

Officers Praise Cooperating Truckers

Ask Cooperation of Family Auto Drivers In Safety Campaign

Torrance traffic officials this week openly commended both the owners and drivers of fill dirt trucks currently using Hawthorne and Chenshaw Blvd. as access routes to nearby freeway sites.

Police logs earlier in the month had been filled with complaints from citizens who stated that the trucks were exceeding the speed limits, and from the truckers who reported passenger automobiles cutting in on them or attempting to pass on the shoulder of the road.

Owners of the hauling firms, recognizing the vital need for good public relations in the community, voluntarily arranged meeting between their employees and traffic enforcement officers to discuss the more pressing problems and to work out solutions.

Success of the measure was pointed out by one city officer who stated:

"From the Police Department viewpoint there has been a tremendous improvement in traffic conditions along both of the route streets.

"Officers asked cooperation from the truckers . . . and we got it!

"What we really need is cooperation from the drivers of passenger vehicles on the same street who continually cut in front of the trucks, and who try to pass them illegally.

"We are maintaining more patrol cars than before on these two streets, yet the number of citations given to the truckers has diminished remarkably. On the other hand, the number of citations issued to passenger vehicles for unsafe driving has gone up."

It's a two-way street, officers averred. The truck drivers have proven their willingness to cooperate.

Candidate for County Assessor's Position Launches '61 Campaign

Robert E. McDavid, of Altadena, has announced his candidacy for Los Angeles County Assessor and pledges to wage an intensive campaign to capture the office occupied since 1938 by John R. Quinn.

A former member of the State Board of Equalization, the 52 year old certified public accountant believes major changes must be made in assessment theories and procedures to cope with the ever changing economic conditions. He said, "the incumbent Assessor's concept of full values and alleged assessment ratio to value precludes the possibility of anyone proving that property is in-

equitably assessed and this fact is proven year after year when a few courageous taxpayers appeal their assessment to the County Board of Supervisors".

Continuing, McDavid said, "taxpayers who appeal their assessments are invariably told by a deputy assessor, 'your property was assessed at fifty per cent of the Assessor's opinion of full value'". Those are nice phrases, said McDavid, "but the fallacy is that the Assessor's opinion of value defies comparison and appears to be some kind of a myth visible only to himself.

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TORRANCE RESIDENT Marsha Lynn Kuchner, age 13, of 20550 S. Earl St., was surprised by Bill Leyden, host of "It Could Be You," during the nationwide night time telecast on Wednesday, August 23. Marsha, who is a student in Torrance, was lauded by Leyden for her act of heroism when her

family was involved in an automobile accident. She was presented with a citation from the Governor of the state of Colorado, the Honorable Stephen McNichols. "It Could Be You" made Marsha's life long dream come true when they gave her a piano.

Employment Holds Steady In Los Angeles Area Despite Seasonal Industrial Drops

Employment in the Los Angeles-Long Beach Orange County Area held even in July following second quarter gains, I. H. Perluss, Director of Employment, announced today. Preliminary estimates showed employment of 2,764,400 in July, compared with 2,764,100 in June and 2,725,200 in July of 1960. Unemployment declined seasonally from June to July, but was 22 percent above the level of the

same month in 1960. Employment trends among the various industry groups were mixed during the past 30 day period. Unemployment dropped from 224,400 in June to 206,600 in July largely because of withdrawals of students and other summer job seekers from the labor market. The rate of unemployment declined to 7.0 percent of the labor force in July from 7.5 percent in June.

Industrialist Believes Torrance Area Is Destined To Become Space-Missile Center

A prediction that the Torrance area will soon become a major center of the space industry was voiced by William C. Chambliss, director of corporate communication, Space Technology Laboratories, Inc., in a speech Monday.

STL is a subsidiary of Thompson Ramo Wooldridge, Inc. Revealing that STL scientists, engineers, administrators and production personnel will begin moving this fall into some elements of the firm's new \$25 million Space Technology Center here, Chambliss stated that when the first phase of that space industry complex was completed next summer some five to six thousand STL personnel will have relocated from corporate facilities elsewhere in the Los Angeles area.

"Another evidence of the dramatic trend of space activity toward the Southwestern County region," he said, "is the current move of some of our good friends and neighbors of the Air Force Space Systems Division to a new location just across the street from Space Technology Center."

The STL Space Technology Center is being constructed on a 110-acre site in Space Park, extending eastward from Aviation Boulevard along the south side of Compton Boulevard and the north side of Manhattan Beach Boulevard.

The world's first production line for space satellites will go into operation at Space Technology Center, Chambliss said, in January. It will produce vehicles of the

Orbiting Geophysical Observatory (OGO) series, which are being designed, developed, fabricated and instrumented by STL under contract to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

"The establishment of a production line for 'stock model' satellites is evidence of the rapid growth in magnitude and in technological achievement of the space industry," he said. "This is a significant first." It marks the end of the era in which every space satellite had to be tailor-made for a specific mission. The OGO craft are designed so that they can carry into space any combination of up to fifty types of instrumentation for acquiring data in the same basic spacecraft using the same power supply, guidance and communication equipment. The economies realized will be significant."

Chambliss told his audience that the characteristics of the Torrance area, which has led to the Space Park selection by STL, would undoubtedly have appeal to other companies in the space industry. He listed proximity to aid and rail transportation, good availability of adequate power and other required services, good residential and recreational areas, and the existence of educational facilities at all levels as major considerations.

"In Space Technology Center, we have created what we believe is the ideal environment for the scientist, engineer and administrator in the space industry.

TB Ass'n. Seeks Design For 1961 Christmas Seal

Artists and designers in Los Angeles County are urged to participate in a nationwide competition to select the design for the 57th annual Christmas Seal. Edward J. Mitchell, member of the Tuberculosis and Health Association's public relations committee, announced today.

Co-sponsored by the National Tuberculosis Association, the contest is open to all artists in the United States. Deadline for entries from the Los Angeles area is

September 22. Mitchell said that three leading local art directors will judge designs submitted in Los Angeles County before they are forwarded to the National TB Association for final selection. A \$500 prize is awarded to the national winner in November.

Details of the competition may be obtained from the Tuberculosis and Health Association of Los Angeles County, 1670 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles 26, or by calling DUnkirk 8-3401.

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