



**OIL PUMPER BURNS . . .** Pump housing and rocker of oil pumping unit owned by Canfield-Western Oil and Development Co. burns as firemen fight to control flames here Sunday night. An adjacent lumber yard, threatened for a few minutes, was saved by fast-acting fire crews. See story on page 1. (Herald Photo)

### City Vows To Contest Ouster Bid

The city won't give up use of the old council chambers in the building now occupied by Home Savings & Loan Assn. without a scrap, it was indicated by councilmen Tuesday.

Commenting on a notice that asked the city to vacate the premises by April 1, City Manager George Stevens said the sale agreement gives the city use of the chambers until August.

City Attorney Stanley Remel-meyer was instructed to write an "appropriate" letter answering the eviction notice.

Another report that the city's recreation department also had been asked to move out of the quarters it occupies in the building were later denied by Director Harry Van Bellehem. Mayor Albert Isen had said he understood they were being asked to vacate also.

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### District Garden Clubs to Meet Here Tomorrow

The California Garden Clubs, Inc. Los Angeles Bay-Harbor District will hold a meeting in the Southern California Garden Center at Sears Torrance Friday, says Mrs. R. O. Young, director.

The business meeting at 10:30 a.m. will be election of officers and a question and answer period for the annual reports. Plans for the installation will be made with the incoming officers.

The afternoon program by Mr. Don Skinner, field nurseryman for the Los Angeles City Schools, will speak on landscaping with cactus and succulents and show slides of some he has.

### Local Engineer Flying to Morocco

R. W. Binder, chief engineer at the Bethlehem Steel Co. plant here, has been named to a team of specialists scheduled to fly to Agadir, Morocco, today for a special study of the stricken city.

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