Land Use Maps Near Complete

Land use maps covering the southern third of Los Angeles county and showing the use to which every parcel of property is put are now practically completed under a WPA project supervised by the county regional planning commission.

Bryant Hall, research engineer who has directed the project for the past 18 months, said that the maps, totaling 480 sheets about two by three feet, will be bound shortly and made available to the public early next year.

Each map shows an area 6,000 by 8,000 feet in accurate dimensions, and the use of each parcel is shown not only by color but by a numbering system patterned after the Dewey decimal system. Thus while all educational institutions are indicated by the same color, brown, a glance at the numeral will show whether it is a public school or a parochial school, and whether of elementary, secondary or college status.

"Labor of Love"

It required more than a year to work out the numbering system alone, which can be used to indicate several thousand uses at a glance. The color system also was carefully laid out, green indicating any kind of agricultural use and the unused parcels being uncolored. The location of each building is shown by a black dot on each parcel.

The project is unusual because all of the 25 unemployed draftsmen on the WPA project had to pay their own auto transportation costs, and much of the work had to be done in the field. Neither the county or the WPA would provide mileage allowance, and Hall explained that the project was a "labor of love" for most of the men.

WPA officials have come from Washington to view the finished product, stating they believed it to be one of the outstanding WPA projects of the nation. Half also is receiving letters asking for information on the project.

Richfield Laying Pipeline Here

A six-inch oil pipeline was being laid thru Torrance this week by Richfield Oil company workers to connect the firm's El Segundo plant with operations south of here. The line runs down Cedar avenue from Sepulveda boulevard to the Santa Fe tracks and parallels the rail line west.

Veteran Dotted By Schrapnel

KECSKEMET, Hungary (U.P.)—An X-ray picture revealed that a healthy war veteran, Ladislaus Cseh, carries 50 pieces of shrapnel in his body.

Parking Line Change Wins High Praise

"It's just grand now when you want to park downtown!"

"Give Billy Gascoigne a bouquet for changing the angle of those parking places—he deserves it!"

"Say, even my wife can park downtown now and come home without a single fender scratched or bumped!"

These were some of the comments heard by The Herald this week from delighted motorists who have discovered that the new angles painted on pavements allow for greater ease in parking their automobiles in the business district.

William Gascoigne, street superintendent, also admits that he has received "a lot of nice compliments" for the change from a 45-degree to a 35 degree parking angle. In addition to being easier to enter and back out, the new angles appear to give motorists a better rear view and thus escape the periodic rear-end collisions which were frequent when traffic was at its peak and the cars had to be headed almost directly into the curb.

OBITUARY

FRANK MARIAN DRURY... passed away at the home of his sister, Mrs. Annabelle Webb of 1309 Sartori avenue, Oct. 7, after a three-months' illness. He was 58 years of age and until he came here some two months ago, had lived in San Diego. Christian Science services were held Saturday afternoon at Stone and Myers' chapel with R. W. Keefe as reader. Interment followed at Inglewood cemetery.

In addition to his sister who lives here, Mr. Drury was also survived by two brothers, Charles, of this city, and John of San Diego, and four other sisters: Mrs. Nellie Stewart, Los Angeles; Mrs. Lulu Bower, San Diego; Mrs. Etta Monroe, Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Lottie Honeycutt of Van Nuys.

Street Work Plan Necessary to Get $8,190 Gas Fund

Torrance has $8,190.95 coming from gasoline tax allocations from the county, the city council was informed last night. The county road department advised that a street improvement program should be mapped by the city and forwarded for approval in order to obtain this sum. City Engineer Frank R. Leonard said he would prepare such a statement and have it ready for the council's inspection by the next meeting.

INTEND TO WED

Odell W. Moorman, 22, of Redondo Beach, and Mildred O. Neelands, 19, of 1333 Engracia street.

Merald L. West, 19, of 3023 233rd street and Mary Potterville, 17, of Gardena.

City Debt in Error 45 Years

ALBANY, Ore. (U.P.)—Since 1892 this city has had a $15,000 indebtedness marked on its books, apparently for sewers under one of the main streets. The city council began to wonder recently why no demand had been made for payment. An investigation disclosed that the city did not actually owe on the money—it had been placed on the books by error 45 years ago.

Freak Bolt

HOUSTON, Tex. (U.P.)—Lightning struck Tom Gohmert, 17, while he was washing dishes at his home, discolored a knife he was holding and a ring on his finger. He was uninjured.

Arab Wants to See Snow

EMPORIA, Kans., (U.P.)—Looking forward to seeing his first snow this winter, Abraham Kano, an Arabian from Baghdad, Iraq, is a student at the College of Emporia.