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PROJECT PLANNERS . . . Mayor J. Hugh Sherfy Jr. and Supervisor Raymond V. Darby huddle over plans of the projected Harbor Freeway. Darby spoke Thursday night at a dinner meeting of a division of the California League of Municipalities.

Harbor Freeway Proceeding On Schedule, Darby Reveals

Steps prior to construction of the high-speed Harbor Freeway are being completed on schedule, Supervisor Raymond V. Darby told a gathering of Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities Thursday night at Civic Auditorium.

Forty-eight Torrance representatives were on hand for the session, and were encouraged by the prospect of another north-south traffic link.

The project, being undertaken by the state, has reached the stage where bridges over thickly populated areas in downtown Los Angeles are almost ready for construction. Right of way along the projected route, which will roughly parallel Figueroa street, is being acquired, he stated.

Holes in the Palms Verdes area hold a possible solution to the county's rubbish disposal problem, Darby suggested. Trash could be dumped in depressions in the area for the next 50 years, the supervisor averred.

Nominees for offices in the league were offered at the dinner meeting by a nominating committee. Recommended for various posts for the ensuing year were Mayor Dixon of Inglewood, president; Mayor M. E. Beckley of South Gate, first vice president; Councilman James Rush of Gardena, second vice president; Mayor R. C. Miller of El Monte, treasurer; Councilman Clarence E. Wagner of Long Beach, state representative.

Mayor Reuel Brown of Monrovia presided. The group was welcomed by Mayor J. Hugh Sherfy who introduced members of the local official family. Entertainment was provided by the Torrance Area Youth Band's senior group. The master of ceremonies was Jack O. Baldwin.

Rubber Plant Shutdown Order Stands

Employees' hopes for continued operation of the Goodyear Synthetic Rubber plant on Normandie avenue have been dimmed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation's announcement that it will stick by its guns and close the plant late in September or early in October.

Leading the fight to save the plant for Torrance have been the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local No. 235, to which many of the employees belong, and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. They have made repeated requests that R.F.C. rescind its July order to shut down the \$17,000,000 plant.

The long-rumored shutdown was first disclosed by this newspaper early in June. Decline in the demand and consumption of synthetic rubber since the end of the war was given as reason for the shutdown. The local plant employs about 225 people with a yearly payroll of approximately \$650,000.

LOUISIANA VISITORS Mrs. Gale Carter (Evelyn Homolka) and children formerly of Torrance and now living in Mer Rouge, La., were recent visitors at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Homolka, 710 Border avenue. They also visited her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Allen, 2004 Kathy Way.

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