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THE HOME

"The enduring strength of America is the home."

THESE words, appearing in a recent advertisement of the Crowell Publishing Company, strike the keynote of our continued growth as a nation.

Our greatest presidents, Washington and Lincoln, to whom our thoughts turn naturally during this month, could have accomplished nothing without that great power back of them, the American home.

This irresistible force founded our nation. It held that nation together through the stress of a civil war. It is proof against any economic depression that might threaten the structure of that nation's business.

The pioneer spirit of the representative American family—resilient, buoyant—is an overwhelming force. It cannot long be stemmed. It will sweep the nation on to renewed and increased prosperity as it has always done in the past.

NEW HOMES IN MIRALESTE

In addition to the comparatively new residences of Dr. and Mrs. Lee W. Stark on Beauvais Road, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Allen at the corner of Via Colinita and Maine Road and Mr. and Mrs. Chester H. Sherer on Via Frascati near the intersection with Granvia Miraleste, there have been a number of houses recently built or planned in Miraleste.

A large Californian type house was recently completed near the Miraleste School on Lot 5892-1 by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ross. Three new houses near the intersection of Via Lorenzo and Via Siena are nearing completion on Lots 4904-9, 10 and 12. One of these is for Mr. and Mrs. Edwin V. Haley, another for Capt. McCafferty and the third for Mr. E. F. Commons.

Plans have also been approved for a house west of Dr. Stark's on Lot 9302-1-11 for Mr. Meade Goodloe. A fine house is to be built on Lot 4908-1 near the corner of Lorraine Road and Western Avenue by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Mills of Long Beach, whose plans have already been approved. Across the road from Dr. Stark and north of the

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THE NEW HOME OF DR. AND MRS. LEE W. STARK
Beauvais Road, Miraleste

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News notes and items of interest should be in the hands of the editors not later than the fifteenth of the previous month.

"California's Outstanding Residential Community"

WHAT SHALL WE PLANT?

Planting time is here. The new catalogs, in which seedsman and nursery present their tempting offerings, have been making their irresistible appeal these long winter evenings as we sit before the fire dreaming of spring and summer gardens—for even in a Southern California winter, Spring beckons with all her wonted charm.

But in the midst of such a profusion of good things, what shall we plant? For after all, our space and time and finances are limited. "How happy I could be with almost any of these, if the other dear charmers were away!" We *must* pick and choose—and thinking back over our successes and failures of past years, a plan or two will perhaps emerge that will be worth trying.

For example, instead of planting the usual ornamentals of attractive flower or foliage, why not confine our choice this year to those which bear edible fruit? It is surprising how many there are of these—from avocados, guavas, pomegranates, mulberries, the many varieties of citrus, to the less well-known *Eugenia*, *Carissa*, *Tacsonia* and *Cocos australis*. In the



A GLIMPSE OF THE WEHRMAN RESIDENCE
VIA COLINITA, MIRALESTE



STREET ENTRANCE TO THE NEW HOME OF DR. AND MRS. LEE W. STARK ON BEAUVAIS ROAD, MIRALESTE

favorable climate of Palos Verdes Estates we can grow anything of this sort, even the tender *Monstera*, sapote and cherimoya—everything except perhaps the pistachio, which is said to favor the drier air of the interior. Be sure, however, to have the nurseryman give you plants of improved fruit-bearing stock.

Even thus limiting our choice to fruit-bearing ornamentals, we are again bewildered by the wealth of material available. Perhaps it would be wise to limit our choice still further. How would it do, then, to say we shall choose only those varieties whose fruit cannot commonly be bought in the market? Why should we bother to raise a navel orange, when we can grow with no more trouble any one of half a dozen other equally ornamental citrus varieties whose fruit is rarely seen in commerce—the giant lemon, the seedless lime, the citron, the kumquat, the mandarin?

For rough hedges and planting screens, as small trees for bordering paths and roads, the guavas are excellent. The mature strawberry guava is a tree ten or twelve feet high, of upright growth, with trunk and branches of a warm, light brown flecked with grey where the older bark remains. Among the small evergreen leaves the deep red fruit is born in clusters in the greatest abundance. The pineapple guava or feijoa (*fay-ho-a*) is more shrubby in habit, of denser growth, with handsome, light-green leaves, whitish on the under side, and fuchsia-like flowers. Its gray-green fruit is larger and very abundant. Either kind may be picked when not quite ripe and kept until soft, but is of finer flavor if allowed to ripen on the tree and fall of itself. The strawberry guava when thoroughly ripe tastes surprisingly like a luscious strawberry, and makes the most delightful ice cream. The feijoa, whose seeds are much smaller, instead of being peeled should be cut in two like a miniature melon and eaten with a spoon.

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RED CROSS QUOTA

In compliance with the request from the National Red Cross organization for relief funds for the suffering farmers of the country who in normal seasons feed the nation, Mrs. C. H. Cheney, chairman of this committee in Palos Verdes, appeals to the residents of this district for contributions. Mrs. Ben Moeller and Mr. E. L. Etter are the other members of this committee.

The total sum called for is \$10,000,000 and \$500 is the quota set for Palos Verdes. Please make out checks to American Red Cross Relief Fund and mail to Mrs. C. H. Cheney, Box 75, Palos Verdes Estates.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

About one hundred persons attended the Annual Meeting of the Palos Verdes Homes Association which was held on Tuesday, January 13th, at the Lane Mortgage Building, Los Angeles, and two new directors, Mr. Frederick M. Hodge of Granvia La Costa, Margate, and Dr. O. J. Stein, of Via Campesina, Malaga Cove, were elected to succeed Donald K. Lawyer and G. H. Morgan, whose terms expired.

Mr. C. H. Cheney, former Secretary and Manager of the Association, was called upon and gave a short talk concerning the necessity and desirability of vigilance in maintaining the restrictions.

Mr. T. H. Pennekamp, the Director of Finance,

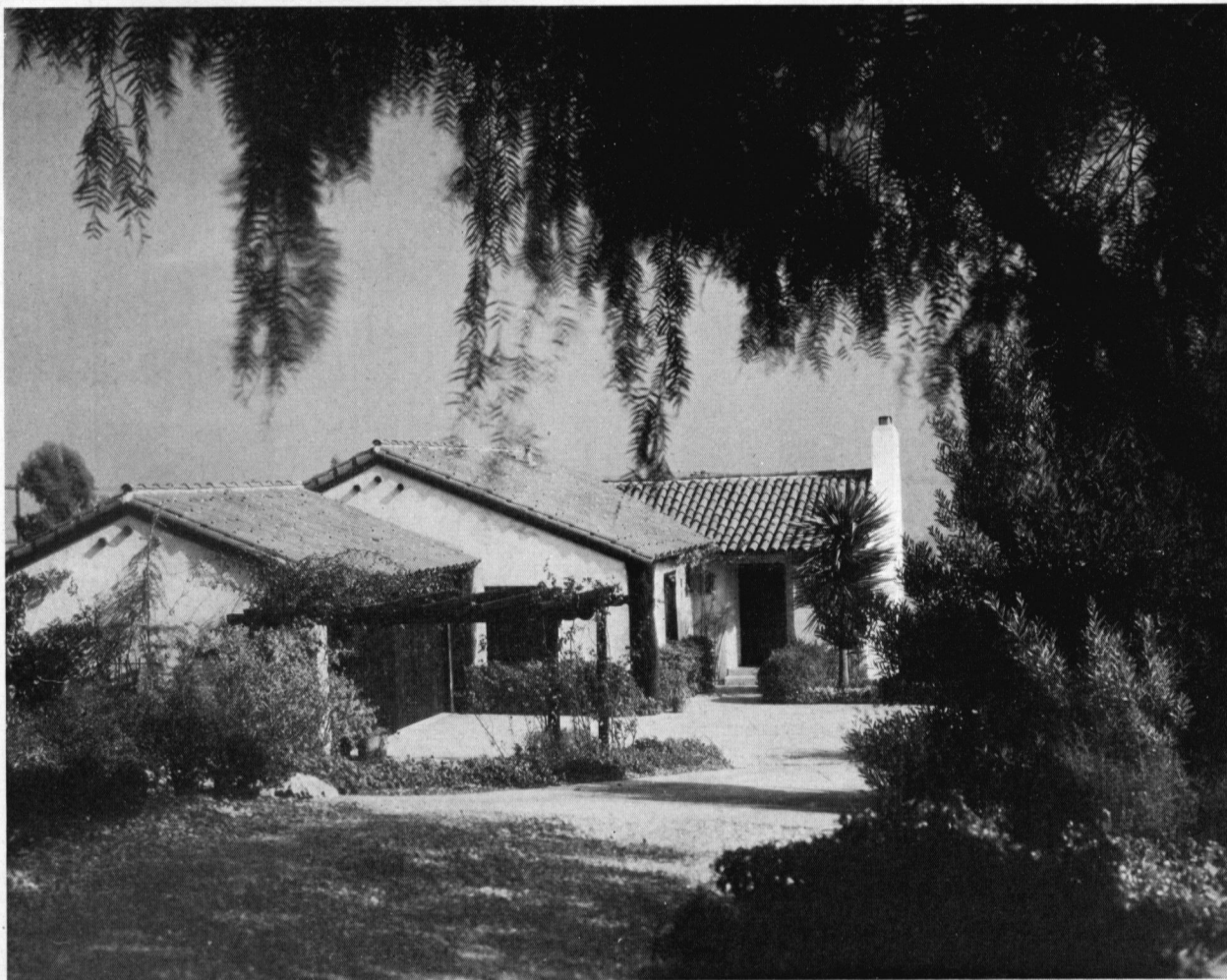
read a report summarizing the financial condition of the Association and submitted a balance sheet as of December 31, 1930.

President J. C. Low then called upon Mr. Jay Lawyer, General Manager of Palos Verdes Project, and a Director of the Association. "I am very gratified indeed to see so large an attendance," said Mr. Lawyer. "The last meeting, I believe, had an attendance of 21. It is especially pleasing to see so many people here who live in Palos Verdes Estates.

"I want to take this occasion to thank the people particularly who live in Palos Verdes for their cooperation and the spirit of friendliness which they have shown to the entire program of development.

"I was reading not long ago an article by Mr. Nichols of Kansas City, who has handled a comparable development to Palos Verdes Estates, in which he said that after all, about 75% of the success or failure of the project must be based upon the attitude of the people who live in the area. If they give a hearty and understanding cooperation, and believe in it, it is an outstanding success, but without that cooperation it would be a failure.

"It struck me that he had hit the right note exactly. These last two years, as we all know, have been about as strenuous as the world has ever known. I was reading in the *Financial World* the other evening an article which said that it was entirely possible the year 1930 would go down in his-



CHANGES WROUGHT BY PLANTINGS AT THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. EDWARD JESSOP, ON WESTERN AVENUE, NORTH, IN MIRALESTE
Above, March 1928; below, January 1931



HOME OF MR. AND MRS. G. V. MCCORKLE
Lorraine Road, Miraleste

tory as the worst that the world has ever experienced.

"Yet, in spite of this, we have managed to go steadily forward and make substantial progress. We have our library. I was particularly pleased Sunday afternoon to see the interest that was shown in the exhibit of pictures and the reception. The swimming pool has been completed and opened this year. A great deal of planting has been done. Miraleste School has been finished and opened. In spite of adverse conditions, we have reason to feel proud of the progress which has been made.

"If we have enough proxies today, the annual meetings hereafter of the Homes Association will be held at Palos Verdes, in the library or some other suitable place. Today Dr. Stein and Mr. Hodge have been elected members of the Board, which will make with Mr. Gard three directors who are in no way connected with the management of the Project. I am sure that they are going to take an interest and cooperate in every way to carry forward the ideal that Palos Verdes is."

Mr. Everett M. York, Secretary and Manager of the Association, called the attention of those present to the fact that there had been added during the last year to the physical property of the Association the Neptune Fountain and the Swimming Club and pool; and that there had been a net gain besides of several acres of park lands—the area of parks now owned by the Association amounting to 696.58 acres. In addition to this, the Association holds the underlying title to all streets, plazas, paths and lanes in Palos Verdes Estates.

Mr. York also called attention to the wide distribution obtained each month by the *Bulletin* amounting to 8,000 to 10,000 copies; and urged that everyone who has property in Palos Verdes Estates help to place the *Bulletin* in the hands of interested persons, this being one way that all can aid in the development of the community.

It was explained at the meeting that a great many of the members wished to hold the Annual Meetings hereafter in Palos Verdes Estates instead of at Los Angeles. This would require, however, an amendment to the By-laws and a two-thirds vote, and it was found that the total of votes present, after a careful count, was about fifty short of this requirement. President Low then suggested that the meeting be adjourned for a couple of weeks in order to give time for obtaining further proxies. It was accordingly voted to adjourn until Wednesday, Jan-

uary 28th, at 10 A. M., for consideration of this amendment.

During these two weeks enough further proxies were obtained to total well over the two-thirds requirement, so that when the meeting reconvened on January 28th, it was voted to make this change in the By-Laws and hold the Annual Meetings henceforth at Palos Verdes Estates.

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EXHIBIT OF PAINTINGS BY RALPH HOLMES

A large and appreciative group of art lovers attended the opening reception to Ralph Holmes, painter, at the exhibition of his paintings which is being held from January 10th to February 15th in Palos Verdes Public Library and Art Gallery. Forty canvases of mountains, desert and seashore, including a very fine evening view of Portuguese Bend, Palos Verdes, make up this exhibit, considered one of the best group of subjects by this painter ever gotten together.

The distinguished patrons of the exhibit include the residents of Palos Verdes Estates and Miss Anna McConnell Beckley, Mrs. Valentine Bell, Miss Ada S. Blake, Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Allison Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Pierpont Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Hamlin Garland, Mr. and Mrs. Julian E. Garnsey, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Gleason, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Lawyer, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley E. Meserve and Mr. and Mrs. James W. Wilkinson. Following the reception on January 11th, the artist was host at a dinner at La Venta Inn to his patrons and friends.

Critics extolled Ralph Holmes' work very highly. His previous exhibits have shown paintings of great delicacy of feeling and color. This present group, representing his work of the last two years, shows increased vigor and power. There is the bigness of the mountains and the mountain pines, the surge of the sea on the coast and with it all the beautiful half lights and great simple masses of nature, painted with sureness of stroke and much fineness of feeling.

A talk about the paintings on exhibit, how they came to be, with something of their composition, color and technique, was given by the artist in the gallery on Sunday afternoon, January 25th, and also before the Palos Verdes Woman's Club on the 28th. This talk will be repeated by Mr. Holmes at the exhibit in the Art Gallery on Sunday afternoon,



MR. HOLMES PAINTING IN THE DESERT AT INDEPENDENCE, CALIF.

February 15th, at 3 o'clock. This lecture is open, free to the public. Mr. Holmes will also give a talk to the children of the Palos Verdes school at a date specially arranged for them in the Art Gallery.

The exhibit was arranged by the Committee on Art Exhibitions and Art Functions of Palos Verdes Library and Art Gallery, named by the trustees for the winter season as follows: Mrs. Henry M. Young, Mrs. I. M. Spaulding, Mrs. Alden L. Hart, Mrs. F. F. Schellenberg, Mrs. W. W. Raleigh, Miss Agnes McMillan, Mr. Robert Paull, Mr. Edgar S. Gilmore, Mr. Hammond Sadler, Mr. Charles H. Cheney and Dr. Otto J. Stein, chairman.

Next on the schedule will be the Second Annual Purchase Prize Exhibit to be held from February 28th to April 27th, 1931. This will probably be followed by an exhibit of etchings and prints during May. Other exhibits are being arranged for the summer.

ART LECTURES

On the 19th of January Dr. Ernest Tross, Art Historian, gave the first of a series of lectures on art at the library. He is a graduate of the University of Munich, from which institution comes his title of Art Historian, not conferred upon students in any American university, because no such course is given in this country.

Dr. Tross brings to his audience a wealth of knowledge and a charm of presentation seldom equalled in a lecturer. He gives a course of lectures

at the Chouinard School of Art and is also heard on the radio from time to time. The lectures of the present series will be given here twice a month at the Palos Verdes Library.

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WOMAN'S CLUB NOTES

Wednesday, January 14th, a real treat was given to the members of the Palos Verdes Woman's Club, when Mr. and Mrs. Newman of the Pilgrim Shop of Long Beach, brought their beautiful collection of hooked rugs to the home of Mrs. Otto Stein, and exhibited them to club members, and explained how they were made. One specially interesting one was a replica of a rug, designed for, and presented to the King of Spain, by Mrs. Newman, whose early ambition to make a rug "fit for a king," was fulfilled. After the talk, the hostess, Mrs. Stein, served tea to members and their guests.

"Truth and Falsehood" was the subject of the Child Psychology Section, held at the home of Mrs. Laurence Hussey on January 13th. January 21st the Tea-Cups Section met with Mrs. F. F. Schellenberg from 2:30 to 5. On the afternoon of January 28th the Art Section, with Mrs. Spaulding as leader, held its meeting at the Art Gallery, where Mr. Holmes talked on "The Quest for Art." February 6th the Garden Section will meet at the home of Mrs. Ripley Dorr, where Mr. R. L. Forsythe, who has charge of all the planting at La Venta and the Golf Club, will talk on seasonal plants and planting.

The next meeting of the Club as a whole will be



THE INVITING ENTRANCE TO THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. C. E. TANNER
Via Colinita, Miraleste

held at the Library, when the Public Affairs Section will be hostess.

An interesting quotation from the *Palos Verdes Bulletin* of February 1926 was read at the Woman's Club on January 14th. This told of the organization meeting at the home of Mrs. J. F. Dawson, when twenty charter members drew up a constitution for the Club, and elected Mrs. C. H. Cheney its first President.

Of unusual and timely interest was the talk on India, given by Dr. S. J. Pandit, a native Hindu, at the open meeting of the Public Affairs Section held at the Library on January 6th.

Dr. Pandit touched upon conditions in present day India from the viewpoint of a native of that country, dealing principally with Mahatma Ghandi and his followers, who, he said, number over 80% of the Indian population. They are protesting against the injustices in India, by their doctrine of passive resistance.

In contrast with other world leaders who have conquered through military or political power, Ghandi is advocating the development of soul force within. This, explained Dr. Pandit, means loving your enemies, but preventing them from wrongdoing by non-cooperation rather than by violence.

Ghandi is from the third caste in India, according to Dr. Pandit, yet his words touch the souls of all castes. He gave up a lucrative law practice to live and dress like the "untouchables," the poorest of



PATIO OF THE NEW HOME OF MR. AND MRS. A. W. ROSS
El Tesoro Place, Miraleste

the Indians, and has even adopted as a daughter a girl from the untouchables, to whom he accords all honor. Thus, he has done more to break down the caste system than has been done in over two hundred years.

Following the talk, questions dealing with current phases of the Indian problem were answered by Dr. Pandit, who was given an enthusiastic vote of thanks by the audience.

February 10th at 8 o'clock at the Library will be held an open meeting again on the subject of India,



A MUSIC LESSON AT MIRALESTE SCHOOL
Mr. Wm. Ripley Dorr, instructor



FLOWER-BORDERED DOORWAY AT THE HOME OF REV. AND MRS.
O. J. FAIRFIELD, VIA VICO, MIRALESTE

at which an English point of view will be presented and an answer given to some of Dr. Pandit's statements.

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Miss Veloma Baer, who has recently returned from a trip to the Orient, is now showing at the Grace Spaulding Studios, Casa del Portal, a line of Oriental goods, hand-carved camphor chests and *objets d'art*. Miss Baer, who spent three months in Shanghai, is also establishing for Palos Verdes Estates and vicinity, a direct order system to the Orient, whereby individual wants for any type of Oriental furnishings may be met.

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Goodloe home a beautiful Californian house will start at an early date on Lot 9302-1-14, according to plans already approved for Mr. J. Tower Kidd of Huntington Park.



THE TOWER AT MIRALESTE SCHOOL

GOLF CALENDAR

February 4 and March 4—Ladies' Day—No greens fees—Golf, Luncheon, Bridge.

February 1 and 15 and March 1—Semi-Monthly Tournament—Two prizes.

Every Sunday—Blind Bogey Tournament.

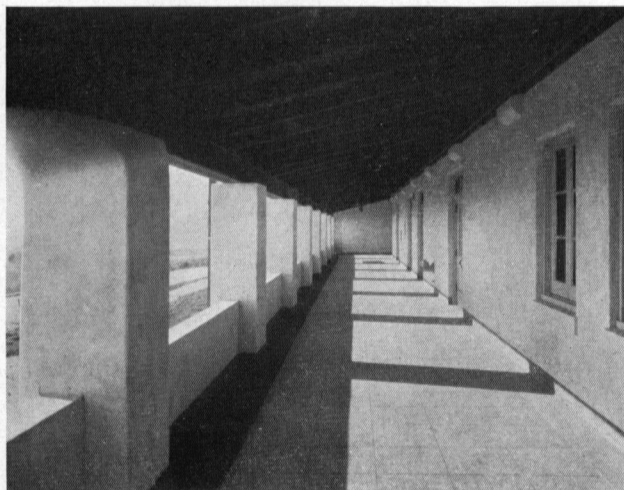
Every Wednesday—Ladies' Day.

MIRALESTE SCHOOL IS ONE YEAR OLD

The Miraleste School, the second unit in the Palos Verdes School District, marked the first anniversary of its opening on February 1st with an enrollment which has more than doubled.

In order to take care of the increased attendance, Miss Jean Delavan was added to the teaching staff on January 19th. Miss Delavan will handle the primary grades, for which she has had special training. She is a graduate of the University of Southern California and has a B. S. degree from Columbia University.

Miss Edna Sprung, whose notable work the past year, and before that at Malaga Cove School, is well known, continues as Principal at Miraleste School and teacher of the grammar grades.



THIS LONG, COVERED PORCH AT MIRALESTE SCHOOL IS ENJOYED BY
THE CHILDREN AT RECESS FOR ROLLER-SKATING

GOLF NOTES

The following is the schedule of one group in the Southern California Golf Association inter-club tournament:

- Jan. 28th: Oakmont at Palos Verdes.
L. A. C. C. (south) at Riviera.
- Feb. 4th: Palos Verdes at L. A. C. C. (south).
Riviera at Oakmont.
- Feb. 11th: L. A. C. C. (south) at Palos Verdes.
Oakmont at Riviera.
- Feb. 18th: Palos Verdes at Oakmont.
Riviera at L. A. C. C. (south).
- Feb. 25th: Palos Verdes at Riviera.
L. A. C. C. (south) at Oakmont.
- March 4th: Riviera at Palos Verdes.
Oakmont at L. A. C. C. (south).

Hole 14 in Jim Fiske's series has unfortunately been crowded out of this issue and will appear in March.



A CORNER OF THE HOLMES EXHIBIT
Palos Verdes Art Gallery

FRIENDS OF ART FUND

Appeal for contributions to the Palos Verdes Friends of Art Fund has been made by the Art Jury, so that a sufficient sum may be on hand to acquire one or more paintings from the Second Annual Purchase Prize Exhibit to be held in March and April at Palos Verdes Library and Art Gallery. A prize of five hundred dollars will be offered.

The painting to be acquired this year will be hung in the Malaga Cove School, and the Board of Education is expected to help in defraying the cost. Last year the painting "Old Malibu Road," by Fitch B. Fulton, was acquired on recommendation of the Jury and now hangs in the Library. The artists submitting pictures for these exhibits have generally reduced the price materially where the painting is to go to a public institution such as the schools or library, and the people of Palos Verdes Estates who appreciate the great educational and cultural value of having these fine stimuli in our schools are asked to contribute generously to this fund.

There is available in the fund at present the following amounts:

Previously acknowledged	\$18.00
J. A. Richards, Los Angeles.....	1.00
John L. Porter, Pittsburgh, Pa.	5.00
	<u>\$24.00</u>

PALOS VERDES FRIENDS OF ART FUND

*Secretary Art Jury,
Palos Verdes Estates, California.*

I wish to be enrolled a Palos Verdes Friend of Art of 1931. I
enclose my check for \$.....

Name.....

Address.....

(Please make check payable
to "Palos Verdes Friends of Art."