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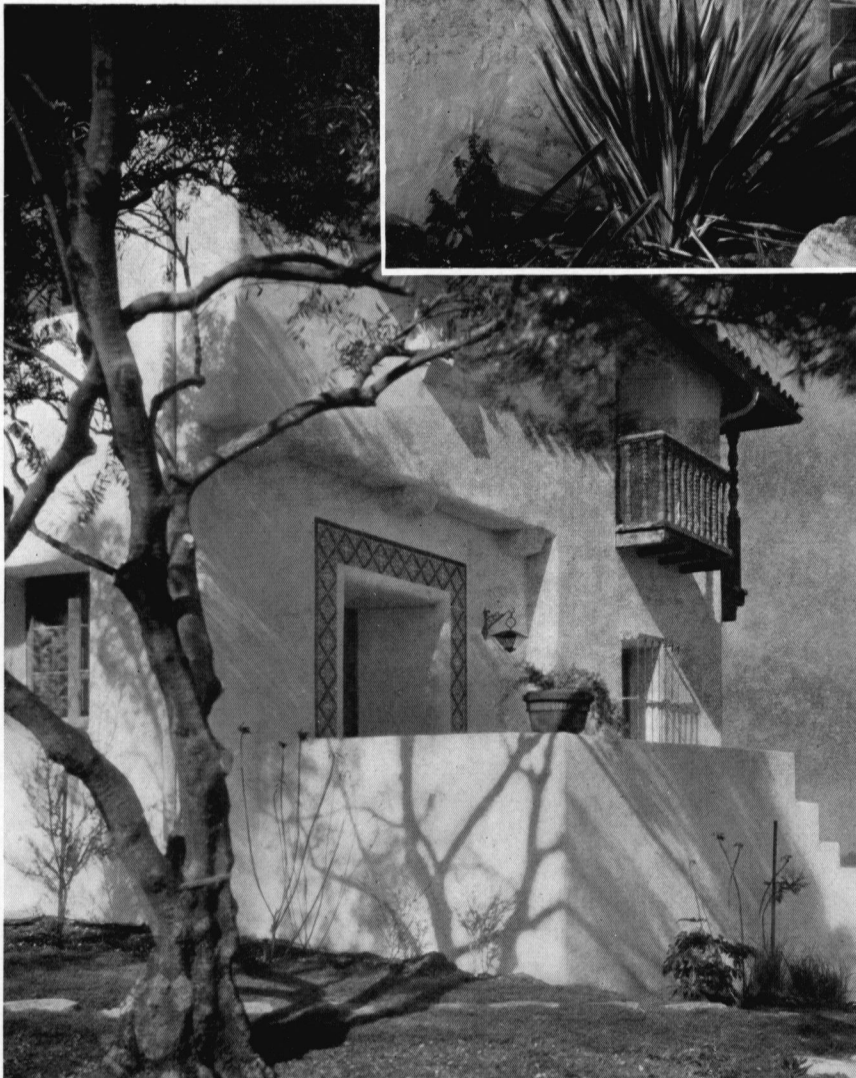
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THE ART JURY'S AWARD FOR 1927

The Palos Verdes Art Jury, after making recently its careful annual survey of houses completed during 1927, voted to award its Certificate of Honor to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Gard, at the corner of Via Campesina and Via Elevada in Malaga Cove, as the most distinguished example of residence architecture erected last year in the Estates. This very attractive house, located at the southwest corner of the Golf Course and overlooking sev-



THE GARD RESIDENCE—1927 HONOR AWARD
Above, the Patio. Below, the Olive-shaded Entrance

eral of the fairways, was designed by Architect Kirtland Cutter, who is also the creator of several other fine houses in Palos Verdes Estates.

Honorable Mention for notable architecture was given to the following houses, also built during 1927:

Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Donald K. Lawyer, 909 Via Coronel—John Byers, Archt.

Residence built by Mr. F. F. Schellenburg, 3825 Paseo del Campo—Kirtland Cutter, Archt.

Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Comstock, 736 Via Somonte—Arthur Munson, Archt.

Residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Sisson, 1705 Via Montemar—Kirtland Cutter, Archt.

Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Harrison, 1700 Via Arriba—by Lincoln Mortgage Co.

Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. O. Schoolcraft, 749 Via Somonte—Edgar H. Cline, Archt.

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"Quality First in Palos Verdes"

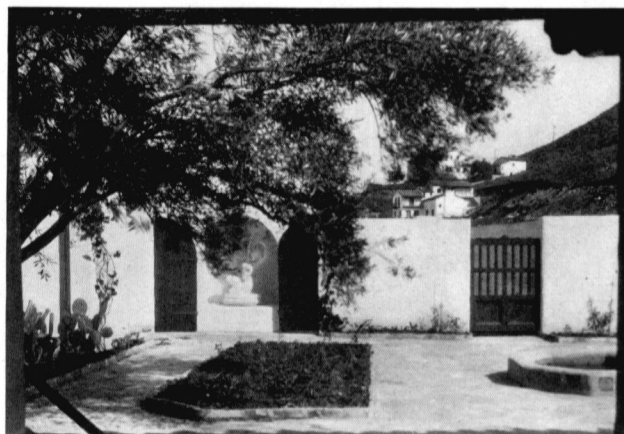
MR. R. E. BROWNELL

The *Bulletin* announces with sincere regret the passing on January 27th of Mr. R. E. Brownell, general manager of Palos Verdes Water Co. We all knew him as a very capable engineer and a cheery friend. The last few years of his life he spent in the work at Palos Verdes, being in charge of the design and operation of the water system since 1924. A sketch of his career will be found among the "Palos Verdes Personalities" in the *Bulletin* of October 1926. Mr. H. H. Holden of the Palos Verdes Engineering Department has been appointed to carry on.

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ROAD BUILDING FOR PERMANENCY

That Palos Verdes roads are being built according to the best practice known to Civil Engineers is evident from the article in this issue of the *Bulletin*. After the initial surveys, which were made the basis



INNER PATIO OF THE NEW HOME OF MR. AND MRS.
JAS. E. BUCHANAN

of the Olmsted design, there has followed the making of profile maps and an amount of calculating that would be surprising to a layman, before any dirt was moved on the road itself. The actual construction is being done in every case in three stages: grading, subsurfacing and finished paving.

In certain localities in Southern California it is notorious that the land developer, too impatient or too careless of the quality of his work, has sent out his steam shovel and scraper crews without any engineering preparation or supervision, but with only the general direction to grade out a road along the side of the hill, with the eye for a level and a guess for mature engineering judgment. The wisdom of building carefully at Palos Verdes Estates and allowing the temporary surface to settle and grow strong before laying the final pavement will be more and more evident as the years go by.



A CORNER OF THE PATIO AT THE LAWYER RESIDENCE ON VIA CORONEL, MARGATE
Honorable mention for 1927—see page one



TWO LARGE RESIDENCES ARE BEING BUILT ON THE OCEAN TERRACE AT MALAGA COVE

THE COLONIAL BALL

Saturday night, February 18th, in the Malaga Cove School auditorium, the Palos Verdes Woman's Club was hostess at its second annual Colonial Ball. The guests numbered about one hundred and forty. As most of them were in Eighteenth Century costumes, the spectacle was a most colorful one, made even more attractive by reason of the forest atmo-

Parents and grandparents, college grads, high school youths and young people joined in the dance and the delighted admiration of each other's cos-



Left to right: MRS. KINCAID, CHAS. WASSERMAN, MISS FRANCES CHENEY, MISS ROUS, MISS DE RUNTZ, RICHARD SIAS, MRS. CHENEY, C. H. CHENEY, MRS. SCHELLENBERG, WM. SUTHERLAND, MRS. MARTIN, MRS. YARNELL, MR. AND MRS. IVAN IHM

sphere created with trees and branches of trees and shrubs, the whole scene being bathed in the soft radiance from scores of candles.

After the guests were presented to George and Martha Washington (F. F. Schellenberg and Mrs. G. C. Kincaid) and the Club president (Mrs. C. H. Cheney), the young people danced a minuet, for which they had been trained by Mrs. Farnham Martin.

Mrs. George Gibbs and Mrs. John Cook made everyone welcome and Mrs. Fred Dawson dispensed cake and something that flowed freely from a bowl, but was not exactly that which flowed in the original Colonial bowls.



THE MINUET

tumes, so that it was a veritable community, almost a family, party.



Left to right: BETTY MARTIN, JANE AND KEEGAN LOW, ELIZABETH AND SPENCER MOELLER, FLORENCE AND ROBERT DAWSON, DOROTHY FAULKNER, JACK DAWSON, ELINOR MILLS, LOVELLA HODGE, CHARLEY GIBBS

THE PALOS VERDES PROTECTIVE RESTRICTIONS

8. *Cost of Improvements.*

The Basic Restrictions provide: "The cost or value of the first building to be erected on any lot, including a reasonable fee of architect and reasonable profit for builder, shall be not less than the amount specified for that lot" in the respective Local Declaration. At any future date this minimum cost is to be considered as the amount such a building could have been built for on July 1, 1923, in the judgment of the Board of Directors of the Homes Association.

This minimum amount is, then, the cost of the first building—a private garage, or other approved accessory building, must not be built before the main building, though it may be built at the same time, or later. If combined with the main building, as is frequently done, then the cost of this indispensable part of the modern home becomes a part of the cost of the house itself. In the same way, porches, wings, covered terraces, and other features which are attached to the main building and under the same roof are all figured in toward the specified minimum cost, but this cannot be made to include the cost of paths, fences, landscaping, or buildings separate from the main building.

Thus while a lot may be planted and otherwise landscaped before building upon it, to require that the minimum cost shall be the cost of the first build-



THE SCHOOLCRAFT PATIO
Honorable mention for 1927—see page one

ing, ensures that when the lot is built upon the building will be in keeping with the other buildings in the neighborhood, as would not be the case if the garage alone were built at first. Also, in the case of a bungalow court (which may be built on any lot except those in Zones A, F, G or J), enough of the units must be built so that the cost will be at least the minimum specified, if it is not desired to build the complete court at first.

It is true that such a minimum cost requirement, which has often been in the past the only restriction placed upon residential property, is very inadequate and indefinite by itself, for the total cost of a house is no criterion of its appearance, convenience or good taste, nor does such a requirement specify what part of the cost may go toward interior finish. This fact was recognized in drawing up the Palos Verdes protective restrictions; reliance was not

placed entirely on this minimum cost requirement but general type of architecture, set-back lines, etc., were also specified, and most important of all, the Art Jury was created to pass upon the design and general exterior appearance of all buildings.

In Palos Verdes Estates the effort has been made



A DETAIL OF THE HARRISON HOME
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to predetermine the general character of neighborhoods by carefully specifying this minimum cost of building. Thus, residential estates along the edge of the bluff are protected by a minimum requirement of \$30,000, diminishing to \$8,000 or \$10,000 as you go inland. On the upper terraces on the West Coast it goes up from \$4,000 to \$10,000, beautiful view lots in Montemalaga run from \$10,000 to \$25,000, those around the Plaza in Malaga Cove from \$6,000 to \$12,000, in the eucalyptus grove from \$6,000 to \$10,000, around the Golf Course from \$6,000 to \$15,000, and in the rest of Valmonte from \$3,500 to \$12,000.

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LIBRARY ELECTION

The election held on January 31st, on the question of creating a Library District, resulted in almost a unanimous vote in favor of the proposition. No definite plans have yet been made as to a building or its location, the purpose of the election being to determine the sentiment of the residents for or against the construction of a building to house the library. Since Palos Verdes Estates is within the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County, the facilities of the County Library are open to it, besides which there is being accumulated a considerable collection of its own.

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NOTES FROM THE WOMAN'S CLUB

The February meeting of the Palos Verdes Woman's Club was held at the home of Mrs. F. F. Schellenberg. Mrs. Arthur Heineman, member of the State Board of Education, gave a very interesting talk on "Reconstruction in Education."

A lovely Valentine bridge tea was given by the Club at the Malaga Cove School. Spring flowers were used for decoration and potted plants given as prizes at each table. A little Cupid sold homemade candy from a heart-shaped bag, and hearts were used as tally cards. More than a hundred guests enjoyed the game before tea and homemade cakes were served in the patio.

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The *Bulletin* will be sent on request to any address, for three months or longer, as desired.



A GROUP OF HOMES IN MALAGA COVE, LOOKING EASTWARD FROM THE CORNER OF VIA DEL MONTE AND VIA ARRIBA

THE IMPORTANCE OF A GOOD FOUNDATION IN ROAD CONSTRUCTION

In a recent number of *Pacific Municipalities*, the official organ of the League of California Municipalities, appeared an interesting article by Mr. R. M. Morton, Chief Engineer of the Highway Commission of the State of California, who had established an enviable record in Massachusetts highway construction before coming to the Pacific Coast. He says: "The assumption that any type of pavement will, under heavy traffic, bridge over a poor foundation is unwarranted, and therefore the utmost attention is being paid to the preparation of foundations. We are definitely engaged in the stage construction of our highways; that is, the building of grades and drainage and the placing of a temporary surface to take care of travel during the period when the road bed is taking settlement. Throughout the state this policy is being pursued. Weather and traffic are the most dependable methods of stabilizing foundations."

Mr. Laurence Hussey, Chief Engineer of the Palos Verdes Project, in commenting upon this article, writes to the *Bulletin* as follows: "One of the fundamental principles of engineering applies to road building just as much as it does to any other branch of structural engineering: No structure is any stronger than its weakest member or joint. Mr. Morton emphasizes that no economical type of pavement has yet been devised which will support traffic on a poor sub-base. Provide proper drainage, and before laying the permanent pavement, wait until thorough settlement (induced by traffic and wet weather) has taken place."

"Southern California is particularly fortunate in having large natural deposits of what is called d.g. (decomposed granite). While the quality of this material varies greatly and there is little, if any, granite in it, most any of this so-called d. g. will make a satisfactory sub-base for a pavement."

"Approximately fifty miles of roads in the Estates have been surfaced with this material, the greater part of which was obtained from the cuts during the progress of road grading. With a minimum compacted depth of six inches, and average width of twenty-seven feet, we have used approxi-

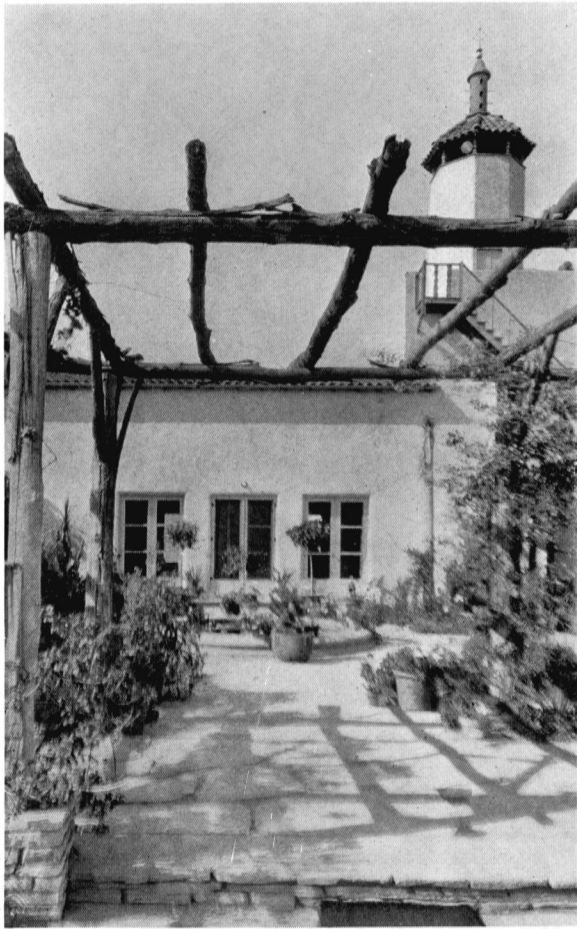
mately 132,000 cu. yds. of this material to date. There is an apparently unlimited supply in sight with which to surface all of the remaining roads on the Project."

"A particularly striking example of the satisfactory job that can be done even when a thin and inexpensive paving is used, by first providing a substantial road foundation, is illustrated by the roads which were built in the Exposition Grounds at San Diego. These pavements were laid on a d. g. base, and consisted of a two and one-half inch bituminous concrete lower course and a one-inch sheet asphalt wearing surface, all of which was mixed at the paving plant, and delivered on the job at a temperature of around 250 degrees Fahrenheit. Guaranteed for one year only, and costing 9c per sq. ft. in place, these pavements, laid during the years 1913 and 1914, are still in excellent condition, due principally to the foundations on which they were built."

"Crowned roads are practically a thing of the past, except in outlying districts. With a maximum gradient of 7 per cent, except in a few isolated cases, straight cross slopes up to a maximum of 12 per cent on sharp curves, and a separate unit system of drainage, made possible by an innumerable number of natural waterways, the Palos Verdes road system has created favorable comment from noted landscape architects, engineers and civilians from all over the world."



DETAIL OF THE SISSON RESIDENCE
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THE PATIO IN WINTER—LA VENTA

LA VENTA NOTES

It happened in mid-Atlantic, on board a round-the-world steamship. Some Eastern people who had toured California on their globe-circling trip and were now returning home, were telling a lady from Pasadena of their disappointment with things here, "until," they said, "the day before we left, when we went to one of the most beautiful places!" "Oh, you went to La Venta, in Palos Verdes!" responded the Southern Californian. And so it proved.

Each month of the new year La Venta has been



THE COZY GRILL ROOM AT THE GOLF CLUB

entertaining more guests than during the corresponding month of previous years. And there is always the usual quota of enthusiastic Eastern friends who come back year after year.

Mr. John Steven McGroarty, the celebrated poet and writer, author of the "Mission Play," has visited La Venta a number of times. He regards it as one of the most beautiful places he has ever seen, and says that everyone should know for himself the loveliness of this hospitable inn.

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MRS. DREYFUS

THE FOURTH CONCERT

In the fourth and last concert of the Palos Verdes Concert Course, March 13th, Estelle Heartt Dreyfus, contralto, with Grace Andrews, accompanist, will sing groups of Spanish, Russian, German and English songs, and perhaps a few of her own making, which have been inspired by the

sound of the sea at Redondo and the view of the hills of Palos Verdes.

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ART JURY NOTES

The Art Jury had a lot of new houses to pass upon during February and it is reported that some twenty more are in prospect. The principal actions taken were as follows:

Residence for Mr. Edward J. Schneider on Lot 1619-1—Malaga Cove

Final approval was given to this attractive house, designed by Mr. Struthers, to be built on Via Pinale adjoining Malaga Cove Terraces.

Residence for Mrs. G. M. Kincade on Lot 1513-6—Malaga Cove

The Secretary was authorized to give final approval to plans for this house on Via Almar, one-half block west of the school, provided certain minor details be changed.

House for Mrs. Lyons on Lot 6319-18—Valmonte

Tentative approval was given preliminary sketches for this residence on Hawthorne Avenue near Via Alcance, designed by Architect Williams.

New Houses on Lots 6312-2, 6315-15, 6316-1 and 6318-9—Valmonte

Tentative approval was given preliminary sketches by Architect Williams for these four houses.

GOLF CALENDAR

March 7—Women's Day—No greens fees—Golf, Luncheon, Bridge.

March 11 and 25—Semi-Monthly Tournament—Two prizes.

Every Sunday—Blind Bogey Tournament.



WOMEN'S DAY AT PALOS VERDES GOLF CLUB IS BECOMING MORE POPULAR

GOLF CLUB NOTES

"Palos Verdes is a golf course of rare beauty. Many visitors to California pass up this spectacular test of golf simply because it is not located right in the heart of Los Angeles. In doing so they make a grave mistake. Palos Verdes is really one of this state's show places, and the golf course, built by William P. Bell, is wonderfully suited to its surroundings. The course is not objectionably long, but it abounds in interesting, well-planned golf holes. The greens are perfect and the fairways are all that could be asked. As a golf course Palos Verdes is worth visiting. But when you add to the golf the scores of vistas of the blue waters of the Pacific Ocean, the marine pictures framed in the

twisting sweep of eucalyptus trees and the vivid coloring of the whole Words fail!

"The professional at Palos Verdes is Jimmy Fiske, a man who combines the aggressive personality of the instructor with the smooth polish of the hotel man. He is diplomacy personified—never for an instant forgetting the point he is trying to drive home. Mrs. Dan Jones, California's woman champion, is inclined to give him credit for swinging her from a golf tangent back to the straight line in time to win the state title. Others are equally generous in giving him credit for helping them—when their golf looked darkest. The Palos Verdes club is fortunate in having a man like Fiske at the helm."—*Darsie L. Darsie in Los Angeles Express.*



A FOURSOME ON WOMEN'S DAY AT THE FIFTEENTH GREEN

Mrs. Harry Pressler, California Open Woman's Champion, Miss Kirkham, and Messrs. Gardner and Sample



QUEER DENIZENS OF THE SEA

There are few persons, outside of those engaged in this study, who know that within a short motor ride of downtown Los Angeles there exists, without regard to the encroachments of civilization, a greater variety of sea life than, with one or two exceptions, is to be found in any other off-shore waters of the Pacific Coast.

From the viewpoint of scientists the waters adjacent to the Palos Verdes shore line are a vast laboratory where research may be undertaken under ideal conditions. Dr. Miller, head of the Biological Department of the University of California at Los Angeles, who has spent many weeks on scientific expeditions of the United States Fish Commission from Santa Barbara to San Diego, hopes that there will ultimately be established near here a marine zoo where the public may study sea life at first hand.

The great kelp beds are really forests which constitute "nurseries" for a great variety of sea animals. The larger fish cannot enter them and the beds become retreats for the smaller fish. In addition to these natural "nurseries," the rocky points and sand bays are peculiarly adapted to the thorough aerating of the water, so necessary for the continuance of sea life, for what water means to the land animal, air means to the denizens of the sea.

There are hundreds of kinds of fish found off the Palos Verdes coast which are known only to those who spend their lives studying them. Among these are the blind fish that live in the crevices of the tide pools, and then there is the "jumping blenny" which jumps from pool to pool toward the sea as the tide recedes. The land grasshopper has his prototype in the kelp crab, which lives in the waving fronds of the kelp. There are hundreds of other interesting inhabitants of the ocean along this coast. To scientists, they form a never-ending source of interest and information. To the layman the knowledge that within a few minutes of his home there is a natural marine zoo, will come as a surprise.—*From the Los Angeles Times of Jan. 22, 1928, by permission.*