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Vehicle Registrations at New High During First Week of '56

Motor vehicle registrations throughout the state were issued in larger volume during the first week of 1956 than in the same period in any other recent year.

Paul Mason, State Director of Motor Vehicles, said: "The new 1956 license plates have attracted people to the offices of the Department of Motor Vehicles earlier than in the years when small tabs only are issued to renew the plates. The 1956 totals were ahead of 1955 totals by as much as 80 per cent at comparable dates at some points. The overall increase in the first week is approximately 250,000 registrations."

But the director warned that a slowing of the rate of applications is likely to occur in the second and third weeks of January. He urged motorists to secure their plates and certificates as early as possible, to avoid the traditional rush and crowding of the final week, Jan. 30 through Feb. 4.

"We ask motorists to use the prepared registration statements issued by the Department late in December when paying their fees," Mason stated. "The cards should be presented complete, without detaching the stub. The blank lines at the right of the card should be filled in with name and address, printed in ink or typed."

Service is available from DMV offices, 100 temporary bank stations which are serving private passenger car owners only, and from traveling crews. Applications may also be mailed, and will be free of the penalty provided in law if they are postmarked before midnight, Feb. 4, 1956.

New Smog Data Available Through Research Program

New facts about Los Angeles smog and the weather conditions that make it were turned over to the Air Pollution Control District this week by two research firms hired by the District last year, Air Pollution Control Officer Smith Griswold revealed today.

The studies, which are presently being checked and correlated by the District's Evaluation and Planning Staff, were undertaken to learn more about how the Los Angeles Basin's famous temperature inversion acts as a "lid" to hold down pollution, and to indicate progress of current control techniques.

Evaluation of the reports will take several months, Griswold said. The first project, a \$75,000 study involving measurement of the temperature, relative humidity and pressure of the Basin's lower atmosphere, was conducted over a three-month period by

North American Weather Consultants.

Samples Taken
Using three widely-separated points in the Basin, the project unfolded for the first time many new facts about the inversion layer, formerly studied only at one station in Long Beach—a long distance from the heavy smog centers. It is hoped by District technicians that the data will provide useful tools for the current smog forecasting system of "Smog Red" and "Smog Green" conditions.

Truesdell Laboratories of Los Angeles completed a \$57,000 contract for the second project; a continuing sampling of air at six locations for hydrocarbons—the basic smogmakers—and aldehydes, a product of smog formation.

Vapors Play Role
Hydrocarbons, or more simply, gasoline vapors, play one of the biggest roles in production of smog, scientists learned

in 1950, and control of the vapors has constituted one of the major campaigns of the District. The analysis is expected to show an increase in hydrocarbon concentrations in traffic areas due to the steadily increasing passenger car population of the county.

At present, an estimated 1050 tons of hydrocarbons are expelled daily from the exhausts of the county's 2,500,000 autos, trucks and buses. Previous District research has shown exhausts to be the main cause of heavy smog in downtown Los Angeles.

It is through the District's continuing program of air sampling that much knowledge of the smog problem has been gained. Griswold explained. Based on results of sampling, the District may devise new or stricter regulations, revise old ones and concentrate on new pollution sources, as it has done in searching for an efficient auto exhaust control.

"These projects typify the District's new concept of air pollution control," Griswold asserted, "by which we hope to abate the smog nuisance, and enlarged research to discover new and better ways of fighting it."

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BOYS'—Sizes 12, 14 and 16 FLANNEL PAJAMAS	\$2.49-\$2.89	\$1.89
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GOTTON DRESSES Sizes 1 to 3 and 4 to 6x	\$1.49	\$1.00
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Investment Firm Retains All Officers

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of Leads, Inc., local investment corporation, all officers were re-elected for another year and the firm of Alter Realty & Insurance was again retained to manage their affairs, according to an announcement of Gerald L. Alter, president of Alter Realty & Insurance and also vice president of Leads, Inc.

At the meeting it was noted that the capitalization was quadrupled within the past year and the directors were further authorized to take steps to more than double the present capital in the near future.

The corporation, organized in 1948 with only \$5135 in paid in capital, now has in excess of \$40,000 worth of property and securities, mostly in this area. Most of this increase has occurred under the management of Alter Realty & Insurance, Realtors, Insurers and property management specialists, who also manage the Alter Building Co., Torrance Building Maintenance Co., and the Torrance Mortgage Co.

Young Adult Club to See Two Movies

The monthly meeting of the Young Adult Fellowship will be held on Sunday, Jan. 15, at the First Christian Church.

The program to begin at 7:30 will feature two very fine movies "Let George Do It," with Danny Thomas and Dennis Day and "Government Is Your Business." Both are circulated by the Christophers.

After the program there will be a discussion, then refreshments will be served. A nursery is provided for the children.

Literature Awards Open

The 1956 James D. Phelan Awards competition was announced yesterday by the trustees of the awards. Noel Sullivan of Carmel, speaking for the trustees, called attention to the three awards of \$500, \$400 and \$300 offered to writers of drama.

These awards are made available annually under the terms of a bequest of the late Senator James D. Phelan to bring about a further development of native talent in California in the fields of literature and art.

Applicants for the awards, both men and women, must be native born citizens of California, and must be between the ages of 20 and 40. Applications must be made on forms especially provided for the purpose, and may be obtained from the office of the James D. Phelan Awards in Literature and Art, 813 Grant Bldg., San Francisco 3, Calif.

Those competing must submit a play, a specimen act or two from a play upon the writing of which they are engaged, or several one-act plays. A committee of experts will be appointed by the trustees to recommend to them the successful candidates. The competition closes March 15, 1956.

The Wicks to Meet Tomorrow Evening

"The Wicks," youth group of the First Christian Church, will meet at the church tomorrow evening at 5:30. It was announced here yesterday by Judy Vandorpool, who will be hostess for the meeting.

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