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ADVANTAGE OF THE POSSIBILITIES OF HOME BUILDING AND GARDEN
MAKING IN PALOS VERDES ESTATES

HOLLYWOOD-PALOS VERDES PARKWAY

The landscape plans for Hollywood-Palos Verdes Parkway, Sepulveda Parkway and the three parks along the beach at Redondo and in Gardena Valley are now rapidly nearing completion in the office of Olmsted Brothers, Landscape Architects, employed by the County; and the County Surveyor is getting out working drawings and final estimates. A preliminary budget of cost is being made up which will now shortly be available for discussion throughout the Southwest District, according to reports from these offices; and the campaign for donation of rights of way is to be undertaken immediately, as practically all the routes have been agreed upon with the larger property owners affected, and already donations of many miles of rights of way 225 feet wide or wider have been promised.

Owing to the fact that the County Beach and Park Bonds failed to get two-thirds of the votes

cast on Nov. 2nd, the amount of work that can be immediately done on the parkways and parks will have to be cut down somewhat, but Mr. Olmsted and the Southwest Organization which is sponsoring the improvements, hope to recommend a budget that will be within reasonable reach of the assessment district and still make a very worthwhile improvement.

The portion of the parkway in the City of Los Angeles was authorized by the voters when Proposition 7-A carried, including an allocation of \$750,000 towards building that section between Inglewood and Wilshire Boulevard.

The Beach and Park Bonds received a majority vote, showing that people in general favored the proposition of acquiring beaches and parks, but they lacked a few thousand of having the necessary two-thirds. Palos Verdes precinct voted 46 for and 5 against these bonds.

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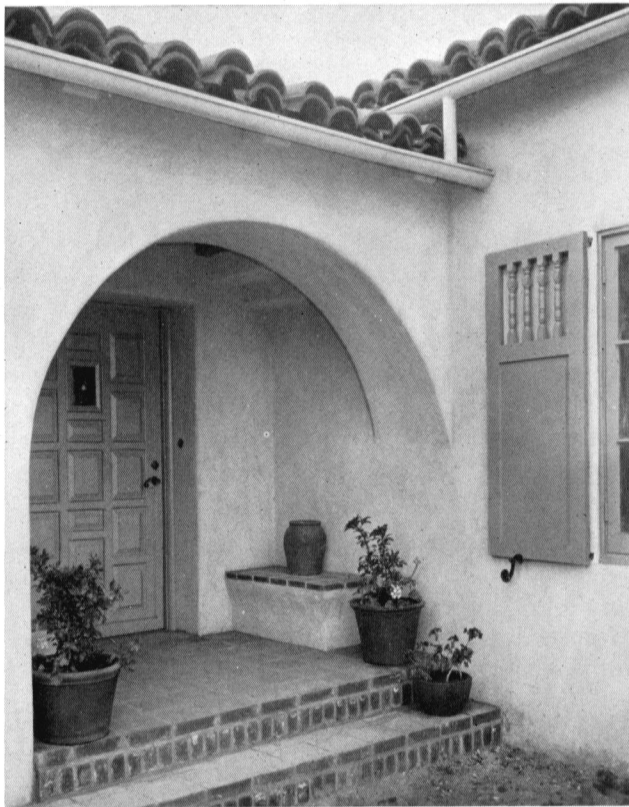
SCHOOL BONDS UNANIMOUS

The \$25,000 school bond issue carried by a unanimous vote at the election on November 19th. Architects Allison & Allison will immediately begin plans for an addition to the Malaga Cove Schoolhouse to include a large sloyd room, sewing room and domestic science room. With this addition, which will give to the children the opportunities of manual training and domestic science, the Malaga Cove School will be one of the most modern schools in the County.

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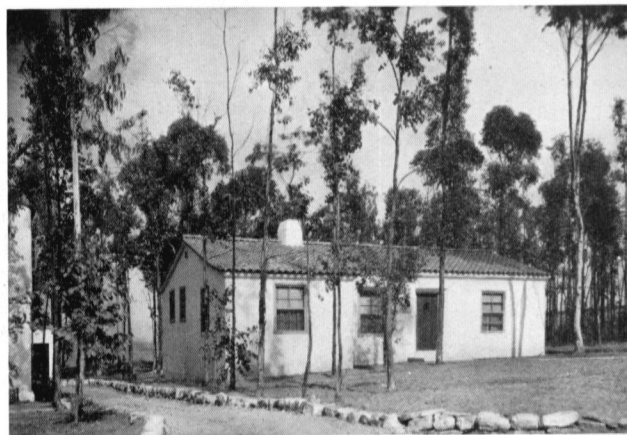
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS TO MEET

The Pacific Coast Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects will hold its annual meeting on December 6th at noon, at La Venta Inn. Before the meeting the members will inspect the work at Palos Verdes, as they are especially interested in the development of the plans for im-



W. L. Risley, Architect

SPACIOUS ENTRANCE DOORWAY OF A NEW HOUSE ON PASEO DEL MAR



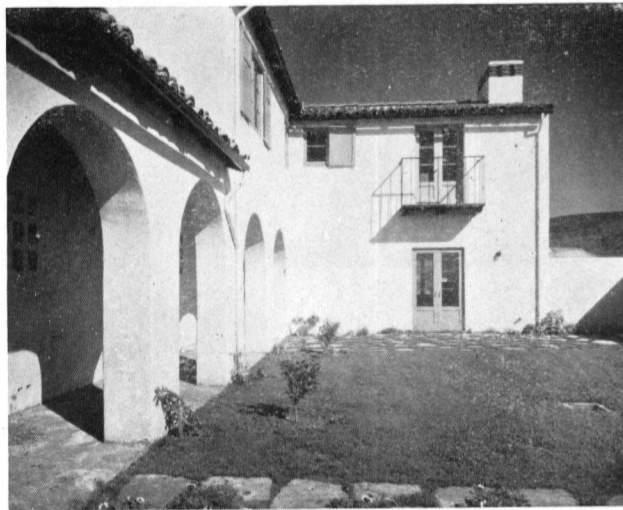
THE NEW RESIDENCE OF CHAS. BLETHEN ON VIA LA SELVA

provement of the grounds in general and in the planting work which has been done. The visitors also will be shown through the offices where the plans for the development of the property are on exhibition. Representatives are expected from Sacramento, San Francisco, Tucson and Los Angeles.

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A THANKSGIVING OPERETTA

The Palos Verdes School's first public entertainment was given on the evening of November 23rd, in the auditorium. Under the able direction of Miss Genevieve Kendall, teacher of Music, the children



W. L. Risley, Architect

ENCLOSED PATIO OF THE JACKSON RESIDENCE ON GRANVIA LA COSTA, MARGATE

put on a Thanksgiving operetta, "On Plymouth Rock," which told the story of John Alden (played by Harry Martin) and Priscilla (Frances Cheney). Ellis Yarnell was Capt. Miles Standish.

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NEW DRUG STORE OPENS

In matter of convenience, the greatest recent addition to Palos Verdes community is the opening of the new drug store by W. E. Bruce at 68 Malaga Cove Plaza, Gardner Building, on November 13th. Handsomely finished in mahogany and tile with a fully-equipped lunch counter and soda fountain, it has also a large stock of drugs, toilet articles, stationery, photographic supplies and magazines and papers.



W. L. Risley, Architect

FACING THE SHORE PARKWAY ON PASEO DEL MAR, THIS ATTRACTIVE NEW ONE-STORY HOUSE IS BUILT AROUND AN ENCLOSED INTERIOR PATIO

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETS

About fifty men—residents of Palos Verdes Estates, officials of the Project, and their guests—gathered at the Golf Club house on the evening of November 18th. After an excellent beefsteak dinner, enlivened by more or less credible anecdotes told by the President of the Chamber, Roscoe M. Breeden, who proved a most able toastmaster, each one present was called on to give an account of himself. C. J. Funk, Past President of the Redondo C. of C., spoke in welcome, followed by interesting talks by Mr. Moon of the Hermosa C. of C., and George Preston of the Harbor City C. of C.

Getting down to the real business of the evening, the organization of the Palos Verdes Chamber of Commerce for service to the community, Sam E. Arey discussed ways and means. Donald K. Lawyer called attention to the good work that could be



AN ATTRACTIVE SMALL HOUSE ON VIA DEL MONTE

and urged a large and favorable vote on the bond election for its enlargement. George Gibbs, Jr., brought up the question of a motto, suggesting "Palos Verdes for the joy of living," as a substitute for the advertising slogan now being used, "Where your home is your playground."

The meeting adjourned at an early hour, till a date to be decided on in December, when it is planned to adopt the By-Laws and discuss, among other things, the preparing of a float to take part in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses on New Year's Day.



NEW RESIDENCE OF MR. AND MRS. DON GILMORE
ON VIA LA SELVA

done by a Chamber of Commerce in acquainting people with Palos Verdes Estates. Everett M. York described the *Bulletin* and suggested its becoming the official organ of the Chamber. Jay Lawyer stressed the importance of developing community spirit and friendliness. Sam Austin, editor of the *Redondo Breeze*, said some nice things about the progress of the Project and welcomed the cooperation of this new Chamber in the southwest district. Col. J. C. Low spoke of the growth of Palos Verdes School



W. L. Risley, Architect

NEW RESIDENCE OF MR. AND MRS. SIMONSON
Cloyden Road, Margate

PALOS VERDES PERSONALITIES

*Mrs. Romayne C. Martin,
Trustee and Clerk of the Palos Verdes School Board*

A little woman, bubbling over with energy and ideas, sat in the Principal's office at the Malaga Cove School and told the "story of her life." It was difficult to give an adequate idea of her many activities. Back East, in her childhood home in Boston, she had done Red Cross work, organizing the sale of stamps throughout Massachusetts, and helped establish milk stations in the crowded districts and facilities for infant hygiene. Dogs and horses played a large part in the home life of her suburban community; then every summer, deep in the Maine woods, there was canoeing, and hiking, and camping.

She lived in Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, after her marriage, and three years ago came to California where her husband was in charge of the plantings at Palos Verdes Estates under the direction of Olmsted Brothers. Here, as one of the earliest residents, she soon became identified in many ways with the life of the community. She is State Chairman of Legislation of the Parent-Teachers' Association of the State of California, also serving in a similar capacity in the Palos Verdes and Redondo Woman's Clubs. From the beginning she has been Chairman of the Library Board of the Homes Association; but the most important work she has done in Palos Verdes is as Trustee and Clerk of the School Board, for the Malaga Cove School owes much of its present high rank among elementary schools to her untiring and capable efforts.

She is an accomplished pianist and has had an extensive experience in amateur theatricals. She confesses to one vice, reading, and to one real obsession, a love for flowers.

*Elvon Musick, of Musick, Burr & Pinney,
Counsel for the Palos Verdes Homes Association and the
Palos Verdes Project*

"Men and melons are hard to know," says Poor Richard, but one look at Elvon Musick's straightforward countenance is enough to establish confidence in him. A native son, and son of a native son, his grandparents were among the earlier ones to feel the lure of California. Coming over by wagon train in 1852, they settled in Lake County. But his boyhood home was in Fresno, with summers spent in the High Sierras, where he acquired a deep love for the mountains, riding and fishing. Graduating from the Law School of the University of Southern California, he practiced in Pasadena for several years.

He confesses that some of the hardest work he ever did was in preparing for a commission in the Coast Artillery, in the Great War. Back again to

the practice of law, he later became trust counsel of the Title Insurance & Trust Company of Los Angeles and thus had a large part in working out the original Palos Verdes Trust Agreement. Early in 1923 he resigned to go into private practice, forming the present partnership, and becoming general counsel for the Project and the Palos Verdes Homes Association. Both here and in his earlier fundamental work on the Trust Indenture, he has contributed greatly to the success of Palos Verdes' development.

Elvon is not only a good lawyer—he has a lot of hard business sense and might have been a good horse trader, but claims never to have "changed a one-eyed horse for a blind one." What he really likes is to run away to the High Sierras, and with a good horse, pack into some solitude where there are trout streams, deer and bears—"big bears"—but that is another story.

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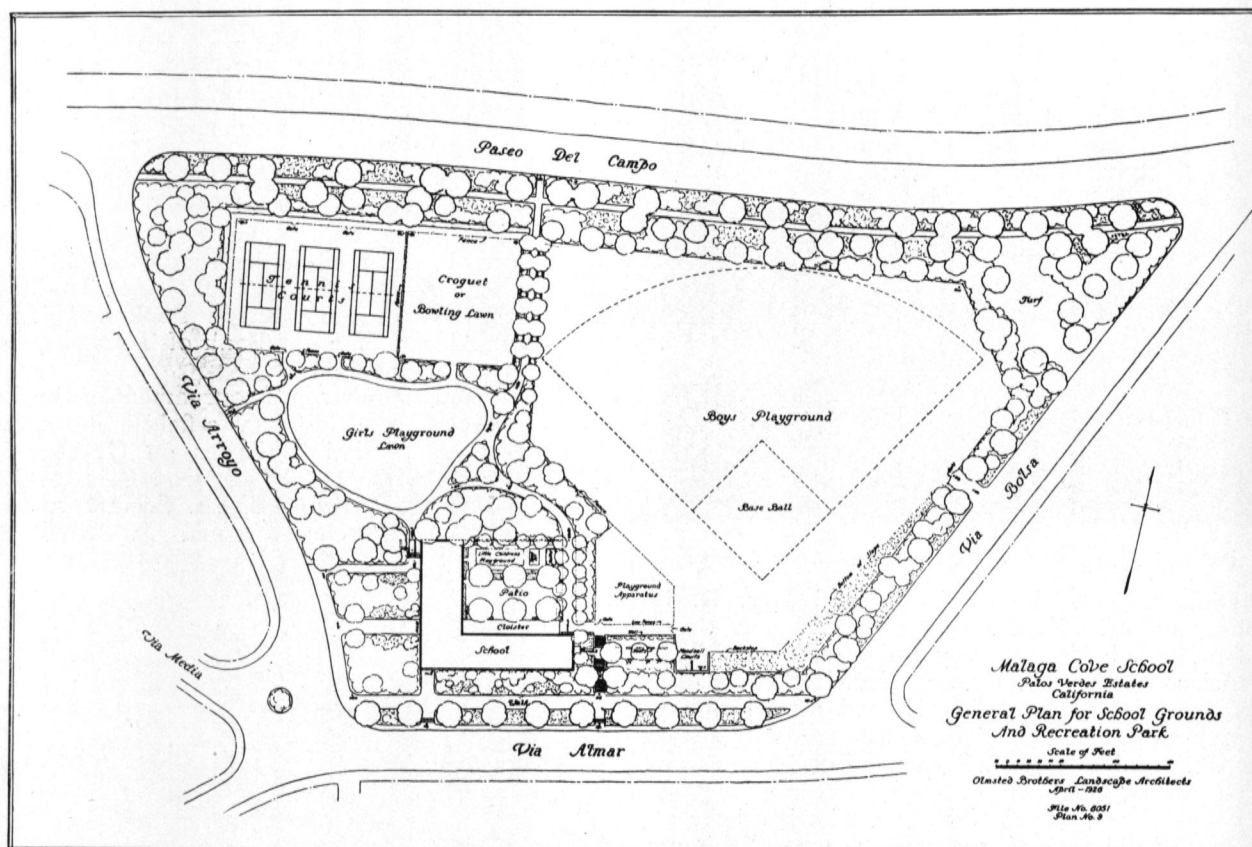
LA VENTA NOTES

Miss Pauline Hart of Los Angeles and Mr. Dermont Macconnel of Honolulu were married in the living room at La Venta on October 9th at four o'clock. The attendants were Miss Genevieve Beattie and Mr. Robert Macconel, the service being performed by Rev. Thomas Swift of Wilmington. Tea was served to the thirty guests after the ceremony.

Those who have visited the Tower Room, and have felt the peace and quietude within it and have glimpsed the beauties of mountain and sea and sky



A GARDEN IN MALAGA COVE



COMPLETION OF THE PLANTING AND PLAYFIELD AT MALAGA COVE HAS NOW BEEN MADE ON THIS PLAN AND THE TENNIS COURTS AND BASEBALL DIAMOND HAVE BEEN CONTINUOUSLY IN USE

Olmsted Bros., Landscape Architects

from its windows, will readily understand Jerome N. Wilson, the well-known scenario writer of Hollywood, when he said at a meeting of the Redondo Chamber of Commerce, recently, "My wife and I, while maintaining our studio in Hollywood, prefer to take on the additional expense of the Tower Room in the La Venta Inn, because of the surroundings and the inspiration we get there."

Overnight guests during the month of October included Mr. and Mrs. Strepton A. Gate, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rieber, Mr. and Mrs. Archie St. Clair Perry, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis S. Akerman of Los Angeles.

Mrs. R. de Steigner, Miss Louise de Steigner, Mrs. F. R. Patton, Mrs. George Leper and Mrs. Pere Mason were luncheon guests of Mrs. L. A. Sharrard of Hollywood on October 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Lathrop of Pasadena entertained two guests, and Miss Ruth Sterry of Los Angeles sixteen guests at luncheon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Stowalther of Hollywood had as luncheon guests, on the 21st, Mrs. J. M. Grace of Los Angeles, and Mrs. E. M. Palmer and Miss Ruth Akin of Wichita, Kansas.

Mrs. Freve Jones of Portland, Oregon, Mrs. J. F. Montrose of Los Angeles, Mrs. A. G. Horn of Los Angeles, and Mrs. F. W. Camp of Portland, Oregon, were luncheon guests on October 22nd.

Miss Mary Boland was hostess at a dinner party on October 6th, with Miss Olga Steeb, Miss Selma Siegelman and Miss Frances Wright as her guests.



CHRYSANTHEMUMS AT THE NORTH ENTRANCE PLAZA



ON THE NINTH TEE OF PALOS VERDES GOLF COURSE

Dinner guests included Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Young and Charles R. Young of Hermosa Beach and Lady Rob Montgomery and Mrs. Wells of San Francisco on the 8th, Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Curzan of Los Angeles on the 12th, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Veasey and Mrs. Emma Eckert of Los Angeles on the 17th, and Erwin E. Spear of Los Angeles and three guests, on the 10th.

Condé Nast, editor of Vogue, who has been attending the Bankers' convention, was the honor guest at a dinner party with which Mr. and Mrs. Mattison Boyd Jones of Glendale entertained, October 24th.

The Inn was the scene of a most enjoyable dinner on October 7th, when Mr. J. F. White of Long Beach was host to the Alpha Xi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Phi fraternity of Long Beach. The beauty of La Venta's location, high on its hills overlooking the ocean and the bright lights of the beach cities, and the excellent service and general good cheer, combined to make it one of the outstanding events of the year in the affairs of the chapter. Mr. C. H. Bonsky, sponsor of Alpha Xi chapter, acted as toastmaster. Guests were Mr. Bonsky, Morris N. White, Jack White, Frank S. Wade, Robert Battieger, Walter Robbins, Lynn Christensen, Kenneth Howard, Vernon Jones, and pledges Harold Wilhite, Robert Vanhouse and Chester Walker. Guests of the chapter were Mr. Argo Langdon and Lionel Lewis.

Among those who registered at La Venta during October were: Adolf Tandler, David Dunbar, Pola Negri of Hollywood; Mrs. Ernest Brown of Des Moines, Iowa; Miss Agnes Leslie of Aberdeen, Scotland; E. M. Nettleton of Clermont, Florida; Mrs. Arthur Bird, of Mallow, Virginia; Miss Isabelle Gibb of Toronto, Canada; Mrs. Ray Strome, of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Georgia Louise Ridge of Santa Monica; Leila Lane Warner of New York; Mr. and Mrs. A. Alexander of Arcadia; Mrs. F. B. Littell of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. W. S. Shorb of Portland, Oregon; Mr. Edgar W. Serle of Fairmont, Minn.

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GOLF CLUB NOTES

Hostesses for luncheon and bridge during the month of October included Mrs. Butler, and Miss Clark, of Hermosa Beach, and Mrs. Halversen of Redondo Beach. Miss Ann Meuret of Hermosa Beach entertained four couples at dinner, followed by an evening of bridge, on October 9th.

Thomas E. Hodges, formerly Secretary of the Palos Verdes Golf Club, has been made Secretary and Manager of El Caballero Country Club.

The Surf and Sand Club of Hermosa Beach held a tournament at the Palos Verdes Golf Club on Saturday, October 16th.

The annual golf tournament of the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Institute of Banking was held over the Palos Verdes course on October 12th, and resulted in ties for low gross, and first and second low net. Nearly fifty teed off. C. P. Taylor of the Citizens Trust and Savings Bank and J. W. Post of the First National Bank of Torrance, tied for low gross with 88s.

The regular monthly golf tournament of the Los Angeles Advertising Club drew a field of more than sixty members to Palos Verdes on October 21. Frank Deleot, with an 80-4-76, won Class A low gross, and Chet Lyday, S.C.G.A. Secretary, with 82-6-76, won the first-class low net. As Scott Chis-



THE EIGHTH GREEN

holm puts it, "they golfed in the afternoon and dined and sang songs of joy and sadness in the latter part of the evening. It was quite the most successful golf gathering the Ad Club ever staged."

The day before the Stanford game on October 30th, the U.S.C. football team went to Palos Verdes Estates for practice on the baseball diamond at Malaga Cove and on one of the fairways of the golf course. After the workout, Coach Jones played a round of golf; he remarked about the fine condition of the fairways and turned in the low score of 79—which did not look as though he were worried about the outcome of the next day's game!

The Women's Auxiliary of the S.C.G.A., under



THE MONTEMALAGA BRIDLE PATH



TIDAL POOLS ON THE SHORE OF PALOS VERDES

the able chairmanship of Mrs. A. E. Trabue, working in conjunction with Jim Fiske, Palos Verdes professional, opened the fall tournament season very enjoyably at Palos Verdes on October 27th. It was an 18-hole medal, two-class ball sweepstakes. Prizes donated by the officers of the Palos Verdes Club were given for low gross and low net. Fifty-five contestants took part. Mrs. Dan Jones of Brentwood with a beautifully played 82 won low gross. Mrs. E. F. Stanton took the low net with 83-7-76.

Four ties were recorded in the blind bogey sweepstakes which were the feature of golf activities at the seaside course on October 20th. Net scores of 75 were turned in by Jack London, Tom London, T. S. Dawson and G. W. Tarble.

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AN UNUSUAL BATTLE

A fight to the death between a seal and a pelican, in which the former was victorious, was observed recently off the coast of Palos Verdes Estates by Mark J. Gillen, Asst. Sales Manager of the Project.

The strange encounter took place on some rocks about fifty yards from shore off Flat Rock Point, below La Venta Inn. Hostilities began when a school of approximately thirty seals swam to the vicinity of the rocks and began feeding on some small fish which several pelicans already had appropriated.

Whenever one of the pelicans made a dive for a fish, a seal did likewise. Finally, in the quarreling that ensued, a pelican and a seal became paired in a fight of such intensity that the fish and all else were forgotten. After four or five minutes of battling a blow on the neck of the bird tumbled it into the water, dead.

Mr. Francis B. Smith, marine engineer of San Francisco, well known as "Drydock" Smith, was an

interested spectator with Mr. Gillen of this unusual fight.



THIS CANYON, LEADING DOWN TO THE QUIET WATERS OF LUNADA BAY, IS A COMPARATIVELY UNKNOWN BEAUTY SPOT IN PALOS VERDES ESTATES



RECESS AT MALAGA COVE SCHOOL

ART JURY NOTES

Among recent matters acted on by the Art Jury were:

House for Mr. F. F. Schellenberg on Lot 6216-22—Valmonte

The secretary was authorized to give final approval to this second house to be built by Mr. Schellenberg, facing on the golf course, from plans by Architect Kirtland Cutter. Estimated cost \$15,000.

House for Mr. Carl Johnson on Lot 1700-27—Malaga Cove

The secretary was authorized to give final approval to this house on Via La Selva from plans by Architect A. J. Williams.

House for Miss M. M. Cain on Lot 1615-4—Malaga Cove

Tentative approval was given preliminary sketches for this new house on Via del Monte by Architect Fred C. Snell. Estimated cost \$12,000.

House for Mr. Wm. F. Howard on Lot 6102-6—Valmonte

The secretary was authorized to give final approval to this most attractive small house from plans by Architect Risley to be built on La Selva Place. Estimated cost \$4000.

House for Mr. L. H. Kendrick on Lot 1713-17—Malaga Cove

The secretary was authorized to give final approval to plans by Architect Risley for this new house on Via Pinale.

House for Mr. E. S. Frenger on Lots 1373-2 and 3—Margate

Plans for this house on a five and three-quarter acre site, prepared by Miss Eleanor White in 1924, were resubmitted to the Art Jury and suggestions were made for changes. Estimated cost \$75,000.