

Carson, Wilmington Area Rabies Clinics Scheduled

Rabies vaccination clinics will be held Thursday, July 28, in the Carson and Wilmington areas, the Los Angeles County Health Department has announced.

A special clinic for dog owners living in the city of Los Angeles is scheduled Thursday, Aug. 11.

The clinics will be operated from 7 to 8:30 p.m. A charge of \$1.50 per dog will be made to cover the cost of supplies and processing of equipment. All dogs must be vaccinated against rabies prior to licensing.

The Carson clinic will be held at the Farmer's Outlet Market, 1820 E. Carson St. The Wilmington clinic is scheduled at Try-It Stores, 23033 S. Avalon Blvd.

The Aug. 11 clinic will be held at the Wilmington

White Front To Begin 22nd Store

White Front Stores, Inc., California's leading discount department store chain, will officially get construction underway on its 22nd store with ground breaking ceremonies Friday. The Downey White Front will be located at Imperial Highway and Woodruff.

Charles Dickerson, Downey mayor; Russell M. Yerkes, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Oren King, city manager, and Miss Downey Chamber of Commerce will join White Front executives at the event.

... Test Ban ...

(Continued from Page 1) police and fire chief recruitment.

VICO SAID he asked for the ordinance "because I believe we have people here capable of running the departments."

Ken Miller suggested that members of local departments taking the examinations might be given some extra credit and noted that the current ordinance permits some latitude in selecting chiefs. "This is not for today, but for years to come," he warned.

The ordinance would have required five votes for passage.

Ferraro told the council he would order a civil service examination for fire chief under the existing ordinance if councilmen did not object. There was no objection last night.

Fire Chief J. J. Benner is due to retire later this year.

IN OTHER action last night the council:

- Referred to a special council committee a proposal to vacate an eight-foot section of right of way on Atkinson Avenue. The vacation, requested by Foods Co. to permit expansion of their store at Artesia and Crenshaw boulevards, is opposed by city departments.
- Approved an amended agreement with the state which calls for left-turn signals to be installed on Torrance Boulevard at Hawthorne Boulevard.
- Referred to the council's Public Works Committee a proposal by Ferraro to hire architects to revise a master plan for the city hall section of the civic center complex.

... Library

(Continued from Page 1) tax rate at its Aug. 30 meeting.

COUNCILMEN, voting to set up an independent library system, rejected two alternative proposals from the county. Under terms of one proposal, the city would merely have joined the county system and the county library tax — now 17.5 cents — would have applied. A second proposal called for the city to contract for books and library services at a rate equal to the amount of money which the 17.5-cent tax rate would produce if applied to Torrance.

Under terms of either proposal, taxpayers would have faced a possible 4.5-cent increase. The present Torrance library tax is only 13 cents.

The municipal system, it was pointed out, will permit the city to retain control over the service, facilities, and taxes. "I'm 100 per cent for local control," Mayor Isen said.

DEBATE on the recommendation to break with the county, continued from last week, was cut short when Ken Miller told George Kurtz, chairman of the city's Library Commission, most of the councilmen had made up their minds.

"I don't see any reason to belabor the points," Miller said.

Mrs. William Radcliff, president of the Torrance League of Women Voters, told the council the League had been studying the problem for several months. "We know what we want," she said, "We want it better than it is now."

UNDER the present contract arrangement, Torrance has built — and maintains — five branch libraries in the city. The county supplies books and other materials and staffs the libraries. In return, the city is billed a lump sum — estimated at

some \$400,000 for the current year.

The contract was first negotiated in 1933, but the Board of Supervisors served notice when it was renewed in 1963 that it would not be extended beyond the June 30, 1968, expiration date.

Ferraro said the decision to set up an independent system in no way reflected on the performance of county personnel who have staffed the local libraries.

In a related action, the council asked City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier to present a legal opinion on the feasibility of a special city tax on packaged liquors. Such a tax could be used to finance the library system, Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr. said.

GEM SOCIETY

Speakers at the Palos Verdes Gem and Mineral Society meeting Thursday, 8 p.m., at Dapplegray School, will be Verl and Donna Martin. They will present colored slides titled, "Western Trails to Gemland."

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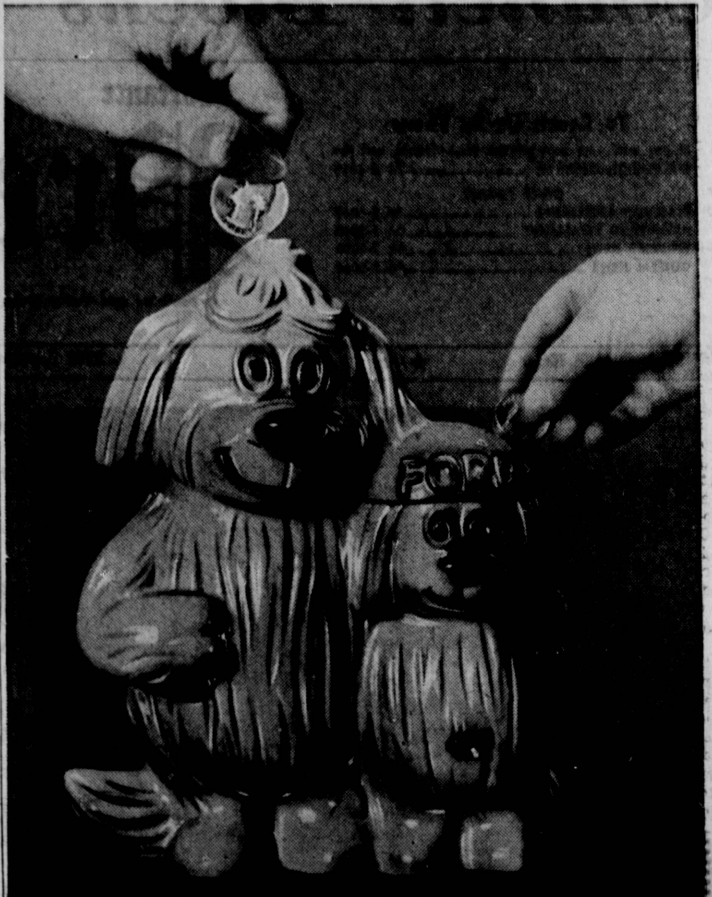
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... Tax Cut

(Continued from Page 1) million bond issue fails in November.

Dr. Hull told the board the district is "in better shape than we anticipated." He said about half of \$31 million increase in assessed valuation is the result of expansion at the Mobil Oil refinery here and noted that the project is about 50 per cent completed. He expects another major increase next year.

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