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Petition for Water District Filed This Week

The first legal step aiming at formation of a Water Replenishment District for the Central and West Basin areas was taken this morning when a petition hearing approximately 150,000 signatures was filled in the office of the Registrar of Voters by representatives of the water replenishment committee.

It will be the purpose of the new district, when formed, to purchase large quantities of Colorado River water to be used in restoring the depleted underground basins to check the salt water intrusion engulfing wells serving coastal communities, and to arrange for a reduction of pumping from the underground to safe limits.

Airport Builder Seek Extension

A six-months extension of an option to build a hotel and terminal building at Torrance Municipal Airport was requested by E. E. Wilson, the developer.

He explained that despite several delays, he expects to have both major buildings constructed sometime next year. He said that his organization has started corporation proceedings and so far has been pledged \$450,000 of the 500,000 capital.

Wilson also said that he has had a verbal offer from a bank to lend \$1,000,000.



SPACE AGE MOVE—A jet-age flight suit is one of the items that was moved to the new Army and Air Force recruiting station at 1319 1/2 Sartori Ave. The recruiting office was formerly located in Post Office basement. Inspecting the pilot's outfit are, from left, Sgt. Leland Mason, Air Force; Master Sergeant Jack H. Ambers, and Sfc. Frank Wierenga, both of Army. An open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held today.

Press Photo

Torrance Man Wins Toastmaster Speaking Honors

Stacy Rodman, Torrance, found a favorable reception for his call for a single world language, as he walked off with a first place trophy at the South Bay Toastmasters Club meeting Wednesday at the Redondo Beach Elks

Club. He called for a single world language for better understanding. A call for better use of words won a second place trophy for Howard Smith, Torrance. George Harbour, Torrance, copped a first place trophy in table topics.

South Bay Toastmasters, composed of men who meet weekly to improve their public speaking, meets each Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. Further information can be obtained from Bob Norland, EA 2-0298.

New Commercial Zoning Requested

Recommendation that the City Council conduct hearings on a proposed new commercial zone limits to neighborhood business, was recommended Tuesday by the Planning Commission.

The C-R zone would limit certain types of businesses which could blend in with residential neighborhoods. Included are such businesses as barber and beauty shops, cleaning establishments, small cafes, grocery stores, medical and other service firms.

These would have to conform to front and side yard requirements and be of one-story construction.

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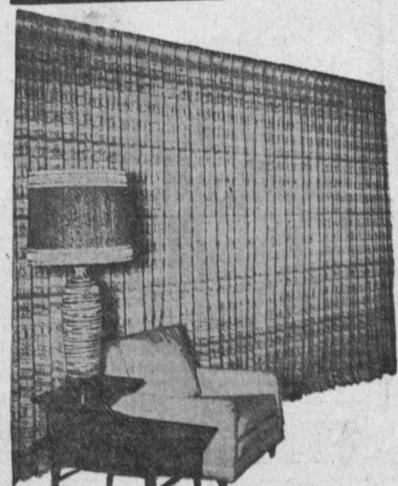


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