

# Ask Study of Tract Tree Loss

A study of subdivision regulations concerning the type of trees which are planted in parkways in new subdivisions was ordered this week by the Board of Supervisors on motion of Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

In calling for the study, Supervisor Hahn suggested that the County Engineer, the Regional Planning Commission and the Road Department confer with the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Arboreta. He pointed out that existing regulations now permit the planting of trees



**FUTURE PLANS**—This is architect's rendering of a new Home Savings and Loan Association office now under construction in Van Nuys, and may be quite similar to eventual design of the Torrance office, which will hold its grand opening in old city hall building Oct. 1. The firm purchased the municipal structure for \$100,000.

whose roots eventually cause curbs and sidewalks to break up as the trees reach maturity. "Other types of trees that are now allowed shed excessive amounts of leaves the year 'round, causing extra expense to the homeowners and to the County in keeping the streets swept," he explained. Supervisor Hahn asked that the study include recommendations as to the types of trees which can be planted without causing

these problems. "I know that there are many types of trees which can be planted in parkways to beautify our communities and provide good shade without breaking the curbs and sidewalks and shedding excessive amounts of leaves, and I think that subdividers should be required to plant these trees, rather than the objectionable ones now being used," Supervisor Hahn stated.

**IMPROVE AVALON**  
Work on the improvement of Avalon Blvd. from 228th St. to 238th St. in the Dominguez area is under way, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chase. Plans call for reconstructing and widening the existing shoulder on the west side of the street to provide for four lanes of traffic.

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# Home Savings and Loan Announces Plans for Torrance Office in Old City Hall

Having acquired the old city hall building as the site for its new office here, the Home Savings and Loan Association is planning a grand opening celebration on October 1, announced president Kenneth D. Childs.

The new Torrance office will be Home Savings' 22nd in the greater Los Angeles area.

With assets in excess of two-thirds of \$1 billion, Home Savings long has occupied the position as the largest and strongest financial institution of its kind in the nation.

Completion of the \$100,000 transaction occurred during a meeting between Childs and members of the Torrance City Council Tuesday evening. The building is presently occupied by the Chamber of Commerce and City Recreation Department at 1511 Cravens.

Eventually, indicated Childs, Home Savings will build an "architecturally excellent" building for its permanent Torrance office, the present site being regarded as a temporary one.

The office of Millard Sheets and Davis Underwood of Claremont, who in the past have designed offices for Home, are being consulted for the remodeling of the Torrance office.

The Torrance office will add impetus to the already tremendous growth of the nation's largest savings and loan association.

Established in 1889 as the Home Investment Building and Loan Association, Home opened its first office in a private home near the intersection of Fourth and Hill in downtown Los Angeles.

In 1925, Home moved to 112 West Ninth street. In 1947 Home was sold to Howard F. Ahmanson, at which time there were four employees and assets total-

ing \$1,100,000 with capital, surplus and reserve funds of \$96,000. The office was still on Ninth Street when Ahmanson became the owner. The move to Eighth and Spring came about in 1949.

In his recent mid-year statement, Ahmanson noted that one of Home's 21 offices had registered a \$1,000,000 increase in savings during the first 10 days of June!

As chairman of the nation's largest savings and loan association, Ahmanson takes pride in the fact that Home is able to serve more than 250,000 savers with the greatest safety provided by a reserve fund of well over \$50,000,000—unequaled by any savings and loan association.

Necessary papers to change the title to the building of Home's 22nd office in Torrance were entered in escrow Thursday.



KENNETH D. CHILDS

Lieutenant in the United States Coast Guard, taking part in numerous invasions in the Pacific theater.

Sherrett and his wife, Dorothy, are parents of two children: John, 12, and Cheryl, 3.

### SCHOOL BOARD MEETS

Regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held Tuesday at 8 p.m.

# Harbor Chorus Plans Program

The 1959-60 season of the Los Angeles Harbor Chorus will offer a varied musical experience in choral singing, according to Thomas Wilson, conductor of the group. It will include performances in the four great branches of the vocal music art: Oratorio, Opera (in concert version), Choral Symphony, and in massed chorus performances with the other Bureau of Music Chorus, and in the Festival of Christmas Chorus at Disneyland.

Singers may apply for membership in the organization by calling FR 5-6139, or by attending a Monday evening rehearsal, which will resume on September 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the music room, No. 236, of San Pedro High School. There is no membership fee.

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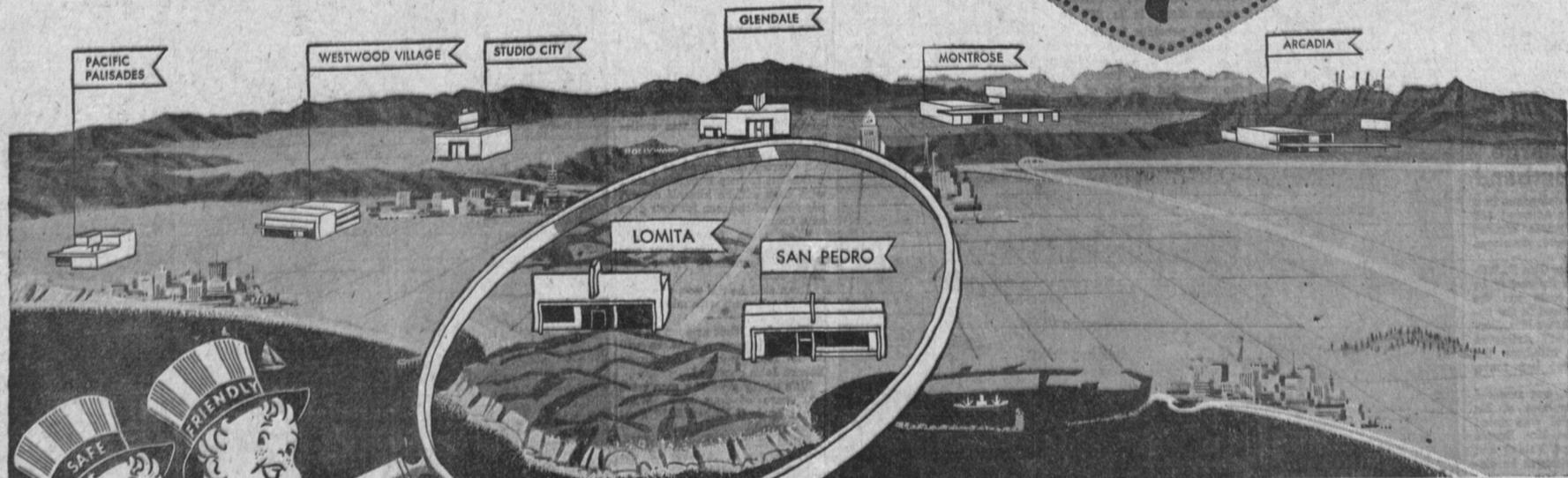
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