

May 13, 1935
San Diego, California

To the Mayor of San Diego

Dear Sir:-

I was out at 6th and Laurel, Balboa Park, Sunday, Mother's Day, to hear the SERA Band Concert, and to my amazement, found that some one had taken most of the seats away, and the few seats available were occupied an hour before the Concert. There were at least two thousand people there, mostly old men and women who had to stand during the entire program.

It seems odd to me, that when we have such a fine Band giving these Sunday Concerts FREE to the citizens of San Diego, that the Park Board or the City cannot afford a decent Band Stand and seating capacity for the people that look forward to these Sunday concerts. During the entire time this Band has played these Sunday Concerts, there never has been one half enough seats for the crowd, and every Sunday you will see old ladies and gentlemen and very prominent and influential citizens and tax payers standing around during the entire program.

What are we, on the outside of the fair grounds, going to do to entertain our friends who come to San Diego if we cannot give them some entertainment.

Last Sunday there were between 2 and 3 thousand people present, and the seating capacity was about 300. When the Fair opens and the fifty to one hundred thousand people gather in San Diego they are not all going to the Fair every day, and must be entertained. What better could we arrange than these fine Band Concerts in our beautiful Park just outside the gates of the Fair.

Won't you use your personal influence to see that there are plenty of seats around the Band Stand so that we OLD people can sit down and enjoy the programs this Band is playing for the public at no cost whatever, and something that we have never been able to have before.

There is nothing that would please the old people of San Diego, as well as the tourists, than to have this done.

I remain

Yours truly,

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ALLEN H. WRIGHT City Clerk

By FRED W. SICK Deputy

*Com. from Addie
Rettie re removal
of Benches in
Balboa Park*

**COMPLAINTS RECEIVED
AS BENCHES REMOVED**

Complaints have been received by this newspaper concerning the removal of benches from the park at Sixth ave. and Laurel st. to the Exposition. At the SEBA band concert yesterday, hundreds of persons had to stand up to hear the music, due to removal of the benches. These benches belong to the city, it was said.

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*Clerk to write about
removal of benches as
outlined by Ingr.*

May 16, 1935.

Audie Rittie,
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521 ~~17th~~ street,
San Diego, Calif.

Madam:

Acknowledging the receipt of your recent letter about the seats in the park, will state that these had been taken from the vicinity of the Spreckels organ and now that the grounds about the organ have been changed, in readiness for the exposition, the seats have been taken back and are being re-painted for use at the daily organ recitals.

Respectfully,

City Clerk.