



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS of the Los Angeles Board of Public Works were presented recently to three Department of Public Works employees. Kenneth L. Smuland (right), 20313 Tomlee Ave., Torrance, re-

ceives his award from Louis Dodge Gill, vice president of the Board of Public Works. The three men had been chosen for the honors out of a group of more than 7000 employees.

Area Man Gets Award

Distinguished Service awards of the Los Angeles Board of Public Works were presented today to three Department of Public Works employees whose outstanding performances on their jobs were deemed worthy of the board's highest honor and termed an inspiration to their thousands of co-workers.

The awards were made by Louis Dodge Gill, vice president of the Board of Public Works, who pointed out how the trio had been chosen for the honors at this time out of 7000 employees of the department engaged in \$130,000,000 worth of public works projects.

The men thus honored at the board's meeting were: Marvin S. Levin, 11540 Coolidge Pl., West Los An-

geles, building projects planner, Bureau of Public Buildings. Kenneth L. Smuland, 20313 Tomlee Ave., Torrance, building maintenance general superintendent, Bureau of Public Buildings. Ben W. Morris Jr., 5055 Beautification coordinat or, Board of Public Works.

Vice President Gill said the achievements of these men and their cooperation with other employees and agencies were among the factors responsible for the splendid record of the Department of Public Works in performing its functions of construction, service and administration.

Installation of Freeway Call Boxes Demanded

Emphasizing the need for quick aid to stranded or injured motorists on the freeways, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn this week continued to demand the installation of emergency call boxes or telephones on freeways.

Currently in operation are 80 call boxes at quarter-mile intervals on the downtown Los Angeles freeways. They are part of a pilot system installed more than a year ago in October, 1962, in a cooperative State, County, City venture.

"These boxes cover only a small portion of the entire system," Hahn said, "and every day I see people stranded on the freeways in other areas."

He said it was a "disgrace" that call boxes had not been installed throughout the freeway system.

"It's not bad enough to be stranded on the freeway and cause a traffic jam," he ob-

served, "but it's even worse to be involved in an accident and not be able to summon an ambulance or aid quickly."

Hahn said the pilot system of call boxes has been working well and almost 1,000 calls a month are placed on the boxes to the Los Angeles Police Department.

The boxes operate simply, with motorists pushing a button which notifies police headquarters of the location of the box. A policeman is immediately dispatched.

Hahn has also suggested that when future boxes are installed they have four buttons rather than one. "This would allow the motorist to call direct the type of service he needs—police, fire department, ambulance, or tow service."

He also said he strongly favors the installation of actual telephones at close intervals on freeway system.



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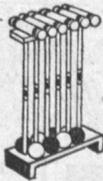
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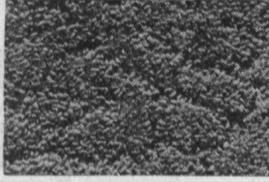


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