

Vermont Improvements Slated By Supervisors

SEA FESTIVAL

Parade of Lights GOP Doorbell Ringers To Top Carnival Begin Registration Drive

County Supervisors have called for bids for the improvement of a half-mile section of Vermont Avenue in the Carson-Harbor City area, Supervisor Burton W. Chace said today.

The Board of Supervisors Tuesday set a bid-opening for 9:30 a.m. Aug. 6.

Vermont will be widened to four lanes between Lomita Boulevard and Sepulveda Boulevard, Chace said. The project also includes improvement of a one-third mile section of Lomita Boulevard, west of Vermont.

"The Aug. 6 bid call puts the improvement project on a time-table calling for completion in June, 1969," Supervisor Chace said.

Included in the widening will be repaving, curbs, side-

walks, drains, and a traffic signal upgrading at Vermont Lomita Boulevard.

A feature of the project will be the construction of a reinforced-concrete, four-lane bridge — complete with sidewalks — to replace the existing timber bridge over railroad tracks.

"This is the first of an over-all improvement of Vermont programmed by the county," Chace said. "The entire project extends two miles from 223rd Street to Lomita Boulevard."

The work is being handled by the county, the state, and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, which is sharing in cost of bridge construction.

The improvement on Lo-

mita Boulevard west of Vermont consist of curbs, gutters, repaving and drainage facilities on the north side, completing the improvements on this section of Lomita Boulevard.

The balance of the improvement of Lomita Boulevard, between Normandie Avenue and Main Street, was completed last July.

"The Vermont Avenue project is necessary to reduce traffic congestion, to improve safety and to correct the existing roadway structural deficiency," Chace said. It is another phase in the development of this important north-south Maser Plan Highway, which serves as a distributor route for our freeway system."

Six brightly-decorated U.S. Naval vessels — four mine sweepers, a landing ship and the destroyer USS Higbee — will take part in the California International Sea Festival "Parade of Lights" Aug. 3.

The event will take place along the Long Beach ocean front, just north of Belmont Pier, and will be a four-hour climax to the opening day of a week-long aquatics carnival. The Sea Festival will run between Aug. 3 and 11.

The six Naval craft will be rigged with lights to form a backdrop for displays of aerial acrobatics, World War I-era aircraft, sky diving, water skiing and other

events.

More than 100,000 people lined the bluffs and beach last year for the Sea Festival Spectacular and Parade of Lights, far more than the civic sponsors of the event had anticipated.

The overall Sea Festival program will include national and regional championship racing for sailboats, power boats, catamarans and trimarans, along with a unique "aquatics meet" of unusual swimming competitions, a downtown Long Beach area art festival, the eighth annual International Underwater Photographic Exhibition and a Country-Western music concert.

Republican Round-Up 1968, the voter registration drive aimed at locating and registering all new Republicans of those who may have allowed their registrations to lapse, has been launched.

Teams of canvassers have fanned out across predetermined areas of Carson, Lomita, San Pedro, and North Torrance. Deputy Registrars accompanied each team, completing the job of registering applicants as the canvassers worked from door to door.

More than 40 canvassers and 18 registrars helped round up more than 150 new Republicans in a four-hour period, according to

Allen Hoffenblum, area director for the Republican Central Committee.

"This is only a start toward the over-all goal of a 10 per cent increase in Republican registration for 1968," he continued.

Round-Ups are also scheduled for the Saturdays of July 27 and Aug. 3, and additional dates will be set aside if necessary to complete our goal of 10 per cent increase before the close of registration on Sept. 12."

Saturday's Round-Up was climaxed by a buffet luncheon for the workers donated by Wayne Davis of the Queen's Kitchen, downtown Torrance.

Republican Round-Up 1968 is a continuing effort. Round-Up day begins with a short orientation meeting at 9 a.m. at Republican Headquarters, 1409 Cravens Ave., Torrance, or 650 Seventh St., San Pedro. The teams are organized, given instructions and maps, and sent out to their areas to canvass. They return to their respective headquarters around 1 p.m. to turn in their equipment, after which the post-mortem begins over a free lunch.

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