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Section B

Board Of Supervisors Will Discuss Parkway Plan At Hearing Sept. 16

The Board of Supervisors has set Sept. 16 for hearing objections and approval on the master plan of freeways submitted by the Regional Planning Commission.

According to Chairman Raymond V. Darby, the plan contemplates a system of from 30 to 35 freeways, transverse the county from boundary to boundary.

Three go through Torrance. One is the Artesia Parkway, which will pass through Torrance at about 174th st. from Orange County to Hermosa Beach, joining the Ocean Beach Parkway there.

Another is the Sepulveda Parkway, which will pass

Dr. R. R. Smith Zone Chairman For Lions Clubs

Dr. Rollin R. Smith, Torrance veterinarian and immediate past president of the Torrance Lions club, has been named as chairman of Zone C, Bay Region, District 4-D of Lions International by District Governor Arthur Beliveau, of Alhambra.

Dr. Smith will direct Lions activities for the region which includes Torrance, Redondo Beach, Wilmington, San Pedro, Avalon and Manhattan Beach.

The Torrance club is calling representatives of the six clubs together on Sept. 20, at Palos Verdes Country club, where a dinner and dance will be held in honor of Dr. Smith and his new appointment, according to President Albert Jaen, of the Torrance Lions. Floyd DeVore, social chairman, is in charge of the affair.

Child Molester Gets Sentence In Torrance Court

Daniel Harry Woods, 2042 San Juan st., Compton, was found guilty Monday morning in Torrance City court of molesting a child in West Torrance.

Woods, a line runner for an oil company operating in the Torrance fields, had been convicted on a similar charge previously in Inglewood, police said.

Judge John Shidner sentenced Woods to 180 days in jail, 150 of which were suspended, and fined him \$100.

WOMAN RECOVERS AFTER SLEEPING TABLET OVERDOSE

Mrs. Phyllis Harrison, 29, was very much improved this week after taking an overdose of sleeping tablets at her home, 4655 W. 159th st., last Friday.

According to Loho Harrison, husband of the victim, his wife took the tablets following a family argument. She is now recuperating at Harbor General hospital.

through Hawthorne and Alondra park and join Artesia Parkway at about Crenshaw Blvd.

Another will be Pacific Coast Parkway, which will join Ocean Beach Parkway in the vicinity of the junction of Torrance and Redondo Beach boundaries in the Southwest section of the city.

While Pacific Coast Parkway will follow a route adjacent to Hawthorne Blvd., Ocean Beach Parkway will care for traffic on 101 highway through Redondo Beach to a point just west of Waverly, where the two will merge.

The freeways, are to be constructed at state expense.

It is estimated that the plan will take from 25 to 30 years to complete, depending on the need of the various areas.

Estimates of costs, published in the official report of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Parkway Engineering Committee, places the total at \$468,302,000 for approximately 289 miles of highways, for both acquisition of rights of way and cost of construction.

Three freeways, according to Darby, are already under construction, the Santa Ana Freeway, the Terminal Island Freeway—which is being financed and constructed by the Federal government—and the Hollywood Freeway.

The Santa Ana Freeway will extend from the east end of the Aliso street bridge, to Pacific Coast highway at Capistrano, and will be one of the main north-south routes throughout the state.

International 20-30 Prexy At Local Meeting

Ray Fletcher, international president of 20-30 clubs, took the gavel from Dick Miller, local president, at the club's regular meeting Aug. 20.

Having just completed a tour of 20-30 clubs in Mexico, Fletcher expressed enthusiasm over the community projects being sponsored by the organizations in that country. Most important of these projects, Fletcher declared, was the construction of a 250,000-peso gymnasium plus contributions of school equipment.

Two new members of the Torrance 20-30 club were introduced at the meeting, Keith Keeling and Bill Ulrich, both of Lomita. It is hoped by the local club that they will be the start of a group from Lomita and serve as the nucleus for a new club.

At the meeting last week Van Barnard was named as a delegate to the international convention to be held in San Antonio, Texas.

OKLAHOMA PICNIC

The president of Oklahoma State Society, Wm. G. Condon, announces a rally of Oklahomans and their friends will be held all day, Monday, September 1, in Sycamore Grove park.

Gardena Provides \$6,000 To Hire City Manager

Possibility that Gardena will have its affairs handled by a city manager within the current fiscal year was indicated by an item in the budget, approved by the Gardena city council last week, providing \$6,000 for that purpose.

While there has been no discussion on the matter in public sessions, it is reported that councilmen had given favorable consideration to the matter privately. The sum mentioned, obviously too low for a qualified city manager's full annual salary, would represent his pay for a fraction of the year, should future talks result in his appointment.

If Gardena adopts this form of government, it will have plenty of company among Los Angeles County municipalities. Compton, Long Beach, Inglewood, Santa Monica and Lynwood operate under this system, while Torrance has had such a plan under consideration for several months.

Inclusion of this item in the budget, while by no means committing the city to hire a manager, indicates such action is sufficiently possible to make provisions for it advisable.

L.A. City Tax Rate Down; But More To Pay

A Los Angeles tax rate of 22.97 cents lower than last year has been announced by Controller Dan O. Hoye, but he made it plain there probably will be no reduction in taxes.

In fact, he said, because of increases of assessed valuations posted by the county, tax payments in many instances probably will be higher.

The new rate is \$1,5754 per \$100 assessed valuation, compared with \$1,8051 a year ago. It covers the original city of Los Angeles, and many annexations including Arroyo Seco, Highland Park, Hollywood, San Pedro, San Fernando Valley, and West Los Angeles.

Slightly varying rates because of different bond obligations are necessary in other annexed districts, including:

Wilmington: \$1.5796; 1946 rate, \$1.8101.

Eagle Rock, \$1.5894; \$1.8231.

Venice, \$1.6364; \$1.9110.

Palos Verdes, \$1.4500; \$1.6158.

Extend Contract Of Retail Clerks In Long Beach

The Retail Clerks Union, Local 324, A.F.L., in Long Beach, has reached an agreement with the food employers' Industrial relations counsel in Los Angeles, which extends until December 31, 1948, the wage-hour contract, which would have expired December 31, 1947, Richard L. Johnston, union secretary, announced.

A wage scale, which includes \$55 for a 40-hour week, was adopted.

Signing of the extended contract assures uninterrupted labor-management relations in the retail food industry of Long Beach and Orange county for the next 16 months.

All major chain stores have signed the agreement to extend the contract, and independents are to sign today.

The contract affects about 1600 food store employees, who work in more than 500 stores.

Four Torrance chain stores and a number in the San Pedro and Wilmington area remain closed in a wage dispute but their dealings are with the San Pedro Clerks' local.

CATHOLIC LADIES PLAN RUMMAGE SALE WORK FOR BAZAAR

The regular meeting of the Altar Society of Nativity church will be held Tuesday, Sept. 2, at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish hall. All members are asked to bring the articles they have for the bazaar to be held in October, so that an inventory may be made.

Members are asked to save old clothing, books, shoes, etc. for the rummage sale to be held Sept. 12 and 13 at 1315 Sartori ave., next door to Levy's department store. Proceeds are to go towards the school fund.

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