# Health Department Fees Just Pay for the Services

There has been some concern expressed over the re-cent increase in public health inspection fees imposed by the county, and a word of explanation is in

The fee increase was ordered by the Board of Sup-ervisors last July 1 after an 18-month study was made of inspections conducted by the County Health Department. The inspections are necesary to make certain business establishments

meet the public health code.

As a preface, let me point out that I do not entirely agree with the breakdown of fees imposed, particularly as it affects small businesses. I have asked that the Public Health Commission follow up the recent study with a recommendation which recommendation which would aid the smaller establishments.

THE FEES were increased to make the service selfsupporting. This policy was recommended by the Grand Jury, and the new fee structure will recover 98 per cent of the cost of performing the inspection service.

The old fee structure was picked up from the city of Los Angeles Health Department when that body was consolidated into the County

By BURTON W. CHACE - Health Department a few years back. Because the old fees were not scientifically substantiated, a more real-

> The result is the present fee structure which has been in effect for a few months.
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> A business in charged, as closely as possible, the cost for the visits by sanitarians.

STATE LAW stipulates that the county cannot charge more than the costof the service it provides of the service it would be a source of revenue and not recovery of cost.

Therefore, supervisors must decide if they should lower the rates to small businesses — which were espe-ially hard-hit—and not get full recovery of cost. The law reads that the business cannot be charged on vol-ume of business they do, but only for the service per-

It will be a tough decision to make under the limits of the law and changes in the fee structure will not be pos sible this year. I have asked that the commission's re-commendations be ready in plenty of time for the mat-ter to be reconsidered before the next fiscal year, when changes could be when changes could be made, if they are advisable.

SOME 5,000 registrars are

enable Halex to achieve a

four-fold increase in pro-

duction. He estimates vol-ume will more than double

cation to the aerospace in-dustry and the high quality labor pool in the area

The company, founded in 1958, employs 100 persons at its Del Amo plant.

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The tntire Shoestring Strip length of 228th Street coursing from Western Ave-nue to Tomlinson Road will

be paved and improved un-der a \$97,562.17 contract awarded today by the Los

Angeles Board of Public Works.

District Councilman John S. Gibson Jr. said the board

gave the construction con-tract to the Griffith Co. whose bid was the lowest of

Councilman Gibson said the job is expected to be completed in 80 working

The plans call for con

structing asphalt concrete pavement with concrete curbs, gutters, sidewalks and

driveways along this seg-ment of 228th Street.

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during the coming year. According to Larson, ma-jor reasons for moving to Del Amo are its central lo-

## **Aerospace Firm Moves Facilities to Del Amo**

Halex, Inc., has moved its sen said the new plant will headquarters and manufac-turing operations into a 35,000-square-foot building at 3500 Torrance Blvd., in the Del Amo Center. The firm was formerly located in

El Segundo. Halex is the world's largest independent manufac-turer of custom thin-film hybrid microcircuits and resistor networks. These high performance circuits are primarily for space, military and industrial applications President Harold R. Lar-

Newberry's To Observe **Opening** 

Newberry's will celebrate the grand opening of its newly remodeled Rolling Hills Plaza store this week. The store, located at Pacific Coast Highway and Cren-shaw Boulevard, offers opening sale items in today's editions of the Press Herald.

Al Cline, manager of the store, said the store has been completely remodeled and enlarged. "Our popular fabdepartment now has about twice the area that it had before as does the cur-tain and bedding depart-ment," he said.

Cline stated that each de-Cline stated that each de-partment has been relocated and remodeled for custener convenience. "New large and conveniently located custom-er check stands are near each department also," he added

### **Bank Approves** \$200,000 Loan

in La Habra has been ap-proved by Imperial Bank

out the county in prepara-tion for the Nov. 5 general election. Deadline for registration is Sept. 12, and in-terest is increasing rapidly as the preelection activity istic schedule was sought.

> Persons who have to register are those who have moved since last voting; who did not vote in the Novem-ber, 1966, General Election and who have not reregis-

registering voters through- tered; who have changed their name legally, including women who have mar-ried. Also those who have been in the state one year, in the county 90 days and in their precinct 54 days by Nov. 5; and those who will be age 21 on or before Nov.

> If you fall into one of these categories, let me suggest that you register im-mediately and avoid the in-operated by the county are

people put it off until the last minute and are discour-aged by long lines or they simply forget.

CIRCULATION IN the County Public Library System increased substantially during July over a year ago, even though five fewer li-

braries were being operated.
The five libraries not now

system, which was formed this year.

The 86 libraries in the county system circulated 894,876 books and magazines during July, 1968. This represents an increase of 58,401 over the same month a

year ago. Adjusting for Forrance cir-culation during July of 1967, this July's total was up approximately 15 per cent.

**Countywide Assessments** Pegged at 23.9 Per Cent

SACRAMENTO — The State Board of Equalization reported the average pro-perty assessment in Los Angeles County was confirmed today at 23.9 per cent of market value which com-pares with the market valassessment for 1967 set

24.7 per cent.
Percentages for every county but one, Santa Bar-bara, changed in the year as county assessors strove for a uniform 25 per cent as-sessment percentage requir-

ed by law by 1971. However, El Dorado County was the

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only one to succeed. The board reported most of the changes are fractional with the statewide average down to 23 per cent.

The percentages of market value, the board said, help decide the distribution of \$425 million in school equalization aid, affect school construction loan repayments, and can be used in local equalization assess-



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