

Prairie Ave. Improvement Boggging Down

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Hopes of gaining enough easements to widen and improve Prairie Ave. between 174th St. and 182nd St. continued dim this week as City

Engineer Ronald Bishop reported to the Council that only 15 of the needed 26 easements had been secured. Residents of the area who

are seeking to widen the street and install curbs, gutters, and sidewalks along the thoroughfare were asked to add their efforts to those of the right-of-way agent, council members, and other city officials who have been seeking to obtain the necessary easements for the work.

"Without the easements, the city would have to condemn the property," City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer advised the council. He emphasized that the costs of the land condemned could not be charged to the assessment district, but that the city would be expected to pay for the various parcels condemned.

Further reports to the council on the matter are due next week.

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California Bank Names Director

Frank L. King, president of California Bank, has announced the election of Edward William Carter to the board of directors of California Bank.

Carter, president of Broadway-Hale Stores, Inc., is a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles, and the Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration.

He was named president of Broadway-Hale in 1947. He also serves as a director of Northrop Aircraft, Inc., and Emporium-Capwell Company, San Francisco; president of the Southern California Association and is a member of the Board of Regents, University of California.

New South Bay Thrifty Drug's Sale Continues

Thrifty Drug Stores' fabulous Grand Opening Sale and Celebration continues this week at their new South Bay Center Thrifty Drug Store, according to an announcement by store manager Jack Mertz.

Festivities this week include the appearance of the Luer Space Ship on Thursday, Engineer Bill on Saturday, and the major prize drawing for Thrifty's grand prizes on Saturday at 8 p.m.

Bobbi O'Connell, a contestant in the Redondo Beach Neptune Days Queen contest, will award a deluxe O'Keefe and Merritt Starline gas range and a Riviera Convertible Sofa-Bed to lucky Thrifty customers at the Saturday night drawing.

Grand Opening Sale specials which will be available through Sunday include regular 49 cents rubber gloves for only 29 cents, large 25 cent boxes of 300 Ponds tissues, two boxes for 35 cents, and 6 cent personal size Ivory soap, four bars for 15 cents.

Other "super" specials include \$1.29 18" by 25" chicken bed pillows for 77 cents, men's ties valued to \$2.50 for 69 cents and 30" by 81" rayon marquisette curtain panels, two for 99 cents.

"These specials are only a few of the outstanding buys available at the new South Bay Center Thrifty Drug Store," Mertz said. "We invite every resident of the area to visit the new store this week to enter the free contest for the valuable grand prizes, and take advantage of these Grand Opening Sale bargains."

Company Raises Insurance Rate For City Buses

Insurance rates for the city's bus lines will be up about 30 per cent this year because of the loss ration sustained by the operations during the past year, the council learned this week.

Markel, Inc., insurers of the lines, reported the rate increase this week, saying that the company suffered 100 per cent loss on the policy during the last insurance period, necessitating the raise.

City Manager George Stevens recommended that the council accept the company's rates, saying that it actually represented only a 10 per cent raise over the first rates of 1946. The company had made voluntary reductions as the city's insurable loss was reduced, he said.

In other matters, the Council agreed to permit delay of the airport runway lighting system to go ahead with a flush-lighting agreed to earlier. The contractor on the job informed the city this week that he had found that there would be 90 to 120 days delay in getting delivery on the lights.

Opened bids on street repair and material and petroleum supplies for the coming year.

Referred a report on sidewalks adjacent to commercial developments to next week's meeting.

Approved tentative tract map for 15 lots between Newton St. and Dalemead west of Weston Road submitted by Chris Sorenson.

George W. Oehlman at Nurserymen's Meeting

George W. Oehlman, landscape advisor of the Ladera Garden Shop, 24234 Crenshaw Blvd., has returned from a two-day Nurserymen's Refresher course at California State Polytechnic College, San Luis Obispo.

At the meeting, latest developments in nursery and allied fields were discussed and a tour of Cal Poly's ornamental horticulture facilities was made.

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