

January 10, 1961

Dear Member of the
HERMOSA BEACH FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:

Inasmuch as our Library may find a permanent and beautiful home in 1961, perhaps you would like a little background on its past homes. To begin with, the Library was a pay-circulating type started by club women and located in the old Ocean View School. It was taken into the Los Angeles County library system in 1907 and moved to a room in the Walker Building on Hermosa Avenue. It moved next to the Tower Room in the Pier Building. From there, it moved to the north end of the Pier Building now occupied by the Chamber of Commerce, and then moved to the old ballroom at the south end. From its home among the pigeons, it moved into the old postoffice building where it is now. We all look forward to the day when our Library will find a permanent home, together with increasing citizen interest which will serve equally well the young and the old -- those who read purely for pleasure and those who read to increase their knowledge.

Have you RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP? The 1961 membership cards are blue -- \$1.00 for adults and 25¢ for young people. They may be obtained from the Librarians as a favor to us, since this is a convenient location, or telephone Mrs. Paul Dennis at FR-4-7992 and she will get one to you.

Our ANNUAL MEETING will be on January 31, Tuesday, at 10:30 at the Library. We will have a short meeting during which we will change officers, and then have a cup of coffee as has been our custom.

The Nominating Committee has selected a superb single slate for your consideration. A ballot is enclosed for those eligible to vote. Renew your membership and urge your friends to join! In order to write in a vote, you must have the person's consent to serve. The person being nominated must also be a member of the Friends. MAKE A NOTE OF THIS. January 30th, last day to vote -- January 31st is the meeting.

We would like to thank Las Quince Damas, a Hermosa Beach club of fifteen women, who donated the beautifully decorated white and gold Christmas tree to the Library, as well as all the people who brought the delicious cookies for our Christmas coffee. The transistor radio was won by Mrs. Elsie Adshead.

Thanks to you, we have had a most satisfactory first year. Our membership is the largest in the County for groups of this kind; we have had several coffees which were fun; we sponsored a reading program this summer with a Storybook Lady and a punch and cookie party for the children at summer's end; we have the wonderful Harvard Classics which are in constant use; we have had more than 250 books donated to the Library through the Friends; and one of these days soon the Senior Patio will be completed. And this is our first year! Continue to support your Library because only in this way will Hermosa Beach have a cultural and educational center that will benefit us each singly and our community as a whole. We need you.

Being your President has been a happy and rewarding experience for me, and I am most grateful for all the help I have received, most particularly from my Board -- Mrs. Paul Dennis, Mrs. A. A. Valdes, Mrs. John deGroot, Mrs. Myron Gazin, and Mrs. Dorothy Olney, as well as Mrs. E. Margarete Russelle our wonderful Publicity Chair-