



HERE NEXT WEEK . . . Assistant Highway Engineer James La Brie, of the State Division of Highways, shows Rosann Jaquinta the scale model of the huge East Los Angeles Interchange, which he will display here in observance of National Highway Week.

## State to Exhibit Freeway Model

On Monday and Tuesday, the State Division of Highways will mark National Highway Week with a special exhibit to be held at the Maintenance Station, 4122 W. 180th St. The exhibit, open to the public without charge from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., will feature a complete scale model of the East Los Angeles Freeway Interchange, along with photos, maps, charts, and literature. Visitors to the exhibit will be able to obtain firsthand information, verbally and in print, on all freeway projects in their area.

THIS EXHIBIT is part of a nationwide observance of Highway Week, May 20-26. This is a time when the highway-user pauses to take stock of the nation's progress in roadbuilding, noting past accomplishments and future needs. Appropriately, this is also a time for the motorist to take stock in his gas tax investment in the freeway program (10 cents per gallon in California).

With Californians now driving nearly 9,000,000 motor vehicles, about one for every two residents of the State, and with these vehicles covering a total of more than 70 billion miles in 1961, the state's need for modern highway facilities is a prime example of the problems and challenge which accompany rapid growth. California's program of pay-as-you-go highway modernization was stepped up in 1947 and further accelerated in 1953 with additional financing and again in 1956 through the Federal Aid Highway Act. In 1947, there were about 480 miles of multi-lane divided highway mileage on the State Highway System.

THERE ARE now 2,360 miles in operation, most of it of the freeway or expressway type, with the built-in permanence of traffic capacity assured by control of access. A master plan for the state's freeway and expressway system emerged from engineering and economic studies in 1957 and 1958 and was adopted by the state legislature in 1959.

This plan, the California Freeway-Expressway System, calls for \$10.5 billion in freeway and expressway construction over a 20-year period. It includes 12,500 miles of the overall 16,000-mile State Highway System. In 1980, the system will connect all cities of 5,000 or more persons, carry 59 per cent of the total motor vehicle travel, and serve every major industrial, agricultural and recreation region.

LOCALLY, IN District VII (Ventura, Orange and Los Angeles Counties), the State Division of Highways will expend an estimated \$4.3 billion on 1,342 miles of freeways by the year 1980. (Annual ownership and operational cost for all motor vehicles in this area is approximately \$4 billion.) As of this time, \$1.2 billion has already been spent on 338 miles of freeway-expressway in Ventura, Orange, and Los Angeles Counties. In addition to the local showing, the Division of Highways Circuit Exhibit will also appear in other locations within the three-county area.

## Drale Asks Inspection For Autos

Torrance City Councilman Nickolas O. Drale, seeking the Democratic nomination to the Assembly from the 67th District, this week called for quarterly inspection of California automobiles "to cut down the terrible accident toll in the state."

To assure that the state's streets and highways would be occupied by mechanically sound cars, Drale's program would set up a system of licensed inspection stations throughout the state, and require motorists to have their vehicles checked four times a year.

"Too many times we have read of terrible accidents caused by various mechanical failures or deficiencies," Drale said.

Inspection should include lights, brakes, windshield wipers, tires, and other vital parts which could affect the car's performance or could interfere with the safe operation of the vehicle.

"To assure ourselves that vehicles are safe is just as important as imposing certain requirements on drivers," Drale said.

The vehicle inspection program is one of several important items on Drale's campaign platform.

## Two North High Boys Get Awards

Cliff Crain and Irvin McClendon, North High School students, were awarded the Boys' League scholarships for \$100 each at a banquet held recently.

Cliff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. L. Crain, who reside at 3753 W. 171st St., and Irvin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin McClendon of 3222 W. 181st St.

The banquet was held in honor of the 25 most active league members at North High.

Five letters of appreciation for service to the Boys' League were awarded to Stan Epstein, Gary Erdman, Rick Richards, Ken Sato, and Kelly Sims.

OTHER BOYS who attended the banquet were Ed Babic, Bill Buell, Dale Buffington, Bill Burget, Rick Campbell, Quentin Crowell, Rick D'Alois, Art Felix, Mike Jacobs, Jack Jenkins, Gary Katsuki, Art Katz, Rick Krone, John Legas, Mike Nichols, David Rogers, Joe Taylor, and Dyrek Van Dusen. Special guests were Richard Guengerich, North's principal; Eugene McCusker, assistant principal, pupil personnel; Leonard Dalton, assistant principal, administration and activities; and Messrs. Mack and Regello, Boys' League sponsors.

## Leuzinger Alumni to Hold Fete

The annual Leuzinger High School Alumni celebration will be this weekend, with Alumni Day at the school Friday and the dance Saturday night at the Mayflower Ballroom, Inglewood.

The schedule for Alumni Day will be: registration and open house, 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; program in the auditorium, 12:15 to 1 p.m., including election of officers, presentation of the Alumnus of the Year Award, and musical varieties presented by Leuzinger's senior class; luncheon in the cafeteria at 1 p.m. A nursery will be provided during the program only.

The Saturday night dance, beginning at 8 with a half-price cocktail hour, features the Leon Guide Combo. Honored guests will be the graduates of the classes of 1932 through 1934, Leuzinger's first students, who are celebrating their 30th reunion.

Admission to the dance is \$2.50, with proceeds to go to the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

## Polio Vaccine Shots To Be Given May 25

Polio vaccine shots at \$1 each will be given in Torrance, Friday, May 25 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at St. Philomena School, 21832 S. Main St.

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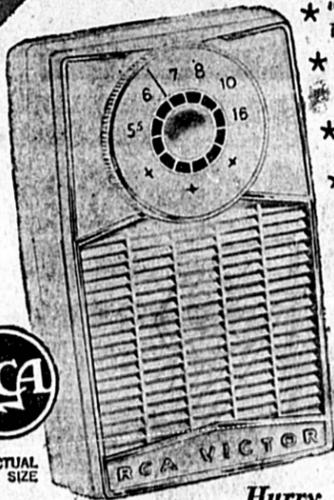
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