

Lomita ...

(Continued From Page 1) more than what you have, you can get it by petition. In reverse (if they were to incorporate)," he continued, "you may be saddled with huge burdens. The powers of a city council are broad. The acts of one council are not necessarily binding on the successors."

Gretz thus hinted that local government lends itself to irresponsible and oppressive leadership.

Even if a community elects good councilmen at first, he went on to say, they might get a change for the worse at future elections.

Nothing for Nothing
"If you want something now may take a little longer to get," he said. "But remember, that anything you want you got to pay for—government has no way of giving you something for nothing."

Referring again to the broad powers of a city council, he indicated that the council can impose license fees; can determine what kind of business may or may not be run in certain zones and areas of a city; and can order sidewalks.

The only recourse citizens would have then is through the courts.

Gretz next listed what he considered to be some of the advantages of being part of the county.

He singled out the County Fire Department as being recognized as "one of the best trained, best equipped in the United States." He had similar praise for the County Sheriff's Department.

"To keep one prong car in the area would require seven men and would cost about \$61,000 a year," he claimed.

If Lomita were to incorporate it could not afford the type of service it is getting now, he indicated.

Who's Behind This Move?
Why, then, does any community want to incorporate. Gretz answer was as follows:

"In everyone of these communities—and particularly such as this one—there is always a promoter looking to make a quick buck—they can't do it through the county but they can put men in the city council and, brother, you've got it. . . . All of you know who's backing incorporation—so far as it is in the open," he hinted darkly.

There is nothing the council couldn't do, he added, including the permitting of gambling (poker) and oil drilling.

When asked why so many communities incorporate—that there must be a reason—he answered:

"There are several promoters who are getting a fee and selling ideas. Many people have been told that this move emanates from the League of California Cities—cities contribute \$500,000 a year to this organization."

L. E. Ross, chairman of the Citizens Committee, also made some introductory remarks.

He told the audience that the Lomita Chamber of Commerce appointed a committee to study incorporation but the committee has made no recommendation on the matter and the Chamber has taken no stand.

"We're not getting the worst of it under the county set-up," he said, stating that the whole county is paying for many of the benefits which Lomita is receiving.

"At present," he said, "we're supporting three kinds of government—federal, state, and county—through taxes. In addition, we pay special taxes—drainage, lighting, sanitation, sewers, flood control. We shouldn't be asked to add a fourth type of government unless it is absolutely necessary—I don't believe it is necessary and I don't believe it is desirable."

Ben F. Gray, a Lomita attorney and member of the committee, also addressed the audience.

He warned them against signing any petition favoring incorporation, saying that if those favoring incorporation fail to get the signatures of the property owners owning 25 per cent of the assessed valuation, the movement falls through. Otherwise, there will follow an election, at which time opponents

Guard ...

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Approximately 7000 Guardsmen are participating in the 15-day encampment.

The division, largest military force in the Southland, journeyed to Camp Roberts Saturday by military truck and bus and will return to hometowns throughout the Southland August 25.

Parade
The 40th will climax its first week of training Saturday by marching in full parade regalia for Lt. Gen. Robert N. Young, Sixth Army commander from San Francisco, Maj. Gen. Earle M. Jones, state adjutant general, and other military figures.

In addition to the two major training phases, a variety of special classes are being conducted. New recruits with only a few months military experience behind them this week are attending centralized recruit schools where they are being taught the fundamentals of military life—how to march, how to care for their weapons and equipment, and other basic military skills.

In addition, such specialized duties as schools in military intelligence, map reading, photography, movie projector operation, and food preparation, are being conducted. Most of the non-firing training is taking place at Camp Roberts, near Paso Robles, while the actual firing is conducted at Hunter-Liggett, located inland a short distance from the old Hearst mansion at San Simeon.

The 49th has been a Southern California unit since World War II. It was ordered to duty in 1950 and sent to the Far East for frontline service in Korea. Reactivated again in 1952, the division now numbers 111 company-sized units with armories in 45 communities. From a strength of about 1200 men and officers at the time of its reorganization, the 40th now lists almost 7400 on its rosters.

Suit ...

(Continued From Page 1) for this. The two men, who claimed that they identified themselves as police officers, then asked her to step outside where the argument continued.

They informed her that she would have to come down to the station. There, instead of being booked on a charge of being a minor, she was booked on a drunk charge.

Mrs. Wilson's attorneys contended that officers, by now convinced that she was not a minor, booked her on a drunk charge in order to justify the arrest.

Back Injuries

Mrs. Wilson also claimed that she received back injuries when officers placed handcuffs on her on the way to the station. She said that she was roughed up and that one of the officers put his knee to her back while she was put on the floor of the car and her hands handcuffed in back of her.

Officers denied that they 1) failed to show police identification; 2) were told by her that she was 25; 3) dragged her outside a cafe when they questioned her about her age; 4) held her against a wall and shook her; 5) put a knee in her back while handcuffing her; 6) used abusive language; 7) man-handled her; or 8) falsely arrested her.

A municipal court jury later acquitted Mrs. Wilson on the will still have a chance to defeat the move.

He emphasized the additional cost involved. "If we incorporate, we won't get the city hall for nothing; employes won't work for nothing; we would have to hire a city manager who costs anywhere from \$800 to \$1500 a month, and a treasurer, clerk, attorney, and inspectors. . . . The county has experienced people who can run this—they have done so for years. Why chance all that for a cat in the bag?"

Following the meeting, the Lomita Property Owners and Registered Voters incorporated held a board meeting, going on record as against incorporation or annexation. They have scheduled an open meeting for Tuesday, August 21, at 8 p.m. at the home of George Sands, 2119 250th street, Lomita.

Late News ...

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CIVIC CENTER PARK: Howard S. Martin has been hired to make an appraisal of the area north of the civic center for possible park purposes.

DICALITE MINE: Request for the removal of diatomaceous earth south of Madison street near the Dicalite Road was denied.

FIRE STATION: The razing of the old fire station on Cravens avenue near El Prado has been ordered to go to bid. The building was announced to be unsafe by the Fire Department and Building Department.

BUS SERVICE: Approval has been granted for bus service through a section of Wilmington, following a petition with 126 signatures.

OFFICIAL TREE: Adoption of the Catalina Ironwood tree as the city's official tree was voted by the council. Proposal came from the Torrance Terrace Garden club, Greenthumbers club, and Beau Jardin club. Councilman Victor Benstead has been appointed to consult

drunk charge. Sgt. Platt said the woman showed all usual symptoms of being drunk. He testified the only force used was when she resisted while being taken to a police squad car and that is was just enough to subdue her.

New Year's, Yom Kippur Services Set

The Gardena Valley Jewish Center will hold high holiday services in its newly completed building at 14725 South Gramercy place, Gardena. Rabbi Moshe Amine and choir will conduct services.

Tickets may be purchased at the center building every Monday and Thursday evenings between the hours of 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., or the following individuals may be contacted: Al Hayman, 2002 West 146th street, Gardena, Lou Halkin, 1529 West

152nd street, Gardena or Max Stern, 17214 South Ardath, Torrance. All seats are reserved, so it is urged that ticket reservations be made as soon as possible.

Rosh Hashana Eve, September 5, services begin at 7:30. Rosh Hashana, September 6, morning services begin at 8 a.m.

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