



**CIVIC CENTER PROPOSAL . . .** Suggested master plan for development of the city's civic center was immediately labeled a "monstrosity" this week by Councilman Willys G. Blount who indicated that authors of the plan had not been very realistic in designing a \$7.5 million development.

Blount said another plan, "one that we can seriously consider," will be submitted within a few weeks. Central structure of the plan above would be a seven-story auditorium surrounded by a youth center, multi-purpose building, adult center, and an arts center.

### Supervisors Back Strong Program To Battle State's Narcotic Peril

On motion of Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, the Board of Supervisors this week instructed County Counsel Harold W. Kennedy to draft a strong, new narcotics legislative program which will be presented to a joint legislative committee meeting which will be held in the State Building on Thursday, Dec. 1, prior to being introduced at the next session of the State Legislature.

Under the order, which was unanimously adopted by the Supervisors, Kennedy is to up-

grade and strengthen the proposed anti-narcotics bills which were prepared last February as the basis for urging Governor Brown to call a special session to deal with the narcotics menace.

"THE NARCOTICS problem is our number one crime problem, responsible for 50 per cent of crime in the metropolitan area, and therefore Los Angeles County considers that corrective narcotics legislation—designed to take the profit-

out of the narcotics traffic—is our number one legislative goal at the session of the State Legislature which convenes in January," Hahn declared.

All members of the State Assembly and the State Senate have been invited to attend and participate in the December 1 meeting to consider the proposed laws which, if enacted, will impose strong, mandatory prison sentences on convicted dope peddlers.

W. J. HUNT of Gardena, who spearheaded the Elks cam-

paign which secured more than 1,000,000 signatures on petitions urging the State Legislature to enact tougher narcotics laws, is helping to coordinate plans for the joint legislative committee meeting.

"For the protection of the public health, safety and welfare—particularly that of our young people—it is imperative that tough new narcotics laws be passed and strongly enforced," Hahn declared.

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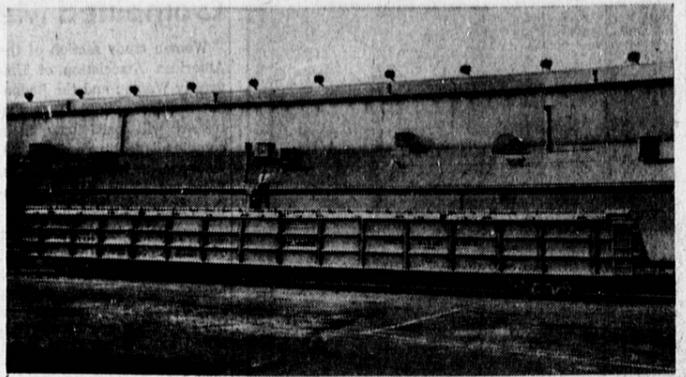
present laws convicted peddlers are given minimum sentences, get out in a few months and continue to sell narcotics.

"Many of these peddlers are in and out of prison on a revolving door basis."

Hahn said that if the California laws are tightened up so as to take the profit out of the narcotics traffic, the peddlers will go out of business because the risks of imprisonment will be too great.

New Jersey cropland yields more cash per acre than that of any other state, the National Geographic Magazine reports.

### Harvey Develops 85-Foot Aluminum Railroad Car



Aluminum has taken a giant step into the railroad market. The largest aluminum railroad car, 85 feet long overall, has been successfully freight-tested in a coast-to-coast run, is disclosed here by Harvey Aluminum. The experimental unit was developed by the Torrance aluminum producer in cooperation with the Rock Island Lines and North American Car Corp.

Designed to provide protective shipment for long-length loads, the covered gondola car has an eight-ton payload increase over steel equipment. The use of lightweight aluminum reduces maintenance and lowers operating costs.

"This prototype car under lease to the Rock Island from North American is an important design breakthrough in railroad equipment," said Lawrence A. Harvey, chairman. "It demonstrates the application of large structural aluminum extrusions to achieve fabricating economy, improved performance, and lower cost per ton of capacity."

The dramatic feature of the all aluminum body is six huge aluminum extrusions, 82 feet long by 25 inches wide. Three of these channel sections are stacked longitudinally and mechanically joined to form each side. For the roof, panel-type aluminum extrusions were fab-

ricated into four 20-foot sections, easily removable for freight handling.

THE GENERAL design concept was developed by Harvey's product development staff, and the company supplied the aluminum for the project.

Light weight of the completed car with aluminum body is 75,900 pounds. The weight of the aluminum superstructure is under 10,000 pounds. A comparable conversion into steel would have added an eight-ton burden to the light weight of the gondola car. Load limit is 134,100 pounds; capacity is 8,240 cubic feet. Contract production of aluminum gondola car is being discussed.

### Garden Checklist

1. Prepare ground for planting bare-root roses when they arrive on the market in a fortnight or so. Work manure and bonemeal into the soil. A little extra work now means better trees later.
2. If crab grass bothered you last summer (if you had it, it bothered you), check with your nurseryman about a control to apply now.
3. Layer manure in shrub beds and let the rains work it in. Work bonemeal and commercial soil conditioners into the soil, also.
4. Winter stocks need good drainage. Be sure you don't plant them in a garden low spot.
5. Feeding a lawn in late November does a lot toward keeping it green over the winter.

### Open House Scheduled

An open house will be held for the new offices of the Vermont Mortgage Co., 13909 Van Ness, Dec. 17 at 10:30 a.m., officials of the company announced last week. The Vermont Mortgage Co. also has offices at 1317 N. Avalon Blvd.

### Young Raves Growing

Gig Young, garnering raves on Broadway with his starring stage role in "Under the Yum Yum Tree," is already mentioned as a potential contender for the top theatrical honors, the Antoinette Perry and Donaldson Awards.

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