

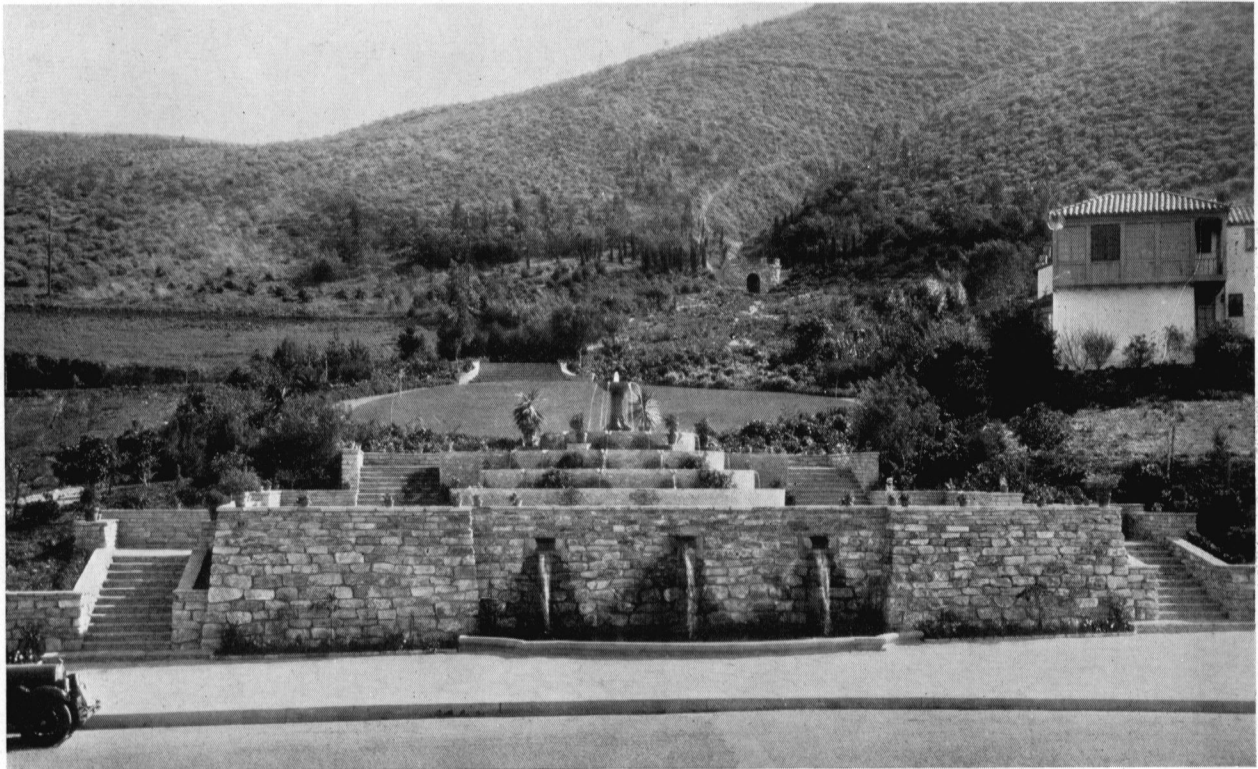
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THE NEW FOUNTAIN IN FARNHAM MARTIN'S PARK AT THE HEAD OF VIA CORTA
The Library site immediately adjoins on the left

LIBRARY BUILDING PROGRESSING

Rapid progress is being made in the carrying through of the new Public Library Building for Palos Verdes Library District following the decision of the California Court of Appeals the last week in March validating the \$90,000 bond issue voted last summer. On March 31st the trustees, with architect Myron Hunt, Frederick Law Olmsted, landscape architect, and Jay Lawyer, general manager of Palos Verdes Project, carefully examined the site and the preliminary studies for the building, and tentatively agreed that the lot adjoining Farnham Martin's Park on the east (Lot 23 in Block 1621) was the best site. This lot is over 100 feet wide and nearly 240 feet deep, running through from Via Campesina to Via Pinale and can be utilized with the beautiful developed park and fountain adjoining it almost as well as an area of twice the size. Accordingly, the trustees called a public hearing for April 8th, at which a number of letters commending this choice of site were received and no protestants appeared. The board thereupon ordered the purchase of this lot and approved the preliminary sketches for the building.

Mr. Hunt's plans provide for a commodious reading room flanking the park on the east with a large children's room opening into it at the south end, and an outdoor reading room or patio on the east. Behind the reading room will be the librarian's control desk and behind that the main stack which is arranged in a large, square tower in which can later be installed extra stack mezzanine floors both above

and below the main stack floor when the books accumulate sufficiently to require it. The library will be arranged for the present capacity of 35,000 books. At the north end of the reading room will be a large reference room and permanent art gallery. Underneath this room will be another room of ample size opening onto Via Campesina for committee meetings, lectures and temporary exhibits. Adjoining it will be basement space for storage of chairs, a vault for pictures, a small kitchen for service, boiler room and book receiving room with service entrance. It is hoped to have the plans ready to start work in June and to complete the building in the fall.

