

JUDGE O. CLIFFORD HIGGINS OPENS CAMPAIGN FOR BENCH

With appearances booked throughout the new judicial district Judge O. Clifford Higgins has begun an active campaign to win a seat on the South Bay Municipal bench.

His opponents for Office No. 2 of the newly-created municipal court are Otto B. Willett, Collamer A. Bridge, city judge of Hermosa Beach, Judge John A. Shidler of Torrance and Attorney Walter A. Anderson of Manhattan Beach are competing for Office No. 1.

The new court-house, just finished, is located in Redondo Beach.

Judge Higgins' campaign was officially opened with a gala testimonial dinner tendered to him by Manhattan Beach civic leaders last week. More than 200 of his fellow townsmen gathered to wish the judge good going on the race which will be decided in the Presidential Primaries June 3rd.

Former Governor of California, Hon. Frank E. Merriam, Judge Paul Valle of the District Court of Appeals, Stanley Barnes, presiding judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court, Byron J. Walters, presiding judge of the Los Angeles Municipal Court, and Judge LeRoy Dawson of the LA Municipal Court were among those who came from out of town to address congratulatory words to the Manhattan Beach jurist.

Higgins succeeded the late Judge Geo. W. Downing as City judge of Manhattan Beach four years ago. He is now beginning his third year, by judicial assignment, in the Los Angeles Municipal Court.

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The new field has 350-foot base lines, and its bleachers will seat 475 spectators. Adjacent facilities include team dressing rooms and showers, restrooms, and a parking lot with a capacity of approximately 350 cars.

Lights have been provided for night softball games, the Recreation and Park Department reported.

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New Baseball Diamond Set For Opening

Ceremonies set for 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 11, in which city officials and Harbor district sports and civic leaders will participate, will officially place into service the new baseball diamond in Peck Park, 1430 Summerland Ave., San Pedro, it was announced yesterday by the Los Angeles City Recreation and Park Department.

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