

## Freeway Warning System Sought



**GETS PRIZE . . .** Tom Laski (right) of 23134 Meyer Ave. receives 12 gauge shotgun he was awarded in San Pedro Izaak Walton League contest. Presenting the gun is Bob Sitchler of San Pedro, secretary of the Walton group.

## Public Relations Manager Named for Museum of Sea

Robert Wilcox, former assistant director of public affairs for the California State Colleges, has been appointed head of the public relations program of the planned Museum of the Sea Aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach Harbor.

The appointment of the newly created post of public relations manager, effective immediately, was announced by Les H. Cohen, museum director.

Cohen said Wilcox's initial assignment will be to develop a wide-ranging public relations program for the museum, which will open next year. He also will handle special administrative assignments in the overall development of the museum and tour program.

Wilcox, 47, joins the executive staff at the museum after two years with the college system. During the previous five years, he was education editor of the Long Beach Independent, Press-Telegram where he won the Communications Award for the California Teachers Association, Southern Section.

A warning system to alert freeway motorists of trouble ahead is being sought by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn to prevent traffic jams of the kind which recently blocked the San Bernardino Freeway for several hours.

He also suggested closed circuit television monitoring of the freeway system to determine where traffic tie-ups were occurring.

"Time is valuable and modern methods must be developed to prevent citizens from being stalled for long periods because of a single freeway accident or flat tire," the Supervisor emphasized.

IT WAS Hahn who pioneered emergency telephones and median fences for the freeways.

Although both the phones and fences have proven their life-saving capabilities, neither became a reality easily. Hahn spent more than five years "suggesting, urging and demanding" the installation of fences. His campaign for the installation of telephones with a direct hookup to police headquarters has spanned 13 years.

"I don't know of an agency in government which is more resistant to change than the State Highway Commission," Hahn says.

BOTH FENCES and phones proved their effectiveness in pilot projects on the Harbor Freeway, which runs through the heart of Hahn's Second District.

Now, in what may be the start of a new campaign for motorist safety and convenience, Hahn has suggested that a warning system, using lights, be installed over

bridges spanning the freeways.

When an accident occurs, this system could be activated so on-coming drivers would know of trouble ahead and take an alternate route.

He said closed circuit television system could scan traffic on the freeway alerting police immediately to potential trouble or accidents.

## Employment Insurance Meet Set

Employers in the Torrance area have been invited to participate with employers from the Inglewood International Airport area in a workshop on unemployment insurance to be held in Torrance the afternoon of March 29.

Murray Love, manager of the Torrance Unemployment Insurance Office, said Ed Pope, manager of the Inglewood Unemployment Insurance Office, will co-operate in presenting the joint meeting.

A similar meeting was sponsored in 1967 with the co-operation of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce. Many of the employers who participated asked for a repeat performance.

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