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By CHARLES CHAPEL

Assemblyman, 46th District

Investigation Continues

Everyone having complaints regarding the activities of loan sharks who operate in Los Angeles County should write to Mr. R. M. Griffin, Supervising Deputy, Division of Real Estate, State of California, 310 Spring Arcade Building, 541 Spring St., Los Angeles 12.

The only restriction in that he investigates only loan shark activities involving a mortgage on real property or a trust deed for real property. He does not investigate loan sharks who lend money secured by personal property, such as furniture, automobiles, etc.

Readers of this family journal may know that loan sharks in

Los Angeles, especially those in the San Fernando Valley... Beverly Hills are getting as high as 50 per cent interest on loans secured by mortgages and trust deeds on homes.

State College Fight

In 1949, the Legislature established a Los Angeles State College of Applied Arts and Sciences and said that the college should provide courses preparing young people for careers in business and industry.

Instead of being primarily a teachers' training school like most four-year state colleges have been in the past... The idea was that students would have jobs in business and industry in the metropolitan Los Angeles area, reasonably close to the college, so that they could attend themselves while attending college.

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A recent study by the State Board of Equalization clearly shows that the so-called impoverished school districts outside Los Angeles County are in many cases in counties with low-assessment practices, with ratios of assessed value to market value of property ranging from a low of 24 per cent to a high of 46 per cent, whereas Los Angeles property is generally assessed at about 50 per cent of its value.

Normally, the budget session lasts only during the month of March, but the Special Session, running concurrently with the budget session, may keep us here until well into April if we get into a hot fight over liquor control laws. Meanwhile, please send all mail to me at Assembly Chambers, State Capitol, Sacramento 14, California.

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According to City Ordinance No. 328, the Shell Oil Company must pay annually to the City of Torrance a minimum of \$40 per mile of pipe line laid under the city, such monies to come from the receipts from the transportation of petroleum, oil, and gas, through these pipe lines.

About 75 per cent of all Tennessee land is in farms and about 60 per cent of all Tennessee's people are engaged in agriculture.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Tuesday, March 9, 1954. Petition of H. H. Mattson for change of zone from R-3 to R-1 of northeast corner of Crenshaw Blvd. and 303rd St. denied on recommendation of Planning Commission.

Petition initiated by Planning Commission to for change of zone for large number of lots from A-1 to R-1 approved. The area involved had been built up recently as residential property.

Petition for vacation of walkway in Tract Nos. 14202, 14203, and 10962 in North Torrance granted after final hearing.

Franchise statement from Tide Water Associated Oil Co. for Jan. 1, 1953, to Dec. 31, 1953 received, along with a check for \$211,000.

Franchise statement from Southern California Edison Co. for calendar year 1953 received with check for \$25,838.50.

Letter of resignation from B. F. Johnson, member of the Recreation Commission, accepted.

Letter from North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn. requesting development of McMaster Park as recreational playground ground referred to Recreation Commission for recommendation.

Request of Recreation Director Harry Van Bellehem to his assistant to develop an active teenage group referred to City Service Board for recommendation.

Letter from Water Superintendent Angus McVicar regarding installation of water mains referred to agenda meeting for study.

Recommendation by City Manager George Stevens that William L. Johnston, be appointed Captain in Fire Department approved.

Resignation of Frank Cook as recreation maintenance foreman effective March 10 accepted. On motion of Councilman Drake, the Council voted to forward a letter of thanks to the veteran city employee for his years of service.

City Manager's recommendation for purchase of equipment and materials for changing Fire Department's radio frequency to one different than the Police Department approved. The changeover will be partly financed by state or federal funds and will cost the city \$1919.91.

Funds for improvement of Torrance Park including a new backstop, fencing outfield, and two small backstops, and fence along Santa Fe tracks approved. Total cost of improvements are about \$3900. Funds are from capital outlay provisions in annual budget.

Letter from City Engineer Ronald Bishop recommending that City accept easements for sanitary sewers in Hollywood Riviera Sewer Dist. No. 1, filed as matter of record.

Letter from John Patrick, assistant to the City Engineer, submitting petitions for sewer district in tract bounded by Crenshaw Blvd., 190th St., Ermanita Ave. and 185th St. filed as matter of record. The district is to be known as North Torrance Sewer District No. 2.

Letter from Patrick, submitting letter from Dr. Roy O. Gilbert, County Health Officer, filed as matter of record. The County Health Officer recommended installation of sewers in North Torrance Sewer District No. 2 for reasons of health.

Tentative tract map for 18 lots proposed by A. D'Amato to be developed east of Reynolds Dr. and south of Sepulveda approved and returned to Planning Commission.

Final tract map for 110 lots to be developed by Southern Properties Develop Co. along 187th St. from Yukon to Cordary approved on Planning Commissions recommendation.

Planning Commission Case 805, a petition of Russell M. Shearman for variance to erect service station on northeast corner of 174th St. and Prairie denied on recommendation of Planning Commission. Denial by Council followed lengthy hearing during which former Los Angeles Councilman Lee Warburton and an assistant presented petitioner's case. A large number of property owners protested the proposal.

Planning Commission Case 299, petition of Richard R. Mann for variance to build church and Sunday School building on 171st St. between Yukon and Prairie Ave. denied. Planning Commission has recommended approval. A large delegation of residents protested the erection of a church in a residential area.

Communication from Harry S. Apter, representing Princeton Construction Corp., builders of Crenshaw Gardens, filed as matter of record. (Complete communication printed in Torrance Herald, Thursday, March 11). Mr. Apter spoke to Council defending construction of tract.

Request of Thomas K. Fitzpatrick to build a house with less than the minimum square footage allowance on a narrow lot denied.

Request to S. D. Boice to move frame dwelling onto rear of property at 1737 Greenwood approved on recommendation of Planning Commission.

Request of Mrs. Mary Moore for permission to move frame dwelling to 23652 Ward St. on rear of lot approved on recommendation of Planning Commission.

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- Budget Pack Pink Beans, 2-lb. collo pkg. 32c; Budget Pack Ital. Style Spaghetti, lb. collo pkg. 29c; Eveready Vegetable Cocktail Juice, 46-oz. can 37c; Real Prune Fruit Juice, 24-oz. bottle 27c; Wilson's B-V... Meat Extract, 2 1/2-oz. jar 42c; Pennant Marshmal-O Creme, 10-oz. jar 35c; Uncle Ben's Converted Rice, 14-oz. pkg. 25c; Butter Kernel Golden Corn, 303 can 18c; Durkee's Shred Coconut, 4-oz. pkg. 2 for 25c; Bernstein's Blue Cheese Dressing, 10-oz. bottle 57c; Sani-Finish Bowl Cleaner, 22-oz. can 23c; Bah-o Household Cleanser 2 reg. cans 25c; Aerowax Floor Wax pint 37c; quart 65c; Libby's Whole Sweet Pickles, 12-oz. jar 33c; Derby's Plain Chili Con Carne, lb. can 34c; Easy-Off Oven Cleaner, 8-oz. jar 69c

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