

... Cemetery

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by Dan E. Butcher, he reported.

EFFORTS BY David K. Lyman to settle the matter last night were blocked by Mayor Albert Isen, who declared such action would be "breaking faith with the public." Isen recalled councilmen had voted a week ago not to take action until residents and others interested in the decision were notified of the case.

Lyman moved to accept a compromise plan worked out by a city council committee. The plan calls for some 135 single-family homes in the eastern portion of the property and a cemetery on the western section, with access to the cemetery only from Crenshaw Boulevard.

The residential zoning, under Lyman's plan, would be subject to owners of the property reaching an agreement to provide the necessary access and to the issuance of a conditional use permit for the cemetery. Additional public hearings before the Planning Commission would be necessary to secure the permit, Lyman said.

"We've had hearing after hearing," Lyman said, "and

my motion is tied to more hearings. If the cemetery collapses, the whole plan collapses."

Isen, quoting from last week's council minutes, insisted no action be taken. "The council was unanimous last week," he said.

As a result, Lyman's motion will be subject of the July 26 hearing. At that time, councilmen will hear all persons interested in the matter.

IN OTHER action last night, the council:

- Refused to rescind an ordinance requiring conditional use permits for service stations, but granted relief to Bert M. Lynn, who plans to rebuild a station on the southwest corner of Crenshaw and Torrance boulevards. Lynn said he did not know such permits were required until he submitted plans for the new station to the city and asked for a building permit. He called the new ordinance "capricious and arbitrary," and asked that it be repealed.

- Adopted an amendment to the city's master plan for highways, adding Sky Park Drive (an extension of 247th Street to Hawthorne Boulevard) to the plan.

- Initiated proceedings for the 1966 weed abatement program by adopting a resolution of intention to abate the weeds on properties throughout the city. Public hearings will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 26.

- Adopted, as a matter of policy, a statement which prohibits members of the city's various advisory commissions from sitting as a member of more than one commission.



ACE NEWSPAPERBOY . . . Eleven-year-old John Peter Roddy, a Crenshaw Elementary School student, has been named winner of a Press-Herald newspaperboy competition and awarded the home raceway set he displays here. Announcement of the award was made by Circulation Manager Darrell Westcott.

... Traffic

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hospital Monday night, succumbing to injuries he received Sunday when his cycle spun out of control and struck a guard rail on the Angeles Crest Highway. California Highway Patrol reported that Neppel had been taken to Swan Memorial Hospital in Palmdale after the accident near Dawson Saddle Summit. Two other youths escaped

serious injury Sunday when their auto struck a parked car at Arlington and Santa Fe. Taken to Harbor General Hospital for treatment following the accident were Patrick McCarthy, 19, of 1307 Fern Ave., and James Rudnick of 2319 W. 229th St.

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... Library

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when the city's current contract with the county expires June 30, 1968.

THE COUNTY Board of Supervisors has served notice the contract will not be renewed when it expires. Torrance must establish its own system or join the county system, supervisors have declared.

George Kurtz, chairman of the Library Commission, presented the commission's report, which was adopted by a 4-1 vote, Kurtz, however, favors joining the county library system, which he says is less expensive in the long run.

Construction of a library on the civic center would cost between \$1.2 and \$1.4 million, with books and other supplies necessary to maintain a "minimum standard of service" expected to cost another \$1 million. Such an investment would provide 1.5 books for each resident (the ratio is now .75) and a new library of some 50,000 square feet.

A BOND ISSUE will be necessary to finance the library building, Kurtz said, and money must still be found to purchase the books.

Books now in the five city libraries under county con-

tract cannot be leased or purchased by the city, councilmen were told.

If the city joins the county system under a proposal by William Geller, county librarian, residents could expect the same service level now maintained — and pay the county tax of 17.5 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. The city rate now is 13 cents per \$100.

IN ADDITION, Kurtz said, a regional library of 35,000 square feet would be built at the civic center, provided the city guarantees to stay in the county system for 10 years or more. At the end of that time, Torrance could set up its own system and purchase the regional facility.

James M. Rea, a member of the commission, said the regional library was not a sure proposition. "Maybe they will build, maybe they won't build," he told the council.

Rea said the primary reason for the Library Commission's recommendation is to maintain "local control."

"We felt it necessary to

change over immediately. Costs are bound to be more than they are now in 10 years," he added.

REA ALSO said the building of a new library is not germane to the establishment of an independent system. "We don't have to go in a Cadillac if we have a bunch of Volkswagens," he declared.

He said selective buying of books would allow the city to establish a level of service within five years which is higher than that now enjoyed in the city.

Kurtz told councilmen a quick decision is important and promised the commission "will support the decision of the council."

If a bond issue is to be submitted to the voters, Mayor Albert Isen said, it should be done between Jan-

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uary and April of 1967. Isen also said the city has little choice in the matter, noting that a library would have to be financed regardless of the system selected.

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