

# Five-year capital improvement program adopted by Port council

A five-year capital improvement program, which includes a sponsored community swimming pool by 1968, was adopted by Port Hueneme city councilmen last night.

The program, as stated by Planning Commission chairman W. R. Lillebrand in a letter to councilmen, "is a five year projection of the important capital projects of the city, the Port Hueneme Redevelopment Agency, the Oxnard Harbor District, and the Ventura County Flood Control District."

Projects currently under way include a water department well at Fourth street and Oxnard road; the County Flood District channel work from Fourth street to West road. Projects nearing execution include the Harbor Redevelopment Project, the construction of Industrial avenue; and additions to the sanitary district sewerage collection, treatment and disposal system. The remainder of the capital improvements are planned over the next five years.

The program will be reviewed annually by the planning commission and city council, and adjusted according to the facts and circumstances prevailing at the time of review.

For the five year period, the program calls for \$1,490,000 being spent on streets and highways, parks and recreation, water department and civic center and \$1,144,000 for additions to the Port Hueneme Sanitary District's system for collection.

The industrial avenue project

is expected to be completed in fiscal year 1963-64. The avenue will be constructed east of Fourth street and south of Broad street within an 84 foot right of way and will have a 64 foot surface consisting of four 12 foot driving lanes and two eight foot parking lanes. Curbs, gutters and sidewalks will be installed, with street lighting following.

The swimming pool would be an indoor, heated, fresh water pool and would have locker room and shower facilities. It would be located either at Hueneme Beach as part of the beach front development or at Bubbling Springs Park as part of the Community Park development.

## City will investigate own bus service

Port Hueneme city councilmen last night directed City Administrator Walter Moranda to investigate the possibility of the city operating its own bus system, after learning it will cost Port Hueneme more money by continuing to contract with Oxnard for bus service.

Oxnard city officials informed councilmen that after reviewing operation costs for the past six months, a contract adjustment is necessary raising the daily cost to the city from \$11.94 to \$14.52. They stated that the major increase in expenditures resulted from equipment overhaul, adding that "buses were almost ready to retire" when the service to Port Hueneme started.

City Clerk Wilma Merryman said the net increase for the past three months, which the city is obligated to pay, amounted to \$194.26. Figures show that from July 1962 to 1963, the cost to the city increased from \$311.06 to

## Councilmen accept street plan for study

A recommendation from Port Hueneme Planning Commissioners on widening Fourth street from Pleasant Valley road to Broad street was accepted for study by city councilmen last night.

The plan calls for the acquisition of an additional 36 feet of right of way on the west side of Fourth street, increasing the width of the street from 60 feet to 96 feet and creating four 12 foot running lanes, two eight foot parking lanes, and curbs, gutters and sidewalks. There will also be a 12 foot divider and turn lanes, if council approves.

Port planners believe that the west side of the street will be the most economical to acquire, since the buildings are "less valuable" as on the east side.

## Santa will answer mail

Port Hueneme Postmaster Rolin L. Van Slyke announced today that kiddies can write to Santa this year and receive an answer. The jolly old gentleman's address is "Santa Claus North Pole 99701."

Better not forget the Zip Code 99701, Van Slyke cautioned. Also, all envelopes must have the correct postage of 5 cents for first class and eight cents for airmail.

The postmaster added that by including "your zip code in the return address, friends who write just once a year will have it."

Overseas Mail From Nov. 1 to Nov. 20 has been designated for mailing Christmas parcels by surface transportation to members of the armed forces overseas. For airmail parcels, the period is Dec. 1 to 10. Greeting cards should also be mailed within the designated periods.

The term "armed forces overseas" includes military personnel, their families, and authorized U. S. civilians who receive their mail through an Army Post Office (APO), Fleet Post Office, or Navy Post Office.

Van Slyke suggested that mailers ask at their post office which overseas post will need customs declarations, and also for advice on packing. All articles should be packed in boxes of wood, metal, solid fiberboard, or strong double-faced corrugated fiberboard, he said.

In addition to the articles normally prohibited in the mails, matches of all kinds and lighter fluid may not be mailed to overseas military addresses. Cigarettes, other tobacco products, coffee and various other items are prohibited in parcels addressed to some military post offices. "Better consult your post office first," the postmaster concluded.

## Senior citizens to hold potluck

The Senior Citizens' Club of Port Hueneme will hold its monthly potluck supper Friday night, Oct. 18, 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse on Scott street, followed by an evening of cards.

Those attending are asked to bring their own table services.

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**DRIED SEA KELP** — Though operations at Kopco Inc., have been disrupted by the recent sinking of the barge that harvested the kelp crops, dried kelp continues to be shipped out from the processing plant. A new barge is expected to be put into operation in the near future. —Pilot photo

## Normal production disrupted at Kopco Inc., but ocean-going farmers are still operating

The average dirt farmer concerns himself with too little or too much rain in raising a successful crop, but farmers at Kopco Inc., in Port Hueneme, are ocean-going farmers.

Kopco Inc., processes kelp, a mineral-rich organism capable of growing as much as 18 inches in 24 hours. Russ Dunwoody is the general manager of the unusual plant located at the west end of Maritime road.

Normal production at the plant has been disrupted by the sinking of the Kopco Star, Kopco's kelp harvester, on Oct. 1, about six miles off shore.

Dunwoody said, "We are operating, but are curtailed until another harvester is ready. We have to develop a new harvester as rapidly as possible so we can get in full production."

He said that the loss of the Kopco Star is one of the hazards of the sea, but does not stop operations.

The Kopco Star has been leaving at midnight to be at her destination when the tides are most advantageous. "We can't cut but four feet down by regulation," Dunwoody said. Harvesting is permitted under leases granted by the California State Fish and Game Commission, with regulations established by the commission.

Dunwoody explained that kelp does not grow from the soil, but rather attaches itself to rocks. The worst enemy of the organism is water temperature over 68 degrees. "We get sluff when the water is warm," Dunwoody stated. Also, star fish and sea urchins are enemies of the raw kelp.

After the kelp is unloaded and worked at the plant's small dock, it is dumped into large rotary choppers that turn the weed into a brown mush. The mush is then pumped into a rotary dryer 60 feet long and 6 feet in diameter.

The marine vegetation is heated at temperatures up to 300 degrees. The natural gas drying job leaves a dry, flaky material somewhat resembling a dark sawdust.

Dunwoody said that the additive for medicinal and bakery purposes is refined more slowly and comes out a powder rather than a flaky form. Medicinally, the product, because of its mineral content, has a beneficial effect in many cases. The product is also used as an additive in many different types of tablets.

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**NEW PRESIDENT**—Mrs. Bill Jeffries gets a corsage pinned on her by outgoing Port Hueneme Jaycee president Mrs. Jess Roy Mooney, Jr. Mrs. Jeffries was installed by Jaycee president Mooney Saturday night at the Point Mugu Chiefs' Club. Other officers installed were Mrs. Paul Carralero, vice president; Mrs. Charles Atkinson, secretary-treasurer and Mrs. John Uhri, publicity. Jaycees and their husbands enjoyed dinner and dancing during the evening. The next meeting will be held Nov. 5. —Pilot Photo

## Lions Club collects enough stamps to get movie projector

The Port Hueneme Lions Club has collected enough Blue Chip stamp books to obtain a 16 mm automatic slide projector, also needed at the center. Community Recreation Center, Friday night from 7 to 9:30 p.m., junior high students will do their part in getting the projector by donating a page or more of stamps as admission to a dance at the center. Krone said that 50 more books are needed. The club has collected 201 books.

Krone also said that he would like to extend a personal thank you to all the "wonderful people who so generously parted with their cherished books."



**GRAND MASKED BALL**—Port Hueneme Democratic Club members are awed by the mysterious costumed gentleman who has shown up on the scene where they are making decorations for the club's Halloween dance Saturday, Oct. 26, 8 p.m. at the Oxnard Beach Chamber of Commerce building. From left, are, Mrs. Charles Carpenter, who seems to know the costumed figure; Mrs. Harold Prouse and Mrs. Andrew McDuffie Jr. Mrs. McDuffie, publicity chairman for the affair, said that there will be a buffet, and other refreshments served at the dance. Tickets are \$2 for stags and \$3 a couple. Everyone is invited. —Pilot Photo

## Port Chamber of Commerce to present program on redevelopment projects

Having gone on record last week urging Oxnard Harbor District commissioners to proceed with necessary steps to expand the harbor, the Port Hueneme Chamber of Commerce will hold a meeting Monday night, Oct. 21, to better acquaint the public with the harbor expansion project, and also the Hueneme Redevelopment Project now under study.

Port Hueneme Redevelopment Agency executive director Arnold Peterson and assistant director Steve Krenzer will discuss the Harbor Redevelopment Project and the Hueneme project in relation to the city's general plan. After the half-hour presentation, questions will be welcomed.

The meeting will be held at the Port Hueneme Community Recreation Center, 550 Park avenue, at 7:30 p.m. Chamber president Ray Crawford said that the meeting is open to the general public.

Also, to be included during the latter part of the meeting is a table demonstration on fire prevention. The Ventura County Fire Department will present the program in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week just observed.

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## Port sanitary district endorses county sanitary district study

Port Hueneme Sanitary District directors Tuesday night resolved to endorse and support a \$25,000 to \$50,000 feasibility study of a county wide sanitary district, and at the same meeting approved plans and specifications for a 4,000-foot extension to the sanitary district's existing 1,200-foot ocean sewer outfall.

District Superintendent Walter Moranda was directed to forward the plans to the State Water Pollution Board and State Health Department for consideration. To receive a government grant for sanitation improvement, for which the district has qualified, the state is required to OK the plans. Approval will give directors the green light to advertise for bids on the estimated \$200,000 pipeline job.

Also, at the meeting: Directors authorized Moranda to hire a chemist to conduct water pollution tests at the beach for a seven-month period, at a salary not to exceed \$200 monthly. The Pollution Control Board now requires that cities monitor their own beaches every two weeks between the middle of October and May 1.

After a month's study of bids submitted at the last meeting on a new trash truck for the city, directors voted to buy a 1964 GMC truck from Bush Mechanical for \$10,817.

After a residence of approximately two years, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Becker left Oxnard Beach Tuesday to live in Los Angeles, where Mr. Becker will attend USC.

## Recreation highlights

- Community Recreation Center 550 Park Avenue
- Friday, Oct. 18
- Golden Age Club — Cards, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Junior High Dance — 7 to 9:30 p.m.
- Hueneme High Aftergame Dance — 10 p.m. to midnight.
- Ventura Co. Coffee Break — Room 2, 7 to 10 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 19
- Baton Twirling — 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Art Instruction — 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Charm and Beauty School — Room 1, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Monday, Oct. 21
- Junior High Drop-in activity — 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- Senior High Drop-in activity — 7 to 9:30.
- Port Chamber of Commerce — Room 1, 7:30 to 10 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 22
- Tot-Time — 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Golden Age Club — 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 23
- Basic Dance Routine — 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Adult Recreation — 7 to 9:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 24
- Tot-Time — 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
- State Mental Health Assn. — 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Lee Bullington recently became the proud parents of their first child, a son, who has been named Forrest Lee, III. Visiting her children and new grandson is Mr. Bullington's mother, Mrs. Mary Splove, of Anchorage, Alaska.

## Personals

Last week Mr. and Mrs. Ben Talbot visited former Huenemeans, Mr. and Mrs. John Bullard, at their Van Nuys home, where the two couples observed their wedding anniversaries.

Mrs. Elizabeth Eccles was the honored guest at a birthday party at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Loska. Mrs. Eccles, 81, cut a decorated cake and was presented with gifts.

Others present were Mr. Loska, Mr. and Mrs. Will Eccles, and their children.

Mrs. Jennie Cummings' has had as her houseguest Mrs. Margaret Phipps of Fillmore. On Monday, Mrs. Cummings' grandson, Richard Cummings, was a luncheon guest at her home before leaving for Dover, Del., where he is stationed with the U. S. Air Force.

A surprise party at the Klamberg home on Seventh street last Sunday honored Floyd Klamberg on his birthday.

A decorated birthday cake was served with other refreshments, and Mr. Klamberg was presented with gifts.

Others present were Mrs. Klamberg, Judy, Marilyn and Robert Klamberg, Mrs. Annabelle Stork, Mrs. Katy Alves, and Pal Quinn.

The Lucky 8 Pinochle Club met last week at the home of Mrs. Frank Goodaker for dinner and an evening of cards.

Others present were Mrs. Frank Hines, Steve Demok, Gene Stafford, Fred Heck, Cleve Wittong, Finis Smith and Guldo Geomotti.

**Card of Thanks**  
WE wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who assisted us in any way during our recent bereavement, either by words of comfort or floral offerings.  
Mrs. Jennie Cummings & Family