

District Chambers Hear Report on Flood Control

Flood control, water resources, and revised beach budget were important topics of discussion at last Thursday's March meeting of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce Executive Board, held in the office of Judge Irving P. Austin, 215 E. Acacia St., Compton.

The 50-Chamber federation, with L. O. Griffiths of the Carson Chamber of Commerce, as president, represents all chambers of southern Los Angeles County.

Col. H. E. Hedger, chief engineer of County Flood Control, told of flood control plans with particular reference to the complexities of the Dominguez Channel problem. Widening, deepening, realigning, and paving of the channel were discussed and corrective work on the outlet was described.

Backs Water Program
The HDCC Board went on record in support of the water resources program as announced by the State and with the resolution proposed by Assemblyman Vincent Thomas. Legislative action necessary includes establishment of definite rights for all parties (areas of the state) on an equitable basis.

Roscoe Sevier, past president of the HDCC, reported on the recent State Water Resources Committee meeting. Vincent Tallon, HDCC water resources chairman, commented on the effect of the problem on Southern California.

The Board endorsed the revised budgetary proposals which would provide this area with additional facilities, including the Royal Palms Beach, from the \$8,000,000 now approved by the Assembly Ways and Means Committee. The HDCC also noted that the increase was the result of efforts of Supervisor Burton W. Chace, in following through on the recommendations of the County Board of Supervisors.

Dominguez Chamber of Commerce requested that the Harbor District group support efforts to obtain a Sheriff's Station for the Dominguez-Carson area.

The HDCC expressed its ap-

preciation for the efforts of Supervisors Chace and Kenneth Hahn, noting their outstanding record of service to the Harbor Area.

A report on new industrial facilities for the Harbor Area was presented by Morgan Williams.

Proper Pruning Process Helps Your Garden

You may control the growth of your garden in the pruning process by pinching, thinning out and heading the growth of each plant. To make sure your garden is under your control, know the proper pruning methods, says the California Association of Nurserymen.

In these early spring days, confers, early flowering deciduous flowering plants and hardy broadleaf evergreens should be pruned.

Evergreens do not follow the same growth cycle as deciduous plants. The change between stored and manufactured food is going on all the time and there are intermittent flushes of growth. Pruning will have the least effect on the evergreens' plant processes if done just in advance of these flushes. However, you can prune lightly any time of the year. Heavy pruning should be done well ahead of frost so that the new growth can harden before the cold. Severe pruning of evergreen trees, particularly sub-tropicals, is calculated by the amount of leaf surface removed.

Evergreen fruit trees should be pruned after the fruit is set. The form of hardy evergreens can be controlled by pruning. Fast growing evergreens require severe pruning, slow growers, light pruning. With all your evergreens tip pinching will give heavier cutting later. When branches occasionally outgrow the plant you can cut back or remove them.

Sacramento Report

Strengthening of Bad Check Laws Sought by Legislature

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL
Member of the Assembly

AIR POLLUTION

One of the subjects under consideration by the Legislature is a bill to permit an air pollution control district created under the Health and Safety Code to consist of a portion of a county whenever the board of supervisors of such county determines that there is a special need for such air pollution control district to function within that portion of the county only. There seems to be no controversy about this bill, hence I believe it will become a law and strengthen our state-wide efforts to combat smog.

BAD CHECKS

Another bill amends the Penal Code, relative to the punishment for making or uttering bad checks without sufficient funds by restoring to the Penal Code the provisions making notice of protest, admissible as proof of presentation, nonpayment and protest and presumptive evidence of knowledge of insufficiency of funds which were deleted from the Code in 1955. In plain words, we shall make it easier to convict passers of bad checks. This should be good news to merchants.

STATE PLANNING AGENCY

A week before the budget session of the Legislature began, I had to come to Sacramento to attend meetings on flood damage legislation. One of the things we learned in our hearings was that it would be relatively simple to appropriate money to repair highways, bridges and other public works destroyed by recent floods, but preventing future catastrophes required long-range engineering.

Cities, counties, the state government, and the U.S. government must work together to prevent foreseeable flood damage and meet unpredictable disasters, such as earthquakes, fires and floods. In order to accomplish this co-ordination, our flood damage committee asked the Governor to place on

the agenda for the special session, which is now running concurrently with the budget session, an item for a state planning agency. Fortunately, the Governor accepted our recommendations and the bill is now drafted.

It was a pleasant surprise to me to learn that the direct cost will be about \$36,000 to the state for the year ahead, but as soon as the state planning agency goes into operation, several million dollars of federal money not now available to the state, but already appropriated, will come to California. I can safely prophesy that the bill on this subject will become a law without much debate.

HOME PURCHASE ACT

Another item before us is the Veterans' Farm and Home Purchase Act of 1948, which we may amend to make it possible for veterans to obtain larger loans. As I have stated before many times in this column, this program has been successfully operated for about 13 years without the loss of a single cent to the state of California. I think this is a great tribute to the veterans living in California.

RAILWAY CROSSING PROTECTION

During the week before the budget session began, when the flood control committee was not in session the Assembly Interim Committee on Public Utilities and Corporations, of which I am chairman, held meetings on several subjects, the most urgent of which was the request of the State Public Utilities Commission for funds to be used for railway grade crossing protection, such as flashing lights, bells, gates, and other devices to warn people that a train is about to cross a street or road and to discourage them from trying to "beat the train to the crossing."

These grade crossing protections under the Public Utilities Commission are on city and county streets and roads. The local unit of government, city or county, pays 25 per cent of the cost, the state of California pays 25 per cent out of the funds administered by the Public Utilities Commission, and the railroads pay 50 per cent of the cost. It was pleasantly surprising to find that the railroad companies strongly support the program and do not object to the fact that they pay 50 per cent of the cost, probably because it is to their interest to prevent accidents which damage their trains, injure their employees, and provide grounds for damage suits.

About 25 state-wide organizations were represented at the hearings, the only argument was about which of the state funds in the budget the money would come from. In order to solve this problem, our committee met again after the Legislature convened, passed the measure unanimously, and then presented it to the Assembly Ways and Means Committee twice before the financing details were acceptable to everyone. From that committee, the item goes on the floor of the Assembly, before two committees on the Senate side, on the floor of the Senate, and then to the Governor. This will give you a rough idea of how one item of legislation which is a comparatively small part of our whole program requires so much time and energy.

MAY ADJOURN APRIL 3

The experts agree that we probably will adjourn on April 3. Water problems constitute the most controversial issue, but rapid transit, highways, freeways, and smog are not neglected.

Scout Troop 241

Troop 241 held its first 1956 Court of Honor recently at the Torrance Elementary School auditorium.

Tenderfoot badges were pinned on the following Scouts: Johnny Allen, Jerry Ascolosi, Larry Ascolosi, Robert Bailey, Jr., Bob Basile, Larry Boots, David Minnie, Robert Pupoff, Jim Roeder, Gary Tully and Roland Williams.

Merit badges for attainment of higher rank were presented to Bud Pool, Chuck Moffitt and Danny Kivik.

Scoutmaster Orlo Pool announced that plans are being made to hold the annual Summer Camp outing the week of July 14-21.

Troop 1551

Brownies of Troop 1551 attended the birthday party for Girl Scouts held March 10 at Shrine Auditorium.

The following Scouts were present: Laura Beadle, Robin Eingham, Rita Ethingworth, Janet Lennen, Mary Malloy, Debby Patton, Judy Robinson, Cathy Unmacht, Claudia Yates and Joyce Zubovitch.

Peck 201C

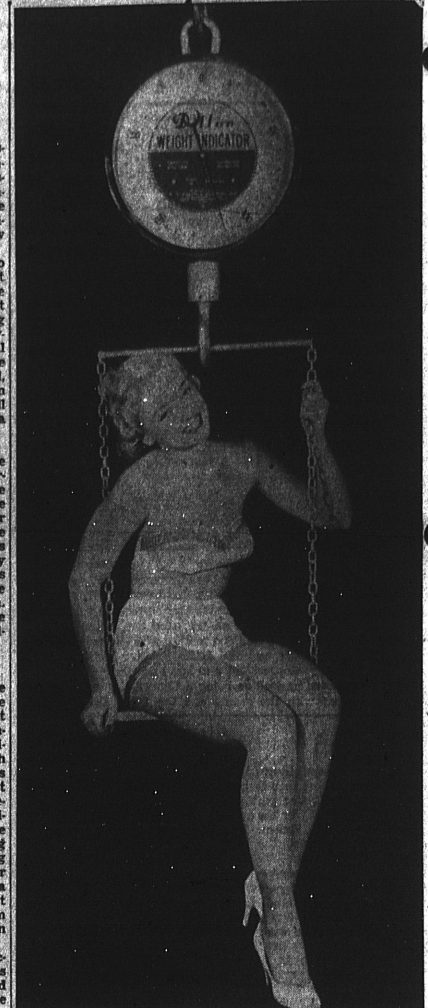
Club Peck 201C announced the following awards at its pack meeting held Feb. 24:

Jimmy Xanthakis, Barton Ottosen, Steven Fuller, and Bruce Carter were advanced to Bear. Steve Dabbs was advanced to Lion.

A Silver Arrow was awarded to Jimmy Xanthakis and a Gold Arrow awarded to Billy Stuey.

Troop 1368

Junior High Troop 1368, sponsored by Crenshaw PTA, held a cookout at El Retiro Park during a holiday in February. They practiced safety in building campfire, cooked food among the embers wrapped in foil, and practiced fire drill before extinguishing the fire.



SPRING IS HERE . . . And, in this case, it arrived on a springless scale. Frankly, this has no local "angle" but it's just getting to be the time of the year when editorial desks begin getting a large bundle of such material each week. This one is a plug for the Dillon Weight Indicator and features 10-year-old Claire Weekes.

Scout Trails

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Use of Handgun Classes Opening

Expert marksmanship training with the .22 caliber handgun will be available to Torrance men and women on Monday and Wednesday evenings beginning today, Miss Ann Frickman, NRA instructor has announced.

Safety rules, nomenclature of handguns and ammunition, grip, sight picture, and calling the shot will be included in the instruction to be given at the San Pedro Target Range from 7 to 8 each evening.

Each student must have a .22 caliber handgun

Births

San Pedro Community Hospital EDWARDS—Mr. and Mrs. J. Kenneth, 1810 Sales Ave., boy, 7 lbs., 13 oz., March 10.

JEFFREY—Mr. and Mrs. William L., 1817 W. 24th St., Harbor City, boy, 7 lbs., 13 oz., March 12.

Torrance Memorial Hospital STASSIN—Mr. and Mrs. 1028 Craven, boy, Kevin Frederick, 7 lbs., 10 oz., Jan. 22.

MARSHALL—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene R., 2117 E. Stealy Ave., girl, Pamela Ann, 7 lbs., 14 oz., March 5.

SCHULTZ—Mr. and Mrs. Richard A., 2810 Pacific Coast Hwy., boy, Scott Steven, 10 lbs., 4 oz., March 5.

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ALBERT—Mr. and Mrs. R. E., 2808 1/2 Cypress, Lomita, boy, Robert Lewis, 8 lbs., 5 oz., March 9.

Public Notice
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Notice is hereby given that copies of Charter Amendments to be submitted to the electors to be submitted to the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Torrance on April 10, 1956, shall be available upon application therefor at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Torrance, 1811 Craven Avenue, Torrance, California, until the day fixed for the Municipal Election in the City of Torrance, City Clerk.

ATTEST: 20 to 1956, 1957



MILLION-DOLLAR SALESMAN . . . Dominic Augliera, 1751 W. 242nd Place, Lomita, is shown above in Hollywood, Florida, where he attended a three-day business conference of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. Last year Augliera passed the million dollar mark in life insurance sales.

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Rebekahs to Dine
Torrance Rebekah Lodge 347 and the Trio Old Fellow Lodge 495 are sponsoring an old-fashioned chicken and homemade noodle dinner on March 21. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 2336 Cabrillo.

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