

Hope for Early Alondra Park Plan Seen In Board's Recreation Move

Hope for early development of Alondra park, on the border of Torrance, is seen in the recent action of the Board of Supervisors when it adopted a resolution providing for the creation of a committee of 15 to study the proposal that the county form a system of parks and recreation districts.

While Mayor W. H. Tolson long has advocated a vast recreation program in this area, including development of Alondra park, Gardena interests too are pushing the development of the big county area set aside for park purposes.

Introduced by Supervisor Roger Jessup, the resolution provides for appointment of three committee members by each member of the board of supervisors.

Function of the committee will be to make a thorough appraisal of the need for additional park, beach and recreational areas in the county and the development of a plan through which costs of such additional facilities could be spread throughout all those sections of the county which would enjoy the benefits rather than restricted to the area immediately adjoining the improvement.

Decision to sponsor a new organization to be known as the Los Angeles County Alondra Park Improvement association was made at the meeting of the board of directors of the Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce recently. The board approved the recommendation of Secretary Pat MacDonnell who pointed out that if the park development plan should ever be concluded it would be necessary to have a strong organization working for it.

As a preliminary to perfecting the organization Secretary MacDonnell said he would call a meeting of mayors and chamber of commerce officials of nearby cities that are interested in seeing that the county properly develops the park as a post-war project. It is believed that a strong organization of interested cities can persuade the county officials to adequately develop the park.

Torrance and Gardena chamber of commerce officials believe that the county should improve the park with all type of recreational facilities, including swimming pool, playground, camp grounds, tennis courts, baseball diamonds, golf course, etc., and that the project would be an asset for use by the entire county, similar to the Griffith Park development in Los Angeles city.

MacDonnell pointed out that at present the ground is idle and that in his opinion proper development will cost two to three million dollars. In order to obtain such an improvement an organization representing all nearby communities is needed and the chamber of commerce will therefore foster the Alondra Park Improvement association.

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Child Welfare Leader Has Office Here

Child welfare problems may now be referred to the Torrance Service Center, through the addition to the staff of Miss Doris Feinberg of the Children's Bureau of Los Angeles. Miss Feinberg, who recently joined the staff of the agency, was previously engaged in doing child welfare work in New Hampshire. She is a graduate of the Smith College School for Social Work, from which she received her master's degree in September, 1943. Although she is new to this area, Miss Feinberg's experience in the children's field has been varied, so she comes to the center trained to be of service to the people of Torrance.

The children's bureau of Los Angeles offers a social service program for children reported as neglected or abused, maladjusted, unmarried pregnant girls and unmarried mothers and their babies; or children needing placement outside their own homes. The above is only the general field of service which is included in the children's bureau program now available to this community. Torrance citizens may consult with Miss Feinberg or refer to her any situations in which the welfare of children is involved or in which problems related to their care and supervision are indicated.

For the present Miss Feinberg can be found at the Torrance Service Center on Mondays and Wednesdays by appointment.

Santa Fe Request For Spur Track At Harbor Okay

Application of the Santa Fe railroad for a franchise to operate a spur track connecting its present facilities to Los Angeles Harbor with Long Beach was approved recently by the Los Angeles Board of Public Utilities. A section of the proposed spur lies within the Los Angeles city limits and will connect with Long Beach municipal tracks.

Delays and yard congestion resulting from interchange of Santa Fe cars with other lines already serving Long Beach are considered objectionable by military authorities in charge of the Port of Embarkation in the Los Angeles-Long Beach area, Chief Engineer Stanley M. Lanham of the Board of Public Utilities pointed out in a report which found no substantial reason for not granting the franchise.

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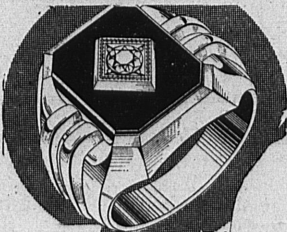
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