

# Western Avenue Proves Golf Courses Will Pay

By KENNETH HAHN, Supervisor, 2nd District

A total of 1,159,061 rounds of golf were played on the county's 15 courses in 1967, a new record high—and County Supervisors couldn't be happier!

Golf courses are one of the few facilities government can provide at no cost to the taxpayers. They pay for themselves.

The most popular county course—and one of the most heavily played in the nation—continues to be Western Avenue at 120th Street and Western, where 109,196 golfers toured the 18 holes last year.

IT WAS in the heart of my district, Western Avenue Golf Course for county operation.

OUR HOPE that revenue would pay back the Retirement Board for its investment was fulfilled dramatically.

Eight years later, in 1962, the course had realized enough revenue to completely repay its debt.

Since then, it has made a profit of nearly \$700,000.

Because of Western Avenue's success, the County Retirement Board acquired or built six other popular courses to meet the recreational needs of the citizens of this county. One of the newest is Victoria at 190th Street and Avalon.

At that time, the private owners of the course planned to subdivide it. But community leaders, led by the Southside Chamber of Commerce and Southside Kiwanis Club under Si Siler, came to me and asked if something could be done to save the popular facility.

We obtained special legislation to allow the County Retirement Board—which acts as a bank account for that portion of employees' salaries set aside for their retirement—to acquire Western

## Hahn Deputy Becomes a Grandfather

A 7-pound baby girl, Cheryl Louise Taylor, born at 12:30 a.m. Jan. 4 at Daniel Freeman Hospital, has made Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Marlow of Lauder Heights grandparents for the first time.

Cheryl Louise is the daughter of Ensign and Mrs. Charles Taylor.

Marlow is chief deputy to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn and a former Inglewood City Councilman.

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