

Western Avenue Improvement Group Proposed

Urging property owners in the Western avenue section to protect their investment through "intelligent direction of development," the Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce has announced plans to organize a Western Avenue Improvement association.

In a letter, to be sent to owners along that thoroughfare early next week, the Chamber said:

"The Gardena area is growing by leaps and bounds. New developments are springing like mushrooms, and the time is here when every property owner on Western avenue, particularly between 174th and Rosecrans boulevard, should do something to protect his investment.

"Western avenue is a thoroughfare extending from Griffith park on the north, southerly to the ocean, with the exception of one or two small spots that will be opened and improved within a short period of time.

"The haphazard type of development along this thoroughfare, at the moment, is not in keeping with business nor does it tend toward sustaining present values nor the creation of higher values that would follow an intelligent direction of development.

"To offset this condition and to plan for a greater and better Western avenue it is proposed that we organize a Western Avenue Improvement association.

"A special meeting has been arranged to be held in the Justice court on 166th st. and Western ave. at 8 p.m. Feb. 11, 1947."

Low Flying Craft At Airport Brings Police Warning

Low flying aircraft at Community airport since the removal of high tension lines recently brought police warning to operators there last week. The high wires, which originally kept the aircraft at a high altitude on their approach to the landing strip, were removed the latter part of January as a safety measure for the field.

Following complaints of motorists along Prairie ave. that planes barely miss their automobiles, officers here checked and decided the planes were too low for highway safety.

90 DAYS SUSPENDED FOR MISTREATING TWO YOUNG SONS

Jack Stephens, 24, 18004 Prairie ave., Monday pleaded guilty in Torrance City Court of mistreating his two sons, ages three and four, and drew a suspended sentence of 90 days in the county jail from Judge John Shidler.

Signer of the complaint, Homer Daniels, investigator for the State Child Welfare Department, charged that both boys had been slapped severely by Stephens, leaving large welts upon their faces. The father served two days in the city jail prior to the hearing.

Formation Of South Bay Cities Municipal Water District Asked

Mayors of South Bay Cities, meeting in the office of Redondo Beach Mayor Clyde Marsh Wednesday afternoon, decided that the results of the Jan. 14 ill-fated West Basin water election showed the people of the beach cities recognized the need of obtaining water and therefore agreed that these cities should unite and form a water district.

The mayors, Paul H. Drake, Hermosa Beach; Charles K. Blech, Manhattan Beach; William R. Selby, El Segundo; H. F. B. Roessler, Palos Verdes; and Marsh, along with Raymond V. Darby, chairman of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, carefully studied the results of the election. The proposal of forming a West Basin District comprising the beach cities and inland communities was defeated mainly due to the heavy opposition registered in the inland cities.

Overwhelming 'Yes' Vote
The group found that 5,960 people were in favor of forming the district in the beach cities and only 1,456 were opposed. On this basis, the officials decided that a district comprising the cities of Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes and El Segundo, with the addition of Clifton Heights, El Nido, El Porto, Palos Verdes Unincorporated Territory and Victor should proceed to form a water district. They also decided that the district should, be tentatively known as the South Bay Water District.

Despite the fact that Lomita went against the district Jan. 14, there is a strong movement in County Water District No. 13, Lomita, to join in the beach cities effort. On this proposal it is noted that the inland cities and inland unincorporated areas, such as Inglewood, Hawthorne, Gardena, which voted against formation of a water district, have been left out of the proposed new district.

The mechanics of working out the formation of a district would be the same as that formerly proposed by the West Basin Water District, namely that the district would not be formed until 10 per cent of the registered voters in the district had petitioned the Board of Supervisors to call an election for such purpose. At the election the sole issue would be as to whether a district should be formed.

Following that would be another election wherein five directors of the new district would be elected to make a study as to the source of additional water for the area. After some plan had been worked out and a solution of the very serious water problem had been found it would then be submitted again to the electors of the district for final decision as to just what course would be taken.

CURFEW LAW

Torrance police shortly after midnight Monday arrested a 16-year-old boy near Carson st. on Cabrillo ave. for violation of the curfew ordinance. The youth was kept at the local station until his parents arrived to pick him up. Officers warned the parents that a second offense would create charges against them.

PEDESTRIANS TAKE HEED

Rubber overshoes, like smooth tires, will slip easily on wet pavements. "Don't run in traffic during wet weather and save a life—yours!"

Incubator For Hospital Asked By Lions Club

Torrance Lions club this week undertook to sponsor a move to provide an incubator for Torrance Memorial hospital for free use of patients.

Requested by Dr. Don C. Moshos, a director of the club, the Lions board of directors appropriated one-third of the cost of the incubator. Dr. Moshos said that he had approached members of the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs with the idea that they would finance the balance of the purchase amounting to more than \$550.

The incubator already has been ordered by virtue of the Lions action and the program outlined by Dr. Moshos.

Endorsement of the movement to secure an incubator for Torrance Memorial hospital is given by A. L. Platky, chairman of the First District Welfare Council in a letter to civic organizations.

The letter, which went out this week, states the need and the belief of the First District Welfare Council that the project should receive community support. The equipment, which may save the lives of premature infants, has been under consideration by Torrance hospital for some time, but funds have not been available for the purchase.

U. S. Internal Revenue Opening Offices Here

Announcement was made today by Archie N. Vance, chief field deputy of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, of plans for the opening during February and early March of 92 temporary revenue offices to assist residents of the ten southern counties with their 1946 federal income tax returns.

"These temporary locations will function in addition to the 27 permanent offices already established in this district," Vance stated, "and the total of 119 is a new record for the number of tax offices ever opened in any filing period."

Offices will be open in Torrance City Hall from March 3 to 8.

In Lomita the office will be open Feb. 17 to 18, in the post office.

In Gardena, the office will be open in the City Hall from Feb. 26 to 28.

All offices will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, including Lincoln's birthday, but will be closed on Washington's birthday.

2 Theft Charges On Juvenile Here Within 48 Hours

Three juveniles last week were certified to Juvenile Court for the theft of a motor scooter, according to Torrance police reports.

One of the three youngsters, age nine, while awaiting a hearing before the court was again arrested by local officers for the theft of a bicycle at Torrance high school, only two days following his first offense.

The other two youths, police said, were ten and 11-years-old.

SLEEP-WALKERS

Some sleep-walkers can act, speak and have the sense of touch, sight and hearing, even though they are still asleep, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

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