

...Trucks

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It is frightening to see three trucks abreast on a two lane highway — Hawthorne Blvd. is legally a two-lane highway and not a three-lane freeway. There is no question that the truckers are good drivers. In a pool of six drivers, the average driving time was more than 15 years—with no chargeable accidents. Police officials of the city report that in more than a million miles of driving in the seven months since the daily hauls began, there have been only four accidents. Not one of them was charged to a truck driver. But their professional experience is no excuse for neglecting common courtesy. The drivers know the limit of the law, and they drive right on that line.

POLICE OFFICERS have verified that the truck drivers do not violate the law, but at the same time they will verify the fact that they do create highway hazards. By pushing the trucks to the legal limits imposed on them, their actions are often irritating to the average driver. Therein lies the hazard. Freeway costs are high—it presently costs more than one million dollars a mile to construct the freeways in this state — but no value can be placed on human life. Freeways may be delayed, but they can always be finished. No one has ever replaced a human life.

THE OBSERVATIONS which I have made have led me to some conclusions which I feel can cut down on the number of complaints and improve the safety of the two major highways now being used. These conclusions are the following: Trucks should be assigned a place in line and required to hold it. This would eliminate the problem of passing each other. Motorists should remember that while the trucks are an inconvenience, they have a job to do, and should use the Crenshaw and Hawthorne

Bivds. offly when necessary.

TRUCKERS should not be allowed to leave the pit area without wetting down their loads to prevent dust from blowing all over the city. Motorists should be mindful of the traffic laws, speed limits, and other highway driving rules should obey them at all times. Law enforcement officers should continue their excellent vigilance and not hesitate to cite either the motorists or the truckers who cause traffic hazards.

IF THE RULES of courtesy or the highway are observed by both the truck driver and the motorist, the danger can be significantly reduced. Accidents are costly — in both time and life — and any measure which can prevent a loss of life is worth whatever it may take to enforce it. Truck drivers are not in the wrong when it is a matter of what the law allows. When a violation of the law is involved, it is most generally the motorist who is at fault. While respect for the law can go a long way to avoid an accident, common courtesy also helps. The result will make this freeway job a lot safer and a lot more pleasant for all of us if all parties are aware of their own responsibility and live up to it!

...Budget

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the administration. Dr. Hull reported the division would complicate the counseling program and would be cumbersome to effect, but that it was 85 per cent achieved at the present time.

THE SCHOOL board paved the way for the termination of "lame duck" board sessions by approving a measure requested by Lynn that would make it possible for duly elected school board candidates to be seated "at the next regular school board meeting following their election."

The matter will now go to the city council, who can in-

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Raymond Edmondson, 720 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles: "I think Nixon would be foolish to run for governor because he doesn't stand a chance. I'm not impressed with his record and he has too much against him during his term as vice president. I'd like to see him run because he's as good as the next man as far as Republican party candidates go."

Obituaries

ANDREW ROSSI Requiem Mass was celebrated Tuesday morning at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Hawthorne for Andrew Rossi, 73, of Gardena, the father of Vic Rossi of Torrance.

Mr. Rossi, a native of Italy, had resided in Gardena for 40 years prior to his death Friday. He had been a piano finisher for more than 50 years. In addition to his son here, he is survived by his widow, Jennie; and three daughters, a sister, 10 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

struct the city attorney to prepare an amendment. The amendment will be offered the people at a regular city election in April.

Lynn made the request because he was unhappy with the action taken by former board members after they were defeated, but before they were replaced in office.

HE SAID this practice prevails in Glendale and he has been assured by several attorneys it could be legalized in Torrance through a charter amendment.

Lynn said he did not campaign on a "lame duck" plank because it would have appeared to be "sour grapes."

Teenagers

Plan Trip To Catalina

Catalina is the destination for Teenagers on Aug. 30. This interesting and enjoyable trip is open to all teenagers.

The trip will consist of a bus trip to the Harbor early in the morning, followed by a smooth trip by steamer to Catalina. There the whole day may be spent as each person desires. The return trip will be in the late afternoon.

Transportation charges for this trip will be \$6.50. Extra money will be needed for most activities on Catalina.

Registration for this trip is limited and will close Aug. 25. For information and registration come to Alondra Regional

Cactus Society

Meeting Set For Tomorrow

Members of the Metropolitan Cactus & Succulent Society will hold their regular meeting this Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Earl Smith, 824 Jefferson Ave., Hawthorne.

The speaker of the evening will be John Morris. He will speak on the large number of species of Echeveria.

Election of officers will also be held at the meeting. A plant and refreshments along with door prizes will close the meeting.

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