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Vets' Council Meets In Gardena

Members of the Veterans' Legislative Council of the 17th Congressional district will hear John R. Quinn, county assessor and past national commander of the American Legion, Sunday, Dec. 3, at a meeting to be held at 913 Gardena boulevard in Gardena. Quinn will discuss veterans' problems having to do with tax exemptions.

Members of the Auxiliary of the Gardena V.F.W. will serve a breakfast to the gathering at 9 a. m.

JOB RELIEF COSTLY

Nearly \$130,000,000 was paid out of public treasuries last year for relief of California's unemployed, the California Taxpayers' Association estimated.

Fire Truck Survives Third Debate In Council Session

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pumper out of the fire station when John Ferguson expressed the opinion that "politics" was behind the fire truck attack. The attorney promptly disclaimed such basis for his interest in the truck deal, asserting that politics, as such, was "the farthest from my mind."

Ferguson commended the council for its stand with the fire truck and urged councilmen not to be "influenced by a few people who think they know something about fire trucks." He also commended Fire Chief McMaster and Police Chief Stroh.

Mayor Remains Firm
Messrs. Frewett and Isen persisted in urging individual councilmen to commit themselves about the fire truck and when each had finished a statement the score stood: For retention of the apparatus, three; for returning it to the Mack Truck Company, one, and Councilman John V. Murray who said:

"I voted to buy the truck but what I don't know about fire engines would fill a couple of libraries. I've never seen so many fire engine experts as we've developed here these last few weeks. I will string along with the majority — if the council wants to dump the fire truck in the ocean, I'll be for it. If the council decides to keep it, that'll suit me, too."

Stating that the council had investigated the truck "for a month or six weeks before we decided we were getting a good buy at \$8,600 for a \$13,500 truck," Mayor Tolson declared, "I'm perfectly satisfied with the deal and I will not vote to send the truck back. I think we saved the city considerable money when we agreed to buy the truck and I feel the same today."

Suggests Legal Inspection
Councilman James Hitchcock, who was undergoing his first "fire truck debate," having missed all of the previous verbal fireworks, reported that "you can get away with fire trucks in New York City for a \$1 down and a \$1 a week." He presented a copy of a pamphlet detailing fire truck and department history to the city archives and indicated he agreed with the mayor that the city made a good deal.

Pointing out the saving made by buying the Mack pumper, which he said was \$1,500,

Councilman Tom McGuire said he also was of the opinion that the truck was a bargain for the city. However, McGuire stated he would be "glad to make a motion to have the contract gone over by any lawyer or law firm you like and, if it is found 'phony' as some claim, we'll abrogate the deal."

Councilman Powell said he "took the recommendation of other members of the council on the truck and felt then they were sincere in their opinion of the machine. But I'm satisfied that things about the truck weren't as they were represented to us. I'm willing to take steps to break the contract but I feel that the motion to do so should come from the head of the council (Tolson). I will second it."

No such motion was made and after considerable more review of the truck's history and Frewett's fruitless third call for abrogation of the contract, the third fire truck debate ended with adjournment of the council.

Sons of Legion Enjoy Member's Surprise Party

The regular meeting of Sons of Legion Monday night turned into a surprise birthday party for David Babcock, who was nine years old that evening. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Babcock, planned and executed the surprise fete at the Legion clubhouse. The boys enjoyed games and refreshments. Babcock is adjutant of the local Legion post and chairman of the Sons of Legion committee. Mrs. Babcock is an active member of the Legion Auxiliary.

Two new members were received by the junior squadron, Eddie Findley and Frank Whitting bringing the total membership up to 35. The unit voted to provide a Christmas basket for some local needy family.

BAY SPAN BIRTHDAY

The San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge passed its third anniversary this month with a record topping all toll bridges in annual earnings and ranking among the first three in traffic. A total of 28,650,000 vehicles have crossed it since it was opened.

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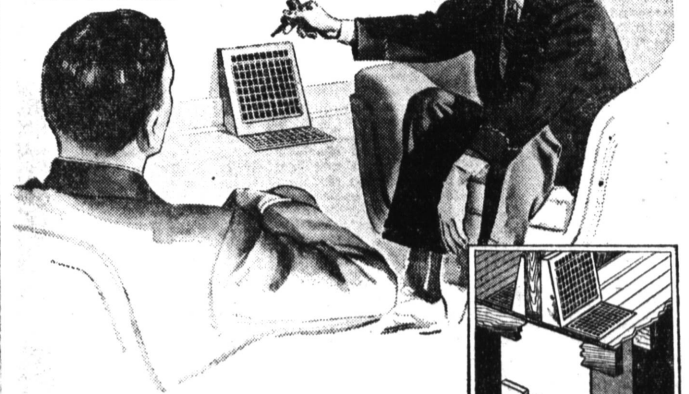
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