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All 640 Homes in New Pico Tract Taken

Graduate 325 at UCLA

49 Navy Trainees Commissioned at Same Exercises

Dr. Clarence A. Dykstra, who recently became provost at UCLA, will deliver the principal address at graduation convocation there Saturday at 3:30 p. m. in Royce Hall auditorium.

Some 325 students garbed in traditional cap and gown or military uniform will be awarded academic degrees or Navy commissions. President R. G. Sprout will preside and will award the degrees; commissions as ensign in the United States Naval Reserve will be presented to 49 N.R.O.T.C. trainees by Captain William C. Barker, commanding officer of the campus unit.

William Francis Graves, N.R.O.T.C. graduate, will make the class address. Father Benjamin Bowling, pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Roman Catholic church, will act as chaplain. Dr. Laurence A. Petran, University organizer, will play the processional. Graduation marshals will be Ralph Frensdahl and Dr. R. W. Webb.

Of those receiving degrees, some 250 will be awarded Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Sci-

SPEAKER



Dr. Clarence A. Dykstra, newly appointed provost at UCLA, shown here will deliver the commencement address at the graduation convocation at UCLA Saturday.

Red Cross Hospitality Day Tuesday

Residents of this area will have an opportunity to see the Red Cross Production Corps and its affiliated units in action when "Hospitality Day" will be observed next Tuesday throughout the territory served by Los Angeles' Chapter.

Geared to the 1945 Red Cross fund drive starting March 1 with a minimum over-all goal of \$5,000,000.

City Again Acts To Buy Rancho

Periodically over the past few years of effort by the city of Los Angeles to acquire the Rancho Golf Club property for park purposes, the local press has endeavored to keep the residents of the area advised on the status of the proceedings. Last Spring it was expected the acquisition of this tract of 184.6 acres facing Pico boulevard was assured and plans for landscaping and building operations by the City Park Department were published.

J. Win Austin, city councilman representing the district in which the property lies, reports he has done all in his power to bring this deal to a close. Many months ago a telegram was received by the city of Los Angeles from the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, John L. Sullivan, stating that Attorney General Biddle had approved the city's offer of \$300,000 and assumption of \$22,000 street obligations, in settlement of litigation between and the Internal Revenue department on this property. The city also agreed so far as the title holders were concerned, to cancel some \$200,000 in unpaid realty taxes, according to Councilman Austin.

The property, as has been previously reported, reverted to the government in lieu of unpaid income taxes of owners whose affairs were in bankruptcy. The "dry in the shirt" appears to be the opinion of one attorney in the local office of a title guaranty company, who

BACK HOME



ALBERT R. MANN

SERVICE CHATTER



Visiting here and in Culver City on a 30-day leave is Navy Gunner Albert R. Mann, who returned Friday from 14 months of Overseas duty. He has served with the armed guard division of the Navy, visiting many ports of call throughout

100 Families Now In New Residences

The 640 new 3-bedroom \$6,000.00 homes of the Westwood Gardens tract, new residential district south of Pico boulevard, which was started last summer, have all been sold or rented, it is announced today by the Edwin A. Tomlin company, sales agent.

Brentwood Teen Age Center Set

A fund campaign for the building of a youth activity house in the Brentwood area has been launched under the sponsorship of the Brentwood Youth Council, Inc. Plans for this activity center were formulated before the outbreak of the war but were deferred because of wartime restrictions.

However, the council now resumes this project and at a meeting of a group of Brentwood citizens held this past week at the Brentwood school, officers were elected and fund drive plans mapped.

President of the council is William Vaughn with Mrs. Harmon Jones as vice president; Mrs. Sydney Broad, secretary, and James Marble, treasurer.

Board of directors elected included the four officers and Jack Evans, Tom Perrain, Alan Livingston, Mrs. Marshall Sawyer, Ray Foster, Mrs. Harry Gunn, Mrs. Frances Grinnell and the Rev. Dean Osterberg.

Completion and occupancy of the homes will be consummated by the end of May if the present schedule is maintained, according to Ralph J. Jordan, director of sales for the Tomlin company. So far there have been no "hitches" in the orderly schedule of completion set up when the project was initiated in September, 1944.

Nearly 100 of the 640 homes have already been occupied, many of them moved into in emergency cases before landscaping and other features were completed. From now on occupancy will be at the rate of 25 to 50 a week until all owners have moved into their new homes.

"New owners in Westwood Gardens are 95 per cent families with from one to four children," said Mr. Jordan. "We estimate the family units will average four per home, meaning that the population of the district will be increased by at least 2,500, when all families have moved in."

"About 10 per cent of the owners are professional men, such as engineers, holders of degrees, lawyers, faculty members, actors, actresses, directors."

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ALL 640 NEW PICO TRACT HOMES SOLD

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and gag writers from the studios. These movie people qualified for these homes because they were among those in the profession who donated time in entertaining the armed forces. We also have several FBI men.

"The big majority of owners are executives and essential employes in the nearby aircraft plants. Douglas employes, of course, leads this list, but many from Northrup and North American have been purchasers in the tract. Collins Company of Culver City, and numerous other smaller defense plants located all over the city have provided men who will make their home in the new area.

"The new 6-room, 3-bedroom homes have proven very popular with purchasers. They are all stucco and frame dwellings with seven differing floor plans on 21 elevations over the tract. The lots are mostly 50 and 55 feet in width, but there are some 60 and 70 feet wide. Length of lots are from 110 to 120 feet. Most of the area is served by alleys and both streets and alleys will be paved with heavy asphalt soon.

"Each home is equipped with incinerators and landscaping with lawn and shrubbery is included in the purchasing price. Among the equipment in the homes are automatic hot water heater, dual gas furnace and Kohler bathroom fixtures."

Development of the tract was by the Overland Housing company. Cooperation of the FHA in financing the homes, made possible the purchase with low