

## Horrell Plans Drive to Curb Burglaries

Chief of Police Horrell yesterday served notice that burglary is going to be an unhealthy occupation hereabouts from now on.

Concerned over the 18.8 per cent increase in 1945 burglaries, which totaled 12,866 for the year, the chief ordered a special educational campaign set in motion to cut down the burglary toll.

Officers, he said, will visit schools to warn students of carelessness that breeds burglaries—such as leaving doors unlocked, telling strangers they are staying with relatives while the folks are away, etc. Parents will be advised of "burglar-proofing" methods through newspapers and the radio.

The property loss here last year through burglaries was \$2,419,853—an increase of 40 per cent over 1944.

## City Approves Golf Links Deal

Final acquisition of the 183-acre former Rancho Golf Club property on Pico Blvd. as a municipal playground and golf course became a formality yesterday as City Council approved an agreement by which the city will pay the Federal government \$200,000 for the property, the money representing a tax lien against the property.

With a clear title to the property now said to have been achieved after many months of negotiation, the Park Department is ready to go ahead with plans for an 18-hole golf course and a new clubhouse.

## TAX DEEDED LAND SALE BRINGS TOTAL OF \$365,874.79

The County Treasury was enriched \$365,874.79 as a result of the tax deeded land sale during December, according to a report on file yesterday with the Board of Supervisors from H. L. Byram, County Tax Collector.

The report discloses that 1075 parcels were offered at minimum bids totaling \$72,028.47. The public paid in excess of \$293,846 over them.

The Tax Collector said that applications have been filed for more than 2500 parcels of property scheduled to be auctioned in February.

## FILM PRODUCERS JOIN ASSOCIATION IN MERGER

The Motion Picture Association of America and the Association of Motion Picture Producers yesterday effected a consolidation in the interest of increased efficiency and unity and cohesion in the activities of the film industry.

The consolidation was announced by Eric Johnston, head of the M.P.A., after a meeting with the board of directors of the producers' organization. The new setup will bring all phases of film industry activity, as far as association member companies are concerned, under Johnston.

Johnston said that the producers' group will maintain its cor-

porate existence, but will function as a unit of M.P.A., with Byron Price, M.P.A. vice-president, taking over on Feb. 1 as head of all Hollywood activities. The studio executives will continue to deal with Hollywood problems and serve in an advisory capacity on industry-wide problems.

Johnston said that under the new plan the division between Hollywood and the East will no longer exist. The Production Code Administration under Joseph I. Breen, association vice-president, and Central Casting Corp. under Howard S. Philbrick, general manager, will function as in the past.

## Ann Sheridan Flies to Mother's Bedside

Production on Ann Sheridan's first picture for Warner Bros. in a year, slated to start Thursday, yesterday was indefinitely postponed when the film actress flew to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. G. W. Sheridan, who was reported critically ill at Ft. Worth, Tex.