers, cunningly designed to circumvent the free-for-all that commonly occurs when clothing drops to the floor of the clothes-closet.

## New Year's Ball Plan Announced By Garden Club

All members, their guests and their older sons and daughters are invited to the Rancho Santa Fe Garden Club's New Year's Eve Holiday Ball, to be held Dec. 31 at the club, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Mrs. Edmond M. Sullivan, chairman of the event, announced last week that an orchestra led by Everett Gonsalves, formerly with the popular Page Cavanaugh Trio, will play for dancing.

Special vodka cocktails are being concocted, with the aid of

## Telephone, Power Cutoff Blamed on Action of Hunter

Temporary failure of electric and telephone service in portions of Rancho Santa Fe on Saturday, Nov. 10, has been blamed upon a hunter who shot at a bird and severed a 12,000-volt high tension wire which fell across telephone lines.

A hunter had been seen in the vicinity but was not identified. The two utility firms reported damage amounting to \$200.



RECESS AT RANCHO SCHOOL—finds youngsters enjoying fresh air and activity in play area which administration plans to build up with lawns and playground equipment.

## Dr. Meyer Heads March of Dimes, Set for January

The Salk vaccine has not closed the books on infantile paralysis; this fact is the point of departure for next year's March of Dimes campaign which will be conducted in Rancho Santa Fe under the chairmanship of Dr. Herbert Willy Meyer.

Polio, Dr. Meyer points out, is still very much with us and the active campaign planned by the Ranch group will stress the continuing need for research along with such concrete needs as respirators for area residents now afflicted with this cruel disease.

The March of Dimes campaign will open Jan. 2 and close Jan. 31 with the customary Mothers' March. Campaign leaders hope that many porch lights will be burning next January.

Ranch groups are headed as follows: Business, Robert Francisco; Boy Scouts Charles Chapin; Cub Scouts Chester Root; PTA, Mrs. Vernon Burns; Mothers' March, Mrs. Roger Ketron.

a secret recipe, by members of Mrs. Henry Sanger's food committee. Donations to the dance will be \$8.50 per couple, \$5.00 per couple under 18.

Aides for the event include Mrs. Sanger and Mmes. Harry E. Wenz, decorations; Raymond Gordon, invitations; Edward Dacus, tickets, and Richard Harris, posters.



AFTERNOON RIDING CLASS—Ranch youngsters are taught riding by Bob and Louise Rice on week day afternoons. Classes, held in the small ring, begin at 4:00 p.m. On white horse, above, is Heather Manion; Christy Pharr is behind her.

## Postoffice to Use Additional Space

All parcel post, incoming and outgoing, will be handled in the old postoffice room across the arcade during Christmas season, said Postmaster Haskell Strawn. To expedite handling of mail during this busy time, Postmaster Strawn suggested that any unusually large number of letters be tied up according to city or state and left with the window clerk.

## Community-Wide Carol Sing Enjoyed; to Be Annual Event

The Village Center became the Village Green Saturday night, Dec. 15, when Rancho Santa Fe opened the Christmas season with a picturesque and convivial community carol sing, the first of its scope held here. Up and down the street and through the shops strolled groups of carolers, moving from station to station and led by men carrying lanterns on poles, English style.

Ceremonies were climaxed by the lighting of the Inn's large deodar trees, followed by enthusiastic community singing of several familiar carols. Many Ranch homes were open to the strolling carolers after formal ceremonies ended.

Participating in the organized part of the program were the following groups: the San Diego Skyliners; junior and senior high school groups, rehearsed by Mrs. Charles R. Irvine; schoolchildren in three groups accompanied by their fathers and mothers and led by elementary

school teachers. Joe Worthington was outdoor organist, stationed between the two Christmas cedars.

Mrs. W. R. Fawcett, chairman of the event, stressed that particular credit should go to Mr. and Mrs. Ewing of the Ranch, whose role in beautifying the Village Center indirectly made possible the inauguration of a community sing in an appropriate setting. Mrs. Fawcett and her committee were grateful also to the Richardsons, who contributed to the spirit of the evening by specially lighting their own Christmas tree in the lobby of the Inn.

The committee hopes of course that the carol sing will become a traditional Christmas event in Rancho Santa Fe; however, said Mrs. Fawcett, there is no conflict between the new event and the traditional carol sing held by the Garden club, scheduled this year for 7 p. m., Dec. 23, in the clubhouse.

## All Scout Groups Keep Busy With Pre-Christmas Projects

Scout groups on the Ranch have been busy and productive during the crowded pre-Christmas days.

Cub Dens 1 and 2 were working on Christmas gifts for their parents; Dens 3 and 4 made four dozen table wreaths for trays to be used at Reynard Way Convalescent Home for Elderly People, plus many Christmas ornaments and gifts for their parents.

In charge of these projects were: Den 1—Mrs. N. Daniels, den mother; Den 2—Ralph Hanks, Mrs. Roger Ketron, assistant; Den 4—Mrs. George Ravenscroft, den mother, Mrs. Emmett Manion, Jr., assistant.

At a Christmas meeting held Dec. 7, Pack 717 displayed projects and named new officers. Ches'er Root will replace Dr. Neil Randol as cubmaster and Ralph Giffin will replace Hubert Brocke as assistant cubmaster. Other officers named were Vernon Burns, treasurer, and William Herbert, awards chairman.

The meeting featured graduation of Tim and Steve King and Kent Gordon, and induction of the following as bobcats: Mark Ketron, Gregg Myer, Tommy Ward, David Duncan, Tony Bozarth and Kit Taylor.

Girl scout groups have been as busy as their male counterparts. Brownie troop 434, under the leadership of Mrs. Lee Taylor

and Austin Keeth, has put in many hours making Christmas gifts for their families.

Troop 23 packed a basket with a complete dinner for a needy family in San Diego as a Thanksgiving project, and the troop is now working on tray-favors to be distributed by the Red Cross to a hospital for Christmas.

At troop 23's Dec. 19 Christmas party, to which mothers are invited, all the girls who have completed second class requirements will receive second class rank awards.

## Vacancy Occurs On School Board

Mrs. Beulah Van Sicklen, a member of the school Board of Trustees since May 18, resigned last month because she was moving out of the district. Her successor will be appointed by the county superintendent of schools, after consultation with local groups on candidates.

The Board authorized at its Nov. 8 meeting the purchase of a scale for the health room of the elementary school. A sprinkling system for the planned lawn area behind the school was authorized by the board at an adjourned meeting held Nov. 14.



GOOD FORM—is demonstrated by Association President C. K. Whittaker, following through on a drive off the golf club practice tee. His shadow is thrown toward camera by late afternoon sun which is threatening to set and put an end to the day's golfing.



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## Connecticut Town's Planners Face Issue of Interest Here

In an article called to the Association's attention by member Henry Giebel, the New York Herald Tribune last month examined the case of New Canaan, Conn., where growth problems have led to a bitterly contested proposal for preventive changes in zoning. Subscribing to Mr. Giebel's assumption that the issue raised in New Canaan is pertinent here, the Bulletin reprints below the entire article, which appeared Nov. 8:

The Zoning Commission today announced a proposal to upgrade nearly half the town's 14,000 acres and to call a temporary halt to apartment building anywhere in town.

John H. Waldron, commission chairman, said that the upgrading which raises the minimum size of a lot on which a house may be built is intended to preserve the semi-rural appearance of the town's outlying sections and to protect the city's water supply from possible pollution by too-numerous septic tanks.

### Hearing Nov. 19

The proposal will have a public hearing at 8:15 p. m. on Nov. 19, in the junior high school auditorium. However, the com-

mission may adopt the proposal even if the majority of those at the hearing oppose it. Strong opposition to the upgrading plan had been previously expressed by housing developers.

Under the proposal, 3500 acres in the Northern part of town would be upgraded from a minimum plot of two acres to a minimum of four acres. In the southern part of town, 2454 acres would be upgraded from the present one-acre minimum to two acres. Sixty-four acres on Old Stamford road, near the New

Haven Railroad station, would be raised from small lots to minimum lots of one acre each.

The proposal also calls for an immediate cessation of apartment building until the commission can draw up new specifications for them. The specifications would be intended to prevent over-building and congestion.

In addition to the official reasons for the upgrading, many resident have said that it must

be done to prevent overcrowding in schools, keep down the tax rates and assure home-owners of privacy. The fight with proponents of largescale housing developments has become acute in recent months as developers bought large estates to subdivide them for construction of small houses.

The problem has been intensified by a rapid population growth—approximately 40 per cent in the last six years.

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## Garden Club's Yule Sing Set

The Garden club will make its annual contribution to the spirit of Christmas on the Ranch with a carol sing at the clubhouse Sunday, Dec. 23, at 7 p.m.

The Christmas theme prevailed at the Garden section's Dec. 11 meeting, when a committee headed by Mrs. Wendell Wheelock fashioned Christmas wreaths to dress up the wards and cheer the patients at Camp Pendleton Naval hospital.

Members of Mrs. Wheelock's committee were Mmes. Victor Barton, Gilbert Curry, Sydney Nelson and Elliott McIntire. Brunch was served at this 'Christmas for Others' meeting; hostesses assisting the chairman, Mrs. P. W. Pichel, were Mmes. Edward Merrill, Austin Keeth, G. Ravenscoft, David Dewey and Richard Harris.

The Art section was visited Dec. 12 by Mrs. Thelma Housotn of Carlsbad who criticized unsigned paintings of members.

Also held on Dec. 12 was the monthly meeting of the Bridge section. Co-chairmen were Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Tanner and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Griset.

## Christmas Dinner

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