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Lomita Water Annexation Petition Signatures Checked

It will take approximately three weeks to check sufficiency of petitions to annex a large portion of Lomita to County Waterways District No. 13, it was announced by Gordon V. Nesvig, clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

The petitions, containing 1000 names and representing 150 acres in northern Lomita and southwest Torrance, were submitted to the Board of Supervisors Saturday.

Subject of the annexation move is the area now served by the Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 2. It had been reliably learned that Torrance officials had been negotiating for the purchase of the privately-owned water company.

The petition drive to call an election on the annexation issue was backed by the Lomita Chamber of Commerce and the Lomita Property Owners and Registered Voters Association.

One of the reasons for a desire to annex to the county district is that the State Public Utilities Commission has prohibited new building in the area served by the private water company.

Plans for Hospital Expedited

Final plans for the new \$15,400,000 Harbor General Hospital have now been submitted to the County Engineer for checking and review, three months ahead of the original time schedule.

"This means that construction on this badly needed new hospital can be started much sooner so that the people of the Southwest section of Los Angeles County will have good hospital facilities available to them," Supervisor Kenneth Hahn declared.

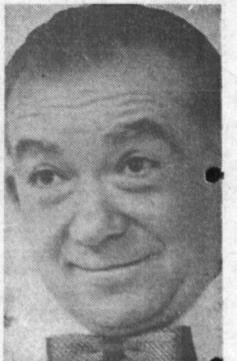
Planning for the new hospital had bogged down last year when Supervisor Hahn demanded that the work of the architects be speeded up.

As a result of his efforts, the preliminary plans were approved last December and the final drawings will soon be ready for advertising for bids.

Supervisor Hahn pointed out that the new hospital was approved by the people of Los Angeles County at a bond election in November, 1956, and that four architectural firms were assigned to the project a week later.

"While I am pleased that the final working drawings have now been submitted for final checking, I still think that this most important project should have been under construction long ago," Supervisor Hahn declared.

"There is no project which is needed in Los Angeles County more than a new Harbor General Hospital. It should have had the top priority of all projects," he continued, pointing out that patients are housed in dilapidated, wooden barrack-type buildings, formerly used as an Army hospital.



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Riviera PTA Meets

The first general meeting of Riviera PTA will be held in the Riviera School Cafeteria Sept. 23, at 8 p.m. Topic of the meeting will be "Understanding Our School" with D. K. Duncan, principal as guest speaker. Duncan will also introduce his staff of teachers.

Mrs. William Poser, president of the Torrance Council of PTA will attend the meeting.

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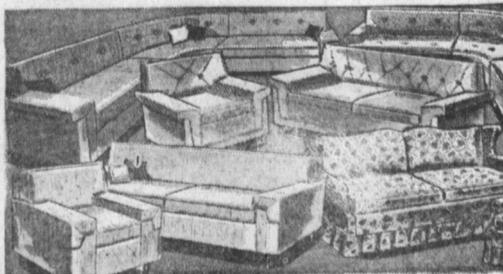
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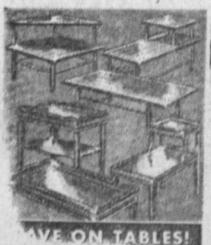
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