



FREWAY SESSION — Members of the Inter-City Highway Commission met last week at the Cockatoo Restaurant in Inglewood. Guest speaker was Robert Bradford, state public works director and chairman of the California Highway Commission. Bradford spoke on the future of freeways

in the Los Angeles area. Shown above are Supervisor Burton W. Chace, Torrance City Councilman J. A. Beasley, who is chairman of the inter-city group; Bradford, E. T. Telford, assistant state highway engineer; and Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Educators Discuss Schools of Future

By **GEORGE W. NEILL** — If the experts know what they are talking about, the typical California school will be very different in 1970 from the school of today.

During a recent brainstorming session at Stanford University, a group of noted educators peered into the misty future and came up with some interesting forecasts:

Only children in Kindergarten through the third grade will have the same teacher for the entire day; subject matter specialists will take over from the fourth grade on, so that the pupils will have a different teacher for each subject.

Grade levels as such will be passe.

The humanities will form the core of the curriculum. Teachers will have at least an MA degree.

Students who need more help in math will get it.

Teacher maximum salaries will go as high as \$15,000 per year.

Teachers will have offices, equipment and clerical help.

Individual learning opportunities will make it possible for bright pupils to finish high school in two years; other can take as long as five years.

COMPETITIVE SPIRIT — Teacher shortages are reported to be developing a real competitive spirit among California school superintendents.

Professor H. Thomas James predicts that the shortage will get worse during the next decade. The high schools, he says, will begin stealing teachers from the elementary schools as their enrollments build up over the next three years.

By 1965, the junior colleges and the state colleges will be raiding the high schools, and by 1970 the universities will be recruiting the cream of the college teachers.

Meanwhile, "school districts will continue to raid each other. I heard recently," James said, "that one of our Southern California superintendents got into a school in the northern

Rockies like a fox in a henhouse and came out with every teacher — and the principal — under contract."

OUTDOOR TREND

A strong trend to the outdoors has been noted in California schools. Outdoor education was initiated in this state 15 years ago through a single pilot experiment conducted in San Diego. By

last year some 586 separate schools in California had moved their sixth grade classrooms to the great outdoors for one week to improve instruction in pro-

grams of conservation and outdoor science.

PAPER MONEY

The first paper money issued in America was printed in Quebec on the backs of playing cards and used to pay French soldiers.

California Women Heard At Safety Conference

Representatives of all California women will have a chance to be heard at the Governor's Traffic Safety Conference scheduled for Feb. 1-2 in Los Angeles.

Governor Edmund G. Brown will deliver the keynote speech 9:45 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 1.

Invited to participate in the Women's Activities Division of the statewide safety conclave are clubwomen from all over the state.

Chairman of the division and woman behind the idea,

is Beth Bennett of San Diego, deputy director of the state department of motor vehicles.

"This is the first time a special women's division has been included," said Mrs. Bennett, "and we hope at least one representative from every group of organized women's clubs in California will attend.

Better driver education, more and better use of research and a uniform system for reporting accidents are among topics to be tackled at the meet.

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Christening In San Pedro

The SS "Philippine Mail," the third of three combination cargo-passenger vessels constructed by Todd Shipyards, Los Angeles Division, for the American Mail Line Ltd., of Seattle, Washington, was launched recently at its plant in San Pedro, California.

The christening ceremony was performed by Mrs. Frederick C. Shanaman, wife of a director of American Mail Line Ltd., assisted by Miss Jane Aram, future daughter-in-law of Mrs. Shanaman.

The SS "Philippine Mail" is a mariner-type vessel designated C4-S-1s.

Garden Work At Year's End

If you would leave your garden in good order when the old year runs out, sharpen your shears and start pruning. Deciduous fruit trees, grapes, berries, roses and certain others flowering before winter ends, and the sooner you start, the better it is.

There are many shrubs that do not need pruning, of course, and the California Association of Nurserymen warns against any indiscriminate hacking. A chat on pruning theory and schedules with a local C.A.N. nursery man will benefit many an inexperienced gardener in this respect.

Briefly, we do not prune spring flowering deciduous shrubs and trees until after bloom for the simple reason that we don't want to rob ourselves of their beauty. Nor do we prune most evergreens in winter for the reason that pruning is liable to induce new growth in these non-dormant species and new growth is susceptible to frost.

We do prune summer-flowering such as roses and hydrangeas which will bloom on the new growth they produce next spring. We prune fruit trees to help prevent overcropping and to improve quality of the fruit. We prune grapes for the same reason and berries because the canes on which they bore fruit this year will not be productive again and should be removed. And we prune deciduous shade trees now if there's any dead wood to remove, if the form needs improving or if the trunk needs strengthening.

With all this in mind, it is not possible here to treat each variety individually. Determine which of your garden shrubs and trees are to be winter pruned, then discuss with your nurseryman.

It is possible, however, to restate some time honored "musts" of successful pruning: Remember to determine just what you want to accomplish by pruning before you start; never prune with dull shears—a clean cut is essential; never leave stubs when removing a branch—when you do leave a stub as in pruning roses, always cut to a bud. These are basic skills. Further refinements come with practice.

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