

Sanctuary for Flying Fish Near Catalina Created by Legislature

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Until 1959, I did not know that anyone was permitted to catch flying fish and use them for bait in catching other fish. They are so beautiful as they fly through the air, darting out of the ocean and then entering it again after a flight, that I always regarded them as simply one of the scenic features of our Pacific Coast, especially around Catalina Island, although I had seen flying fish in many parts of the world when I was in the Navy.

However, early in the 1959 General Session of the Legislature, the people of Santa Catalina Island, especially the residents of the City of Avalon, asked me to introduce my Assembly Bill No. 721, relating to flying fish.

THE IDEA of the bill, which was signed by the Governor and is now a law, is to prevent catching flying fish for bait in and around Avalon and to move the area where they can be caught to the northern portion of Santa Catalina Island, thereby accomplishing two things:

- (1) Providing a sanctuary for flying fish around the City of Avalon so that people can enjoy looking at them; and
- (2) Giving the flying fish an opportunity to reproduce in the Avalon area, which had been "overfished," and which were in danger of extinction in that area.

IN OTHER words, the bill was a conservation measure which benefitted both sightseers and that small number of fishermen who make their living catching these fish for bait. For the benefit of both fishermen and nature lovers, the exact wording of the law is as follows:

"The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

"Section 1. Section 8695 of the Fish and Game Code is amended to read:

"8695. In District 20, gill nets may be used subject to the following restrictions:

"(a) They may be used only in state waters in District 20 on the northern side of Santa Catalina Island between Long

Point and the extreme westerly end of the island.

"(b) They may be used only to take flying fish for bait. Such fish may not be transported out of the State.

"(c) They shall not exceed 50 fathoms in length and two fathoms four feet in depth. The length of the meshes shall be between 1 1/2 and 2 1/2 inches."

EARLY IN 1959, several hundred people wrote to me that when they mailed to the Department of Motor Vehicles their checks for license fees, they sometimes did not get the license promptly because the Department was required by law to accept only payment in the exact amount required.

Several hundred other people, including many law-enforcement officers, wrote to me that some people are clever enough to alter the markings on a license plate, usually for criminal purposes. Therefore, I introduced my Assembly Bill No. 1730, which became a law, and reads as follows:

"The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

"Section 1. Section 4156 of the Vehicle Code as enacted by the Legislature at its 1959 Regular Session is amended to read:

"4156. Other provisions of this code notwithstanding, the department in its discretion may issue a temporary permit to operate a vehicle when a

payment of fees has been accepted in an amount to be determined by, and paid to the department, by the owner or other person in lawful possession of such vehicle. The permit shall be subject to such terms and conditions and shall be valid for such period of time as the department shall deem appropriate under the circumstances.

"Section 2. Section 4464 is added to said code, to read:

"4464. No person shall display upon a vehicle a license plate altered from its original markings."

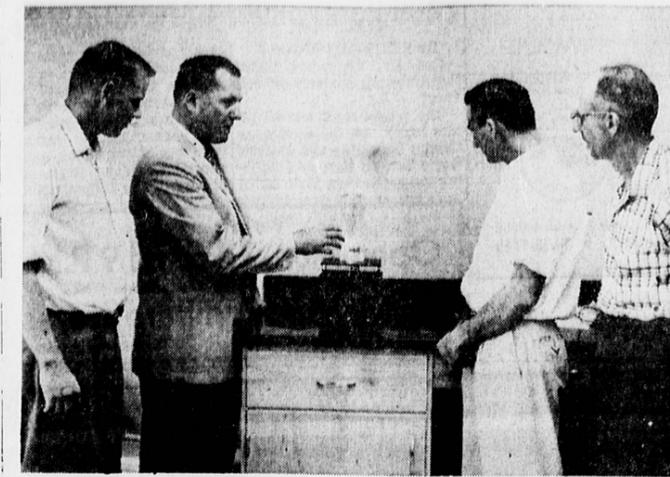
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Baseball Awards To Be Given by Rec Department

Youngsters who participated in youth baseball leagues at Torrance Park will receive awards at a banquet planned Saturday, according to the Torrance Recreation Department.

Also slated during the 6:30 p.m. event at the park bandshell are a concert by the Torrance Area Youth Band, and movies.

The preceding evening, youngsters from the park teams will watch the Los Angeles Dodgers in action.



SCIENCE INSTITUTE . . . John F. Knapp, Jr., (second from right), is one of 52 high school teachers completing the National Science Foundation sponsored Summer Institute for High School Teachers of Physics on the Highlands University, New Mexico, campus. Others pictured are Charles A. Reed, Hemet, Calif., Dr. Ernest A. Jones, co-director of the institute from Vanderbilt University, and Murray E. Hannah, Richmond, Calif.

Torrance Holds High Ranking in County Building

Figures just released by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce through cooperation with Security-First National Bank indicate the "All-America" city is now in third position among Los Angeles County cities in building permit valuations for the first six months of 1959.

Chamber President J. H. Paget said Torrance issued \$2,796,990 of building permits during July to bring its half



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Realtor Takes Table to Office, Gets a Surprise

All Gerald L. "Jerry" Alter was going to do was take a little table up to his branch office at 2305 Torrance Blvd. last Monday evening.

And, his wife, Margaret, hadn't seen the place recently so she went along.

So did the Alters' son, John.

But it was Jerry who was in for the surprise—the whole Alter organization, somewhere around 35 people, had sneaked in there before him and were on hand to yell "Happy Birthday" when the boss came struggling in with the table.

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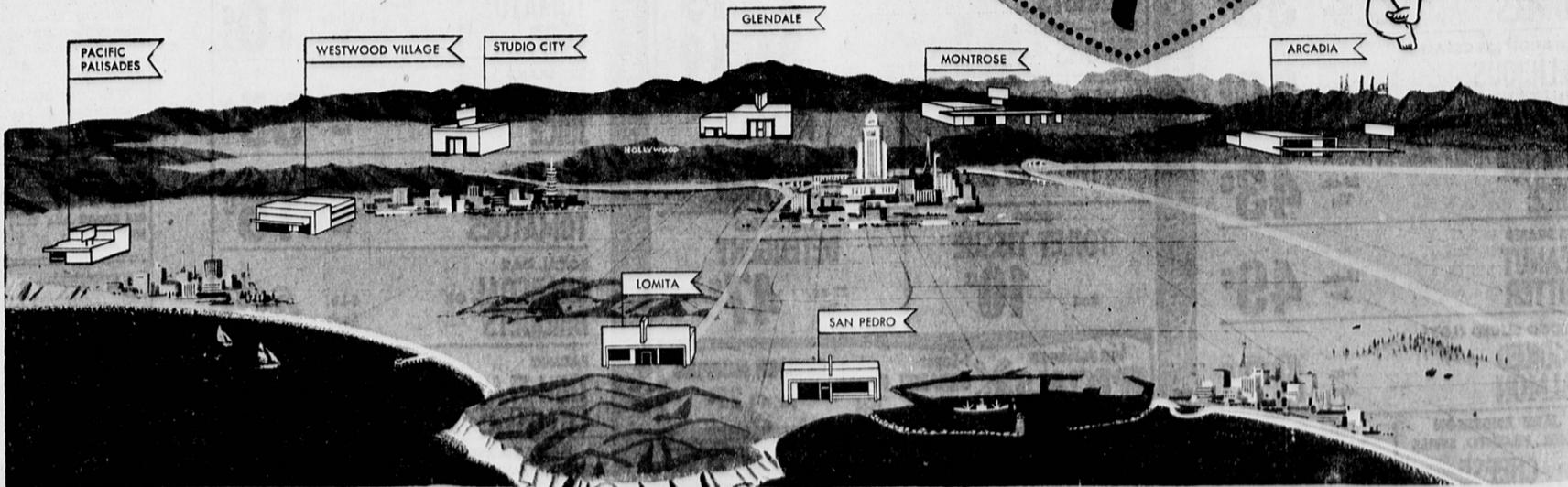


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