

Shoestring Committee Gets Report on Paving Projects

By MARY MERCER
The regular meeting of the L.A. Shoestring Strip Councilmanic Advisory Committee for Councilman John S. Gibson Jr. was held Tuesday, March 1st. The main topic of discussion was the 206th St. and Harvard job which is scheduled to go on construction in June. This job includes 203rd and 209th inclusive which will be completely paved and with sidewalks. Denker St. will be paved, and all cross streets between Denker and Western in this same vicinity will be paved and with sidewalks wherever needed. As the city has already contributed \$60,000 towards Denker St. as it will have commercial street paving, the job will not be done any cheaper than at this time, the committee was told.

WITHIN approximately two weeks, residents will receive

GasCo. to Spend Nearly \$2 Million in Local Area

A capital budget of \$1,753,700 to meet anticipated growth and expansion in the Centinela Valley and the South Bay area during 1960 has been set by the Southern California Gas Co., according to Southwest division manager C. W. Shupp. This is part of the over-all capital budget of \$37.7 million to handle costs of additions and betterments throughout the company's system, Shupp said. "We are fully aware of the potential here in the Bay area, Shupp stated, "and we are dedicated to doing our part in fulfilling that potential by expanding and refining our facilities and services as it becomes feasible." ALONG THIS line, anticipated growth of the area, resulting in an estimated increase of over 5000 new customers, will require an installation of some 138,000 feet of new gas mains at a cost of \$514,300, with an additional outlay of \$637,700 for services. There is also \$202,000 slated for replacing 35,000 feet of gas main and \$90,900 earmarked for replacing 640 services.

Missile Impact Area Found by New Device

The impact point of a ballistic missile or re-entry vehicle hitting the surface of the ocean can now be pinpointed by underwater detection systems developed for the U.S. Navy by the Bell Telephone Laboratories.

Detection systems have been installed at both the Atlantic and Pacific Missile Ranges, according to Pacific Telephone Manager Dick Pyle. When a missile hits the water, the impact creates noise signals that are used to locate the spot where it fell.

Two types of acoustic systems are used in locating the missile impact point by recovery teams in finding the missile nose cones after their space flights. One is a surface-impact system and the other is a Sofar (Sound Fixing and Ranging) bomb method.

The surface-impact system is used for locating the sound of a missile striking the ocean's surface. This system uses underwater sound receivers installed on the ocean floor and connected by special cable to a shore station.

In the Sofar method, a bomb is ejected from the missile and exploded underwater in the vicinity of the impact point. Detection is similar to the other system but can be recorded several thousands of miles away because of the explosion.



the city engineer's estimate on their amount to be assessed. The job will then be put on a bid basis and the construction company making the lowest bid will get the job. Last year, the jobs ran on an average of 17 per cent cheaper.

The next meeting of the committee will be held on the first Tuesday of April, which falls on the 5th. Everyone who lives in this area should attend to get all the details.

An engineer will attend this meeting and bring a map showing where the sidewalks will be placed, the size of the parkways, and explain the charges, which may be paid cash or within 10 years.

These meetings are held at the Normandie Playground, 22400 S. Halldale at 7:30 p.m. If you wish any further information, please call George W. Mercer at FA 8-5956.

Smoking Runs in Families Survey of Habits Reveals

Children are more likely to smoke if one or both of their parents do, according to John N. Langfitt, District No. 8 Crusade chairman, of the Inglewood Branch of the American Cancer Society.

Langfitt said here today that this is one of the findings of an American Cancer Society study of the smoking habits of 22,000 high school students in Portland, Ore.

HE SAID that the study, which included students from 22 public and parochial high schools in Portland and nearby suburban areas, identified several factors which distinguish

heavy-smoking students from those who smoke little or not at all. Included were the smoking habits of parents, general social adjustment of the individual students, and student rebelliousness against parental authority.

The first and most important factor was whether or not the parents smoked themselves, according to Mr. Langfitt. This accounted for from one-third to one-half of the smoking in the Portland test, he said. Where smoking was accepted by the family as a normal and expected behavior, students accepted it as such and began to

smoke automatically as a part of growing up.

THE PERCENTAGE of student smokers was lowest in families in which neither parent had ever been a smoker. It was intermediate in families in which only one parent smoked and highest among families in which both parents smoked.

The percentage of young smokers from families in which one or both parents had given up cigarette smoking was significantly lower than the percentage in which both parents continued to smoke, the study revealed.

A SECOND significant finding, according to Langfitt, was that smoking was very high among those who had fallen behind their age-equals in school, did not participate in extra-curricular activities, or were taking scholastically less demanding courses of school work. For this group—a minority in the school population—smoking was interpreted as a compensatory form of behavior.

The third factor, rebelliousness against parental attitudes, showed up in approximately 10 per cent of the Portland high school smokers. More girls than boys tended to smoke in

spite of parental prohibitions, and the students' defiance was directed more against the fathers than the mothers.

THE YEAR-LONG study was undertaken to gain a better understanding of why young people smoke before the American Cancer Society launched its nation-wide educational program to inform them of the health risks involved.

A general pamphlet about the association of cigarette smoking with lung cancer is available for the asking from the District No. 8 Information Center of the American Cancer Society at 428-B East Queen St., Inglewood.

Hold Breakfast Today

St. Gerard Council 4919 of the Knights of Columbus will meet for an Institution Breakfast at 9 a.m. today at the Nativity Parish Hall, it was reported this week by Grand Knight Donald E. Whann.

James M. Johnson, aviation machinist's mate third class, USN, son of Mrs. Mary E. Johnson of 908 Felbar ave., is serving with Fighter Squadron 124 at the Naval Air Station, Moffett Field, Calif.

Before entering the Navy in November 1958, he attended Harbor Junior College in Wilmington.

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