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COURT BOUNDARY LAW IN EFFECT AUGUST 31

To go into effect on August 31 is a county ordinance passed by the County Board of Supervisors August 7 establishing the boundaries of the new South Bay Municipal Court District and other municipal districts within the county.

However, the ordinance only outlines the district and does not mean that the Municipal Courts as such will begin to function as Municipal Courts. In the case of the South Bay District where there are more qualified judges than there are judgeships to be filled the new court set up will not take effect until January of 1953. In districts where there are an equal number of qualified judges to the number of judgeships to be filled the new court reorganization plan will become effective on January 1 of next year.

Police Courts Replaced

The new judicial districts will be served by municipal courts in lieu of justice and police courts which formerly operated in the various bailiwicks—although in six of the 26 districts at least, justice courts will be continued. The six are: Malibu, Soledad (Newhall and Saugus), Culver City, Antelope Valley, Catalina and Ramona. The latter is a new district in the Covina area. The other 20 districts will be served by municipal courts, varying in number from a single judge for the less populous districts to a total of 42 for the large Los Angeles district. The last legislature authorized the appointment of a total of 79 municipal judges to serve the new districts.

Number of Judges

Here is the list of districts with the number of judges that will serve in each: Alhambra (2); Antelope (Justice Court); Beverly Hills (2); Burbank (2); Catalina (Justice); Compton (3); Culver City (Justice); Downey (1); East Los Angeles (2); El Monte (1); Glendale (2); Inglewood (2); Long Beach (5); Los Angeles (42); Los Cerritos (1); Malibu (Justice Court); Pasadena (3); Ramona (Justice Court); San Antonio (3); San Jose (1); Santa Anita (1); Santa Monica (2); Soledad (Justice Court); South Bay (2); South Gate (1); Whittier (1).

Judicial Townships Abolished
The act setting up the districts in effect abolishes the old-time judicial townships, according to Martin Katz, secretary of the State Judicial Council, which engineered the statewide program for the reorganization of the State's inferior court system.

Katz stated that the new district boundaries will prevail over the old township boundaries except during the one year interim of 1952 when some court jurisdictions may not be fully worked out. Scores of statutes which formerly referred to "judicial townships" have been amended by the 1951 legislature to conform to the new district terminology, he pointed out.

Justice Courts Remain

Justice courts remain in at least six of the former judicial townships. John R. Leach, assistant county administrator, points out, Leach worked out the districting of this county for the Board of Supervisors. He pointed out that such former townships as retain justice courts under the new county ordinance, will carry the names of judicial districts and conform to district procedure and that in the case of Malibu the district has been enlarged by the annexation of former Calabasas township and that one new district, not formerly a township, but to be served by a justice court, is being added. It is Ramona Judicial District, embracing the cities of Covina and West Covina and adjacent areas.

Most Judges Continue

Where there are now qualified judges occupying benches in the newly-created judicial districts, they will automatically succeed to the newly-created judgeships, according to Mr. Katz. But where there are more judges than vacancies, the district court will remain unorganized until after the general elections of 1952 and the selection by the voters of the necessary number of judges to fill the existing vacancies. In each case, the district Municipal Court may not be fully organized until January, 1953, Katz said.

Salaries for the 79 district municipal judges have been fixed by the legislature at \$15,000 per year for those who formerly sat in a municipal court within an incorporated city and at \$12,500 for those serving in a district which is not a part of an incorporated city. Salaries of the latter class of judges will be increased to \$15,000 after two years, the law provides.

New South Bay Court District Boundaries Told

Following is the legal description as adopted by the County Board of Supervisors recently of the boundaries of the new South Bay Municipal Courts District of which Torrance is a part.

South Bay Judicial District hereby established shall consist of all that part of the County of Los Angeles lying within the following described boundaries: Beginning at the intersection of the southeasterly boundary of the City of Santa Monica, with the southerly boundary of the City of El Segundo (in the Pacific Ocean); thence easterly along the boundary of said City of El Segundo and following the same in all its various courses to said center line of Rosecrans avenue; thence easterly along said last mentioned center line to the boundary of the City of Gardena; thence northerly along the boundary of said last mentioned city and following the same in all its various courses to its first intersection with the boundary of the City of Los Angeles; thence southerly along the boundary of said last mentioned city and following the same in all its various courses and curves to the southeasterly boundary of said City of Santa Monica (in the Pacific Ocean); thence northeasterly along the boundary of said last mentioned city to the point of beginning.

Labor Day Regatta Set

The North Long Beach 20-30 Club will sponsor the big Labor Day Regatta on the one-mile closed course of the Long Beach Marine Stadium, it was announced this week. Top speedboat pilots of the Southland are expected to enter.



LEARNING FIGHTING TECHNIQUES . . . Actual use of equipment on flaming gasoline was accorded 32 Columbia Steel employees last week as part of a course on fire fighting offered by the Torrance Office of Civil Defense. George Powell, assistant director of CD for the city, will wind up the course for the steelworkers this afternoon when the local plant workers will lay hose and work city owned equipment. Purpose of the course is two-fold, said Powell. The course instructs the men in the use of equipment in case of enemy attack and staffs the steel plant with men who "know how." (Herald photo).



BUCK PASSERS . . . Jim Morehead, (background) city license inspector and a member of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce, passes Able Mable (center) to Councilman and Past Jaycee President Ed Karlow. Mable, according to reliable sources, is due at any moment to increase the local rabbit population. Karlow must keep Mable until he

gets a new member, or goes into the rabbit business. Here he examines an application for a business license which accompanied Morehead's gift of Able Mable to the councilman. "This membership drive stunt," asked Mrs. Karlow, "Whose pregnant idea was that?" (Herald photo).

Girl Picked Just The Right Spot For Accident

Had she planned it, Consuelo Velasquez, 16, could not have picked a better spot to have an accident—or a better time.

Tuesday she rammed a car on 182nd street, east of Prairie avenue and received minor injuries in the crash. Driving the other auto was Dr. Ernest Crubbs of Hollywood, a physician at the Harbor General Hospital.

While the doctor attended the injured Gardena girl, a Harbor General Hospital ambulance chanced to pass by with a patient. They made room for one more and Miss Velasquez was enroute to the hospital. Her injuries were minor.

Date Conflict Causes Show Postponement

Because the dates conflicted with previously scheduled events, the old fashioned minstrel and variety show originally planned for October 11, 12 and 13, has been postponed until October 25, 26 and 27, according to Mrs. Emma Roberts, general chairman of the benefit show.

Friend Explains Overturned Car

With the instructions to "keep an eye on it and don't worry how it got there," Andie Camou 2126 West 203rd street, last Sunday dropped in at the Torrance Police Department to inform them of an overturned auto near his home.

It belonged to a friend of his, Pierre Ossau, 1617 West 203rd street said, and left.

Lad Apparently Not Hurt After Walking Into Car

In spite of being knocked to the pavement, a three-year old lad apparently suffered no injuries when he walked into the side of a car at El Prado and Cravens avenue last Friday, the driver told Torrance police.

The driver, Frank D. Norris, 2112 West 238th street, said the mother of the boy refused his offer to take the child to a doctor for examination and walked away without giving her name. The accident happened at 1:45 p.m. August 17, in a crossing near the City Hall.

Columbia Workers To Dance Aug. 25

Members and friends of members of the Columbia Employees Recreation Association will gather at the Club Alondra on August 25 for one of the association's regular dances.

Dancing to Jimmy Glass' orchestra will start at 9:30 p.m. and will end at 12:30 a.m., according to Miss Cubie Bohannon, dance committee chairman.

Vincent Thomas Finds Buzzing On the Decrease

"Buzzing" at the Torrance Municipal Airport has dropped considerably during the past year, Assemblyman Vincent Thomas concluded this week after an extensive door-to-door survey conducted by him recently.

The local legislator stated that he has personally sought out the opinions of some 75 families in connection with his investigation into the charge that planes were "hedge hopping" into the city-owned airport.

"There are still some violations, but most people seem to think that the situation has been definitely improved since the flight pattern was changed more than a year ago," Thomas stated.

However, Malcolm Cameron, one of the protesting Long Beach property owners, presented a somewhat different view.

Cameron said that all the planes are not keeping west of Pennsylvania avenue as was promised and that the violators constitute a danger to life and property. Furthermore, he stated, most pilots carry no insurance.

"I want it understood, however, that we have nothing against the airport itself or the operator, Ed Dietrich," Cameron said. "We are convinced that Mr. Dietrich is being very sincere about the problem and co-operating fully."

Thomas indicated that he will make three more trips here to quiz property owners concerning the low flying.

College Expands Fall Classes in Agriculture

El Camino College is greatly expanding its agriculture offerings during the fall semester. The department will offer courses in Home Landscaping and Gardening, Nurserymen's Techniques, Advanced Nurserymen's Techniques, Poultry, Livestock and Poultry Management, Poultry Breeds, Rabbit Breeding and Rabbitry Management.

In addition to new brooder and rabbit equipment, the El Camino College agricultural department will boast of two new classrooms, a Header House, new lighting and water system, mpkeulan-delassas 78 TT.

The unit will be known as El Rancho del Camino.

According to John M. Mills, assistant director of instruction, agriculture instructors for the fall semester will be Cliff Fursdon, Charles Luger and Leon Erlin.



MRS. EMMA ROBERTS
... Show Chairman

Is a meeting of all committee chairmen. John Drew, general manager of Geller Productions which will be staging the local production, will outline the duties of the various leaders at the organizational meeting.

The show, to be staged at the Torrance High School auditorium, will have a cast of more than 100 local persons. Among the committee chairmen appointed by Mrs. Roberts are the following:

Mrs. Ruth Rogers, finance chairman; Mrs. Frances Snodgrass, ticket chairman; Mrs. Jean Clayton, program chairman; Jack Baldwin, publicity; Mrs. Ann Miller, speakers chairman; Mrs. B. T. Whitney, theater and rehearsal chairman; Mrs. Alice Wallace, properties chairman and Mrs. Bernice V. Higgins, costume and makeup chairman.

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