

Flood Control Work Pushed Near Lakewood

LAKEWOOD, May 20—Thousands of tons of earth are being scraped out of the San Gabriel River between Del Amo Blvd. and Spring St. in a \$457,000 project to deepen, widen and reinforce levees of the County Flood Control District channel bordering this community on the east.

"Floodwaters broke out of the channel levees in 1938 and again in 1941," explains N. B. Hodgkinson, district division engineer. "Level of the bed has been almost the same as the surrounding area. We're deepening and widening it and piling the scrapings on the sides to make levees 16 feet high and 50 feet wide at the top."

Reinforced Levees

When the earth moving is completed, levees will be lined with asphaltic concrete reinforced with wire mesh to a depth of 6 feet below the stream bed. Hodgkinson explains that no land acquisition was necessary for the project since the district held right of way of strips along the river. North of Del Amo, the channel had previously been improved and reinforced.

Diggers and bulldozers are being used to move the earth. Work on the job, scheduled for completion in October, is being done by Warren Southwest Co., contractors.

Rotation Sought in Mayor Office

MANHATTAN BEACH, May 20—The resignation of Mayor Perry Walker to permit other members of the City Council to serve as chairman is under consideration by the officials.

Mayor Walker has said he advanced the proposal in the interest of rotating the chairmanship and would remain as a City Councilman. Walker became Mayor following the April election a year ago.

Junior Chamber Elects

SANTA ANA, May 20—Victor C. Alleman, recent winner of the Outstanding Young Man of 1950 award here, today held the presidency of the Junior Chamber of Commerce after serving the last year as vice-president.

TWO-DECADE CIRCUS RECORD KEPT INTACT

REDLANDS, May 20—Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Chace, 44 Eureka St., have not missed a YMCA circus since they began here more than two decades ago. They attended again this year, although he is 93 and she is 91.

Last Christmas they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary and they have been residents of Redlands for more than 50 years.

Poker Petition Notice Filed

SEAL BEACH, May 20 — An initiative petition will be circulated to seek adoption of an ordinance licensing draw poker here, three residents announced today in a legal notice.

The notice was signed by James V. Arnerich, Mrs. Louise White and Raymond P. Dawson.

The Airport Club now is licensed by the city, but the State Attorney General's office, after conducting hearings in Los Angeles recently, advised the City Council that operation of the establishment does not meet requirements of the present ordinance. This ordinance permits draw-poker operations only by nonprofit organizations.

Businesswomen Elect Officers

CORONADO, May 20 (AP)—Dr. Dorothy Patterson, Sacramento, today was elected president of the California Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, succeeding Dorothy Donahoe of Bakersfield.

Other officers elected today were: Ivy Grace, of Hollywood, first vice-president; Kathryn Maloney, San Francisco, second vice-president; Helen Maddex, San Francisco, third vice-president; Alma L. Abell, San Luis Obispo, recording secretary, and Mildred Weseen of Sebastopol, treasurer.

Mrs. Amy Stewart Rites Arranged

ORANGE, May 20—Funeral services for Mrs. Amy G. Stewart, 83, widow of Harry F. Stewart, one of the early developers here, will be conducted at 3 p.m. tomorrow from the Smith and Tuthill Chapel, Santa Ana.

She leaves a daughter Ruth, of Orange, and three sons, Lawrence, of Orange, and Wayne and Frank, of Long Beach.