

Santa Cruz' New Boys' Club Needs Everyone's Help

It was almost as if a genie's lamp had been rubbed.

Almost suddenly—unexpected—a Boys' club is being born, and a \$200,000 clubhouse will be built in Santa Cruz within the year.

Totally unlike most projects of this kind, the money came first, followed by an organization of citizens to put it to its requested use.

And all this for boys from 8 through 15.

There are some 700 Boys' clubs of America across the United States and millions of youngsters, and former youngsters, have used them.

But the quality and impact of a Boys' club here will take time to digest.

Locally, the project will start simply Thursday at 11 a.m. with a groundbreaking ceremony on the big cleared lot at Lincoln and Center streets, across from the Calvary Episcopal church. This is the site of the old First Congregational church. And the building should be ready for the kids by January 1.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Mallery, 543 High street, have made this possible, assuming that there

will be material help. But more about this later.

For dues of \$2 a year (and if a kid can't afford this, don't worry) any youngster will have this club for his exclusive use every day from 3 to 6 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

A full time professional director, whose name is Bill B. Fankhouser, a UC at Santa Barbara graduate with a degree in sociology, will guide the boys (more about him later) and will be the director. Later the age limit will be extended to 18 years.

The club will have the following facilities:

A gym for basketball, volleyball, badminton, boxing, etc.

A special exercise room for weight lifting and body development.

A library for quiet games, reading, study and tutoring.

A club room for painting, photography, ceramics, lapidary, stamp trading.

A game room for small boys, with billiard tables, table tennis, etc.

A game room for older boys with the same equipment.

A dressing room and showers.

A craft shop for developing hobbies and crafts with shop tools.

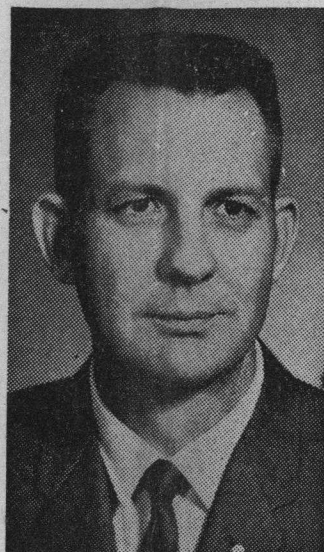
A kitchen for boys' daily use and for preparing special dinners.

And a large indoor swimming pool—but this depends.

For all races and creeds, sizes, bold or shy.

This will be a place where they can learn to work and play together or spend quiet hours on their own, reading or developing skills and hobbies.

Year around.
The Mallerys wanted to do



Bill Fankhouser

something for boys.

They put up the \$90,000 to buy the site.

They put up the \$200,000 to build the clubhouse.

And they are establishing a foundation to see to its operation, with community help.

Who are the Mallerys?

John Mallery is a business college graduate who went into the hotel business in the 20s.

Mrs. Mallery graduated from a teachers' college in Cheney, Wisc., and taught school before marrying Mr. Mallery.

In the 1930s they came to Oakland, during the depression and went into the hotel business "on a shoestring when men were sleeping in the culverts and under bridges."

They acquired a hotel and offered clean beds and a heated room for 25 cents a night and kept the rooms filled.

By 1939 they had acquired 16 hotels, nine in Oakland and seven in San Francisco.

Then in 1940 they sold all but two hotels and bought others until they had 16 more hotels, 11 apartment houses and a motel.

"Our largest hotel we bought on a Friday the 13th, and this became our lucky day and this has always been our lucky day," said Mrs. Mallery.

The couple spent their weekends visiting various points in California and bought a summer place in the Santa Cruz mountains.

When they sold their businesses in 1950 they purchased a small ranch on Glen Canyon road, three miles north of Santa Cruz. They have visited and known Santa Cruz for some 30 years and watched it grow. Their son, Talley, grad-

uated from Santa Cruz High school in 1954.

And the Boys' club is their contribution to the community.

But the community is being asked to help, also.

The board of directors for the local project has been planning for months, bringing the things to a head, and if the swimming pool is to be completed with the building, materials will be needed to help with the total cost of the project.

Gifts of lumber, building materials, paint, furnishings, labor are needed to see this thing through.

Sam Combs, business representative for Carpenters union 829 and a member of the Boys' club board of directors, has been approaching business representatives of the various unions and has found them receptive to asking off-hour help. There will be plenty of jobs for layman work also.

Ronald A. White is the architect. He created the building at cost; Bowman and Williams Engineers are planning it at cost. Darrow Palmer is to be the contractor.

Each board member has a responsibility for obtaining material to keep the cost down so that a swimming pool may be included.

Here are their names: Harland B. Johnson, president, and responsible for lockers; Dr. John Brokaw, vice president, and responsible for plumbing; Ernest Damkroger, secretary and for signs and plaques; Alfred Smith, treasurer, and cash contributions.

Sam Combs, union contacts; C. R. Farrar, trucking; Loren Ingols, electrical work; Karl A. Lamb, furniture; Charles McLean, cement.

Darrow Palmer, contractor; Marty Todd, masonry and stucco; Edward "Ted" Barber, roofing; Alfred Burns, landscaping.

Joseph Davish, insurance; George Fisk, bleachers; Robert Johnson Jr., paving; Leslie Ley,

lumber; Norman Mork, library.

Gordon Sinclair, heating; Malio Stagnaro, glass; Wally Trabing, publicity; Donald Bailey, foundations and charity.

Carl Bengston, swimming pool supplies; Walter Bettencourt, game room supplies; Charles Canfield, office furniture; Dr. Ambrose Cowden, gym equipment.

Mario Esposito, floor and ceramic tiles; Russ McCallie, excavating and grading; Steve Traylor, Community Chest representative; Kenneth Wenzel, hardwood and paint; and Richard Werner, craft room supplies.

These men are to be contacted in their categories if one wishes to donate. Boys' club is affiliated with the Community Chest.

Who is the director?

Bill Fankhouser is an ex-marine and an experienced Boys' club director.

He comes here from a 13-year job as executive director of the Boys' club in Fullerton. Before that he spent seven years as a staff member of the Boys' club of Santa Barbara.

There he was awarded the National Freedom Foundation award for his work, and while at Fullerton was awarded the Bronze Keystone Medal by the Boys' clubs of American because of his work with boys.

He is married to Eloise Fankhouser and they have one daughter, Candace Gay, a senior at Fullerton High who will attend Cabrillo college in September.

The youngsters across the United States who are members of the clubs have a Boys' club code. It is this:

"I believe in God and the right to worship according to my faith and religion.

"I believe in America, and the American way of life, its Constitution and Bill of Rights.

"I believe in fair play, honesty and sportsmanship.

"I believe in my Boys' club, which stands for these things."



Mr. and Mrs. John T. Mallery, 543 High street, who have made possible the building of a local Boys' club of America building in Santa

Cruz with donations far in excess of \$300,000, grin with pleasure over the plans for the building which will give thousands of youngsters pleasure and guidance in the years

to come. They are standing on the site at Center and Lincoln streets. Ground-breaking ceremonies will be held Thursday at 11 a.m.

Driver Training School Opening Local Office

A driver training school for adults is opening its office here.

Key Driver Training has announced its offices at 1101 Water street, room 108, near Morrissey boulevard, are now taking appointments.

Owned and operated by Dave

Henshaw and C. E. LeFevre of San Jose, the firm has two dual-control equipped cars for use here.

Minimum age for trainees is 15½, with no maximum age limit, Henshaw says.

Two types of courses are offered: a \$55, six-hour basic training course for new drivers



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Local Navy Recruiter Moves Office

The local navy recruiting office has been moved to 208 River street, due to remodeling of the post office building.

Petty Officer J. B. Smith, has announced that applications for enlistment in the navy to qualified applicants are being accepted. The office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and the phone number is 426-2885.

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