

Earth Movers Digging Canyon in City



CANYON BUILDERS . . . Truck and trailer rigs await their turn to be loaded at Del Amo Financial Center where more than 400,000 cubic yards of dirt being moved to make way for the huge office building complex. Foundation grade is 27 feet below Hawthorne

Boulevard, identified in the background by the string of utility poles. Pouring of the foundation will be the first construction phase of the project, scheduled to be completed late next spring.

Site of Hi-Rise Complex

A steady stream of trucks and trailers has moved more than 100,000 cubic yards of dirt from the Del Amo Financial Center site here since ground was broken for the \$30 million project last March, according to Nicholas V. Brower, construction manager for Del Amo Properties Co., the developing firm.

The northwest corner of Hawthorne Boulevard and Carson Street is beginning to resemble a small-scale Grand Canyon as skip loaders continue to bite away at the earth and trucks cart it off 19 cubic yards at a time. Foundation grade is 27 feet below street level.

Brower explained that a total of 400,000 cubic yards of dirt must eventually be moved from the 20-acre site. However, workers this week will start construction foundations, and excavations and foundation work will go on simultaneously in order to meet the ambitious schedule which calls for completion of the first phase of the office building complex late next spring.

INCLUDED in the construction program now under way is the Union Bank Building, a 13-story tower of 245,000 square feet; a five-story ring building of 86,000 square feet to be built over a three-story garage containing 190,000 square feet, or room for 500 cars; and four circular pavilion structures with an aggregate square footage of 56,000.

Future plans provide for two additional tower buildings, two ring buildings and several more pavilion structures. When fully developed the financial center will have more than one million square feet of office space and a like amount of garage parking area.

In digging the hole for this huge project, a major problem has been getting rid of the removed earth. Excavation has taken place during a period when there has been relatively little demand for dirt. For example, there is no freeway construction activity in the area at the present time and, as Brower points out, one short stretch of freeway could easily use all of the dirt coming out of the Del Amo hole.

THEREFORE, dirt had to be stockpiled during the early digging which created a small mountain at the site. Recent sales to Hughes Aircraft for its new plant on Lomita Boulevard and to Hollywood Park for the turf course being built there have cut in to the backlog, and Brower expects that other requirements for fill material will diminish the mound before long.

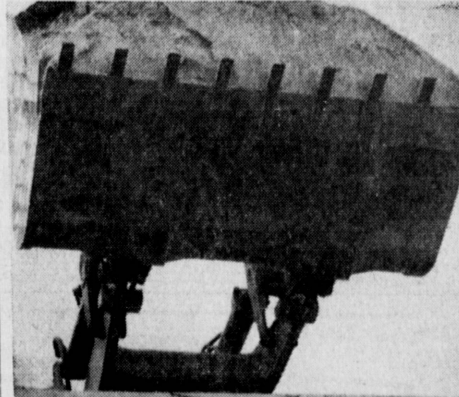
Earth-moving contractor is Hess Construction Co., Inc., Long Beach. Frank Hess, president, says that 23 trucks and trailers, three skip loaders, Caterpillar tractors and other heavy equipment are being used in the operation.

CONSIDERABLE attention is paid to the controlling of dust, according to Hess. Water trucks are constantly sprinkling the excavation area and every truck and trailer load is watered down before it leaves the site to keep particles from blowing off en route to the dumping location.

Hess, veteran earth mover, formed his own company 25 years ago. Although he has worked on big construction jobs all over the west, he now prefers to operate in the South Bay area where his rigs have been seen working on numerous freeways and other large construction projects. His son, Richard, is vice president of the firm.

Site engineering is being performed by Sikand Engineering Associates, Pasadena. Architect is Victor Gruen Associates and Henry C. Beck Company is the general contractor.

DEL AMO PROPERTIES Co. is a joint venture of Great Lakes Properties, Inc., and Guilford Glazer & Associates. The project staff, headed by



PROGRESS CHECK . . . Discussing progress of the excavation at Del Amo Financial Center are (from left) Harry Gorman and Nicholas Brower of the development company and Frank Hess, president of Hess Construction Co., Inc., earth-moving contractor for the project.



NEWSMAN GREETED . . . City Treasurer Tom Rupert (left) greets Press-Herald reporter Jerry Reynolds as the newsmen returned from a month-long tour of European capitals Sunday night. Reynolds will report on highlights of his tour in subsequent issues of the Press-Herald.

Harry Gorman, resident manager, recently moved into temporary quarters at the site.

The developers own 200 acres in Torrance which lie on both sides of Hawthorne boulevard between Torrance and Sepulveda Boulevard. Other projects planned for the property include department stores, restaurants, hotels, theaters and high-rise apartment buildings.

May Co. Exec Wins Election

Cortland A. Peterson, vice president of sales promotion and publicity for May Co. California, has been elected second vice chairman of the sales promotion division of the National Retail Merchants Association. The election took place at the group's 45th annual convention in Biloxi, Miss. Peterson has been a director for the association for seven years.

Officers for Fall Term at North Named

Jack Stafford, senior, Rita Reis, junior, and Mark Hubert, sophomore, were elected to serve their classes as presidents for North High's fall semester.

Other Seniors to serve are: Sally Dunn, vice president; Linda Keenan, secretary; Debra Farasopoulos, treasurer; and Sherri Martelaro, girls' league representative.

Juniors to serve are: Kathie Kingston, vice president; Dawn Wells, secretary; Tim Gilliam, treasurer; and Pam Sanders, girls' league representative. Sophomores are: William Davis, vice president; Lucille Benveniste, secretary; Eve Hertwig, treasurer; and Debbie Windell, girls' league representative.

Your Second Front Page

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Ann Landers Says

Watch the Dirt And Mop Marks!



Dear Ann Landers: I'm a secretary who would like to say a word to Minnie, the cleaning woman. Her job is to clean, isn't it? So what is she beefing about?

And what on earth is a secretary supposed to do with orange peels, apple cores, pencil shavings, and paper cups? There are no garbage cans in our office and the wastebasket is the only place to dump these items. Maybe Minnie thinks we should carry the trash home with us. And what business is it of hers if we leave shoes under our desks?

Now about turning off the copying machines. Please tell Minnie (and all other overly interested cleaning women) to keep their pea-pickin' hands OFF this equipment. Modern copying machines will not wear out if they are allowed to run continuously and electricity isn't THAT expensive. The copying machines in our office are supposed to be left on because it is more costly and time-consuming to start them up every day than to keep them running.

If Minnie would pay more attention to the dirt in the corners and the mop marks on the walls she wouldn't have time to find fault with the secretaries. — FILE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

Dear File: I have heard from hundreds of secretaries and what I hear makes sense.

O.K., Minnie, how about it? What ARE secretaries supposed to do with orange peels and apple cores and paper cups when there are no garbage cans available?

And now about those copying machines? I checked a half dozen office managers and four said they turn off the machines at the end of the day. Two said they leave their machines running continuously. So, to be on the safe side, the cleaning women should not touch the equipment. Are you listening, Minnie?

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I have been married less than a year and both our families think we are the happiest couple on the face of the earth. They don't know the half of it.

Am I unreasonable to expect my husband to treat me

with the same common courtesy that he would show a customer or the woman next door? He walks in front of me, steps on my feet, lets doors slam in my face, and interrupts whenever he wishes to speak.

We argue a lot (in private, of course) because when I call his attention to his rudeness, he gets mad and says I am a fault-finder and a nagger.

I love my husband very much and sometimes he is so wonderful and sweet that I forget all about the bad days. But when he is rude and inconsiderate, it ties me up in knots. Please help me, Ann.— TRYING

Dear Trying: Try this experiment for 24 hours. Re-

frain from saying even one critical word to your husband. If he steps on your foot, say, "I hope you didn't hurt yourself, dear." When he lets a door slam in your face, say, "I'm sorry I didn't let you know I was behind you dear." When he interrupts you, say, "Go ahead, dear, what I have to say can wait."

You will soon make him aware of his rudeness, but without carping or criticism.

If you ARE a chronic nag (and I'll bet you are even though your nagging may be justifiable), the alteration in your behavior is bound to have a favorable effect on him.

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A THANK YOU . . . Eileen O'Brien, director of community services at Harbor General Hospital, receives a "Thank You" in the form of an award from Edmund F. Schnieders, member of the Heart Association's Board of Directors. In addition to her work at Harbor General Hospital, Miss O'Brien is the 1966-'67 non-medical vice chairman of the Heart Branch in Lawndale. She also received a top Heart Branch award at the Southwestern Branch annual meeting and installation held earlier this month.

COUNT MARCO

Send the Women Teachers Home

Are women teachers absolutely necessary? Hardly!

When I make the remark at my lectures that I don't believe in college educations for girls, some irate and horrified mother always jumps to her feet and questions my integrity, but falls back into her chair completely undone by the realistic approach I have toward education of today's pre-teens.

"If you don't believe in college education for girls, where will we get the teachers for our schools today?" is the question frequently asked.

I remark: "I don't believe there should be women schoolteachers, except for perhaps the senior year of high school, and those teachers should all be young and attractive."

I have very good reasons for dismissing all women schoolteachers: There are far too many of them in the classrooms of this country filling all those young heads with false impressions of what a miserable future lies ahead of them.

The present American system of schools, especially in the primary and high school grades, is all wrong. Any research expert, such as myself, will tell you it is the formative years of a child's life (from 3 to 15) that are the

most important. The first impressions they receive are those they retain throughout adult life.

Why then, I ask you, in this most important phase of their education and beginning of growth, mentally as well as physically, is there such a mixed-up mess?

Take the average school of today, the one that has a predominantly female faculty. What goes wrong? I'll tell you.

The little boys sit there and are dominated by a woman, practically all day long. They're told what to do and how to do it, and are punished if they don't do it right. Why, even a call to nature requires the permission of a woman for dismissal.

Their little minds receive the overpowering impression that this is the way life will always be — full of female domination. These poor little boys fall into a soggy mold of subjugation from which they seldom escape.

The little girls, on the other hand, sitting there, quick-witted and alert, see women dominating the boys, and they note with their active little steel-trap minds how meekly are the boys subdued by a woman, how they take orders and readily obey the woman.

In their turn, they can

only presume, then, that this is their own role in the life ahead, to rule and dominate the male. From the start they ape the teacher and consequently carry their monkey business right into marriage on-the-rocks. Ah, yes, those impressionable years are very impressive but filled with the wrong impressions.

Let's reverse the picture and see what happens when schools adopt methods used by foreign countries, such as all-male faculties. The boys see the man dominate the girls, and they try their utmost to emulate the headmaster. The girls are dominated by the man and eventually adopt the attitude that this is the right way. Can you suggest a more sensible way to influence children? Mais non!

It isn't only reading, writing and arithmetic that makes a child into an adult. It is character building, and today it is the male character that needs building.

This shouldn't be such a blow economically either, because the National Education Association reports that 63 per cent of the females employed in public schools are already married.

Now they can quit and stay home where they belong, and their jobs can be filled by male teachers.