

Realignment of State Senate Gets Boost With Naming of Study Group

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 Possibility that our State Senate may eventually be re-districted advanced a considerable step when a measure to establish a study commission on the problem received gubernatorial approval. The nine-member group would include two Senators, two Assemblymen, and five representatives of the public approved by the Governor.

It will be the duty of this commission "to ascertain, study and analyze all facts relating to representation in the State Senate." The group is required to submit its recommendations in time for action by the 1962 budget session.

ENACTMENT of this bill into law renews persistent efforts to realign Senate districts on a basis at least partially connected with population. You will recall the latest attempt to make such a change. Proposition 15, which would have given Los Angeles County Senators, and which would have divided the 40 Senate districts equally between the area north of the Tehachapis, and that south, was put on the November, 1960 ballot by initiative. It lost by a margin of a million and a half votes.

The defeat of this measure did not end the problem, however. Many close to the legislative picture feel the situation is of such serious consequence that an equitable solution must soon be found. Correction by use of the initiative has demonstrated its difficulties three times during the past generation. That is the basic reason for the creation of study commission to make a thorough investigation of all relevant factors to serve as a foundation for legislative consideration.

UNDER OUR State Constitution as revised in 1879, membership of both the Senate and Assembly was apportioned to the various counties on the basis of population alone. Those with more residents were entitled to more members in each house. For years, there were no great disputes over redistricting. Counties tended to grow at about the same rate, so there were few urban-rural differences of opinion.

The 1911 session brought an

end to this friendliness. It took a special session on redistricting to end the struggle between the urban areas and the rural districts. The latter won the battle for Assembly seats after a prolonged stalemate.

THE CALIFORNIA Legislature continued the feud between city and country districts. As a result, no redistricting of Assembly seats was made in 1921, 1923 or 1925.

After the failure to act in 1925, two citizens' groups organized to put reapportionment initiatives on the ballot. An "All-Parties Committee" qualified a measure which would reapportion both houses of the Legislature on the basis of population alone. A state-wide farm organization qualified the so-called "federal plan" measure, under which the Senate would be districted by counties, the Assembly by population. Both appeared on the 1926 ballot. The federal plan won by a large margin. A referendum against it lost more heavily in 1928.

THE FEDERAL plan established the dominance of rural counties in the Senate, and of the metropolitan areas in the Assembly. This balance of powers has served the state well, and survived more than 30 years of changing parties, prosperity and depression.

The work of this new commission will be closely watched by all areas, rural and urban. Its task of recommending how to increase representation of heavily populated counties without destroying equitable representation for all geographic areas of the State is a huge one, indeed.

Most Parents Visit School Conferences

Nearly 98 per cent of elementary parents came to Torrance schools for conferences this spring, according to a report to the Board of Education. Of 20,486 parents invited to discuss their children's progress, 20,016 came. Parents are invited to school twice a year to talk over their children's work and plan for improvement.

Strohmenger to Manage Cabrillo Savings Office

Appointment of Fred Strohmenger as manager and vice-president of the new Cabrillo Savings and Loan Assn. has been announced by Pietro Di Carlo, president and chairman of the board of the Torrance institution.

A resident of Rolling Hills, Strohmenger is a former vice-president of Great Western Savings, and he was previously lending officer at the Bank of America.

Cabrillo Savings has received official acceptance of the association by the Federal Home Loan Bank, and the insurance of its savings accounts to \$10,000 by the Federal Sav-

ings & Loan Insurance Corp. Located in the Rolling Hills Plaza at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Crenshaw Blvd., Cabrillo Savings is already attracting savers at a steady pace, Strohmenger reports.

In addition to Di Carlo, other prominent South Bay men on the board of directors of Cabrillo Savings are Attorney James M. Hall, secretary; Fred W. Mill of National Supply, treasurer; Developer James S. Bower; Robert L. Curry; Chamber of Commerce official, L. O. Griffiths; and Darwin D. Parrish, Torrance business leader.



FRED STROHMENGER
 Manages New Loan Office

Council Picks Los Crusados Stacy Rodman

Stacy B. Rodman of Torrance was elected Grand Knight of the Los Crusados council, Knights of Columbus, last Monday evening succeeding Lyle J. O'Hara to the top office of the Torrance-Redondo Beach fraternal organization.

Joseph Platt, also of Torrance, was selected by the council membership to occupy the post of Deputy Grand Knight. The clean sweep of the four major council offices by Torrance residents was completed with the election of Larry Sargent to the office of chancellor, and the choice of William Fredericks for the

warden's chair. Mr. and Mrs. Rodman reside on Ingrum Way in Torrance with their three sons, Bryant, 9; Eric, 8; and Mark, 5. The new Grand Knight's wife is president of the Catholic Daughters of America court. He is the Controller of Universal Finance Co.

The other officers elected during Monday night's meeting of the Los Crusados council were Don Krauser, recording secretary; Paul Hogan, treasurer; John McVey, advocate; and Lyle J. O'Hara, trustee. Larry Kerby, Mike Prendergast and Bill Suchy were voted in as council guards.

Temple Beth El Picnic Planned

Temple Beth-El of San Pedro and the Harbor area are having a community picnic Sunday at noon in Peck Park.

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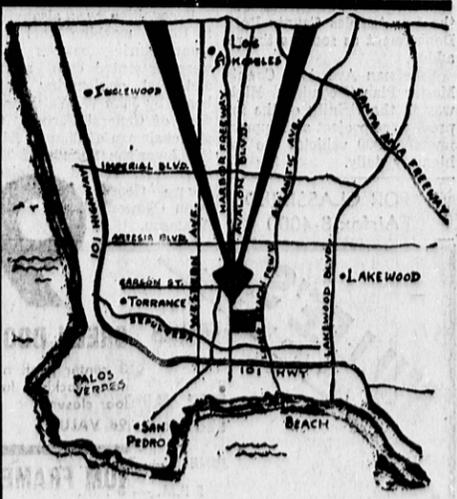
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