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Watson Seeks Rehearing On School Assessments

A petition for a rehearing of the California Supreme Court's decision requiring County Assessor Phil Watson to furnish early estimates of assessed value to school districts will be filed, Watson said today.

Grounds for the petition for rehearing will be that the opinion was based in part on facts that are incorrectly stated and were not argued in court.

Watson cited the statement that "Los Angeles has a much larger yearly growth than any other county" as an example of error in opinion. "The yearly growth rates in Orange and Ventura Counties, to name two, far exceeded the growth rate in Los Angeles County last year," Watson said.

THE COURT also stated that filing of business affidavits begins early in March, he said. "The number of affidavits received in March is negligible," he said. "Since the law allows property affidavits to be filed until the last Monday in May, the bulk of our affidavits, and particularly those from major companies with large values, are

not available until the final deadline, which is two weeks past the date at which we would have to furnish assessment estimates to the districts."

Watson had challenged the constitutionality of requiring only himself, among all County Assessors, to furnish early value estimates to school districts on the grounds that the Constitution forbids imposing special duties on one Assessor not required of all. The court ruled that Los Angeles County circumstances were so unique that a special duty might be imposed, within the Constitution.

WATSON ALSO said that if the petition for rehearing is denied he will be forced to ask the Board of Supervisors for a substantial special budget appropriation to cover the increased demands on his staff.

"If the Court upholds the constitutionality of the estimate law, in the final outcome, we will of course comply with the law to the best of our ability," Watson said.

New Unit Of Barrier Completed

Completion of another unit of the County Flood Control District's sea barrier project along the west coastline was announced today by Supervisor Chairman Burton W. Chace.

The unit—identified as 2B—was built by Bowline Drilling Co., of Bakersfield, under terms of a \$71,560 contract awarded by the Board of Supervisors last August.

It involved drilling nine observation wells in El Segundo and Manhattan Beach as part of the overall anti-brine program.

THE WELLS are located in El Segundo Boulevard, Sepulveda Boulevard, the Standard Oil Co.'s El Segundo refinery, and Santa Fe Railway right-of-way in Manhattan Beach.

The barrier project is designed to protect fresh water basins from infiltration by ocean brine. Chace said the wells reach depths from 350 to 500 feet.

THE OVERALL project—due for completion in 1967—is about two-thirds completed. More than 38 million gallons of fresh water daily are being put underground to halt further water contamination.

Importance of the undertaking is highlighted, Chace noted, by the fact that nearly half of the water used each day in Los Angeles County is pumped from underground supplies.



WINNERS . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hollis, of 23309 Moneta, new home owners in Carriage Place, registered along with dozens of other home buyers in Carriage Place to determine who would own a new 21-inch color television set. Weeks passed and their old black-and-white TV decided to quit. Then the Hollis doorbell rang; Tony Plescia, Carriage Place manager, at left, presents the new set to Hollis, holding daughter Heather, 5, as Mrs. Hollis welcomes the new member of the household.

Shorthand to Be Offered at Adult School

A 12-week course in Crims EZ Shorthand will be offered by the South Bay Adult School beginning Feb. 1. Class sessions are scheduled from 12:15 to 2:45 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Fees total \$3.50 and the textbook sells for \$2.

Enrollment for the course which will be conducted by Mrs. Isabel Lennon, is open Jan. 24 through 27 at the Auditorium Building, corner of Diamond and Pacific Coast Hwy. from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.



NEW STAKE CENTER . . . Open house activities will mark the formal opening of the new Palos Verdes-Redondo Ward chapel and Torrance Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Jan. 21. The \$575,000 church center is located at 4110 W. 226th St., near Sepulveda and Hawthorne boulevards. Top event on the opening is the scheduled showing of the World's Fair "Mormon Pavilion" show Friday and Saturday. The new building contains 27,000 square feet and 29 classrooms.

New Mormon Stake Center Open Here

Open house activities marking the formal public opening of a new Palos Verdes-Redondo Ward chapel and Torrance Stake Center for the Church of Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held Friday and Saturday.

The new church facility is located at 4110 W. 226th St., near Sepulveda and Hawthorne boulevards.

Guided tours and special displays and the Priesthood and Auxiliary groups will highlight the open house. A movie from the Mormon Pavilion at the New York World's Fair will be shown during the programs.

The open house is scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday

and from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday.

The new facility contains 2,000 square feet and was built at a cost of \$574,433. Located on a 3.8-acre parcel, the center will be used as a chapel by both the Palos Verdes and Redondo Beach Wards of the church, and as a center for stake conferences and activities. It has a capacity of 2,500.

Twenty-nine classrooms are included in the building and a full-sized basketball court will double as a banquet kitchen. More than 1,200 persons can be served from the adjoining room and dance floor. Formal dedication ceremonies will be held at the conclusion of the open house. The public has been invited to attend the special events and examine the new facility.

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Coin Club Will Seat New Slate

New officers of the Torrance Coin Club will be installed Tuesday during a meeting of the club at the Torrance Recreation Center. The session is scheduled for 8 p.m.

George Finell will be installed as president. He served as first vice president last year and previously was the group's second vice president. Finell, a 15-year resident of Torrance, is a chemical engineer employed by the Shell Chemical Co., Inc.

Other officers include Eileen Lawson, first vice president; Lloyd Hill, second vice president; Bill Haggarty, treasurer; Enis Barberis, recording secretary; Myron Calfin, corresponding secretary; and Ben Hooghkirk, sergeant-at-arms. The board of governors members are Mrs. Clara Dykes, Foster Hall, Mrs. Ann Hall, Frank Martin, Floyd Maddox, and Martin Shapiro.

Walt Snyder, newly elected president of the Numismatic Association of Southern California and president of the Hub Coin Club, will serve as installing officer.



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