

City Planners Launch Study of Zoning Law

With all but one member present the Planning Commission, created by Mayor William H. Tolson last Dec. 13, held its first meeting Tuesday night in the city hall and began a study of a new zoning ordinance for the entire city. This study is expected to take several months and the Commission indicated that it would seek the assistance of a qualified planning consultant.

City Councilman Tom McGuire was elected chairman of the new civic body and Charles Curtiss was named secretary. Regular meetings are to be held monthly. It was evident that the Commission intends to be a public service group in the manner in which it discussed the proposed zoning measure for the city.

That the general public be kept fully informed and interested in the plan is one of the major objectives of the zoning study, according to the commission and planning consultant, who addressed the group for the first time. The commission and planning consultant, who addressed the group for the first time, submitted his qualifications for retention as consultant to the city.

Razor-Blade Artist Gets Bid to Fair

Some old razor blades and an idea have won a well-known Columbia Steel employee an invitation to display and give actual demonstrations of his unique work carving at the Golden Gate International Exposition from Aug. 1 to 15.

He is Howard Daniels, veteran draughtsman in Columbia's pattern department. He received the San Francisco fair bid this week from the Recreational department of the great show on Treasure Island.

About 60 pieces of his work will be on exhibition there, including carved caricatures of leading radio, screen, and stage stars, prominent news columnists and some of the artist's more impressive creations consisting of western, desert, Spanish and Early California life and a few marine carvings.

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4-COIN HIGHWAY PROGRAM RECEIVES CITY-WIDE SUPPORT

Enthusiasm for the success of the four-coin thru-highway program, as outlined in last week's issue of the Herald, ran high around the city half this week following a check-up of sentiment in Wateria and North Torrance areas, where it was feared the improvement projects would encounter opposition.

Residents of North Torrance were quick to realize the benefits of them of extending and improving Crenshaw boulevard (Cedar Ave.) from its present terminus at 190th street north to connect with the paving at Redondo Beach boulevard formerly called Riverside-Redondo boulevard.

Likewise, Wateria residents were unanimous in their approval of the plan to extend the highway from the intersection of the thorne boulevard thru Wateria and up the hill to the Palos Verdes Estates.

People contacted in both districts indicated that they would be willing to support the Cabrillo avenue and Torrance boulevard projects in the older part of Torrance if the Crenshaw and Hawthorne boulevard improvements were presented at the same bond election.

Legal papers necessary to secure an option on the right-of-way for the extension of Cabrillo avenue to connect with Eshelman avenue in Lomita were practically completed today by city officials. Mayor William H. Tolson stated that he expected to have this option signed by representatives of the Kettler Estate in the next regular meeting of the city council, Feb. 14.

Efforts were also being made to contact the owners of property north of 180th street to secure the necessary right-of-way for the extension of Crenshaw boulevard.

"Before we go to the people to ask for funds to put thru these highways, we want to be able to tell them that we have the necessary right-of-ways to the roadways," said Mayor Tolson.

One Killed and 9 Injured in Truck-Car Crash

CRASH 'UNAVOIDABLE' Testimony at the inquest this afternoon into the cause of Biaggio's death and the injuries sustained by the other five persons involved revealed that a broken steering knuckle on his truck caused him to lose control of the loaded vehicle. The jury's verdict was "unavoidable accident."

Mr. Inacio's death was due to a ruptured spleen and lung, according to the autopsy report. Tony Martinez, driver of the sedan, testified he tried to avoid the accident.

One man was killed, four adults and five children injured Tuesday evening in a collision on Western avenue south of 190th street that involved a Chevrolet truck and a Chevrolet sedan. Biaggio Inacio, 55-year-old real estate and fish distributor of Gardena, driver of the truck was instantly killed.

Eight of the injured were Mexicans living at the Pueblo while the ninth victim was John Hansen, 31, of 1414 Madrid avenue. The accident was being investigated by officers described as "the worst in months" was the first fatal motor crash here since Nov. 14, 1938.

Mr. Inacio was driving north on Western with Hansen as a passenger. About a half-mile south of 190th Hansen says that "something went wrong with the truck" and it swerved to one side of the road, side-swiping the sedan which was being driven south by Tony Martinez, 30-year-old Columbia Steel worker. The sedan tumbled over several times, clinging some of the eight occupants out and pinning others in the wreckage.

Victims and Injuries Hansen, who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cooper on Madrid avenue—Mrs. Cooper is a daughter of Mr. Inacio, was said about 10:30 p. m. Tuesday.

He was several feet on Cabrillo and 218th street and would like to build apartments or houses. He was advised not to build on Cabrillo as it was not desirable; also that many lost their lots for non-payment of taxes, as they could see no future to the street. I realize by making Cabrillo a boulevard it would increase the valuation of property. I wish you continued success to help the growth of Torrance."

Junior College Queries to be Sent Graduates

In an effort to determine probable enrollment in the proposed junior college at Torrance and more particularly to ascertain the type of courses desired, questionnaires will soon be mailed to all high school graduates in this area. These "three years" graduates who were members of the past three years' graduating class.

The questionnaires will be sent to the graduates of Torrance and neighboring communities. It was announced by Thomas H. Elson, principal of Torrance high school, who is conducting the junior college survey for the Los Angeles City Board of Education.

The decision to mail questionnaires was announced yesterday following a conference in Elson's office and attended by Mayor William H. Tolson, Chamber Commerce Secretary J. J. Gilmeister, and Grover C. Whyte, editor of The Herald. This is the same group that recently met with Dr. Verling Kersey, superintendent of Torrance high school, who is conducting the junior college survey for the Los Angeles City Board of Education.

"If a junior college is established at Torrance, it is our aim to pattern courses of study to the needs of those who wish to attend," Elson said, "and that is the purpose of the questionnaire."

Suggested Studies Listed Those answering the questionnaire will be asked to express their desires for such courses of study as: psychology, mathematics, science, English and literature, foreign languages, mechanics, drafting, accounting, journalism, music and dramatics.

In addition to the above more commonly known junior college subjects, the questionnaire will also ask those receiving the questionnaire to express their wishes concerning such courses, as: home economics, child education, office receptionists, consumer education, family relations, vocational guidance, personnel service, welfare and social science.

The age of the average high school graduate is between 17 and 18 years, and because many employers have established a minimum age of 20 or 21 years, the high school graduate is confronted with a waiting period of two or three years before he can find employment," said Elson.

Training for Employment "In this period of inactivity, following graduation, habits and associations are sometimes formed that are not of the best. The junior college course, not only keeps the trainee in school, but also serves to equip him or her with the training and secure employment of the high school principal pointed out.

Should there be a sufficient demand for such two-year terminal courses, it is Torrance's aim to furnish such studies as well as the academic studies preparatory to more advanced university work. Those receiving the questionnaire are requested to return them as soon as possible as much preliminary work must be done if the junior college is to be ready to open here in September.

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Boulevard Deed Awaits City's \$1,000 Payment

The long awaited deed covering the Electric Highway company's right-of-way on Torrance boulevard has at last arrived, it was learned yesterday in a communication from rally advocates to Mayor William H. Tolson.

The deed includes eleven parcels of land on Torrance boulevard and the connection to the Electric Highway. It will be turned over to the city by the bank holding the escrow as soon as the price pays \$1,000, which was the price agreed upon for the center parking zone on Torrance boulevard. The city is to remove the tracks at its own expense.

Extensive drilling operations on 200 acres located in North Torrance east and west of Western avenue by a new oil development firm known as the Blackstone Oil company will begin as soon as one landowner gives up his part of the property. One well, started by Oliver B. McDowell, at 202nd street, west of Western will be spudded in immediately. The training and personnel service, welfare and social science.

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Palos Verdes Chamber Hits Slash in Highway Fund

Protest against the cancellation of \$15,000 from the county road department budget, which was to be used for the improvement of Elena avenue in Redondo Beach, was made to the board of supervisors this week by the Palos Verdes Chamber of Commerce.

The \$15,000 is being used for construction of a new alignment for a portion of Narbonne avenue in the Palos Verdes area. The new road, which is the new storage reservoir being constructed for the Metropolitan Water District. This work was not foreseen when the road department budget was made up last fall, according to county road engineers.

Complaint of the Palos Verdes club is that the approaches to the states are inadequate from both the north and the east and \$9,000 was to have been used to correct this situation.

There are as many as 10,000 autos entering Palos Verdes from the north in a day," the chamber stated. "That is surprising when you consider that one section of Catalina avenue." The community is growing rapidly and during the past 18 months the number of residences has increased 21 percent, the chamber's letter also stated.

Redondo Rotarians Meet Here Tonight

A joint meeting of the Torrance and Redondo Beach Rotary clubs will be held this evening at the American Legion hall here. The visiting club will have charge of the program. Elwood Reeves of the Long Beach club is scheduled to give the principal talk.

Planning Official Inspects Pueblo

Efforts to "do something about the Pueblo," started by Rev. Ben Lingenfelter last November, brought a solution to the problem of poor housing and general unsanitary living conditions in that section of the city one step nearer this week.

Melville Dozier, executive director of the County Planning Authority, accompanied by Rev. Y. Copelin, an investigator from his office; Rev. Lingenfelter and Leonard Young, acting city engineer, accompanied by three Pueblo Monday afternoon. They visited a number of the ramshackle houses and interviewed the Mexican residents regarding their needs, accommodations and living conditions.

Dozier and Copelin appeared to be greatly impressed with the evident need for some improvement for the people living in the Pueblo although they did not commit themselves as to just what could be done, with Federal assistance, to improve their lot. Rev. Lingenfelter and Leonard Young that the local area is too small in size and number of population to justify a Torrance settlement project but that there is possibility of linking it with other similar sub-standard housing areas to form a slum-clearance district.

One Lease Holds Up N. Torrance Oil Development

We intend to start a big exploration program on our lease just as soon as one landowner firm in the vicinity signs the lease," Fisher told The Herald yesterday. "Our average is virgin oil territory because no attempts have ever been made before to bring in wells on the land. The C.C.M.O. prospect about a half-mile farther north and developed a good well in 1923. South of our lease, the Peterson-Barker well, drilled on 213th and Western by Truck Eden, got oil but was never put on production because it could not get a water shut-off."

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State and Federal Income Tax Men Here Until 9 P. M.

E. T. Bergin, income tax examiner for the state, and Robert E. Andre, deputy collector of internal revenue and income tax for the Federal government, will be at the Chamber of Commerce until 9 o'clock tonight to assist local residents in filing returns.

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Elson Puts Vocational Guidance Hobby to Work

Principal Thomas H. Elson of Torrance high school believes in putting hobbies into actual practice. That is why he began teaching a class in vocational guidance for senior students this week.

As principal for several years of the Society for Vocational Research, Elson has studied the problems of training for jobs and has made this his prime hobby. He intends to carry out some of his convictions in the class to which 25 picked seniors are being admitted for this term.

While the study course will make no attempt to have students definitely decide on a life vocation, it will try a self-analysis and report for which they are better fitted. The series of vocational conferences, held in cooperation with the Torrance Kiwanis club for the past several years, will be continued.

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SHIPPING LINES UP SHIPS... Here are some of the ships, seen at a West Seattle dock, that were tied up in a strike of Masters, Mates & Pilots union men involving three steamship lines running into Alaska. Grocery stores in some Alaska communities quickly sold their stocks when news of the strike was heard, but officials said no general food shortage in the territory was threatened.

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During the past year I carved about 100 pieces," he said. "But I won't make so many this year. I intend to give more time to fewer and more elaborate subjects. The past year ended with quite a number of mementos from celebrities I carved and equally acceptable tokens from lesser luminaries. All these favors have encouraged me to keep on carving or whittling away at what I've been told is an original form of art."

Coordinators Meet Monday, February 13

All members of the Torrance Coordinating Council are urged to attend the regular monthly session which will be held Monday evening, Feb. 13, at the city court room, starting at 7:30 o'clock.

Meadow Park Drainage Plan Held Not Feasible

Drainage of the Meadow Park tract, north of Wateria, and west of Hawthorne boulevard, by drilling disposal wells is not deemed to be a practical solution, according to J. E. Miller, director of the local order. Visitors are invited to come to the lodge hall on Carson street and enjoy the clubroom facilities until the entertainment program begins.

The volume of water to be drained would seep too slowly in the shallow disposal wells and if they were drilled down to the gravel strata, there would be danger of polluting the well-water supply in the area.

O. C. Logan of Glendale proposed the drainage plan, suggesting that a test well be installed on Ocean avenue with a view to sinking future wells to provide adequate drainage later.