

## Reasons Behind New Probation at College Told

Reasons behind the action of El Camino College's establishment of a new probationary system were explained by Dr. Stuart E. Marsee Monday evening in a network radio broadcast conducted by George Walsh of the "This is Los Angeles" program.

Adopted at the Feb. 8 meeting of the college Board of Trustees, the new probationary plan will go into effect in September. Dr. Marsee indicated in the interview that measures taken by the college have been taken, not to reduce enrollment, but to upgrade scholastic achievement of college students.

"We feel that local taxpayers in California should not expend \$550 to \$600 a year for the education of pupils who are not achieving in our school," the college president told Walsh.

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## Socony Invents Language to Instruct Electronic Brain

Socony Mobil, which pioneered in the use of electronic computers for making refineries more efficient, has invented a new time-and-money-saving language for talking to the high-powered calculating machines. Dallas R. Lamont, the company's director and vice president for research, said the new language may cut one major cost of computer operation by as much as 80%.

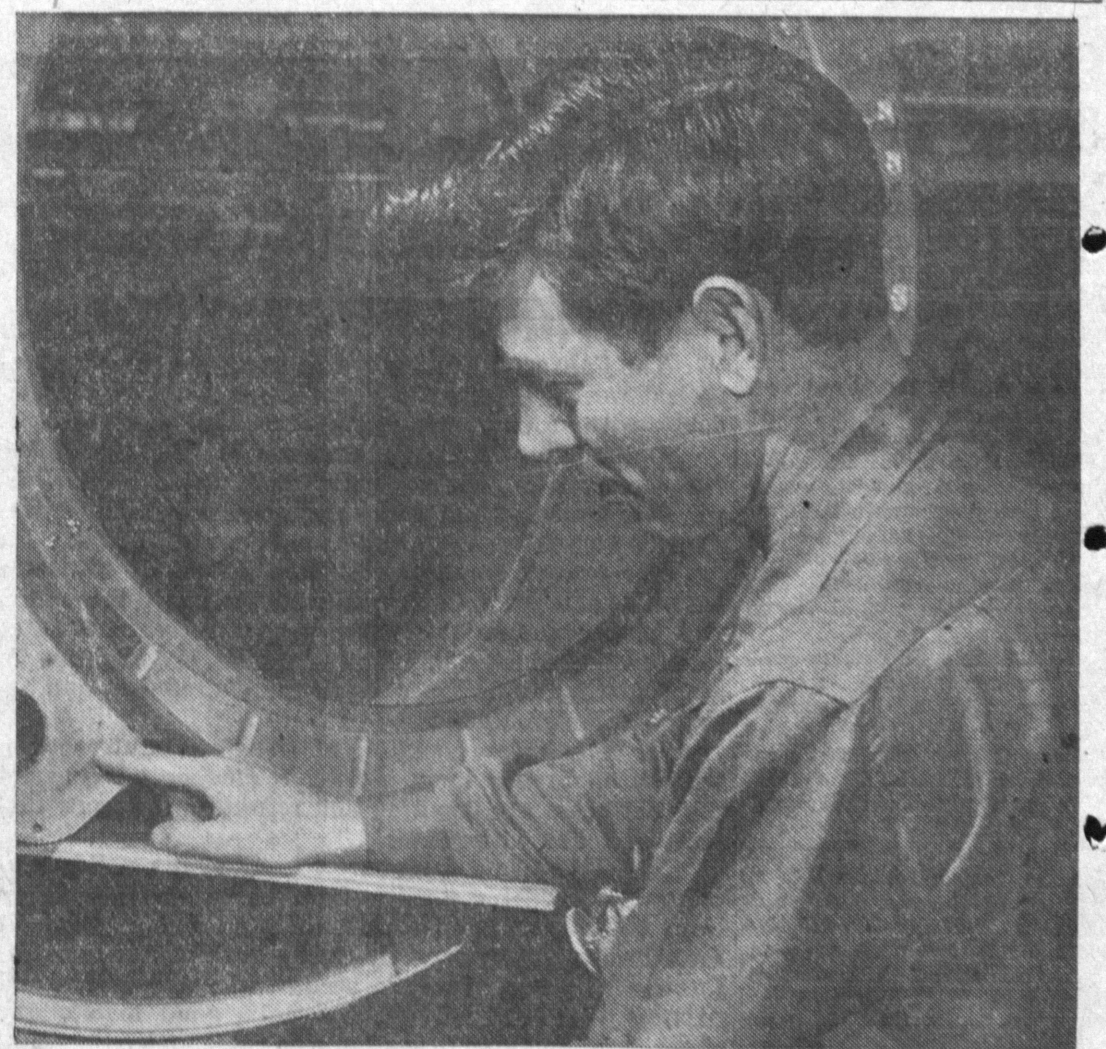
The new language, called PROLAN (PROcess LANGUAGE) is like basic English or Esperanto. It uses the specialized vocabulary of refinery engineers. The new language enables these engineers, who ordinarily would need a long training period to work directly with a computer, to give a problem to the computer after only a few days' training.

With PROLAN, the engineer can describe to a computer in his own engineering language a new processing setup or new refinery. The computer, in turn, performs a vast amount of trans-

lation drudgery, converting PROLAN into language that can be stored on tape and used for various computations. Such computations can, for example, tell the refinery technologist about the performance and operating costs of the new refinery he described in PROLAN.

Hicks pointed out a programmer may need months to give a set of instructions to a computer. The complex chores of housekeeping (making sure that the instructions are orderly) and debugging (checking for and eliminating errors in the instructions) have caused some experts, Hicks said, to estimate the cost of programming a computer at \$1 to \$4 a command.

PROLAN comes in particularly handy when an engineer, who has an idea for a way to transform petroleum into a new product, wants to ask a computer how his refinery setup will work out if it is built into one of the company's refineries.



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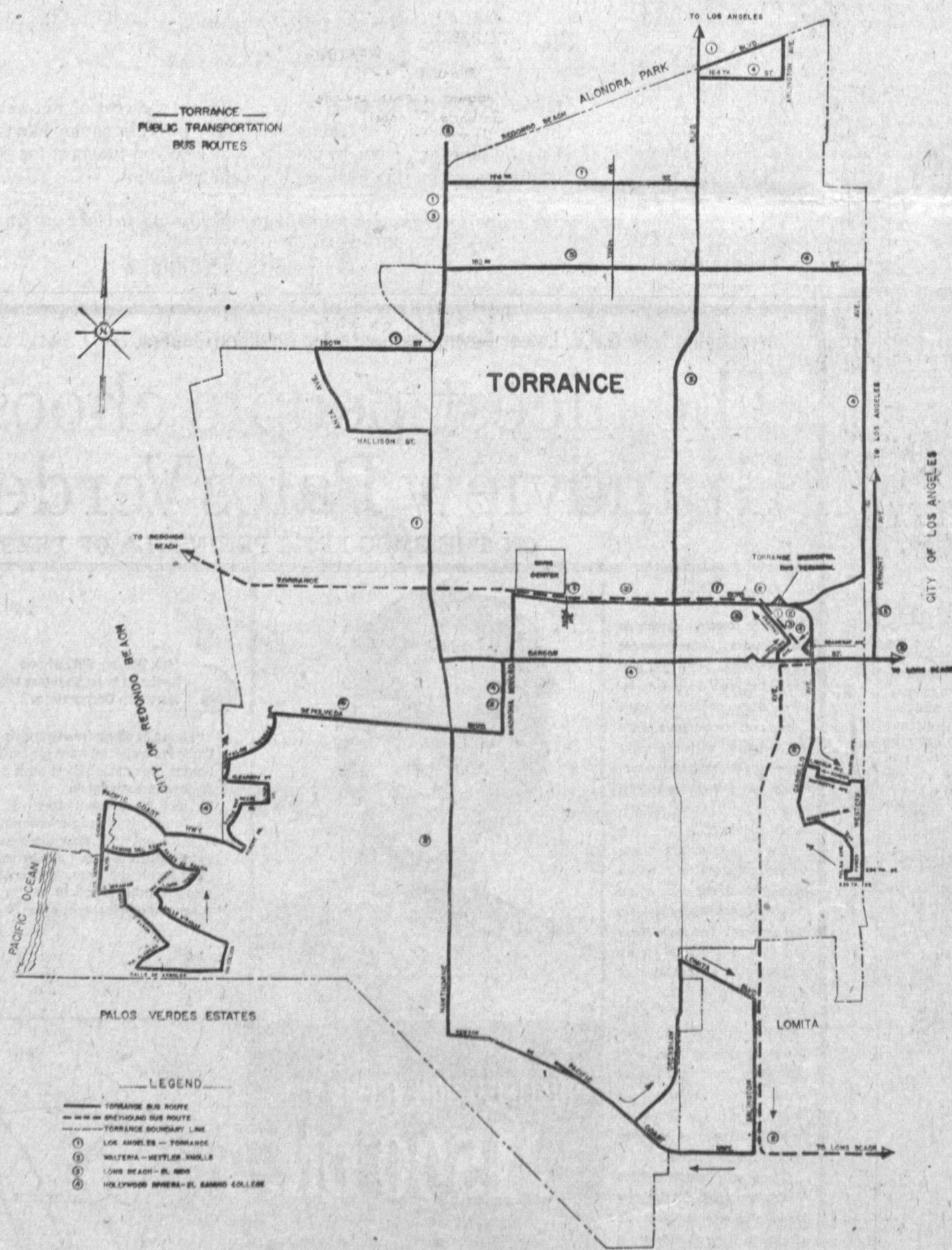
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## Auto Fatalities Down in 1959

Fatal accidents on Los Angeles County freeways were reduced by more than nine percent during 1959 as compared with 1958, and deaths were down more than 8 percent, the Automobile Club of Southern California revealed today.

Freeway fatalities during 1959 totaled 78, suffered in 65 accidents. During 1958 there were 81 deaths in 70 accidents. About 16 miles of freeway were added to the system last year.

Of the 1959 fatal accidents, 33 occurred within Los Angeles City, and caused the deaths of 35 persons.

Five of the fatalities in the county were pedestrians, all male. The 20 to 30 year-old male group accounted for the greatest number of deaths, with 21 fatalities recorded. Next highest was the 30 to 40 male group, with 16.

March, with 13 deaths, proved to be the most dangerous month, followed closely by November, when 12 fatalities occurred as the result of freeway accidents. Sunday topped the list of days, with 24 persons killed, and the hour between 2 and 3 a.m. proved fatal for 12 freeway travelers.

## Gas Heating Goes into 99% of New Homes

All the advantages included in scientifically engineered gas heating systems—economy, convenience, and comfort—are among the construction ingredients in Great Builders Series homes that are answering some of the Southland's home-buying public.

According to Carl W. Shupp, division manager for the Southern California Gas Co. here, gas heating equipment developed in recent years has boosted use of gas for heating to a total of more than 99% of the new homes being built in the Southland. In addition, Shupp explained, the units offer low-cost installation, as well as low maintenance and fuel expenses, adequate sizing and design for comfort, and completely automatic controls for ease of operation.

Modern gas heating units on the market today range from wall heaters and floor furnaces, and gravity warm-air system, to the forced-air furnace and the perimeter and radiant methods that are meeting even greater needs of the building industry.

## Drain Bonds on Market

The Board of Supervisors today authorized the sale of 1958 storm-drain bonds for \$10,000,000 to finance the county's storm-drain program through the fall of 1960.

## LEGAL NOTICES

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