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ADULT COURSES AT NEW NIGHT SCHOOL

Tentative plans for a sewing class in Hermosa Beach, a gym class for men and other additions and changes in the study program are being offered nearly 300 adults registered for the evening classes at the Union High school. More are expected in the registration today. A general assembly opened the first session of the school with J. B. Potter, superintendent of the evening school, addressing the prospective students attending. A sewing class taught by Mrs. Stone promises to be a most interesting course. Mrs. Stone, who has taught four years in adult classes in Los Angeles, will devote part of the period each meeting to pattern drafting and fundamental principles of sewing, the rest of the period members of the class will make various articles under the supervision of the teacher. Mrs. Stone also plans, if enough persons are interested, to hold an all day meeting in each of the three South Bay cities, Hermosa, Manhattan and Redondo, for those women who find it more convenient to attend such a class in the day time. Women interested in this plan should advise Mrs. Stone or Mr. Potter. The lip-reading class under the tutelage of Miss Gardner is to use a new method in the science of lip-reading and it is therefore important that all persons interested in this course should register early in order to

POLICE BELIEVE GAS THIEVES START FIRE

While workmen are busy rebuilding the office and portion of yard of the Patten-Blinn Lumber Company, destroyed by fire last Thursday, Chief of Police Ed Messinger and his force have been quietly following clues that indicate that the blaze was started by gasoline thieves.

Shortly after the flames cooled, Chief Messinger discovered that the petcock on the gas tank of the company truck, parked in the driveway, was wide open and that the pipe to the carburetor was disconnected.

Further investigation disclosed a piece of rubber tubing and a broken glass jug, apparently used by someone attempting to drain the gas tank of the truck.

From this evidence Chief Messinger reconstructed the scene, where one or more gasoline thieves were at work just as dusk fell. Something went wrong with the scheme and then the age old story—some one struck a match. The chief said burnt matches were found near the truck. Just how the thieves escaped serious burning, if they did, is a mystery.

Today police have traced the source of the rubber hose, have questioned a number of witnesses and though they decline to state definitely, indicate that fresh clues may lead to the apprehension of suspects in a short time.

STIPULATION RIDES ORDER OF COUNCIL FOR AUDIT OF BOOKS

Publication Delinquent Light
List Delayed for Further
Legal Opinion

To avoid possible technicalities, the City Council approved an arrangement for an audit of the city's books whereby the official order for the work goes to Logan R. Cotton with the stipulation that the actual auditing be done by Brown, an associate.

This was on the motion of Councilman Glade White after Councilman George Learned had pointed out that it should be unethical for Cotton to officially audit books, which he, as a councilman, had had a part in authorization.

During the short meeting the councilmen went on record thanking both Manhattan and Redondo Beach fire departments for their prompt aid in answering the alarms during the Patten-Blinn Lumber Co. fire last Thursday.

The council also received and filed the treasurer's report and authorized him to place \$5,000 worth of Vista Irrigations district bonds, now owned by the city, in escrow.

Publication of the delinquent list of the lighting assessment was further "deferred" in order to permit the city attorney more time to get an opinion on the legal situation from the attorney for the California League of Municipalities.

In addition, as indicated in the Review, the council corrected its error in appointing the civil service board. Upon the motion of Glade White the appointments were made to conform with the stipulations of the ordinance. In this case the terms of office were corrected from one, two and four years to be two, four and six years.

CRIME PREVENTION URGED BY SPEAKER

Declaring that Kiwanis Club activities in the interest of the youth of the nation were directly in line with the most modern beliefs of crime prevention workers, R. T. Hutchins, city engineer of El Segundo, urged even greater attention to the influences that produce delinquency in children, before the local club at its Monday noon luncheon.

Hutchins, who is also chief of police of El Segundo, stressed the

RUSH COMPLETION OF SOUTH SCHOOL RECONSTRUCTION

Hermosa Beach to Have One
of First Buildings to
Conform with Code

That workmen will have completed the reconstruction of the South School building on November 1, was today revealed by S. Lundeen, architect in charge of the rehabilitation of Hermosa Beach City schools.

However, students will not be returned to the building until a short time later to allow the cement work to dry out, according to Superintendent of Schools Charles L. Jones.

In addition, the North School is scheduled for completion December 10, according to Lundeen, and it is possible that present efforts to push the work may complete the work ten days earlier.

The school term ends December 15, and pupils will not occupy the building until after vacation, it was stated.

Upon the completion of South school, Hermosa Beach will have one of the first school buildings in the state to conform to the new building code, which was drawn up after many buildings suffered in the earthquake of more than a year ago.

Under the new construction now nearing completion the building will be absolutely structurally safe, according to Mr. Simpson, state inspector, now superintending the work here.

"For the sake of description, I believe it would be permissible to say that the building, when finished, could be lifted from its foundations and rolled over without injury," Simpson told the Review.

This is achieved by stripping four inches of the brick facing from the structure and erecting a web of steel reinforcing around the entire four walls. The web is interwoven to perpendicular columns of steel rods at intervals, much the same as fence posts, it was explained.

This reinforcing is then made an integral part of the building wall by the application of "gunite." This is a liquid cement which is applied with a pressure air gun impregnating the porous inner brick structure and forming a new wall four inches thick around the structure.

All projecting cornices, tilings and eaves will have been removed and the roof tied in with the steel reinforcing of the walls.

Work on the Pier Avenue structure will not be completed until March, according to present schedules.