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# Benedict Canyon ASSOCIATION Bulletin

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Since our last Bulletin, we've had many interesting little problems, but your BCA officers have ably represented our Association, I guess. Oh, well, we are still an RI zone and we haven't had any serious auto wrecks or fines. To the best of our knowledge, the only really serious problem is the decomposed granite haulers. At the present, they aren't operating in BC area. However, they are really wheeling 'em down Coldwater. Dope on this problem will be found elsewhere in this little gem. We are to have a civilian defense set-up very soon according to His Honor, Mayor Bowron. We are rather pleased that we are to get cooperation on this vital problem at least from our city government. Of course we (editorial) can't really let ourself go on this subject as our BCAPrep is a stout supporter of his national counterpart. We have been hushed on this subject, but will be glad to air our personal views to any good Republican or unbiased Democrat. We will be "30ing" soon so must take every opportunity to get across our ideas before censorship stops such loose talk.

Our only serious editorial comment is it's been a lot of fun writing this almost half serious Bulletin and working with officers and directors of the Assoc. As an unbiased (?) observer of the management of this outfit, we can say that it's been a very productive year in

that your officers have done a good job! Many things have been handled without fanfare or publicity that help continue the value of our property. Home Owner Associations are vitally important in an area as big and uncontrolled as Los Angeles. We are fortunate in having such an able and aggressive Councilman representing us as Mr. Davies. He's the type that American city governments must have to survive. City government is mighty important and nobody can do a better job of explaining just how important than Mr. Dick Graves. Mr. Graves is the Executive Director of the League of California Cities. If you ever have a chance to hear this man speak or to talk to him personally, do so. In our opinion, he's the smartest man in City Government circles in the West. Believe it or not, he does not have any axes to grind except clean City Government. This is probably the only chance we'll get to express our admiration for Mr. Graves and his work. We certainly recommend listening to this gent if you ever have the opportunity.

## INSPECTION TRIP THAT WILL PAY OFF.

Bill Walker and Mr. Janey, who is the fieldman for Dept. of Public Works, W. L.A. office, made a complete inspection of the BC area and checked the street conditions, gutters, white lines and the

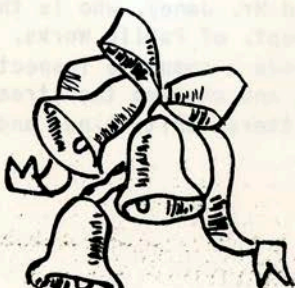
right-of-way for the winter season. Naturally, we expect some fine rains this year and we want to be prepared for them. Bill and Mr. Janey took the whole day so as to make a thorough inspection. We all appreciate such helpful actions and know that we are lucky to have such fine service. When the rain water starts really coming down, it's too late for preventive repairs or clean-ups. As taxpayers such work is far less expensive than replacing roads or gutters after they have been washed out. As home owners, we are certainly less endangered. Thanks again Mr. Janey and Bill from all of us.

#### HERE'S THE IMPORTANT WORRY!

Now that we have pretty well re-established the RI zone, the next project is to stop the commercial decomposed granite miners in residential areas. To effect such work, BCA has joined forces with the Coldwater group, The Doheny Estates representatives, the Bel-Air and Beverly Glen Associations. The kick-off was a big session sponsored by the Canyon Crier at Wonderland School in Nov. City Attorney Chesebro caught ---- for not trying to enforce the present city ordinance. Further, he was told that he was to be sued by No. Doheny Property Owners Assoc. for damages and nuisance brought on by the 10-ton trucks hauling granite out of Doheny Canyon. We were told that 5 and 10 ton

trucks have been going passed residences in one canyon at 90 second intervals day in and day out. The issue seems to boil down to the fact our City Attorney didn't think that the present ordinance was constitutional and therefore wasn't trying to enforce it. As has been pointed many other times, the City Attorney has a tough time convincing battered property owners that these trucks are not stop-able. Our Assoc. was represented in the second blow-off at L.A. City Hall by Preston Kline, local counsel, as well as Prexy Hauptman, V.P. Walker and Sec'y Remer. The resultant was to get an agreement from Mr. Chesebro to cooperate in drafting a new ordinance. This was only achieved after the City Attorney stated that the ordinance drawn up by Atty. Helen McKeller and presented at the Wonderland School meeting was too drastic. Our legal counsel, Preston Kline suggested it was up to City Atty to enforce present laws but he also was willing to help work out the new ordinance. When the new ordinance is drafted it's to be presented to the City Council.

Frankly this is a problem that is serious and is one that can turn the BC area into a noisy, dusty truck-crowded artery. Your BCA is really working on this problem. Many hours of conferences are taking up the spare time of your officers and directors.



**WATCH OUT FOR SMALL FRY!**

With Holiday Season fast upon us, remember that young children get pretty excited with their playing activities and don't watch the cars approaching. Let's make this a DEATH-FREE HOLIDAY IN BCA.



Many Xmas Unusual decorations and unusual scenes expected this year for BCA homes. Heard one member asking the local soap distributor, "How much does 5 cases of -----Flakes cost"? Believe he intends to use them for Xmas presents or was it artificial snow?



The Officers and Directors of your BCA wish to extend the happiest season's thoughts to all residents in the BC area.

We all offer our thanks for the help and cooperation that we have received in conducting the business of your Association.

**MERRY XMAS ALL!**

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