Planning Expert Cites Advantages of City's Design

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residential areas, both for high class homes in Palos Verdes and more modest type residences to the west of the city. It is next door to the beaches.

Explains Major Plans

In developing the city industrially, Ruchti cautioned against overlooking a living area west of Torrance. "You have a great space west of the city for developing modest priced housing with the better residences in Palos Verdes. All you need is a good sound plan," he said.

• Before discussing the Torrance situation, Ruchti explained the master plan of the L. A. County Regional Planning Commission adopted a year ago, together with the city-county plan which was adopted by the Los Angeles City Council and the Board of Supervisors just a few days ago. The planning commission also has an extensive land use survey which embraces every lot in the county, Ruchti said. Shortly, a transportation plan based on the land use pattern is to be developed. A master plan for airport development has already been completed, he added.

Members of the Torrance city council were guests of club members, and the planning engineer complimented Torrance for being "most co-operative" in working with the planning commission.

Suggests New Carson Route

"Your Mayor, Tom McGuire, who is also chairman of the city planning commission, has been very helpful," Ruchti said. Acting City Engineer Glenn Jain and R. R. Smith, president of the Chamber of Commerce, were among the invited guests at the dinner. John E. McCall, city attorney and Kiwanis president, presided. Dean L. Sears was chairman of the day, securing the speaker.

In response to a question regarding the plan for extending Carson street thru the flood control, the county planning engineer pointed out that a direct extension would be very difficult, due to strong opposition from residents in the Los Cerritos residential area in north Long Beach.

Ruchti advanced the idea that it would be more practical to run a diagonal route over the flood control to connect with one of the highways either to the north or the south of Carson street.

Profits Build Up Surplus In Water Department Fund

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adjustment, City Auditor Cotton states: "This reduction is due to many adjustments in the asset accounts such as depreciation on assets not heretofore depreciated, amortization of pre-organization expense and other items which I have listed on the journal entries.

"The net profit for the period ending Dec. 31, 1940, is much less than is reflected in prior periods. This is also due to the fact that I have depreciated various items each month which I consider an expense against the operations," Cotton said. He then added the method of arriving at the adjustments.

Operating revenue for the six months' period ending Dec. 31, 1940, was shown by the auditor as $29,262. Operating expenses for this period were: production, $6,679; distribution, $5,679, and general expense, $5,010; total operating expenses, $17,369.81; a net profit from operations of $11,892.91.

Mrs. John B. Young is making a satisfactory recovery from an attack of pleural pneumonia at a Covina hospital.

Recent guests of **Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Dye** were Mr. and Mrs. Dave Steel of Centerville, Iowa and Mr. and Mrs. J. Phillips of Los Angeles.

Youth in Contrast

The sharp contrast between dictatorship youth lessons (top) and the lessons learned by millions of American (center), French (bottom) and British boys as members of democracy's largest youth movement, the Boy Scouts is here set in bold relief. Revived interest in Scouting locally is indicated by a decision of Torrance civic leaders this week to support a city-wide movement to increase the number of Scout troops here and enroll hundreds of new members in this great youth movement.

SCOUTER TO SPEAK

O. B. Matthews, Los Angeles Boy Scout counsellor, will address members and guests of the Torrance Rotary club tonight. He will speak on the movement, launched this week, to increase interest in Scouting in Torrance. Don Mitchell will be program chairman.

Lights In Riviera District Assured

The only charge to the city for installation of some 22 street lights in Hollywood Riviera will be the monthly fee of $2.80 per light, Oscar Butterfield, city electrician, told the city council Tuesday night.

He said the Southern California Edison Company agrees to install the lights without charge, that the Huntington Land Company indicated it would give an easement and buy the overhead ornamental metal poles and that the proposed lighting system was agreeable to the property owners.

City Attorney John E. McCall was instructed to prepare the necessary legal papers and consult with the land company preparatory to authorizing the improvement.

JOINS NAVY

Howard C. Bender, who graduated from Torrance high school with the Winter Class of 1941 on Jan. 30, left yesterday to enlist in the Navy at San Diego. He intends to attend a yeoman school for a commercial course. Howard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bender of 2318 El Dorado street.

Cub Pack Formed by Episcopal Church Gets Official Charter

An official charter has been received for the Scout Cub Pack organized by St. Andrew's Episcopal church. The certificate was given George Roos.

Other certificates were awarded Mrs. Fred Fischer as Den Mother, Roos as Cub Master and Harrison Rose and L. F. Watson as committeemen. Members of the Cub Pack are Bill Roos, Harrison Rose, Larry Fischer, Lory Watson, Dick and Jack Turner, Vernon Greene, Jerry McIlvaine, Kenneth Mosher, Eugene Northway and Harold Massey.

In expressing the appreciation of the church at the organization of the junior Boy Scouts unit, Rev. Thomas R. Marshall, congratulated the leaders and pledged support of the church to the Pack in the future.

Accessory Thieves Have Busy Weekend

Auto accessory thieves were busy in Torrance during the last weekend, according to police reports which listed thefts of a total value of $31. While Homer Stokes, 1430 West 221st street, was at work at the Rubbercraft Corporation, a tire and wheel, valued at $12, were stolen from his car parked near Border and 220th street.

Edward Vaz of Gardena said a $5 radio aerial was taken from his car while it was parked on a Torrance street; from the car of G. H. Warren, 921 Sartori avenue, two hub caps, valued at $3, were removed, and Frank Carr of Long Beach reported fog lights, valued at $11, were stolen from his machine while he was attending a local theatre.

C. C. MEN MEET

Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will hold a regular meeting Monday, Feb. 17, at 4 p. m. at the chamber building.

House Robbery Was No Dream Here After All

Altho Mrs. Eldon McBride was conscious of someone being in the room and using a flashlight, she thought she was dreaming Tuesday night.

But it was no dream because her husband reported $25.68 had been stolen by a daring burglar who dropped more than $50 in leaving the McBride home at 1522 Acacia avenue.

McBride, co-owner of Ben and Mac's service station at the corner of Torrance boulevard and Portola avenue, said that when he went to bed he placed his trousers and shirt on the arm of a chair in the bedroom. When he awakened in the morning he found his pants in the kitchen, his wallet that contained $113 in cash and checks, on the floor and his shirt in the breakfast room.

Only $25.68 was taken, altho the rest of the money was found out of the BcBride wallet, he told police. Entry to the home was gained thru the back door by someone, believed by investigating officers to be a youth, punching out the door key and using a skeleton key.

Week's Building Totals $10,150

Building permits issued during the past week from the city engineer's office totaled $10,150. They were issued to the following:

Gerald L. Alter, 2022 Cabrillo, for a four-room frame house and garage attached at 2024 Cabrillo, $3,000; C. E. Houts, 23730 Narbonne, for a single frame garage at 23730 Narbonne, $150; Joe Bradley, frame garage at 2415 236th street, $150; S. Schmidt for a three-room frame house and garage at 1809 Border, $1,850.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pietzschke, 2754 West Carson, for a four-room frame stucco house and double garage at 2765 West Carson, $3,050; Flower State Investment Company for re-roofing a residence at 2354 Sonoma, $100, and Fur Farms, Inc., for a frame office building at 2227 West 182nd street, $1,850.

Japanese Citizens to Give Benefit Shows for Gardena Fund

To raise $300 for expansion of recreation facilities in Gardena, members of the Japanese Citizens League, Japanese Association and Business Men's Association are sponsoring a benefit show at the Yamotaza theatre in Moneta tomorrow and Saturday nights. There will be a gala program of entertainment and all are invited to attend. Admission is 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children at the evening performance and 40 and 20 cents for the matinee Saturday. Donations to the recreation fund are also being accepted, according to Masanobu Hata.

Mrs. Gossiaux Re-opens Her Cafe on El Prado

Mrs. Lillian Gossiaux, who formerly operated the Spanish Kitchen at 1219 El Prado, has returned and re-opened the popular eating place which is now Lillian's Café. The formal opening is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 15, at which time she will be pleased to greet her friends and make new ones.

Although the site of Rio de Janeiro was first visited by white men in 1502, no attempt to found a settlement was made for 50 years.

UNUSUAL FACTS REVEALED —by "Movie Spotlight"

"Arizona" is showing at the Grand theatre until Saturday on the same bill with Charlie Chan's latest mystery thriller, "Murder Over New York."

New Price Range

In response to many requests by parents and children themselves, the Grand theatre this week announced a new price range for Saturday and Sunday matinees to include children from the ages of 12 to 15 years. Instead of the regular adult admissions, those ages will be admitted during the matinees for 20 cents on which no tax is charged. The matinees start at 2 and end at 5 p. m.

New Gas Franchise Giving City More Revenue Is Granted

Not a single comment was made at the scheduled public hearing Tuesday night at city council meeting on the request of the Southern California Gas Company for a new franchise with the city. The franchise was granted and the company gave its check for $100, the required initial payment.

At the request of Mayor Tom McGuire, City Attorney John E. McCall explained the franchise, stating that an act adopted by the state legislature in 1937 provided additional revenue for cities issuing such permits and the one granted by Torrance was under that act.

"In the past the city has been receiving between $800 and $900 under the old franchise held by the gas company. Under this new franchise, the revenue will be between $4,000 and $5,000 per year," he pointed out.

The franchise is effective as of Jan. 1, 1941.

WIND CAUSES DAMAGE

A large acacia tree was uprooted and a garage door whipped off at the D. A. Murphy home, 2567 Sonoma avenue, during the gale that preceded Tuesday's rainstorm.

Mayor On Greek War Relief Group for Month Drive

Members of the Greek War Relief for the South Bay and Torrance district met at the Fox Redondo theatre last Saturday night to discuss plans for meeting the quota set for this area. Mayor Colfax Bell of Redondo is general chairman of the campaign and Mayor Tom McGuire is a sub-chairman for Torrance.

Plans were made for a one-month drive, beginning Feb. 8. Activities committees were appointed for Redondo and similar committees will be appointed in Torrance and other cities during the week. Temporary headquarters are at the Fox West Coast Theatres where donations may be made.

Western Work Cost Estimated

A report now being studied by the Los Angeles city council states that it will cost $181,000 to widen and improve Western avenue from Torrance boulevard to Lomita boulevard.

The board of public works estimates that of the $181,000 total, land would cost $50,000 and construction $131,000. Los Angeles is now at work acquiring right-of-way for the improvement, which constitutes the last link in the street's development as a major roadway from Los Angeles to the harbor.

The county is due to open work this month to extend the Harbor city portion of the boulevard southwest to connect with Canyon Drive now the terminus of the Palos Verdes and San Pedro section of Western avenue.

HEPBURN IS HERSELF IN NEW FILM

As the turning point in a stage and screen career which has encompassed both tragic and sentimental roles, Katharine Hepburn now enjoys the rare but happy experience of "being herself."

The metamorphosis took place in her role as the heroine of "The Philadelphia Story," filmization of Philip Barry's striking stage success, in which Miss Hepburn co-stars with Cary Grant and James Stewart on the Plaza screen in Hawthorne starting Sunday.

"I was enthusiastic about Philip Barry's play from the time he showed me the first two acts," she says. "I should have been, since it was written for me and gave me just the lift I needed."

No matter what Miss Hepburn, Barry or the Theatre Guild expected of the play, it exceeded even their fondest hopes. After a five-week tryout, "The Philadelphia Story" opened at the Shubert Theatre in New York, and remained there for 52 weeks, while Miss Hepburn gave 416 performances. Acclaimed by critics and playgoers as the wittiest, brightest and gayest comedy to hit Broadway in years, it established Miss Hepburn immediately as a comedienne of the first water.

Denver's Books New Entertainers

Outstanding entertainers will be presented at Denver's Place on South Main street near 220th Friday and Saturday nights when Sandra Byrd, exotic dancer, and Julian Austin, comedian in the recent Hollywood production of "Meet the People," will share the spotlight. Denver's is attracting considerable patronage from Torrance and vicinity with its novelty floor shows.

Koch Leases Paint Store; Closing Out

Saul Koch, owner of Torrance Paint Store, announced this week the leasing of his present store location to another retail firm. Koch is retiring from the active retail merchandising field and is placing all his stock on sale, prior to his removal from the building March 10.

Stating he would continue his residence in Torrance, Koch was mum about his next business venture. It is reported he is planning to enter the building field in the near future.

Evening School Will Give Musical Variety Show Next Thursday

Several outstanding radio and opera singers are featured in a musical variety show which will be presented in the Torrance high school assembly hall Thursday evening, Feb. 20, at 7:45 p. m. Assisted by the students of the Voice Class at Torrance Adult evening school, they will present an interesting, diversified program of musical highlights. Nelle Gothold, teacher of the voice class and a concert and opera singer, will direct the show.

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