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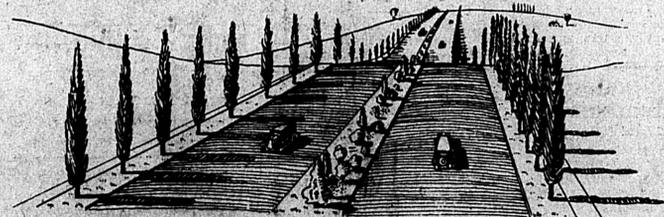
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PARKWAY COSTS MAY BE CUT IN HALF

Citizens' Committee Rejects 225 Ft. Parkway, But Plans Narrower Road, Half Cost

Both the Citizens' Committee and the directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce went on record Monday afternoon as being opposed to the 225-foot Hollywood-Palos Verdes Parkway project and submitted as an alternative, a 125-foot parkway over practically the same route, except that the narrower parkway utilizes the pavements already laid on existing streets and cuts the cost to more than half that of the 225-foot project.



Sketch of plants suggested by Citizens' Committee for the 125-foot Hollywood-Torrance-Palos Verdes Parkway. Two 40-foot roadways are separated by a 15-foot parking to eliminate headlight glare. Taller trees, shrubs, and flower beds will be planted in the two side parkways between the curbs and the sidewalks.

In rejecting the original plan for the 225-foot parkway, the Citizens' Committee gave as its reason the excessive cost. The County estimate for the initial 60-foot central roadway paving, grading of the 225-foot right-of-way, acquisition of territory not donated, and the purchase and planting of trees and shrubs, less \$278,773 of county aid, was \$2,772,650. However, it was pointed out by members of the Citizens' Committee, that this figure did not include the cost of two extra side roadways and curbs to be constructed later and which were needed to complete the parkway plan. These two side roads it is estimated would add \$924,730 to the cost and bring the total cost of the 225-foot parkway to \$3,697,380.

The total cost of the completed 125-foot parkway will not exceed \$1,463,500, which is less than half that of the wider parkway. This figure will be materially lessened, it was pointed out by the committee, if interests who have donated rights-of-way for the wider project agree to donate the narrower right-of-way for the 125-foot parkway.

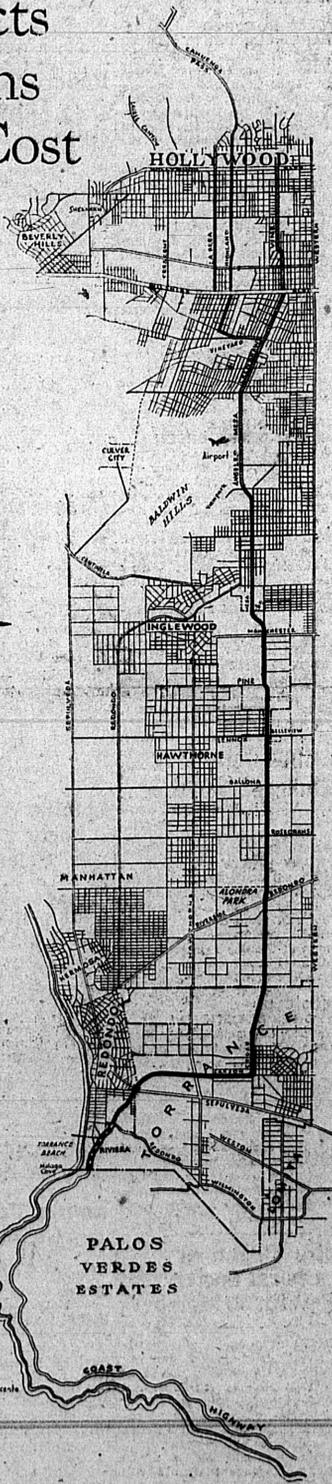
Asked as to the probable cost to individual lot owners in Torrance under the 125-foot parkway, City Engineer Frank Leonard stated if Torrance is allowed to spread the assessment on an equitable basis, the average assessment on residence lot in Torrance would be from \$10 to \$12, plus interest, spread over a 30-year period. County engineers estimated that the average cost to Torrance property owners under the 225-foot project would be \$30 per lot, plus interest.

Excessive Costs
Items in the 225-foot project con-

sidered excessive by the committee, were a charge of \$640 per 100 feet for trees and shrubs, and a 15 per cent engineering cost. Under the plan for the 225-foot parkway proposed by the Palos Verdes and O'Melveny interests, it was planned to make the assessments in the Alondra Park area approximately \$32 per acre and in Torrance, \$129 per acre. Mr. Leonard stated that in his opinion such an uneven spread of an assessment would be protested, as obviously the parkway would be as beneficial to the property owners north of 190th street as to those south of this point and the assessment would have to be made equitable to both districts.

Advantages of the 125-foot parkway brought out by the Citizens' Committee report include: Utilization of existing roads and paving on Cedar and Carson streets; retention of beautiful gum trees in the O. T. Johnson estate and the cedar, palm trees on Cedar and Carson streets in Torrance; a completed parkway secured instead of a central roadway with side roads to be added later as under the 225-foot project; a project that will not meet opposition from districts north of Torrance, thereby making possible the completion of the entire parkway, as obviously a parkway that ends at 190th street would be of little benefit to Torrance; and the saving in cost of over half the estimate of the wider parkway.

COMPLETE REPORT
The complete report of the Citizens' Committee with plans and maps of the 125-foot parkway is given on the first page of the next section of this edition.



Route of proposed 125 ft. parkway from Palos Verdes to Hollywood. At 79th street, the parkway will connect with the wide paving on Angelus Mesa, and thence on Cranshaw avenue and Vine street to Hollywood boulevard.

"BOB" SHULER MASS MEETING HERE SUNDAY

Rippy, Shidler, and Young on Program at the Methodist Church Sunday Evening

A "Bob" Shuler mass meeting will be held at the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Torrance Sunday evening at 7:30. It was announced today by Rev. R. A. Young, pastor. Interesting sidelights on the Shuler case will be discussed by a group of local speakers. Among those already committed to speak and their topics are: Judge C. T. Rippy, who has taken for his subject, "What Constitutes Contempt of Court?" Dr. Geo. P. Shidler, whose topic is "How to Preserve Free Speech," and Rev. R. A. Young, who will talk on "Keeping the Law."

Rev. Young was in the radio studio Tuesday when Mrs. Shuler broadcast in behalf of her husband. Mrs. Shuler mentioned in her broadcast that Rev. Shuler had contributed \$5000 recently out of his personal funds toward improvements on the radio station and suggested that the public reimburse her husband. Rev. Young followed Mrs. Shuler on the air with a further appeal for funds.

"At the time I left the station Tuesday night over \$10,000 had been subscribed to the fund," says Rev. Young.

District Attorney Buron Fitts and candidate for nomination for State Governor is reported to have contributed \$50 to the fund.

Men's Bible Class Plans Special Event For Mothers' Day

Mothers' Day will be observed by the Men's Community Bible class with a special program presented for the men and their wives, mothers, and sweethearts.

W. D. Lewis, Welch baritone, will sing; Mrs. Thelma Warren will render solos; and there will be numbers by the Welch quartette which were sung before Torrance religious groups upon various occasions.

Rev. G. G. Elder will present the lesson. Carnations, red and white, will be passed out at the door. Between 65 and 70 men have been attending this class, which is open to every unaffiliated man in Torrance, and meets every Sunday morning at 9:30 in the Torrance Theatre.

Census Extra

At 2 p. m. today, the official census figures for Torrance and Lomita had not yet been compiled, according to Field Supervisor Thomas Jennings at Inglewood.

Mr. Jennings has promised to notify the Torrance Herald and Lomita News as soon as the totals are ready and the figures will be announced by this newspaper on its regular bulletin boards. It is practically certain that the figures will be ready Friday.

LATE CENSUS FIGURES

Figures for neighboring towns and communities released by Thomas Jennings, field assistant to the supervisor at Inglewood, are as follows:

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| Inglewood | 19,605 | Hermosa | 4,733 |
| Redondo | 9,328 | Manhattan | 1,831 |
| Hawthorne | 6,574 | El Segundo | 3,496 |
| Lawndale | 2,365 | Compton | 12,291 |

No provision is made by the United States Census Bureau for compiling figures in unincorporated communities, so the totals given for Lomita and Lawndale include the territory commonly accepted as belonging to these towns.

YOUTH JAILED FOR RECKLESS DRIVING SUN.

Jimmy LaBarr, Victim of Roller Coaster Fall, Booked Following Crash on Arlington Avenue

Jimmy LaBarr, who last year fell from the roller coaster in an amusement park, was arrested Sunday night on the charges of drunk and reckless driving following a crash on Arlington avenue.

It is asserted that he was driving down Arlington about 7 o'clock Sunday evening and crashed into a car parked at the curb in front of 1821 Arlington. The car, belonging to W. H. Day of that address, was considerably damaged. LaBarr was driving a car assertedly belonging to Mr. Adamson of Torrance. When tried, he was fined \$250 or 250 days in the county jail, plus 90 days in the county jail on the reckless driving charge.

Thirty days of this sentence is to be suspended providing he pays Mr. Day for the damage done to his car within the next thirty days. LaBarr plead not guilty to the drunk charge, and the case will probably come up before Judge Rippy tomorrow afternoon.

Club Signs Come Off City Park

Club and lodge signs are to be removed from the "Christmas Tree Square" in front of the Torrance Theatre and removed to some other suitable and central spot in Torrance, according to action taken Tuesday evening by the City Council. The action was recommended by a petition from the Loyal Order of Moose who sought permission to erect another sign in the park. Council members thought it advisable to remove all signs in the small downtown park rather than to put additional ones on it. Permission will be given the Moose Lodge to erect its sign along with the other lodges and service clubs in a new location, as yet not selected.

Bids Asked For New Police Car

Chief Calder and his staff will soon be riding about in a new high-powered police car when arrangements made this week by the City Council are completed. The City Clerk was instructed to advertise for bids on a new car suitable for police purposes, of not less than six-cylinders and not over \$2000. The present Studebaker phaeton used by the police department is to be taken as part payment.

MOTHERS' DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 11

MY MOTHER

We read about the mothers of the days of long ago,
With their gentle, wrinkled faces and their hair as white as snow;
They were "middle-aged" at forty, and at fifty donned lace caps,
And at sixty clung to shoulder shawls and loved their little naps.

But I love the modern mother who can share in all the joys,
And who understands the problems of her growing girls and boys;
She may boast that she is sixty, but her heart is twenty-three—
My glorious, bright-eyed mother who is keeping young with me.

BREAK GROUND ON ELABORATE RETAIL BLDG.

Modernistic Structure to Rise on Large Corner El Prado and Sartori Avenue

J. J. NEWBERRY COMPANY
Bank of Italy Architects Let Contract for Building to Be Completed July 1

Hailed as one of the most important new retail business structures to rise in Torrance in the past five years, ground was broken this morning on the new \$50,000 store building at the large vacant corner of Sartori avenue and El Prado.

The property was bought about six months ago by National Commercial Properties, Ltd., who are erecting the building. Monroe L. Moss is president of the company. The total investment of ground and building is reported to be \$108,500.

The new structure will occupy the entire vacant corner with 90 feet on Sartori and 150 feet on El Prado. It will be of modernistic design with ornate grill work and art stone, and according to Walter E. Erkes, of the firm of Krepel & Erkes, architects and engineers, will be unlike any other building now in Torrance. The architects, Krepel & Erkes also designed the beautiful main office building of the Bank of Italy at 7th and Olive streets, Los Angeles, the remodeling of the Spreckels buildings in San Diego for the Bank of Italy, the bank building at Santa Monica, Culver City, and practically all other Bank of Italy structures erected during the past few years. Harry Wright has been awarded the general contract and has instructions to employ local labor and patronize local industries as far as possible, according to Mr. Erkes, who awarded the contract.

Four Stores
Plans call for four store locations in the building, all fronting on Sartori. An L shape store with 40-foot frontage on both Sartori and El Prado has been leased to the J. J. Newberry Company, national chain department stores. There will be a corner store 40 ft. x 90 ft., and two smaller stores fronting on Sartori, 15 ft. x 90 ft. each.

The J. J. Newberry Company store will contain 14,000 square feet of floor space and will be one of the largest retail stores in Torrance. The Newberry Company reported to be anxious to open their Torrance store as soon as possible and by arrangements, with the owners of the building they will be permitted to move stock at once into the building. Work is entirely completed. July 1, 1930, has been set as the date for the completion of the entire structure.

Represent Torrance at McClellan

Mayor John Dennis and E. F. Hyde, secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce attended funeral of the late Supervisor E. F. McClellan in Sawtelle Tuesday afternoon.

BILL THE BARBER SAYS
A FOOL MOTORIST IS ONE WHO THINKS A LOCOMOTIVE IS WHISTLING TO KEEP UP ITS COURAGE

Fitts To Speak Here, May 25th

District Attorney Buron Fitts has accepted an invitation to speak at the Memorial Day services at the First Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday, May 25, at 11 a. m., according to Rev. R. A. Young. An invitation will be issued the next S. Crossland Post, American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary to attend the services in a body. This will be the gubernatorial candidate's second visit to Torrance recently, as he spoke at the recent meeting of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce meeting here.

Another Crash at Normandie and Carson St.

Cars driven by Mrs. J. F. Mullins, 2225 W. 257th street, Harbor City, and Thomas H. Hyde of 1432 Carson street, collided at the intersection of Normandie and Carson at 6:15 Monday morning. None of the occupants of the two cars were injured but both cars were considerably damaged. According to police, the intersection of Normandie and Carson will probably be another "crash corner" and motorists are warned to drive slowly.

Lancasters and Levys Off to Rotary Confab Nelson Goes By Train

President-elect and Mrs. Sam Levy and President and Mrs. J. S. Lancaster of the Torrance Rotary Club, left Torrance yesterday by motor to attend the district convention of Rotary International at Oakland Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. They plan to return via Yosemite National Park. Ed. C. Nelson, secretary of the club, left Wednesday evening by train to attend the convention. About 3000 guests are expected in Oakland for the convention and an elaborate entertainment program has been arranged.

CORRECTION: The total cost of \$1,463,500 for the 125-foot parkway covers the cost of the ENTIRE PARKWAY from 79th street to the Hollywood-Riviera, instead of just the section in Torrance as erroneously stated in the footnote at the bottom of the detailed map printed on the first page of the next section.