

Real Estate Sales in Area Show Major Gains

Real estate sales in Torrance have experienced a significant upturn in the past two months, according to a report by Marvin D. Donsker, president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors. Donsker said the Torrance-Lomita board has processed 426 for sale properties during September and 422 during October. Total dollar volume amounted to more than \$9 million for the two months, he said.

"These figures indicate that the sales on both residential and income property will be climbing for the next two months," Donsker said. "The Torrance area has many newcomers from out of state visiting and looking for homes to buy. The tremendous growth expectancy for Torrance has already exceeded figures quoted at the beginning of the year."

Donsker also advised prospective home buyers to "know your Realtor. Always look for the emblem of the National Association of Real Estate Board. This insures you of safe, courteous service, along with a reputation built on a firm foundation of integrity, honesty, and a state and national Code of Ethics."

Bike Rider Hit by Car

Eight-year-old Kimberly Morehouse was struck by a car Thursday afternoon while she was riding her bicycle on Calle de Arboles. The little girl injured her left leg after tumbling over the hood of the automobile and onto the pavement.

The driver of the car told Torrance police that Kimberly's bike turned suddenly in front of the vehicle.

Vehicle Code Changes

Matter of Noise Is Matter of Law

The matter of just how much vehicle noise on California's highways is too much noise has become a part of California's law.

The new law, effective Nov. 8, is an addition to existing law which empowers enforcement officers to make arrests, if, in their judgment, they hear a motor vehicle produce unusual or excessive exhaust noise.

Using decibels as units of measurement, the new law sets maximum limited at which vehicle types may operate in posted highway speed zones either below or above 35 miles per hour. Noise from moving trucks, cars, and motorcycles will be measured by instruments set up at roadside.

REGULATIONS setting forth

the actual procedures for measuring and the instrument to be used will be established by the California Highway Patrol.

Standards set are not expected to affect the vast number of motorists who operate their vehicles with standard equipment.

Of interest to a large number of drivers is a vehicle code amendment which requires all vehicles other than motorcycles registered in California to have two rear view mirrors, one of which must be on the left-hand side. Still another amendment adds the requirements for both left- and right-hand mirrors on a motor vehicle that is constructed so the driver is without the view straight back from the interior of the vehicle, or on a truck that is loaded

so that the view straight to the rear is obstructed. The amendments become effective Jan. 1, 1968.

OTHER amendments of direct interest to the motoring public change the vehicle registration display section, the accident reporting section, the speed limit for cars towing trailers and for trucks, and sections on which vehicle equipment relating to tires and seat belts.

A California vehicle registration card no longer has to be on prominent display within the vehicle, but the change specifies it must be with the vehicle and displayed upon demand by a peace officer.

In another change the driver of a car involved in an accident will now report the accident to the Department

of Motor Vehicles when damages amount to \$200 rather than \$100.

THE MAXIMUM speed limit for 3-axle trucks, school buses, farm labor buses and cars towing trailers has been increased from 50 to 55 miles per hour.

Motorists in the snow country who wish to, now will be able to use metal studded tires between Oct. 1 and May 1, at least until the amend-

ment is reviewed by the legislature in 1969. However, these studded tires may not be used in lieu of tire chains when chains are required; and motorists with front wheel drive will now be able to put chains on those wheels legally when they go to the snow country. The law has been amended to specify that chains must be put on "drive wheels."

ALL CAMPERS manufactured after Jan. 1, 1968, used on vehicles registered in California, must be equipped with safety glazing material on outside windows and doors. The new provision becomes effective Jan. 1.

And, car dealers are now prohibited from selling any used car, 1962 model or newer, that is not equipped with at least two approved seat belts.

Two local men are participating in "Operation Wheeler" in Vietnam with other members of the 101st Airborne Division's 1st Brigade. Participants are:

Army Sp. 4 Dennis L. Ash, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mihar H. Ash, 24419 S. Marigold Ave., Harbor City, and Army Pfc. John D. Warhank, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Warhank of 1531 E. 220th St.

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