

Supervisor Hahn Credits Dominguez Channel Work for Flood Loss Lack

Major improvements to Dominguez channel, which were completed eight months ahead of schedule and which possibly saved the Torrance and Gardena areas from serious flooding, were officially approved and accepted this week by the Board of Supervisors, according to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

This project, completed at a cost of \$2,000,000, included construction of the channel on a new alignment south of and parallel to Arestia boulevard (174th street), and extension of the Normandie avenue storm drain to the new channel.

Shortens Channel
Supervisor Hahn explained that the work shortened the length of the channel between Denker and Vermont avenues and eliminated two crossings under Artesia boulevard.

The new channel was built on a right of way of 125 feet with the concrete lined channel itself being 75 feet wide and 18 feet deep.

New bridges were constructed across the channel at Normandie and Vermont avenues, thus eliminating flooding caused by debris and water damming against the narrow culverts under the former bridges and backing the water up and over the channel banks.

Improvement of this section made it possible to drain upper reaches of the channel much faster than heretofore possible. This is particularly important, Supervisor Hahn said, since a number of completed bond issue storm drains are now emptying into Dominguez channel. These include the Normandie avenue storm drain, the Redondo Beach boulevard storm drain in Gardena, the Arlington-Glenburn storm drain in Torrance, the Rosecrans avenue storm drain, the Broadway storm drain in Hawthorne, the Crenshaw Blvd. drain in Inglewood and the recently completed Inglewood avenue-Century boulevard project in Lennox and the southwest part of Inglewood.

In preparation for the permanent improvement of Dominguez channel between Denker and Grammercy place, a bridge is now being built across Dominguez channel on Artesia boulevard just west of Western avenue. Plans are now being drawn for the improvement of this section of the channel, which is expected to go to contract on completion of the bridge, in about six months.

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Business Invests in Heart Days

Appointment of businessmen to conduct the first annual "Business Invests in Heart Days" today and tomorrow has been completed and businessmen of the Torrance area are standing by to call on their neighbors in behalf of the 1958 Heart Fund.

Harvey Harms of Torrance, district manager of the Prudential Insurance Company, is Regional Chairman of District 5-A of the Business Division of the 1958 Heart Fund.

Harms said the two-day event will give all business districts an opportunity to participate in the fight against heart disease through support of the research, education and community service program of the Los Angeles County Heart Association.

Appointments were announced as follows: H. J. Frenz, manager of Torrance Bank of America, Regional Vice-Chairman; Willis Clarke, Assistant Cashier of Torrance Bank of America, Torrance Community Chairman.

The volunteers, representing many business associations and individual firms, will visit establishments in their neighborhoods to leave information about heart disease and collect for the business share of the \$1,000,000 Heart Fund goal of Los Angeles County.

"Business has a keen interest in protecting the hearts of its managerial and supervisory personnel, its trained employees, from the standpoint of the serious threat heart diseases pose for business as well as for the hardships inflicted upon employees and their families," Harms said.

The Heart Month theme "Give for Every Heart You Love," implies every citizen of the Torrance area will be remembered through contributions to the local and national program of research, education and community services conducted by the American Heart Association and its local chapters. "Of the Los Angeles County goal, 25 per cent is shared with the national agency and eight and one-half per cent with the California Heart Association, leaving 66 per cent to invest in local Heart programs," Harms said.

Among the business organizations sponsoring and participating in the Business Days event are: Life Insurance Managers Association, Life Underwriters Association, 20-30 Clubs, and the Southern California Service Station Association.

Three Hurt In 3-Car Crash On Hawthorne Blvd.

Two youngsters and the mother of one of them were injured in a three-car, rear-end collision on Hawthorne Blvd., near 174th st. Sunday.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital were Mrs. Virginia Yates, 22, and her daughter, Tandra Ann, two months. They were passengers in the car driven by James Albert Yates, 29, of El Segundo, police said.

Dan Selleck, 4, son of Barney Allison Selleck, 35, of 135 Calle de Andalucia, identified as driver of another auto, was not hospitalized.

The third car was driven by Dr. Donald M. Lanham, of 2912 Via la Silva, Palos Verdes Estates, officers said.

300 At Candle Light Program Of Men's Club

The Y's Men's Club of Torrance participated in a District Meeting of Y's Men International this week, when Roy Naylor, District Governor for the International YMCA adult service club, honored the Torrance Club by inducting three new members in a candlelight ceremony.

New members inducted were: Charles Settle, William Kesselman, and Douglas Cannon. They became part of Y's Men International, with more than 600 clubs in 33 countries of the world.

Bill Boyd, a charter member of the Torrance Club, and a past District Governor, presented a new banner and charter to the host club, San Pedro.

More than 300 members heard Naylor tell of the rapid growth of Y's Men's Club across the nation and abroad. He challenged all members in Southern California to continue their service to youth in the hope that these future citizens might better cope with the mounting problems of the future.

Diner Has Repast At Cafe's Expense

An unwelcome diner loaded up for a big meal, the owner of the Broiler Exceptional, 4125 Pacific Coast Highway, reported to Torrance police.

Robert Hughes complained that the thief had stolen four gallons of chili, 12 pork chops, 30 pounds of hamburger, 42 pounds of steak, a chocolate layer cake and two plates. He fixed loss at \$81.50.

Torrance Woman's Club Sponsors Potluck Lunch

A potluck luncheon will be featured at the Feb. 19th meeting of the Torrance Woman's Club in their clubhouse at 12:30 p.m. Mrs. R. E. Moffitt, president, will preside over the business meeting which will follow the

luncheon. Mrs. Don Wolf, program chairman, is in charge of the "The Poet of the Piano" featuring Meren Bach, noted concert pianist. The musical artist will play Chopin's work and dress in the costume of that period.

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Airport Manager Top Candidates

Selection of an airport manager to take charge of operations of the Torrance Municipal Airport will be made following interviews sometime in the next two weeks.

The city will start operation of the field on March 1. It recently held a civil service examination for the job which pays a salary range between \$702 and \$765 per month.

City Manager George Stevens will interview the top candidates of the 10 who passed the test. Another appointment will be that of an assistant airport manager with a salary of \$489 to \$535 and three field men.

City Gets Around to Making Address Change

It took the City Council nearly a year to get around it, but it will legalize meetings at the new City Hall on Tuesday.

An ordinance, setting the meeting place at the new City Hall, instead of the old one at 1511 Cravens avenue, will be introduced.

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