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County Purchases Home For Its Resident Doctors

County supervisors yesterday okayed the purchase of a \$12,000 home at 225 Lee street for use by the county hospital's new \$1000 a month resident physicians.

And quite naturally the move brought a token protest from the board's pecuniary conservative, San Lorenzo Valley Supervisor Vincent Locatelli.

"First we give these doctors \$1000 a month and now we buy a house for them," Locatelli said. "I think we should charge them rent."

"That's an idea that might bear further study," said Chairman Francis Silliman. "But I'm sure every board member here is aware that we're not going to pay the residents \$1000 a month very long."

Board members authorized the \$1000 a month salary for residents last week as an emergency measure to relieve the scarcity of residents at the hospital.

"Well, I just want them (the residents) to be on notice when the hospital budget comes around in June," Locatelli said.

Actually, the county has been providing homes on the hospital grounds for the residents right along, Supervisor Hulda McLean said. She said the county also provides quarters for the unmarried residents.

Another fact that was not brought out at yesterday's meeting was that residents do pay a small rental for their homes already.