



SIMI VALLEY'S POPULAR QUARTET, the "Moonlighters," will be one of the featured groups at the second annual Harmony Festival to be staged by the Simi chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Saturday, Jan. 23. The show will be held at the high school multi-purpose room beginning at 8 p.m. In addition to championship quartets from other areas, the program will highlight the Simi Valley Barbershoppers chorus, and the "Anyway Four." Pictured left to right are: Leslie Reed, Creighton Hogan, Dan Hughes and Dick Kneeland, who is also director of the chorus.

Recreation, park board reviews achievements

With installation of its new board members earlier this month and a new fiscal year ahead, Simi Valley Recreation and Park district reviews its major accomplishments of the year of 1964.

Jan.: Employed professional planning assistance for development of a master plan of parks and recreation facilities for the district.

Feb.: Swimming pool project introduced by Junior Chamber of Commerce; Simi Valley Historical society formed.

March: Received sales office from Larwin company for use as a park clubhouse; received seven acres of park land from Frontier Enterprise; received one half acre of park land from Robertson.

April: Received a \$448,112 deed of trust from Larwin which represented approximately 19 acres of land.

May: Senior citizens club formed; first annual girls invitational track meet; district board approved plans for Frontier park; Kathy Wheeler chosen to reign over special events as Miss Recreation; received two acres of park land from Greenland Land Co.; received four acres of park land from Alscot Development Co.

June: Employed Jim Hand as recreation supervisor; 1964-65 budget adopted with plans for park development; Simi Valley day at Dodger stadium and recreation circus programmed as events marking June as national recreation month.

July: Possibility of a regional park and reservoirs at the Bus-Long canyon site introduced.

Aug.: Received \$21,000 from various developers for land improvements; received six acres of park land from Larwin and Diamond Head.

Sept.: 15 candidates named for election to recreation and park board; riding and hiking trail study advanced; community center account reached \$9500 from honorary mayor race.

Oct.: Community orchestra formed; swimming pool advisory committee formed; Berlywood Park plans approved by board of directors; district master plan approved by board.

Nov.: Baton classes started at elementary playground level; American Legion Post 484 announces plans to devote large sums of money to community center project; Mrs. Margaret Ahlstrom, Ray Brannen and Bill Dward elected to district board.

Dec.: Architects interviewed regarding Community center project; architects interviewed regarding swimming pool project; grading started at Frontier park.

Strahl charges 'baby-sitting'

"Babysitting."

That's what Harry Strahl, chairman of the recreation and park district board of directors thinks of his district's after-school playground program.

The charge isn't a new one, but usually comes from bitter critics of the district's youth recreation programs.

Strahl charged that children "were herded around like a bunch of sheep" in playground recreation programs.

But other board members disagreed.

Strahl's outburst came as directors Wednesday were considering recreation programs that will be translated into figures for next year's preliminary district budget, to be drawn next month by general manager Leslie G. Reed.

"Don't these kids ever stay home," Strahl fumed.

But new board member Ray Brannen snapped back: "Don't their parents ever stay home?"

Director Ted Grandson said the playground programs, operated after school and in the summers, "returns to the people a service for which they're paying taxes."

"When you're operating a program like we have, you're not babysitting," Reed said. "I don't buy that one hair."

Brannen said the often-trumpeted charge of "babysitting" is "nothing but a cliché."

Women asked to save coupons for park project

It takes a long time to collect 120,000 Betty Crocker coupons, but members of the Simi Valley Junior Women's Club are working toward this goal.

The coupons can be used to purchase a \$600 piece of playground equipment for one of the new parks planned by the Simi Valley recreation and parks district.

"Junior women have been turning in coupons at our meetings," Mrs. Gordon Warady, project chairman said. "But we feel that if the public was aware

of our project they would be glad to help. If community women began to save their coupons, which come on breakfast food boxes and other foods, we could achieve our goal much quicker."

Anyone wishing to donate coupons may call her at 526-4673 for pick-up.

The Juniors were sparked into action when Jim Hand, recreation supervisor, spoke to the club Jan. 13. He showed colored slides of playground equipment and told of the cost of the items.

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Park and Recreation Dept. names new general manager

The Simi Valley Recreation and Park District has appointed Joe Painter to the position of general manager, filling the vacancy of Les Reed, who left to go into private enterprise Friday, April 16. Painter comes from the ranks of the park superintendency of the southeast recreation and park district. The southeast district is much like the Simi District in as much as the growth rate has been tremendous. When Painter came to the Southeast District 11 years ago there was but one park

and now there are 16.

Some of the parks that he has developed in that area are looked upon as outstanding by the people of the community and other parks and recreation people in the state. His latest accomplishments were developing a par three golf course and a barn yard animal farm for children.

This U.S. Army veteran has been very active in La Mirada as he now serves as president of the Rotary Club, Director of the La Mirada Homeowners Association and is a

member of the American Institute of Park Executives.

Painter has made several trips to the Simi Valley and indicates he is pleased with the challenge here.

He was selected after three weeks of screening some of the top talent in the field of recreation and parks by the local board of directors under the leadership of chairman Harry Strahl. Other members of the board are Mrs. Peg Ahlstrom, Ted Grandson, Bill Dewar and Ray Brannen.

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Park District schedules summer movie programs

The Simi Valley Recreation and Park District today announced the summer film schedule for playgrounds in the Simi Valley.

This entertainment will be offered to the local youngsters at a small fee and a new feature will be shown each of the eight weeks of summer. Each playground will have a movie time and day.

Starting things off the week of June 22nd will be "Johnny Tremain" from Walt Disney, also from Disney will come "Hans Brinker of the Silver Skates" for the week of June 29th, "Third Man on the Mountain" will be the week of July 6th, and Haley Mills will star in "Pollyanna" during the week of July 13. The week

of July 20th will be "The Light in the Forest"; with "Ten Who Dared" to be shown the week of July 27. The only non-Disney film shown during the summer will be the hilarious baseball comedy, "It Happens Every Spring" to be shown the week of August 3rd. Winding things up for the kids will be the all time favorite "Davy Crockett - King of the Wild Frontier" on the week of August 10th.

This program is one of many planned for Simi Valley boys and girls of the elementary age by the local district. Youngsters should contact the playground leaders in their area to find out the time and dates for showings in their area.

Lagomarsino bill creates special park zone

Senator Robert J. Lagomarsino (R-Ventura) has introduced a bill in the State Senate which would permit the creation of special maintenance zones within Recreation and Park Districts to maintain open spaces and parks, located in and around residential subdivisions which have been created by the developers.

For a number of years, city and county planning commissions have been

encouraging developers to utilize a "greenbelt" concept in subdivision construction to provide open space for residents.

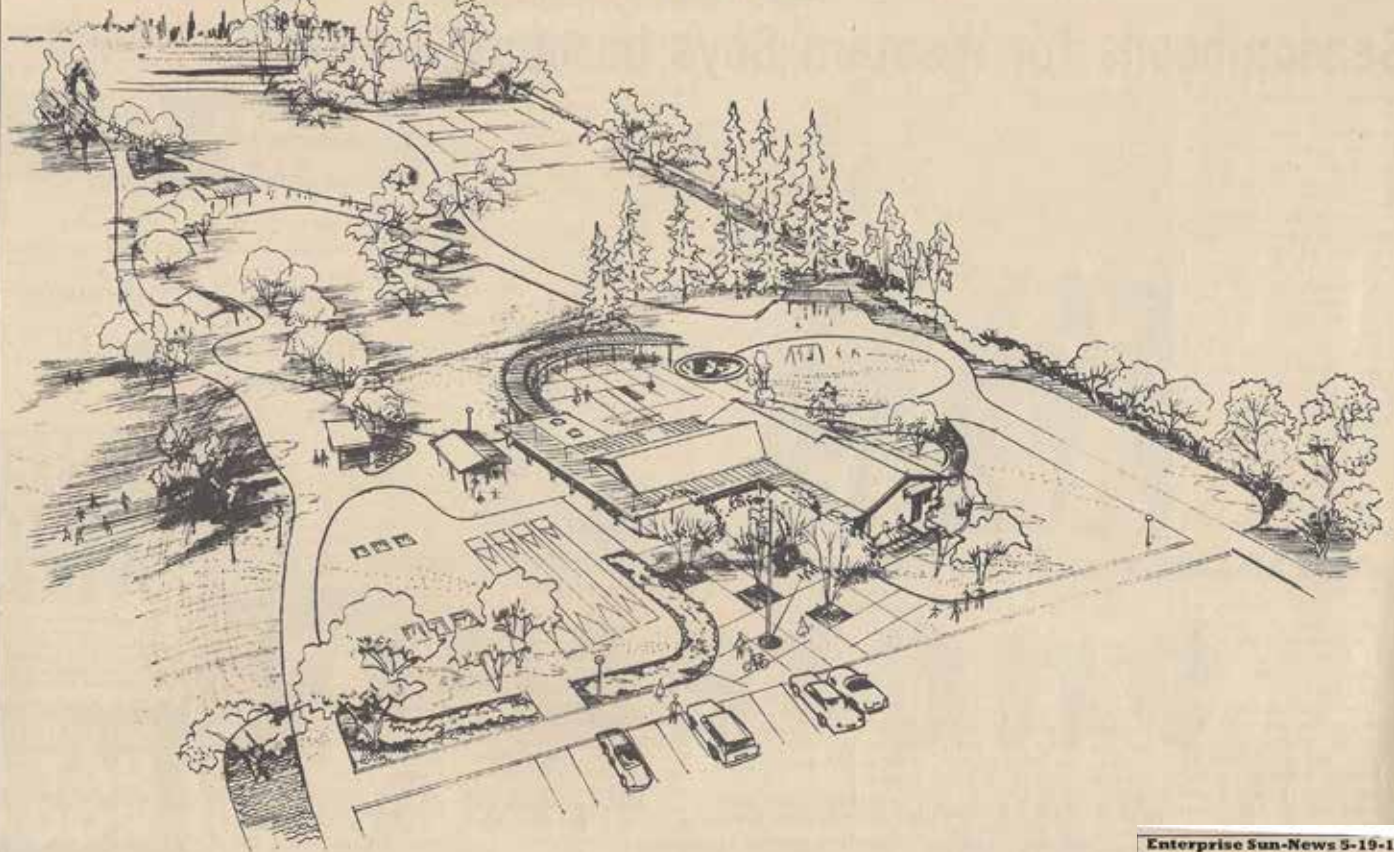
However, developers have been reluctant to provide this space because of the difficulties encountered in finding a workable method of maintaining these areas.

Lagomarsino's bill would establish zones which would allow the Recreation and Park Districts to maintain these

open spaces and parks, in addition to the district facilities which are provided or maintained for the benefit of the whole district.

Lagomarsino pointed out today that, "My bill would permit the Recreation and Park Districts to impose an additional tax on property within the affected zone."

"This tax would not exceed ten cents per \$100.



ARCHITECT'S sketch of the new Berylwood Park at Los Angeles Ave. and Bridget St.

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Berylwood Park contract is awarded

The Simi Valley Recreation and Park Dist. has awarded a contract for phase three of the Berylwood Park construction project at Bridget and Los Angeles avenue.

At a meeting Friday the board of directors awarded the contract to Moulder Brothers of Glendale, which offered the low bid of \$64,425 for construction of shelters and rest rooms and paving and turfing of the area.

The park district's upcoming budget provides funds for landscaping, the construction of cook-out facilities and other finishing items for the park.

The directors on Friday also made some revisions in the district's budget which will be presented at a public hearing on June 9.

The directors also agreed to help forestall any possible delay in the construction of a community swimming pool at the high school by meeting with members of the Simi Valley Board of Education to discuss an added \$8,000 needed to cope with soil problems at the pool site.

Park district to maintain 11 playgrounds for summer use

Wondering what the kids can do now that school is out for the summer? The Simi Valley Parks and Recreation District will open 11 playgrounds on June 21 from 1 to 5 p.m. to provide summer fun for valley youngsters.

Special programs have been planned for children in third through sixth grades. Activities will include arts, crafts, movies, tournaments, games and special events.

Locations which will be open are Arcane, Lincoln, Knolls, Simi Elementary, Park View, Santa Susana,

Vista and Walnut Grove Schools.

Limited programs will be offered at Belwood, Big Springs and Township

Clubs urged to join in bazaar

All service and social clubs of Simi Valley are urged to contact Anderson Jewelry store in Larwin Square for booths at the Community Bazaar to be held at Larwin Square on June 25, 26 and 27.

Schools.

First and second graders at Arcane and Township Elementary Schools will have activities planned and directed by volunteers at each school who have been trained by Pat Regele from the Recreation and Parks District.

Arcane's program will be from 1:30 to 3:30 on Monday and Wednesday.

As well as the comprehensive schedule planned by the Teen Counsel, valley teenagers will have the continuing sports program at the junior and senior high schools available.

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We're on Easy Street

The Enterprise-Sun and News is moving its main offices to new permanent headquarters on 624 Easy St.

Editorial, news-gathering, advertising, composing, typesetting, accounting, personnel and other functions vital to the production of a good, completely local newspaper to serve the citizens of Simi Valley, will be performed at this local office by people who live and shop in this community.

Easy Street is just off 112nd Street on the north side of Los Angeles Avenue. Our office is located between Bob Aln Ford and the Little League field.

DIRECTORS OK \$285,670 PARK BUDGET

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Appleton criticizes use of funds

By BOB WOOD

The Simi Valley Recreation and Park District's board of directors have approved a \$285,670 budget for the coming fiscal year.

Only a few people attended the public hearing on the budget Wednesday night at the Vista Elementary School.

The only objection to the spending program came from Joe Appleton, president of the Chamber of Commerce who criticized the use of funds for recreation activities.

He said he is confident that the residents of valley residents in voting in the parks and recreation department, was for the purpose of creating park facilities. However, said Mr. Appleton, in your three years of existence, criticism and attention has been directed in that area.

"Why are we helping to build and maintain recreational facilities for the schools, when the schools have approximately \$50,000 just for that purpose," asked Appleton. "I feel that you are diverting a great share of money in that direction rather than park facilities. This is contrary to a park district."

"I'm not surprised to see in here protesting to the mayor about it, but when their taxes are why they will be most concerned why they don't have the things they paid for."

"I plead with you to be very much concerned and urge that you re-evaluate your budget and provide for recreational facilities. Let's not overlook the supervised recreation for our youngsters."

The recreation and park district has, at this time, 60 acres of property assessed at an excess of \$69,000,000, but according to Bill Dowart, Finance Chairman, "I'm not sure I do everything in case."

Breakdown of the budget reads: salaries and employee benefits, \$69,700; services and supplies, \$25,700; fixed assets, \$146,270; Appropriation for contingencies, \$5,000; and general reserve, \$35,000.

According to these figures, the total budget for 65-66, will run approximately \$63,325 more than the '64-65 fiscal year, and about \$249,795 more than in '62-63, when the Recreation and Parks District came into existence.

The detailed budget report is comprised of salary and employee benefits for extra help, elementary after school playground, \$10,155; elementary Saturday for the school year, \$1,179; elementary playground, \$7,694; high school year intra-mural, \$2,015; junior high school year on Saturdays, \$910; junior high outdoor program.

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BUDGET FIGURES were explained to a handful of residents Wednesday night by Bill Dowart, finance chairman, at the Recreation and Park District's budget hearing at the Vista Elementary School.

New committee organizes for Simi Valley cityhood

Discussion of the Incorporation Study Committee last week gave birth today to the Incorporation Committee for Simi Valley Cityhood with a revamped organizational set-up geared to the forthcoming campaign.

Announcement of the new structure was made by chairman Harry Shetron who said, "We have tailored the various committees in the obvious needs dictated for coming months when property owners within the proposed boundaries representing 25 percent of the assessed valuation must sign a petition asking for the special cityhood election."

"This could conceivably represent anywhere from 2,500 to 8,000 signatures and we are allowed just 120 days to do it," he said.

Citizens from the former Study Committee were retained including Shetron, William Coffey - chairman; Frank Schroeder, secretary; and William Schatz, parliamentarian.

Mary Spielman was also retained as recording secretary but will be away for a portion of the summer and will be replaced by Mrs. Wilma Kennedy of 1134 Royal Ave.

Meeting Saturday at the Schroeder residence, the board of directors formulated new and reformed committees, naming acting chairman for the organizational period thereby leaving the door open for additional committees as needed and for new committee chairman and board members.

Committees were divided into administrative and campaign groupings though all will be intimately working for a successful incorporation drive.

Those committees and their functions falling into the administrative side are: laws and means, which will primarily be designed with fund raising efforts, activities and personnel, which will provide volunteer workers for fund raising projects, special events and elsewhere; legal procedures, which will involve itself with petition forms, legalities and similar concerns.

On the campaign side are: research committee, which will perform a variety of functions dealing with research and campaign material; speakers bureau committee, which will boast teams of good speakers well versed with incorporation information to address large gatherings and organizations and answer questions pertaining to the subject matter while three member teams will be available to speak at smaller gatherings such as fairs, coffee parties and the like; headquarters committee, which will staff incorporation headquarters for typing, telephone and public contact; petition committee, which will work in neighborhood areas in a door-to-door basis.

Named to chairmanship of the administrative committees were: Ways and Means, Gordon Buck; Activities and Personnel, Dave Slagter; Legal Procedures, Cor-

don Lindren. Campaign committees are: Research and Headquarters, Hal Morgan; Speakers Bureau, Dick Herman; Headquarters, co-chairman Beverly Lutz and Ruth Wood; Finance, John (Cont. on pg. 3)

Bandle wants no part of Bull Bull

Al Bandle, candidate for honorary mayor, wants no part of his mayoral opponent, Al Bull's Bull Bull campaign.

Bandle yesterday denied reports that the candidate sponsored by the "Old County" Bull Bull has been invited to the Bandle-Bush Day picnic to be held June 20 at open at OUE Park.

Bandle forces also emphasized that Al Bull is not registered as a participant in the talent show on June 20 at the L.R. Stewart Auditorium.

Jay Ulla, campaign chairman for the Bandle committee, said the source of the story of Bull Bull's efforts to enter the Bandle Bull "is a mystery to me."

"At no time has such a move been intended," said Ulla.

"Our campaign workers are 100 per cent behind Al Bandle and he is the only one we are wishing for. If this other candidate seeks help, we suggest that he find it from his own sponsors."

Use of funds criticized

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gram, \$481, and other high summer program, \$40; adult basketball, \$10; adult volleyball, \$65; mother's co-op, \$80; aquatics, initial year operating contingency, \$1,000; teen age leader, \$329; and special activities and recreation specialists, \$1000. Sub total for extra is \$26,351.

Under regular personnel is finance, general manager, \$10,586; recreation supervisor, \$5,072; administrative secretary, \$4,950; building grounds maintenance man \$5,263; clerk/bookkeeper, \$2,065; account clerk, \$2,435; caretaker, \$2,145; center director, \$3,364; and adult sports supervisor, \$660.

Sub total for regular personnel is \$40,777. Next is the vacation and sick leave pay which amounts to \$400; state employee retirement, \$1,122; social security, \$950; and employee group insurance, \$200. Grand total for salary and benefits is \$69,700.

Under services and supplies, communications, \$1,300; household expenses, \$750; insurance, \$2000; maintenance-equipment, \$200; maintenance-structures, improvements, grounds, \$1,200; medical supplies, \$100; memberships, \$200; office expenses, \$1,250; professional and specialized services, \$2,800; publications and

legal notices, \$200; rent and lease - equipment, \$305; small tools and instruments, \$300; special department expenses, \$6,700; transportation and travel, \$3,000; and utilities, \$5,000 - giving a grand total for services and supplies of \$25,700.

Liabilities under fixed assets is land acquisition, \$12,700; negotiation fees, \$500; land clearing, \$2,300; and relocating sewer gas line office, \$4,500, amounting to \$20,000.

Structures and improvements such as Arrow Park improvements, \$11,500; Fremont Park improvements, \$12,000; Sycamore Park site, \$20,000; Boughton Park site, \$6,270; Berylwood Park, \$20,000 and Community Center site, \$46,500, totaling \$116,270.

Expenses for equipment will run \$10,000, giving a grand total for fixed assets of \$146,270.

Appropriation for contingencies, \$9000; general reserve, \$35,000. Grand total for reserves, \$44,000, bringing us to the 65-66 budget of \$285,670.

Dowart explained at the meeting that the recreation and parks board are centering their attention on the Berylwood Park site because it is most centrally located. "We hope to have this park completed and in use by summer so the people of the valley can see where their tax dollar is going," he said.

Recreation district's summer program swings into action

Summer elementary playgrounds are in full swing according to Pat Regele, playground supervisor, of the Simi Valley Recreation and Park District.

The areas which are open five days a week from 1 to 5 p.m. are Arcane, Knolls, Lincoln, Park View, Santa Susana, Simi Elementary, Vista, and Walnut Grove.

Activities include movies once a week in most areas; crafts, arts, sports, tournaments and special events of all kinds.

Belwood, Big Springs and Township are opera-

ting on a limited program, two days a week, from 1 to 5 p.m. These areas offer movies once a week, crafts, arts, and table games.

Arroyo Park and Frontier Park have programs running also. Arroyo Park, backed by the enthusiasm of the Valley West Homeowners Association, is operating every day from 1 to 5 p. m. offering table games, sports, tetherball, horseshoes, and special events. Despite the handicap of working at an incomplete park site, leaders Rhonda Running, Anne Pillar, and Bob Hunt, are as enthus-

lastic as the youngsters who are turning out.

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beverages will be provided. Park that evening.

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Recreation and Park District News

Stuffed animals, big and little, all shapes and sizes, had their day Thursday, July 8, as the Arcane 1st and 2nd grade Volunteer Mothers Program of the Simi Valley Recreation and Park District held its first special event for the 90 children who participated. Special satin ribbons were presented the winners by recreation leader Rhonda Running and Mrs. Helen Channell, volunteer mother leader.

Checkers are big business, at least at new Arroyo Park as Rhonda Running and Anne Pillar, leaders, can tell you. Winners,

Things were in motion at Vista Wednesday as Gerry Blackwell and Brice Chambers watched the motions of many hula boops in action. Over-all winners were: 1st - Priscilla Rocco; 2nd - Donna Kremper; 3rd - Cindy Malcomb. Other awards of Special Divisions: Best Knee Knockers - Bob Sawyer; Most Tricks - Genice Potter; Longest Time - Ron Blackwell.

"Over, under and around" were the orders of the day recently at Lincoln playground as senior leader Rita Doll clocked in

winners Jerry Dowlain and Jon Mathieson from the obstacle course, one of many special events featured there every week.

A unique way to cool off and have fun too was found at Simi Elementary Thursday as senior leader Dan Pry and junior leader Elsie Scott filled balloons with water, paired up partners, and had an exciting balloon toss. Cool winners were Randy and Mike Newhart.

Boots and Slippers make plans for Pioneer Days

Simi Boots and Slippers Square Dance Club board members met for a combined swim party and business meeting Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Bowdus.

The group discussed plans for their Pioneer Days dance, July 30, at 8 p.m. in the L. R. Stewart Auditorium.

The group will also participate in the Pioneer Days parade.

They were working up an appetite at Walnut Grove Friday as 22 boys took part in a 3-legged race, much to the delight of 71 other children all of whom were really whetting their appetites for a big watermelon feed put on by Senior Leader Bob Embrey. Winners of the race were Steve Rodrigues and Gene Smith, but everyone came up a winner when the watermelons came on.

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NEW SIMI VALLEY PARK WILL BE CLOSER TO THOUSAND OAKS

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Developer gives 300G park gift

The Simi Valley Recreation and Park District will be \$315,000 richer because of a gift from a developer who is putting in a 695-home tract in a remote corner of the Simi Valley school and park district. \$315,000 represents the donation of a park site on the donation of \$153,000 to develop the site as a park. Joseph Painter, general manager of the Simi Valley Recreation and Park District, made the announcement in a press conference on Friday.

The donation is being made by Louis H. Boyer of the Metropolis Development Corp. who has started to develop a 3,000-acre tract in the extreme southern boundaries of the Simi Valley school and park district.

The park, which Painter said will be completed and ready for use by March, will be located within Boyer's tract, is actually much closer to Thousand Oaks than it is to Simi Valley.

The area is known as Oak Park and is located just north of the Ventura Freeway, about three miles east of the center of Thousand Oaks.

The site of the new park is a 25-mile drive each way from Simi, according to Recreation Director Jim Hand.

The park will be named the Mae Boyer Park in honor of the donor's wife.

The 695-home tract will be the first built in this remote area of Simi Valley and is just the first phase of development of the 2,000 acres, according to Painter.

The new homes will be ready in about eight months and were described as three and four and five bedroom homes.

When families move into the homes, the board of the Simi Valley Unified School District will face a problem. A new elementary school is planned adjacent to the park site, but the school will be located about 25 miles from the Simi Valley school district offices and from the Simi Valley secondary schools.



NEW PARK - The cross near the bottom of the map indicates the approximate location of the Mae Boyer Park, a part of the Simi Valley Recreation and Park District. The broken line indicates the southern boundaries of the Simi Valley school and park districts.



PARK PLANS are inspected by Joe Painter, right, general manager of the Simi Valley Recreation and Park District and Jim Hand, recreation director.

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PARK - RECREATION DISTRICT MOVES TO SPEED CONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNITY CENTER



A TREE GROWS IN BERYLWOOD -- Joe Patner, center, general manager of the Simi Valley Recreation and Park District, supervises the planting of the first tree at Berylwood Park, which will open to the public within a few weeks. Aiding in the tree planting are Jim Hand, recreation director, and Gene Kottelman, caretaker.

The Simi Valley Recreation and Park District board of directors has taken action to expedite the construction of a community center.

At the request of Harry Strahl, chairman of the board, the facilities committee comprised of Ray Brannen and Ted Grandson, met last week at the board room at 2006 Sycamore in Simi.

The purpose of the meeting was for the facilities committee and Mayor Marty Martz, president of the Community Center Committee, to determine the next steps for development of the multi-purpose building and the youth center.

Strahl indicated the urgency of a decision of the Community Center group to state their ideas and feelings in the proposed plan for the Community Center site, and for them to act accordingly.

The park district has budgeted \$40,500 towards this particular site, which is for grading, mechanical, and partial construction.

Mrs. Peg Wilson, chairman and secretary for the Chamber of Commerce, informed the district yesterday that the Community Center fund bank account is \$14,207.75, with several hundred dollars pledged forthcoming.

Landscape architect Don Roberts presented the plans and cost figures for the Community Center buildings and a schematic of the park to the committee and Martz.

Martz will present this to the Community Center Committee at its next meeting and also stated that the American Legion might offer a figure for the project to make it a memorial to the American Legion.

The total site will be approximately 13 acres and will be contiguous to a school site on the west, Cochran on the north, and Tracy avenue on the east.

The District is obtaining 10 plus acres from Larwin Company to comply with the lot reduction requirements of the county. This is to be added to an additional 2.6 acres already owned by the District adjacent to the same property.

Let Goldin of Larwin

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Simi's youngest twins join actors guild

Danny and Darryl Connella of Simi Valley have just joined the Screen Actors Guild.

This isn't too unusual, except that the Connella boys are just 22 days old and each tips the scales at a little more than six pounds.

They are the youngest and the smallest members of the actor's union.

The identical twins were born Aug. 16 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Burbank and are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bob H. Connella of 1353 Agnew St., Simi.

They will star in "The Big Valley," a Four-Star television series which stars Barbara Stanwick and will start running this month.

Four - Star Productions contacted Mrs. Connella a few days after the birth of the boys.

The thespian twins have already starred in two films which will appear on television late this month.

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Company, has indicated that in the very near future the park district will receive the grant deed to the property.

Goldin also presented to the district a sketch of the site so that steps can be taken to assist the Community Center Site Committee, the facilities committee of the Simi Valley Recreation and Park District, and the American Legion in taking action to fulfill the dreams of so many citizens of the valley.

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GROUND BROKEN FOR NEW PARK

Another park is on the planning boards for Simi Valley.

Frontier Park, to be located on 2-1/2 acres between Elizondo street and Arroyo Simi, may become one of the most unique recreation areas in the state; according to information released last week by Joe Painter, general manager of the Simi Valley Recreation and Park District.

The central attraction in the park will be a log fort, complete with blockhouse and log cabins.

It will feature play equipment with a frontier theme, such as covered wagons, corrals, etc.

The unique park, designed by landscape architect Don Roberts, will be built by local volunteer labor supplied by the Simi Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The fort and blockhouse will be constructed of telephone poles donated by the

Pacific Telephone Co.

Painter said telephone company manager Walt Taylor, engineer T.E. Croson and right of way agent Howard G. Marohn have committed the phone company for enough poles for the fort and blockhouse.

"The material needs call for many poles and the Park District is appreciative of such a gracious donation which saves the taxpayers a considerable amount of money," said Painter.

The problem of labor was discussed at a recent meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce "and wheels started spinning and volunteer labor came from all directions in this fine, community-spirited organization," said Painter.

Dave Finley of the Junior Chamber, will supervise the district plans for the fort and he will be aided by JC president Tony Ullrich and past president Art Johnson, said Painter.

Frontier Park is one of a network of eight parks --totaling about 50 acres-- planned for Simi Valley.

Berylwood Park at Bridget and Los Angeles avenue is the only one completed so far.

Sale of park land is issue in new proposed amendment

The Simi Valley Recreation and Park District may be able to sell or trade property acquired from subdividers under a proposed amendment approved Tuesday by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors.

Joe Painter, local district manager, was present to voice his approval of the amendment.

However, Joe Appleton, Simi Valley Chamber of

Commerce, suggested the board move cautiously in the matter, stating that residents purchase homes in some areas because they expect there will be a park in the immediate vicinity.

In approving the recommendation of the county executive regarding the proposed amendment, the board of supervisors stressed that the sale of the land would be at the discretion of park district boards, elected by the residents.

Under the initial ordinance land, donated by subdividers and not improved within a five year period, will revert to the donor.

The proposed amendment will provide that funds received from the sale must be used for development of other park land and not for park district expenses.

The matter was referred by the board of supervisors to the district attorney's office which will draw up the amendment.

Painter told the Enterprise-Sun and News that one reason he favored the proposed amendment was that in some instances area for a park is donated, adjacent to a proposed school, and then the school district may decide on another location. This leaves the park district with a very small amount of property, which might be sold for property at more advantageous site.

Youngest Walker?

Roderick Otten is only two months old, but he's walking already, according to his mother, Mrs. Fred Otten of 2904 Kadota St., Santa Susana.

Mrs. Otten said the boy will walk across the room with just a little help. She said some one has to support the baby's head.

Roderick and his twin sister, Rebecca, were born Sept. 9. Mrs. Otten said Rebecca is trying hard to imitate her brother.

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Urge careful driving through Box Canyon

Employees of Rocketdyne's Santa Susana field laboratory today were urged to drive carefully through Box Canyon.

The warning came from R.J. Lodge, director of field laboratories for Rocketdyne.

"These populated areas appear suddenly as you travel what is apparently a high speed roadway," Lodge said. "Minimal road markings also contribute to this illusion.

"Prudent speeds should be maintained at all times and one should remain alert to pedestrians and animals crossing the road.

"This is particularly necessary in the vicinity of the Chatsworth Lake community where visibility is restricted by curves or the grade of the road."

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Fri., 10/29	96	56
Sat., 10/30	91	50
Sun., 10/31	86	48
Mon., 11/1	80	45

	Moorpark	
	High	Low
Fri., 10/29	94	49
Sat., 10/30	90	48
Sun., 10/31	85	40
Mon., 11/1	87	41

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Step up action at Berylwood

Pat Regele, recreation supervisor for the Simi Valley Recreation and Park District announced that beginning today Berylwood Park would conduct a wide variety of activities for children after school between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays.

Included in the program will be a boys' model and hobby club on Mondays from 3 to 4 p.m.

This club will give boys 9 years old and above an opportunity to work on their models and hobbies with an instructor who will give them professional assistance.

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The mysterious case of the community center building fund

By BETTY BYRNES

Button, button, who's got the button, may best describe the present status of the Community Center building fund. Frank Schroeder, Marilou Wasell, Gordon Lindeen and Jim Basile of the Chamber of Commerce board of directors will attempt to unravel the puzzle when they meet Nov. 27 at the Chamber office.

A chamber sponsored community project that evolved in June 1963, the center was originally planned to be an all purpose adult facility where plays, concerts, dinner dances and other adult functions could be held, according to Jake Spatz, former director on the Chamber of Commerce board who presented the original motion asking for chamber sponsorship of the Community Center.

Spatz and other members of the first Community Center fund raising drive agree that the adult center plan was formed because a number of school auditoriums, playgrounds and ball parks were available for the youth of the valley while the adults were relegated to meeting in private homes or paying a fee to a public restaurant if the gathering promised to be a large one.

The minutes of the Oct. 7, 1964 meeting of the Community Center Committee state, "Jake Spatz indicates that his interest apparently is to explore the costs of a hall which could

seat some 1500 people, including a large stage for production purposes. The facility would be designed to be multi-purpose. Apparently the thinking also is to negotiate a donation of land separate from that which has been donated to the Recreation and Park District."

The original purpose of the Community Center seems to have been abandoned after the formation of the Community Center Advisory Committee, made up of representatives of various Simi Valley organizations, and whose participation was requested by the Chamber of Commerce.

Minutes of the Community Center Oct. 21, 1964 meeting state, "It is the unanimous opinion of all present that this facility must be designed to include facilities for teenagers. No mention was made of pre-school or elementary aged youth facilities. They did recognize the need for facilities to accommodate recreation activities and meeting rooms for groups and organizations."

The story becomes more clouded after 17 community organizations responded to the questionnaire distributed by the Community Center Committee.

In response to the question, "three most important purposes of the community building," there were 14 indications of the need for meeting rooms, 12 indicated a need for a large hall, nine expressed interest in facilities for

banquets, six indicated an area to accommodate musicals, dramatic productions, and dancing facilities.

The type of activities which led the list from participating organizations were meetings, lectures, banquets, luncheons, entertainment, social recreation, forum and civic meetings, and exhibits.

Many Chamber of Commerce members are expressing concern over the Community Center coming under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park District because of a priority system governing the use of a district maintained center that was marked study by the Recreation and Park District board of directors on Aug. 4, 1964.

The priority system study gives first priority for a recreation center activities and program conducted or co-sponsored by the Recreation and Park District. Second priority is given activities and events designed to serve youth and citizens of the district and school affiliated groups, such as PT Girl Scouts, etc.

Third priority is district wide groups whose primary purpose is service to youth and service groups whose purpose is to improve the general welfare of the community and where admission is open and charge is made will receive fourth priority if the study is accepted.

Groups who wish to re

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the facility for money raising activities and groups who wish a facility for private use are placed sixth on the list.

The original Chamber of Commerce board plan became a Recreation and Park District project when the Community Center Advisory Committee asked the district to place the center on district land during the Oct. 21, 1963 Recreation and Park District board meeting, according to minutes of the district.

Since that time the district has contracted for site utilization plans from Don Roberts of Thousand Oaks at a cost of \$750 to the district which leaves the Recreation and Park District in control of the site plan and the Chamber of Commerce in control of the almost \$15,000 that has been raised by the community in various fund raising events.

Who will find the answer and decide which organization is now responsible for Community Center planning is the question that must be solved by the Chamber of Commerce and the Recreation and Park District. The first attempt at finding a solution will come at the special committee meeting on Nov. 27.

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BERYLWOOD PARK DEDICATION SET

State Senator Robert Lagomarsino and Assemblyman Burt Henson will be present Saturday, Dec. 18, at 10:30 a.m. when Berylwood Park will be formally dedicated.

During the dedication festivities a flag, which has flown over the United States Capitol and been donated to the district by Congressman Charles Teague, will be formally presented by the Equestrian Association, the Ventura County Independent Riders.

Flag raising ceremonies will be conducted by the Simi Valley Boy Scout Troop 623.

Joseph Painter, general manager of the Simi Valley Recreation and Park District, and the district's board of directors, Ted Grandsen, Harry Strahl, Peggy Ahlstrom, Ray Brannen and William Dewart, extend a special invitation to those who helped formulate the district, and the general public who helped make the first Simi Valley park possible, according to Painter.

Recreation and Park District offices are now located at the Berylwood site. When the district was formed in Oct. 1961 temporary headquarters were rented at 1734 Los Angeles avenue. In Sept. of this year the district found permanent quarters in the new Berylwood park building.

The park is on 6.3 acres of land which was obtained by the district at no cost through the lot reduction open space ordinance of Ventura County. Cost of the land was estimated to be \$80,000 at the time of initiation and has greatly increased in value since the time of acquisition.

Buildings on the property are estimated to be worth \$25,000. One building was donated by the Larwin Company through the open space ordinance and joined to a former model home, purchased by the district.

The facility now includes two public meeting rooms, a board room, three patios, picnic areas, and a children's play area known as the "tot lot" complete with the newest in play equipment. In addition to office space for the Recreation and Park District,

Planned for the near future are pergolas for the picnic areas, lighting



GRAND OPENING - This is the new Alpha Beta supermarket which opened this week in Santa Susana.

for the ball field at adjoining Berylwood Elementary School and a multi-purpose court for athletic events, such as basketball and volleyball.

Total cash outlay to the district for the new park facility is \$99,787.50. This figure includes development plans, grading, irrigation, rest rooms, parking facility, three patios, landscaping, plumbing, electrical, the "tot lot" and play equipment.

Recreation activities in the park are designed for adults, teen-agers and children.

Adult programs include: the arm-chair adventure series, a travelog followed by a social hour; a series of Broadway musicals in color, such as Seven Brides for Seven Brothers and "Annie Get Your Gun;" Christmas craft classes; art class sponsored in conjunction with the Adult Education School; cake decorating; senior citizen programs and TOPS club programs. New craft classes will be starting soon.

Also on the adult level are all types of sporting events.

For the children are: classes for the tiny tots;

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Alpha Beta market opens in Santa Su

Alpha Beta Acme Markets, Inc., has extended its operation into Ventura County by opening a 21,000 square foot supermarket at Tapo and Alamo Streets in Santa Susana. David Busch, originally from Riverside and now a resident of Santa Susana, is the store supervisor.

The store's grand opening celebration began on Tuesday, Dec. 14, and will continue through Sunday, Dec. 19.

Alpha Beta joins nine other new business establishments in the Belwood Commercial Center.

Joining in the grand opening celebration are: Key Rexall Drug; I.G.&Y. variety store; Belwood Service Center; Belwood Barber Shop; Golden Touch Beauty Salon; Belwood Cleaners; Foster Freeze; Hope Realty; and Belwood Liquors.

Scheduled to open in the new shopping center soon are the Spanish Kitchen and a laundromat.

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child observation classes in conjunction with the Adult Education School; after school playground activities; a nature club; charm classes for teens and elementary school girls; model and hobby classes; crafts of all types; weekend movies; and teen dances.

Simi Valley residents interested in participating in the recreational activities offered by the district may contact the district office for information. The programs offered are frequently changed to meet the needs of the citizens.