



BPO ELKS OFFICERS
Newly installed Torrance Elks officers include (l-r) Marvin Pike, esteemed loyal knight; Ralph Jakubowski, exalted ruler; Roger Holmes, esteemed lecturing knight; Ace Littleton, esteemed leading knight. Outgoing exalted ruler is P. W. Fahnestock. Also newly elected include Maurice Tarling, treasurer, and Charlie Webb, tiler, (not pictured). —Press Photo.

\$50,000 Suit Filed In Redondo Pier 'Scandal'

Damages of more than \$50,000 were demanded in a taxpayer's suit calling for the eviction of the leaseholders of Monstad Pier, Redondo Beach's foremost tourist attraction.

The suit, filed Friday in Los Angeles Superior Court, declares that the city is paid only \$2000 annually under an invalid master lease, while subsidiary leases and corporations receive an income of more than \$250,000 a year from the recreational facility.

Named in the suit are Daisy H. Monstad and Attorney William MacFaden as known leaseholders of the sportsfishing, restaurant and amusement pier, and listed all five city councilmen, Mayor J. Russell Shea and City Attorney Frank L. Perry as co-defendants.

Virgil C. Kasian, 2301 Ralston Lane, complainant in the action, stipulated that city officials were being sued only in their official capacities.

However, the suit names City Attorney Perry and Councilman Chester Dalley as members of an alleged conspiracy to extend favorable terms of the lease, despite several better offers to the city.

The action claims parties to the conspiracy were aware that the lease was worth in excess of \$20,000 a year when the agreement was made.

The suit further charges that the lease was signed by a councilman acting as mayor, who was later found to be a non-resident at the time, disqualifying him and invalidating the lease, the complainant alleges.

Perry and Dalley were both candidates for reelection. Kasian is a member of the Vigilance Committee supporting opponents of both candidates.



Heimerdinger Elected Head Of Civitan

M. W. Heimerdinger was elected president of Civitan International, Torrance branch, last week. He, together with other newly elected officers, will be installed in June.

Elected to serve with him are William Van De Wetering, first vice president; Jack Fees, second vice president; Ted Hasagawa, secretary; K. L. Christoferson, treasurer; John Judson, sergeant-at-arms; and Tack Kaboda, historian.

Members of the board of directors include Dr. Al Kline, optometrist, Tom Ward, Ernest Ashton, and Jack Phillips.

Expert on Planning to Speak Here

Simon Eisner, recognized as one of the nation's foremost city planners, will be the guest speaker at the next regular monthly breakfast meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, it was announced today by Co-chairmen Robert B. Jahn and Dick Pyle.

The meeting will start at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 16 at the YWCA Building, 2320 Carson st.

Eisner will discuss his beliefs as to the future of Torrance and what can be accomplished to maintain a well-balanced, progressive community. Chamber of Commerce officials have been considering a proposal for some time to contract Eisner's firm for a complete master plan of the city.

The speaker is a graduate of University of California and has been a member of the staff of the USC School of Architecture since 1946, now holding the position of assistant professor. He developed the master plan for the San Fernando Valley and was chief planning architect for Los Angeles for over seven

years. He has completed master plans for Redlands, Monrovia, Buena Park, Monterey Park, Santa Monica, Palm Springs, Fresno, and many others. His book "The Urban Pattern" is widely used in universities throughout the United States and Europe.

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Hawthorne Extension

Grading on the first leg of an eight-mile extension of Hawthorne ave. across Palos Verdes peninsula from Highway 101 to the ocean, as called for in the county board of supervisor's master plan for the area, was reported nearly completed yesterday by the Hess Bros. Con-

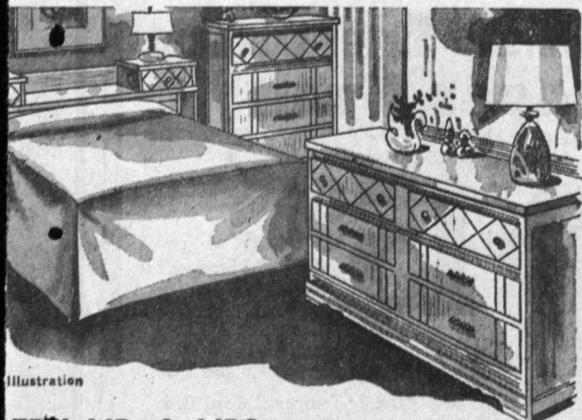
struction co. The initial section of the extension runs westerly from Silver Spur road about three-quarters of a mile, and will be followed soon with a second section from this point westerly to Crest road, an additional distance of approximately a mile

and a half. Plans call for construction of a 40-foot wide highway on a 100-foot wide right-of-way, with doubling of the road's width envisioned when needed.

Also scheduled for early construction is a short addition to Granvia Altimira, connecting the city of Palos Verdes Estates with the Hawthorne ave. extension.

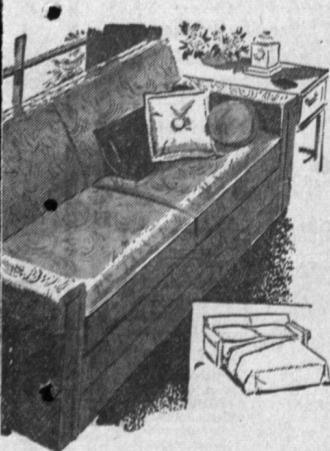
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