

PROGRESS REPORTED IN STRIP

Street improvement in the Los Angeles City "strip" section of the Torrance area, hit a new high during 1957, it was disclosed this week, when Councilman John S. Gibson made his annual report to his advisory committee.

Contracts were awarded during the year for 12 jobs, costing \$396,826. Three of these were public fund expenditures which totaled \$289,838, with the nine assessment act jobs costing \$106,988, which will be paid by property owners in the benefiting area, Gibson said.

FLOOD DRAIN

Construction of the county flood storm drain along 212th St. from Western to Normandie Ave. was listed as the most important project of the year. When lateral drains, which are under contract are completed, it should be an end to the "lake" which long has been a source of complaint.

Streets which have been improved under the 1957 contracts as listed by the councilman, include two blocks on Denker from 221st to 223rd; three blocks on Harvard Ave. from 222nd to 226th; two blocks on 208th St. from Denker to Western; one block on Plaza Del Amo from Harvard to Western; one block on Denker from 212th to 213th and five blocks on W. Normandie from Carson to 223rd St. The two projects last named have not been completed but are under construction and will be finished as weather permits.

ASSESSMENT JOBS

Five assessment jobs are in various stages of processing at present time, the Councilman said, adding "that we can reasonably expect four of these will be completed during 1958."

Councilman Gibson also announced the installation of more than 25 additional street lights during the past year, and said that others would be recommended when the need is disclosed.

The councilman also reported that an engineering survey for drainage facilities had been conducted in the 226th and Normandie area and recommendation had been made to include this project in a proposed county wide flood control program.

REELECT OFFICERS

All officers of the Advisory committee serving last year, were unanimously re-elected. Herman Eisenbeiss is chairman.

"One of the chief reasons so much work is being done in the "Strip" area, is the interest shown by residents," the Councilman said, in expressing his appreciation for attendance at the monthly meetings. He said the strip attendance was equal or better to any of the other five committees in the district.

Playhouse Group Opens 'Rainmaker'

A three weekend production of N. Richard Nash's romantic play, "The Rainmaker" will open Friday, Feb. 14, as the second production of the season for the San Pedro Theater Arts, it was announced today.

Performances are scheduled for 8:15 p. m. Feb. 14, 15, 16, Feb. 21, 22, 23, Feb. 28, March 1 and 2 at the group's playhouse, 502 South Cabrillo avenue, San Pedro.

Under the direction of Nancy Andrews of Lomita, the play, a hit as a motion picture and on Broadway, is the story of a rainmaker and his promise to bring rain to a drought stricken community in the West and of the girl whose father and two brothers are as worried as much about her becoming an old maid as they are about their dying cattle.

Laura Madigan will play the role of Lizze Curry, the plain girl resigned to her spinsterhood, while Dan Sanchez is the rainmaker who turns his magic on the girl and persuades her that she has a very real beauty of her own.

Starting with this pair are Dick Piper of Redondo Beach as Noah Curry, the brother who is determined to marry off his sister; Harvey Wichman of Long Beach as Jim Curry, who backs his brother's plans; and Walter Buck as H. C. Curry, the father who sympathizes with Lizzie's feelings.

Adding confusion to the plot are Andy Rosenthal of San Pedro as Sheriff Thomas, who is determined that his deputy File, played by Keith Godwin of Torrance, becomes Lizzie's husband.

Swimming Pool Offered as One of Prizes in Ralphs 85th Birthday

Ever dream of owning your own swimming pool custom built to the contour of your land? Well, dreams come true in Ralphs 85th Birthday Celebration, and someone will win

New Heart Drive Captains Named

Three women who will serve as Heart Sunday drive captains in the southwest Torrance area were announced this week by Mr. and Mrs. Walt Withrow, 22536 Ladeene Avenue, area chairmen.

They are Mmes. William Porter, 4930 Marlon; Michael Moore, 4205 Carmen; and Kent Milton, 21821 Paul.

A force of more than 500 volunteers will be under their command during the three-hour, 1 to 4 p.m., drive February 23.

Southwest Torrance includes the area bounded by city limits, south and west; Torrance Boulevard, north; and Hawthorne Boulevard, east.

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This is just one of the prizes offered by Ralphs Grocery Company to celebrate the 85th anniversary of Ralph stores. There is nothing to guess, nothing to buy. Contestants merely register at any of the 36 Ralphs Complete Food Stores. Prize awards for a grand total of over \$60,000 will be held each Friday in February. The name of the Sunset Pool winner will be announced on February 28.

The array of prizes offered in any food event are: 4 Edsel cars, Pacer, Ranger, Corsair and Citation; 4 natural milk stoles by Maurice Ball; 4 O'Keefe & Merritt deluxe Gas Ranges with



AQUATIC PRIZE — Warren Kingsley, left, president of Sunset Pools, points out superior features of his plunges to Frank Ralphs, of Ralphs Grocery Co., which will present a pool

every important new feature including the triple rotisserie; 3 Thomas Electronic Organs, with dial-tone controls for amazing sound effects; 4 round trips to Hawaii via Pan American World Airways on the double-deck Boeing stratocliners; 75

Regency TeleVerters to install easily on your own television set and transform it to an FM receiver at the flip of a switch.

Two Waste King super-deluxe Dishwashers and 2 Waste King "Imperial Hush" garbage disposers; 4 Supernova Neccchi

Sewing Machines with push-button choice of stitches; 4 sets of Firestone's newest achievement with race tire construction; and ment in safety, the Nylon "500" a Packard-Bell television set with complete remote control, including a personal speaker.

Plate Glass Plant Boosts Polyester Resin Production

Designed to keep pace with the increasing demand for Selectron polyester resins in the Southern California area, C. Robert Fay, vice-president of Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company's Paint and Brush Division, announced today the company has completed construction and placed into full-scale production Selectron manufacturing facilities adjoining its ultra-modern paint producing plant at Torrance.

The Pittsburgh Plate official revealed the new single production unit will provide its West Coast resin customers with a

more efficient and faster service plant with facilities for handling bulk shipments within this area. Pittsburgh Plate's well-established technical field service also is available to provide the company's polyester resin users the direct and specific benefits of its recently completed production facility.

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YESSIR, I'm a busy man, with important things to do. Rooms to mess up — toys to tear apart — cereal to spill. I don't like to have my schedule upset because Mom decides to drag me along to some far-away sale. Now don't get me wrong; I'm willing to help with the hopping. In fact, when it's done right in this community, I sort of like it. I meet the other fellows who are helping their folks with shopping, and I give the girls a big hello. And it's my chance to meet the local businessmen who are paying for the parks and schools I'll be using. That kind of shopping is fine. But going out for hours at a time — through miles of heavy traffic, and into jammed-up, strange stores — I'm against it! Mom

thinks she's saving money, but she can't kid me. By the time you figure gasoline, parking, wear and tear on both Mom and the car — *where's the saving??*

And that's just part of the story. Actually, in 9 cases out of 10, Mom can get the **SAME** goods — *at the SAME prices or lower* — right here in town. She would be getting personal attention and extra service from the local merchants who are building up regular patronage from the people of this community.

Mom would have more time to spend with me. I would have more time at home to get things done. Like I said, I'm a busy man . . .

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