

The Los Angeles County Road Department's highway intersection improvement program is continuing with the remodeling of the southeast corner of the intersection of 220th and Bonita Sts., Carson, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

One phase of the construction work consists of extending the pavement to join curb and gutter recently constructed. Also included in the improvement project is removal of the existing inadequate metal pipe drain, and reconstructing the intersection at Bonita St. to accommodate a cross-gutter.

A recent traffic survey by the County Road Department revealed that more than 3000 vehicles cross this intersection daily.

Another project in the Carson area is a roadway improvement project on Avalon Blvd.

between Sepulveda Blvd. and 223rd St. which is progressing on schedule, Chace said.

The work consists of stabilizing the pavement for future resurfacing. Avalon Blvd. is a County Master Plan Major Highway with more than 12,000 vehicles using this segment of arterial highway daily.

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**GROWTH TOLD . . .** Emil Seliga (right), executive vice president of Great Western Saving and Loan Assn., and Bill Thrasher, assistant secretary and manager of Great Western's South Bay branch office, receive congratulations from William N. Purmort (left), assistant vice president of the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, as Great Western announces the passing of the 400-million-dollar mark in assets.



**TAKE OFFICE . . .** President William Boswell (right) of the board of education administrators oath of office to three new board members (from left) Bert M. Lynn, Albert Charles, and William Hanson. As the first order of business of the new board, Hanson was elected president and Charles vice president. Meetings of the board have been scheduled for the first and third Monday of each month. (Herald Photo)

**Torrance Music Instructor Sets New Symphony**

Auditions will soon be held for membership in the newly formed South Bay Youth Symphony, announced musical director Robert L. Simon this week.

Serious, advanced students who have been seeking a place in which to use their training and abilities in the performance of genuine symphonic music are being encouraged to join the orchestra.

Rehearsals for the summer season will be held in Torrance twice a week for six weeks and will be followed by public performance.

**SKILLED** musicians interested in joining the non-profit organization are invited to call Mrs. Eugene Port, 5540 Konya Drive, for audition information and appointments. Those accepted into the orchestra will be asked to submit a registration fee of \$5 which will cover the cost of music and other incidentals for the season.

Director Simon, who has volunteered his professional services, said "The new Youth Symphony will provide great musical enrichment for its members and will at the same time encourage the general development of a cultural tradition in the South Bay."

**SAN FRANCISCO-born** and now a Hermosa Beach resident, Simon is not new to working with teenagers and other young people. He taught instrumental music to various age groups in Fontainebleau, France, following his own training at the Paris Conservatory.

Among other activities he has been composer-conductor for the Van Arsdale modern dance group in New York City and presently is a music instructor for the Torrance Unified School District.

**Elks Will Commemorate Narcotics Legislation**

Members of the Gardena, Torrance, and Redondo Beach lodges of the Elks will meet Saturday, July 29, for the Narcotic Legislation Achievement dinner. Members of the lodges, and state, county, and city officials who worked for the passage of the state narcotics legislation will be honored for their work.

Mayor Sam Yorty of Los Angeles will attend the dinner to be held at the Gardena Elks Lodge.

The legislation, imposing mandatory stiff sentences upon conviction of pushers, had its inception in the Gardena lodge, where in 1957 an entire fine family was destroyed before the eyes of the Exalted Ruler.

**THE WRECKAGE** brought about by dope addiction was acted out for Max Zeigler, the lodge ruler, starting when he spent an evening listening to a friend's story of his daughter's addiction. The girl, a beautiful teenager with every advantage in the world, had disappeared after a fight with her mother over her addiction.

With the help of law officers she was found, under unspeakable circumstances and beyond help. The family, which had been wealthy, wound up in divorce court, broke, and with two other children forced to move in with their grandmother. Their mother had to go to work, and their father ultimately died of what only can be described as a broken heart.

**APPALLED AT** what he had seen, the ruler was given approval by the Grand Lodge to proceed with a program of public education on the horrors of narcotics.

A series of weekly meetings Since coming to California he has had some of his compositions performed at San Francisco State College and the famed Composers' Forum in Berkeley.

sponsored by the Gardena lodge drew a disappointing response. Thus in the fall of 1957, the narcotic committee, composed of members from the Gardena, Torrance, and Redondo lodges, decided upon more drastic methods.

They had petitions printed and sent to the 144 lodges in California. These were circulated, drawing on the power of 145,000 members. The upshot was a total of more than 1,000,000 signatures on petitions demanding 30-year penalties mandatory upon the courts, and eliminating parole and probation in cases of peddling convictions. The bill was introduced by Assemblyman Clayton Dills.

**IN THE 1961** session of the Legislature, Dills succeeded in getting a bill out of committee. It was approved by the Assembly 68-4 and by the Senate, 33-0.

At the invitation of Gov. Brown, Zeigler and William J. Hunt, Gardena publisher and member of the lodge, flew to Sacramento May 4 to witness signing of the law.

Zeigler pointed out that in 1960 Ohio, which has a rough dope law, had seven prosecutions. In the same year California had 19,000. A U.S. Senate committee estimated 120 new addicts are being created daily in the nation. During his early investigation of the scope of the problem, Zeigler said one girl showed him 12 locations where dope could be bought within a half-mile of Gardena city hall.

**THE ACHIEVEMENT** dinner, which will begin with hors d'oeuvres at 7 p.m., will be limited to 500 tickets.

Among other public functionaries who have accepted invitation are County Counsel Harold W. Kennedy, Supervisor Warren Dorn, and Los Angeles City Councilman John S. Gibson. George Putnam, TV newscaster who joined the dope-law campaign, will also attend.

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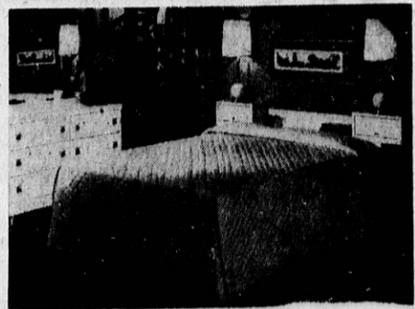
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