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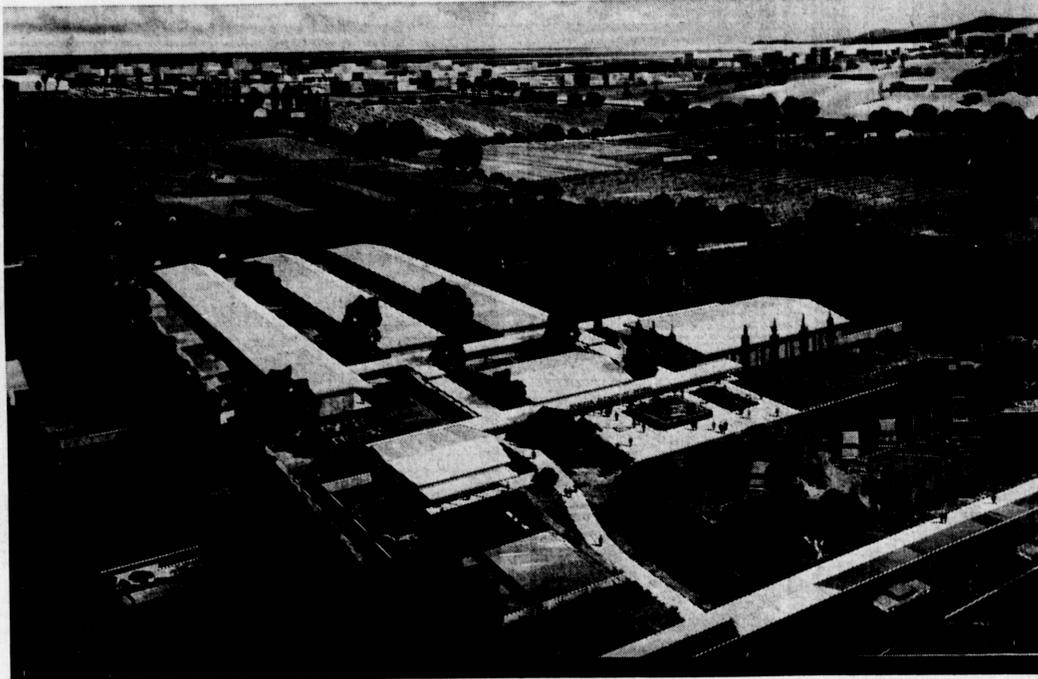
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NEW PORTABLE SCHOOL... Architect Roy Donley's rendering of plans for the new Madison Elementary School, 176th and Amie Ave., looks pretty permanent and it is. But the school also is designed so that the walls and roofs can be picked up and moved elsewhere if future develop-

ment of the area cuts down the enrollment. The school, which will cost an estimated \$470,000, is expected to open in 1960. It will have 12 classrooms, a kindergarten room, a music room, cafeteria, and administration building.

DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL
BRIDGES ARE OPENED

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced today that two new bridges over Dominguez channel on Western Ave. and Gramercy Pl. have now been completed and open to through traffic as the first phase of the permanent widening and improvement of the flood control channel between Denker Ave. and Gramercy.

At present, about 60 per cent of the excavation work needed to widen and deepen the channel has been completed, and the contractor is scheduled to begin excavation operations about April 15, as soon as the bed is dry enough for the work to proceed efficiently, flood control officials reported to Supervisor Hahn this week.

PLANS call for Dominguez channel to be widened to 75 feet on a right of way of 125 feet. It will have a depth of about 18 feet. Sides and bottom will be lined with concrete.

Supervisor Hahn pointed out that completion of the bridges and the channel widening will

assist greatly in controlling flooding which has occurred in North Torrance and Gardena during heavy storms. The project is the second in a series which will ultimately permanently improve Dominguez channel from Vermont to Crenshaw boulevard at 120th. Section between Vermont and Denker was completed last year.

FINAL plans for the third project, which will widen and improve the channel between Gramercy and Redondo Beach boulevard, are now being rushed to completion and it is expected that construction will be started this summer.

This latter project will improve slightly more than one mile of the channel and will include new bridges at Arlington avenue, Crenshaw boulevard, Cherry avenue, and Redondo Beach boulevard. It will carry the improvement of the channel through the North Torrance area. About one year of construction time will be required, Supervisor Hahn said.

Gas Co. Asks for Offset
Increase in Area Rates

Faced with a 13 per cent hike in the cost of natural gas purchased from its out-of-state supplier, Southern California Gas Co. has asked the Public Utilities Commission to authorize a comparable increase in rates to Southland gas users.

This offset increase would amount to about 4 per cent for residential customers, or about a cent a day on the average householder's gas bill.

Carl Shupp, Southwest division manager for the gas company, explained that the increase would not bring the company additional net revenues, but is merely an offset collection, with the local firm passing the money on to its out-of-state supplier, El Paso Natural Gas Co.

ies together serve gas to more than 2 1/4 million customers in 12 Southland counties.

The El Paso company has filed its intention to increase the wholesale rates with the Federal Power Commission, according to Shupp. Scheduled effective date for El Paso's new rates is Aug. 1 of this year.

AT THE TIME El Paso filed for its increase, the gas companies asked the FPC to suspend the price rise for the full period of five months provided by the Natural Gas Act, and requested early hearings so that the whole subject of the increase could be considered by the FPC before the suspension period expires on July 12.

Amounts collected from distributor companies are subject to refund should the FPC rule at later hearings that all or part of the increase is inappropriate. Corresponding refunds in that event would be made to customers of the local gas utilities.

AREA DOCTORS URGE
POLIO IMMUNIZATION

Serious outbreaks of poliomyelitis may occur this summer unless there is an immediate speed-up in the Salk vaccination program, warns Doctors Roy Halpern and Robert Hollis, co-chairmen of the polio immunization program of the Southwest District of the Los Angeles County Medical Assn.

"Seventy per cent of adults have not received three inoculations against poliomyelitis," declared Doctor Halpern. "While polio is especially dangerous in the age group under 40, it does strike those in the older age groups also."

Torrance area doctors are reducing the price of polio inoculations to \$3 in their offices during April and May, according to Drs. Halpern and Hollis. This is being done in an effort to get as many people immunized as possible.

TO OBTAIN adequate protection, three shots of the vaccine should be taken. The second should be given a month after the first, and the third six months following the second shot. A fourth or booster inoculation, given a year later, will provide additional protection.

Plans are being made to provide free polio-inoculation clinics for the immunization of needy adults at Torrance Memorial, Riviera, and Gardena Community Hospitals. The vaccine will be donated by the doctors of the Southwest District of the Los Angeles County Medical Assn. Local doctors will also staff the clinics, and adequate records of injections and other important information will be kept.

"THESE CLINICS are for those needy adults who cannot afford to go to a private physician for their inoculations," said Doctor Hollis. "No charge will be made. Dates for these Medical Assn. sponsored clinics will be announced soon."

All people in the area are urged to bring their polio immunizations up to date by going to their private physician or to the needy clinics.

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