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Via Ramon, Malaga Cove

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THE CITY PLANNERS' MEETING

The Association of City Planners of Los Angeles County received a royal welcome on Saturday afternoon, May 9th, when they came to Palos Verdes Estates for their monthly meeting. They last met here on September 12, 1925, and were emphatic in their expressions of interest in the progress made since that time.

Tables were set in the auditorium of the Malaga Cove School, which was gay with flowers. The perfume of broom and honeysuckle filled the air, as over a hundred, many from distant parts of the County, sat down to luncheon, which was served by the chef of the Surf and Sand Club. Great credit is due to the Palos Verdes Woman's Club, which acted as hostess, especially to Mrs. F. F. Schellenberg and Mrs. Fulton Lane, and to Mrs. O. J. Stein, whose beautiful little boutonnieres were a gracious touch that brought forth many exclamations of appreciation. General arrangements were in charge of a committee appointed by the Board of Directors of the Homes Association and consisting of Mr. C. H. Cheney, Dr. O. J. Stein and Mr. Everett M. York.

The President of the City Planners, Mr. Jack

Albers, City Engineer of Glendale, presided, calling first, in the unavoidable absence of President Low, on Dr. Stein, as Vice-President of the Homes Association, who tried to put into words the heartfelt welcome of the community that was being silently expressed by the beautiful preparations made for our guests. Vice-President Thomas Blair of Redondo replied for the City Planners, saying that from his home which overlooked Palos Verdes he had followed with greatest interest the growth of this new neighbor, which exemplified in so many ways the aims and ideals held by city planners everywhere.

Mr. C. H. Cheney, who was associated with Olmsted Brothers in the design of Palos Verdes Estates, gave an account in some detail of the inception of the development and how it has been carried on up to the present. During his talk he made frequent reference to the two large maps behind him on the stage—one of the whole Palos Verdes peninsula, the other of the 3225 acres under development by the Project. Special phases of the work were the subjects of the two following papers, in which Mr. George Gibbs described the problems

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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"

"IT'S OURS!"

"Are you missing the joy that lies in those words—the contentment and security you owe yourself—and *them*?"

"A home you own is more than a place to live. There are the days in the garden among your shrubs and flowers—those 'odd jobs' that become play and not work—the pride in having your friends drop in—the fun in planning and improving—

"Nowhere is home ownership so inviting, and so easy as in Southern California. Prices are at the lowest level in years. Convenient terms are the rule—not the exception."

With these words, taken from a recent issue of the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Bulletin* desires once more to call the attention of those who are interested in Palos Verdes Estates, whether lot owners yet or not, to the unusual opportunities prevailing at present in the field of home building.

"Building has been urged as a duty the past year and a half, as something that people could undertake which would most quickly bring about normal business conditions. It is a duty that the head of a family owes, not so much to the community, as to himself," declares James R. Page, president of Cali-



THIS GRACEFUL OLIVE ADDS TO THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF THE HEIZMAN HOME ON VIA SOMONTE



THE HALF SHADE OF EUCALYPTUS TREES IS VERY GRATEFUL ON A SUMMER DAY

fornia Bank, in a recent interview.

"Most heads of families own real estate," says the banker. "If it is a lot, bought for sale later at a profit, let the owner think about building a home, making those improvements that enhance value, instead of waiting for others to do it. Real estate is now a good 'buy,' and a building site can be acquired on favorable terms.

"Our savings banks are full of money, and bankers are as glad to discuss lending some of it to the prospective home builder as the automobile salesman to discuss the purchase of a new car.

"From the practical business standpoint, now is the time to build. Materials are lower than for many years, and the most skillful labor in the construction industry is available. A large volume of public building is ahead. Business is getting better, and with new activity, will need more construction. Materials and costs should soon rise. The family that builds now will secure home ownership on terms which, in two or three years, will be considered so favorable as to be counted lucky."

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THE SWIMMING CLUB OPENS

The Directors of the Palos Verdes Homes Association, at their meeting on May 20th, voted to open the Swimming Club this year two days earlier than usual, on Saturday, May 30th, Decoration Day, and to have it remain open during the months of June, July, August and September.

There is available to residents of the Estates, to Palos Verdes property owners and to others who are properly vouched for, a special family season ticket rate of \$40.00, payable on or before June 1st, or payable \$20 on or before June 1st and \$20 on or before July 1st. One such ticket will entitle all immediate members of the family to cards which will admit to the Swimming Club at any time from May 30th to September 30th, inclusive. These cards are not good for guests. A 5c charge for towel will be made if this is desired.

An additional rate has been made for fifty single tickets of admission good for residents, members of the Homes Association and their guests at \$20.00. These may be used at any time during the season. A charge of 5c will be made for towel and suit if desired. Single tickets, including towel and suit, may also be had at 50c.

Golf Club cards should be shown for identification, if necessary.



R. E. Coate, Archt.

THE NEW HOME OF MR. AND MRS. ELLIOTT BANDINI, VIA MEDIA AT VIA ARROYO, OPPOSITE THE MALAGA COVE SCHOOL

ART LOANS TO OUR LIBRARY

Recent art acquisitions by loan to the library are the two beautiful color engravings of Italian paintings by Francesca and Perrugini, through the kindness of Mr. E. D. Levinson, and a beautiful portrait painting of "Narcissa" (Mrs. J. L. Street), the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Vanderlip. This painting, by a Japanese artist, has been hung on the stairway to the gallery, and is an exquisitely delicate and beautiful work of art.

Gifts of books have been acknowledged from Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Rogers of Long Beach, and from Mrs. M. L. C. Edwards and Mr. G. H. Morgan, of Los Angeles.

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The *Bulletin* will be sent for three months, or more, to any address upon request.



A CLOSE UP OF THE NEW BANDINI HOME
The School Tower in the Background

ART GALLERY WILL HAVE FINE WATER COLOR EXHIBIT

For the months of June and July a special exhibit of water color paintings by members of the California Water Color Society will be on exhibition at the Palos Verdes Library and Art Gallery. The exhibition will open with a reception to the artists and tea on Sunday afternoon, June 7th.

A special effort has been made by the Society to have this exhibition a particularly fine one, and it will represent the best work of about 75 artists.

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Miss Velona Baer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis R. Baer of Via Pinale, Malaga Cove, became the bride on April 18th of Capt. Douglas Durand Waldron of San Francisco, who is connected with the Dollar Steamship Lines. The wedding took place in the garden of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonzo Bell at Bel-Air, and was performed by Rev. Remsen D. Bird, President of Occidental College.

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"For six or more years Mrs. Rogers and I have harbored a keen desire to live some time in Palos Verdes, and as we have three nice building sites, we hope 'my job' may soon allow me to be less tied where we are and have been for twenty-five years. Our annual contribution to the Homes Association fund has additionally tied us in interest to the development work there. I feel that this 'contribution' has been one of the most worthwhile investments I have ever made. How *different* from the average community Palos Verdes Estates is!"

—Extract from letter of Dr. Francis L. Rogers.



AT THE PALOS VERDES STABLES

TENNIS COURT AT MIRALESTE SCHOOL

The School Board awarded a contract on May 12th to Davis & Davis, Inc., for the construction of a championship emulsified asphalt tennis court at Miraleste School. Enough area for two courts is being graded, but only one court will be surfaced at the present time. Contract for a chain link fence around the whole area was awarded to the Standard Fence Co. The work is expected to be completed by June 10th.

The construction will be similar to that of ten courts recently installed at the University of California at Los Angeles by Davis & Davis. It has a

resilient playing surface, which makes it the preferred type of court by Helen Wills, Wm. Tilden and other champions.

This court will be open through the summer for the use of the residents of Miraleste, and during the school year whenever it is not needed for school purposes.

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THE SUMMER HORSE SHOW

The Amateur Summer Horse Show, sponsored by the Palos Verdes Homes Association, is to be held on Saturday afternoon, June 6th, at the Riding Academy. The judges will be Messrs. Walter Braunschweiler, A. E. Cameron, Edgar S. Gilmore, E. E. Holmes, Jay Lawyer and Dr. O. J. Stein, and the ringmaster will be Jacques H. Harte of the Palos Verdes Stables.

The events are divided into ten classes, in each of which five awards will be made. Trophies have been donated by Mr. A. E. Cameron, Mr. Walter Braunschweiler, Dr. O. J. Stein, Mr. E. E. Holmes, Col. J. C. Low, Mr. Donald K. Lawyer, Mr. O. C. Field, the Lichtenberger-Ferguson Company of Los Angeles, the Palos Verdes Homes Association and the Palos Verdes Stables.

The grandstand is being considerably enlarged in anticipation of a record crowd.



THE MIRALESTE SCHOOL



THE UPPER CLASSES FROM MALAGA COVE SCHOOL ENJOY A TALK ON THE USE OF THE LIBRARY BY MISS AGNES McMILLAN, LIBRARIAN

SCHOOL NOTES

A school yell for Malaga Cove School was worked out some weeks ago by Everett M. York, Secretary of the Homes Association, based on the rhythm of his old high school yell. It goes like this:

M-A-L-A-G-A, C-O-V-E School, School,
SCHOOL at Palos Verdes by the sea, SCHOOL at
Palos Verdes by the sea,
Malaga, Malaga Cove, Ah, A-ah!
Malaga Cove School, rah! rah! rah!

He taught it not long afterward to some of the boys of the school, and a few days later received the following letter, which shows excellent school spirit:

Dear Mr. York:

April 21, 1931.

The committee that have seen the yell that you made for the school are very enthusiastic about it, and we wish to thank you for it. We plan to try it at the next school pep meeting. It will be very useful at tennis matches, soccer, and other games. The boys are playing baseball strenuously now and there may be an occasion to use it soon. The May Play Day will be another opportunity to use the yell.

If you give the boys a yell,
When the game's not going well,
You are helping them in winning,
Just as if you played that inning.

Gratefully yours,
(Signed) Bill Blecker.

Graduation exercises at the Malaga Cove School will be held in the auditorium on June 4th, at 2 P. M. There are eleven in the class this year, which consists of Tom Davis, David Doherty, Pauline Ester, Melroy Hodge, Dorothy Jones, Betsy Martin,

Myrtle Meinzer, Robert Patton, Marjorie Snelgrove, Joe Tytus and Mary Young.

School will open in the fall on September 8th.

Some of the recent happenings at Malaga Cove School are interestingly told in the following quotations from the *Annual*, which is written and typed by the children:

Our Garden

In September the fourth grade started a garden. Mr. Morton came down to help us with the garden. He brought us some flowers to plant in our garden. Some of the boys and girls brought some seeds to plant. In October the third grade took half of the garden. Mr. Morton brought them some seeds too. Now every garden has a lot of flowers, and we have used them for many special occasions.

John Blecker, A4

Malaga Cove Sports

In the early part of the year Malaga Cove School played Ocean View School in soccer. The game was very close but in the end the score was 2-0 in favour of Malaga Cove.

From that time on we made ready for the play day on May first. Some of the events and winners are as follows: Boy's Tennis Tournament, David Doherty. Girl's Tournament, Betsy Martin. All five of the boy's events were won by Tom Davis. The events are: running broad jump, baseball throw for accuracy, basketball throw, 75 yard dash and shotput.

Sports Manager, David Doherty, A8

Treats We Have Had This Year

This year we have been very fortunate in having so many good times away from school. The place where we have been most is the library, first we heard Mr. Holmes tell something about painting landscapes. It was very interesting. Another time Mr. Stewart Robertson told us his opinion of all the pictures in the Art Gallery, and we were all very interested. The third time we went, we had



LA VENTA

Halfway to Heaven on a green-gold hill,
That curtsies low to meet a western sea,
Blocked in with clouds, beside a road that leads
Over the rooftops of humanity.

Through every shaded mood of fog and sun,
A beacon light for man's upstruggling feet;
Set like the perfect canvas of a dream,
A trysting place where men and angels meet.

—Written for the Bulletin by Maurine Baker Barcal.

some pictures taken and Miss McMillan explained many things about the library.

The Glee Club sang at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles on March Thirtieth. We sang these three numbers: "Bendemeer's Stream," "The North Wind," and "The Little Sandman."

On May Fourteenth we went to the Huntington Galleries.
Dorothy Jones, A8

The History of Records

On Graduation Day, the fifth and sixth grades will present to the school the book, "Record of Graduates," a book bound in parchment which we made during our study of the history of records.

In the history of records we learned how people have kept records from the very earliest time. We studied about the Tree Dwellers, the Cave Dwellers, and the Lake Dwellers. Afterwards we studied the Romans, Greeks, Chinese, Egyptians, and the Hebrews. We read all about them and gave reports. We made wax and clay tablets. Then we made parchment, paper and pottery.

Betty Bartmus, A5

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DR. TROSS WILL BUILD

Examples of the Barbazon school of art, the French Impressionists, and the moderns were discussed by Dr. Ernest L. Tross in his concluding art lecture given May 4th at the library.

We laugh at modern art because our art appreciation is not sufficiently developed to understand its sweeping expression of infinity and eternity, just as our ancestors laughed at Rembrandt and Millet, Dr. Tross stated. On a trip to Germany this summer, he will collect art slides for his lectures next fall. At that time he plans to build a home on his property on Via del Monte for his mother and sister who will return with him.

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encountered in street and park designing and Mr. Everett M. York discussed the Palos Verdes Homes Association and the part it will increasingly play in the stability of residence values. Portions of both

these papers will be published later in the *Bulletin*.

The address of the afternoon was given by Mr. Myron Hunt, President of the Palos Verdes Art Jury, who told of the part this body has had in giving character to the community and the many problems that it has encountered and, largely, solved. He pointed out that the general effect of the Art Jury's work to date has been to produce a high average of excellence in the architecture of Palos Verdes Estates, that there is much greater consistency and coordination of design and color in the buildings than is met with in other places, all of which is of the highest value to the community, not only aesthetically, but in a material way as well.

One noteworthy byproduct of the Palos Verdes Plan, not foreseen by its designers, Mr. Hunt pointed out in closing, is the unusually high average quality of those who are attracted to the Estates to live. Whether taking up their residence in modest homes or in mansions, the people of Palos Verdes will measure up well in social qualities and qualities of citizenship with those of any community of its size. And yet, this is not so surprising, he said, since such men and women of good will might be expected to be attracted to a place where they could give their own finer instincts free rein, assured of protection against anything less than that from their neighbors.

After the meeting Mr. Cheney led a group of thirty or forty to points of special interest, including the swimming club, three plazas and the library, with a visit to the Frank Geritz exhibit. One of the guests who showed great interest in the library was Mr. William D. Davies of Altadena, who as trustee of their Library District, the first in the state, was a leader in securing a court decision some years ago, declaring that library districts are valid legal entities. The Palos Verdes Library District

is still the only other one in this County.

The following letter was received a few days after the meeting:

Mr. Everett York, Secretary,
Palos Verdes Homes Association,
501 Lane Mortgage Building,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. York:

On behalf of the Association, I wish to express our sincere appreciation to you and to the Homes Association for the warm reception given us at Palos Verdes on Saturday.

It was a real inspiration to see and hear about the wonderful work that has been done in Palos Verdes, particularly, to those of us who have not been there since the last meeting five years ago.

We wish you every success in your work.

Yours very truly,
ASSOCIATION OF CITY PLANNERS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By (Signed)
A. E. Williamson, Secretary-Treasurer.

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AROUND THE COURSE WITH JIM FISKE XVII

Luckily, this hole is fairly short, being only 347 yards. From tee to green is uphill, the last hundred yards being quite steep. For the long driver this hole leaves only a mashie-niblick or mashie shot to reach the green on your second.

The hazards on the left are severe, and to be caught there means nearly always that a recovery shot must be played to the fairway instead of the green. A large trap guarding the green from this angle catches many shots falling short. This trap also causes much worry for those troubled with pulling their seconds to the green. The trouble on the left is accentuated by the fact that the entire

GOLF CALENDAR

June 3 and July 1—Ladies' Day—No greens fees—Golf, Luncheon, Bridge.

June 7 and 21—Semi-Monthly Tournament—Two prizes.

Every Sunday—Blind Bogey Tournament.

Every Wednesday—Ladies' Day.

fairway drops away to the left. It is wise to drive to the right on this hole as there is practically no trouble to be found there.

This green is a bad one, and many an extra stroke is added to the score here. Banked sharply at the back it slopes all the way to the front. To be above or at either side of the hole is cause for worry, because getting down in two putts from that position is a real problem. If you are fortunate enough to remain short of the pin on your approach you have an excellent chance for a "birdie."

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WOMAN'S CLUB NOTES

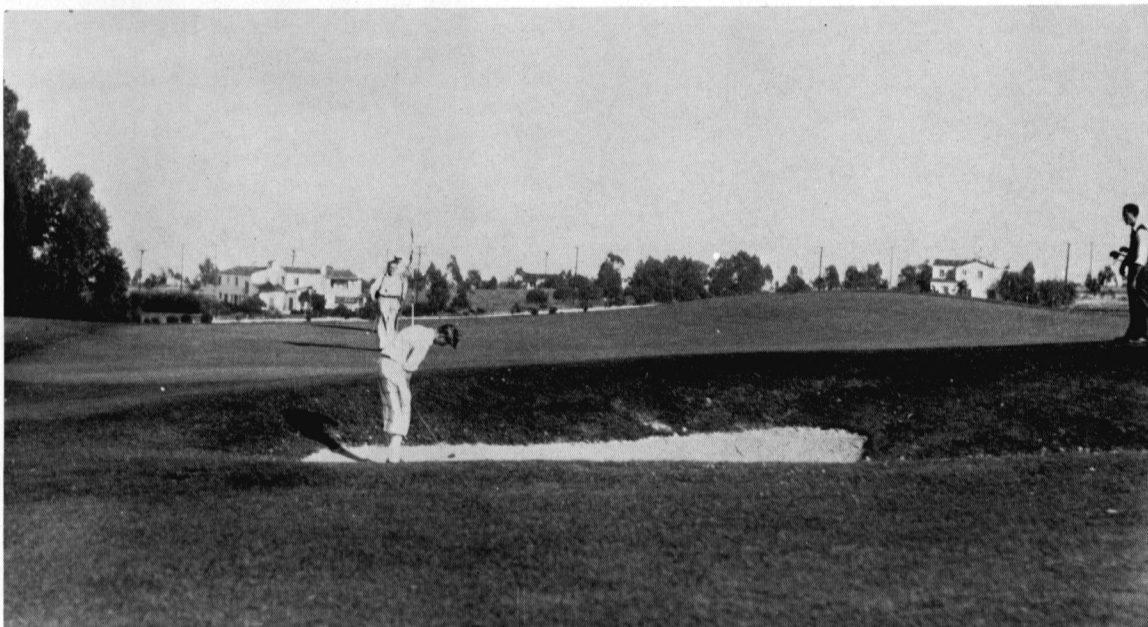
The May meeting of the Palos Verdes Woman's Club was held at Malaga Cove School on Wednesday, May 13th. This interesting meeting was sponsored by the Child Study Section of the Club, whose chairman, Mrs. Laurence Hussey, introduced the speaker of the day, Mr. Vierling Kersey, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. He discussed "The Problem of Raising the Level of Educational Maturity," saying that our country, in its desire to do this, had in the twelve years since the world war, succeeded in raising the educational level from the sixth to the tenth grade. He believed our greatest present problem to be that of dealing with a growing materialism, and a disrespect for law.

This meeting of the Woman's Club was the annual election meeting, and the ticket presented by the Nominating Committee, with Mrs. Edgar Gilmore as Chairman, resulted in the election of the following officers of the Club for the year 1931-1932: *President*, Mrs. F. F. Schellenberg; *Vice-President*, Mrs. Otto Stein; *Recording Secretary*, Mrs. Walter Bird; *Corresponding Secretary*, Mrs. R. Lockwood Forsyth; *Treasurer*, Mrs. Laurence Hussey.

The June meeting of the Club will be the last one for the year. This will be a luncheon and garden party, the place to be announced later.

Mrs. F. F. Schellenberg entertained twelve members of her retiring Executive Board at luncheon on Wednesday, May 6th.

The Public Affairs Section of the Club has



APPROACHING THE SEVENTEENTH GREEN



THE NEW HOME OF MR. AND MRS. HUGO W. JONES
Via Campesina, Malaga Cove

had a most interesting winter, with meetings every two weeks at the home of its leader, Mrs. C. H. Cheney, and a noteworthy series of lectures held at the Library. The section has been studying India this year, and has had a book review each meeting on some phase of Indian life.

The Child Study Section of the Club held its last meeting April 28th at the home of Mrs. Oliver Field on Espinosa Circle. After the regular meeting the group was joined by the Executive Board of the Club and the teachers of Palos Verdes School, for a friendly social hour over the tea-cups. The Section has completed this year the work of the American Association of Child Study, and will continue next year under the able direction of its leader, Mrs. Laurence Hussey.

The last meeting of the popular Tea-Cup Section of the Club was on Wednesday, May 20th, at the home of Miss Frances Harden on Via Lazo. Mrs. Amy Cross has proved a most charming leader this past year, and this section has been one of the most successful of all Club activities.

The annual meeting of the Garden Section of the Club was held at the home of its chairman, Mrs. Ripley Dorr on Friday, May 8th. Mrs. Dorr showed the section a wonderful collection of photographs of gardens, done by Olmsted Brothers, covering a period of forty years and illustrating the development of different phases of gardens. This collection was loaned to the section by Mr. James F. Dawson. A delightful musical program of songs by Mrs. B. A. Moeller and a group of organ numbers by Mr. Dorr completed the afternoon. The section elected Mrs. Hammond Sadler as leader for the coming year.

The Art Section has one more meeting on Wednesday, May 27th, at the Library, when Mrs. E. Keith Harkness will talk of "California Landmarks." This meeting will complete a year full of interest for the whole community, as well as the section itself.

One of the jolliest social events of the season was the "Spring Dance" on April 25th. The six-piece orchestra was under the leadership of George Vetter. The proceeds of the season's last dance on May 23rd, were turned over to the Scholarship Fund. Mrs. W. W. Raleigh and her committee, Mrs. Walter Bird and Mrs. Ruth French Hough, are to be congratulated on this enjoyable series of dances.