

Road Work Expansion Approved

The first major thoroughfare through the midsection of the Watson-Carson-Dominquez area is in the works. The new arterial will be 223rd Street, now a two-lane through-street but scheduled for a complete overhaul for the 4 1/2-mile distance from the Long Beach boundary at Alameda Street westward to Normandie Avenue.

When completed, the entire project will have converted 223rd Street into a four-lane, 80-foot-wide "master-planned highway" between Alameda and Normandie. The Watson Land Co. and the Southern Pacific Co., co-owners of the Watson Industrial Center dedicated a mile-

long, 17-foot-wide right-of-way to the county for the improvement between Wilmington and Avalon. Engineering plans for the widening of this section were prepared under the direction of the William J. Moran Company, which also is directing the development and market-

First step in the project, for which the Los Angeles County Road Department has approved final plans, will be the one-mile section between Wilmington Avenue and Avalon Boulevard.

This section, which adjoins the Watson Industrial Center, will be widened initially from two to four lanes, with further widening scheduled for the near future.

The County Road Department says it selected the Avalon-Wilmington stretch of 223rd for the first phase of its road improvement project "because of the anticipated heavy traffic generated by the new Watson Industrial Center."

The center, of which the first 236 acres is now under development, eventually will have more than 100 industrial plants and facilities.

Next step in the project will be the nearly-one-mile section between Avalon and Main Street, also scheduled for improvement this spring. Widening of Wilmington Avenue alongside the Watson Center also is in the works for the near future.

Redondo Senior Wins Zone Prize

Thomas Erik Krig, a senior place in vocational arts in at Redondo Beach Union High School, has won first prize in the Bank of America's annual Achievement Awards program.

Krig will compete May 12 in the County finals. He has won at least \$150 in cash and may win up to \$1,000.



BUILDING CRANE . . . Three fifth grade students at Arlington School will enter a motorized crane which they are building in the Arlington School Science Fair. The students are, from left, Gary Nakagawa, Greg Perkins, and Gilda Castorema. Two entries will be selected at each school for display in the all-school fair at West High April 29 and 30.

Port of Los Angeles Subject of TV Film

Television viewers will be presented a one-hour special of the Port of Los Angeles June 9 at 8:30 p.m. over Los Angeles Station KTLA, channel 5.

GI Home Loan Requests Show Sharp Increase

GI home loan applications increased from 1,479 in February to 1,865 in March, Mort Webster, VA's Southern California manager, has reported. Appraisal requests for new homes increased from 777 in February to 1,521 in March and appraisal requests for existing homes increased from 1,824 in February to 2,366 in March.

Work Force Sets New March High

More persons were working in California last month than in any previous March, and the jobless rate was the same as a year ago, according to the departments of Industrial Relations and Employment.

At 6,640,000, total civilian employment was up by 179,000 or 2.8 per cent, from the previous March record set a year ago, according to Ernest B. Webb, director of industrial relations. More than 85 per cent of the job growth was in services, government and trade. Manufacturing and agriculture were off slightly from year-earlier levels.

Main over-the-year losses within manufacturing continued to be centered in the aerospace complex, in addition, employment in the fabricated metals industry was down from last year because of a trade dispute.

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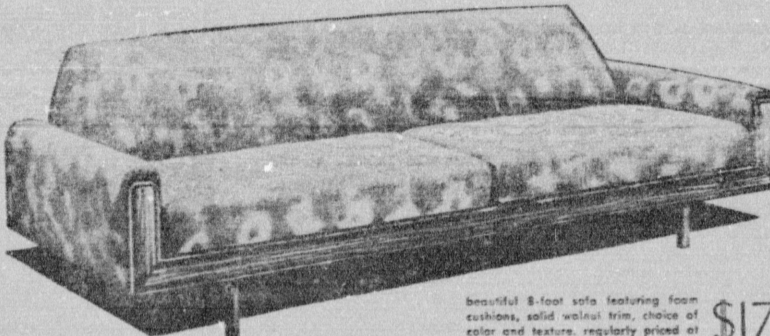
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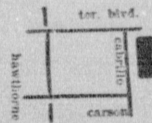


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