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A Documentary of the Community of
Lennox, California, an Unincorporated
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FOREWORD

I am a lifelong resident who has lived, worked and played in the Lennox Community. I was a member of the Lennox Coordinating Council from 1992 to 2012, serving as its President from 2010-2012 and prior to that Vice President and before as Secretary. Our specific and primary purpose is to address quality of life issues for the residents of Lennox, with a special focus on youth using a multipronged approach that includes providing community resource information, build the capacity of residents and youth to address issues, promote and provide culturally diverse activities and events and collaborate with other entities that share a similar purpose. My life work in Lennox has been drug and violence prevention. Although Roy Hand, Edward Gould and I find ourselves from completely different generations and experiences, we share a love of Lennox, fond memories of "Community" a sense of true belonging in a place. Lennox, unfortunately has never received the credit nor the respect it deserves. Some of Lennox's rich history in pictures and recounted from memories come to life as you will see it portrayed from the eyes of Roy and Edward.

The present day Lennox is a 1.3 square mile area give or take, a far cry from the roughly seven-mile area that Lennox covered back in the day, thanks to the annexation of bits and pieces here and there by the city of Inglewood. An annexation problem which I had discovered somewhere around 1994 and brought the issue to light in an effort to suppress those efforts to the dislike of certain political powers. This documentary will shed few known facts of Lennox's rich and colorful history, a community that has survived dynamic changes. Originally the area that is now known as Lennox was undeveloped grassland. In 1837, Antonio Ygnacio Avila acquired a formal land grant from the Mexican Governor and used the land as a cattle ranch. Eventually, the ranch was sold in sections for poultry farming. In 1910 the population had grown to 800 residents, who lived in scattered homes on small farms. The residents sought to distinguish themselves from the adjoining city of Inglewood and named their community "Lennox" in 1912. Subsequent attempts to incorporate Lennox into Inglewood were unsuccessful. By the 1920's, Lennox had transformed from a rural area into a more cohesive, residential

community. Early signs of industrialization emerged when the Pacific Electric Company ran a train from Los Angeles to Redondo Beach through Lennox. Roy and Edward have compiled information from various community sources to allow you to reminisce in the "Good ol' days".

Allow them to take you on a trip from the early 1900's to a brief overview of present day Lennox. As I go through the pages it takes me back to the Lennox I learned to love. A real "community" in every sense of the word. Anyone growing up in Lennox can tell you they have felt warm and welcome despite the problems our community has faced and made news in the media. I have been lucky enough to have experienced first hand many of the aspects of Lennox that Roy and Edward recount that unfortunately are no longer there. From a hospital, theater, dance hall, Phone Company and many more places long gone. Lennox is one of the only places where I can walk into any given business new or old, down any street and find a caring wave from an old acquaintance or a smile and a kind gesture from a resident. The information collected and its significance of Roy and Edward goes beyond old buddies reminiscing, it sheds light on little known history and factoids about Lennox and its role in the history of what makes Los Angeles what it is today. After a good read with a piping hot cup of coffee I hope that you revisit those times and at the least with a smile on your face say "I didn't know that" or "wow I remember when..."

**With love and respect
Sergio Paz**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sergio Paz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the left of the name.

Introduction

Lennox evolved out of a small farming community that began around 1905 that was sandwiched between similar farming communities of Inglewood to the north and Hawthorne to the south. In spite of the efforts by some of the unincorporated community families, Lennox was never successful in obtaining cityhood.

With the establishment of Mines Field (LA Airport and later LAX), Lennox began to grow into a community where many of its residents would find jobs working at the airport and at aviation plants that began to spring up in the 1930's. With the expansion of the aircraft industry, and the constant WWII demands for fighters and bombers, many Lennox families were supported by the massive plane production even as the men went to war. The women stepped up and took the jobs of many of the men while also raising their families. After the war, those men who survived returned to the jobs and most of the women returned to their domestic jobs. However, with the end of the war production, many of the men faced the prospects of unemployment or having to turn to other career paths. Many of the women got a taste of what it was like to work outside the home, and they chose careers that many continued into retirement.

With air travel growing, Lennox was impacted by the influx of the air travel industry, and the growing airport brought the rest of the world closer to home.

As the Lennox population grew and families began to increase in numbers, more schools were needed. The Lennox School District resides on the same property as the Jefferson Elementary School. Eventually Mary J. Whalen Elementary was built (now replaced by Dolores Huerta Elementary), Buford Elementary, Larch Elementary (now replaced by Kenneth L. Moffett Elementary), Felton Elementary, Mary J. Whalen Elementary, Lennox High School (closed and then reopened as Lennox Middle School) and the newest high schools are Lennox Mathematics, Science and Technology and Animo Leadership Charter High School.

Beginning in the 1920's, Lennox began to be threatened by the annexation of the city of Inglewood and Hawthorne. Lennox was once 7 square miles in area, but is now between 1.1 and 1.3 square miles in total area. Because of the people who lived here, went to school, worked, taught, and served the community in many capacities, it made so special Lennox, California..

Antonio Ygnacio Avila-His Role in the future of the Centinela Valley, Lennox and it's neighbors

Antonio Ygnacio Avila (1781–1858) was one of several sons of Cornelio Avila. He married Rosa Maria Ruiz (1789–1866) in 1804. He was the grantee of the 22,458-acre of what was called Rancho Sausal Redondo.

With the cession of California to the United States following the Mexican-American War, the 1848 Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo provided that the land grants would be honored. As required by the Land Act of 1851, a claim for Rancho Sausal Redondo was filed with the Public Land Commission in 1852, and the grant was patented to Antonio Ygnacio Avila in 1855.

Antonio Avila died in 1858, and in 1868 Avila's heirs were forced to sell the rancho to pay the probate costs. The Rancho was sold to Robert Burnett who used the land for sheep and cattle raising. Having previously acquired Rancho Aguaje de la Centinela, Burnett combined the total area into the Centinela Ranch, thus reuniting the major area of the original land grant. Clear title to the land did not occur until 1873, when a U.S. District Court upheld Burnett's purchase against a suit filed by Avila heir Tomas Avila Sanchez.

In 1873, Robert Burnett leased the land to Daniel Freeman and returned to his native Scotland. Freeman moved to the ranch with his family, increased the stock, and planted citrus trees. When the 1875 drought ruined the livestock industry, Freeman turned to dry farming. In 1885, Freeman purchased the remainder of Rancho Sausal Redondo. Daniel Freeman was the last person to own all of Rancho Sausal Redondo.



**Painting of Antonio Ygnacio Avila by Henry Penelon.
Courtesy of Seaver Center for Western History Research
Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History**

Provided by Roy Hand, Lennox High, Class of 1965

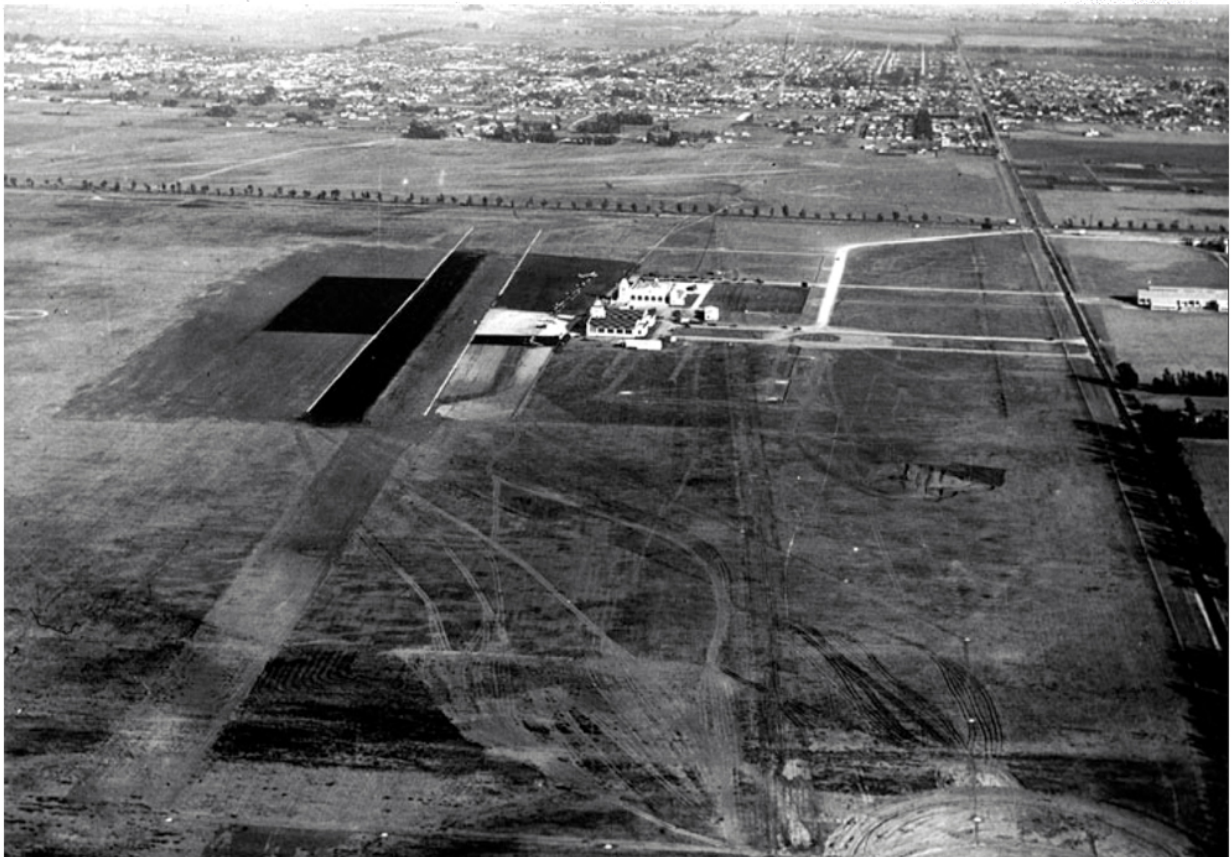
Related origins of Lennox, the city of Inglewood and LAX airport; and surrounding areas of Rancho Sausal Redondo, including the Centinela Valley in which Lennox, Ca. resides,

Elsewhere can be found the story of the adobe's series of owners and how the rancho's parcel was eventually combined with the larger 22,000-acre Rancho Sausal Redondo to the south, encompassing today's towns of Inglewood, Lawndale, Hawthorne, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, and Hermosa Beach. Most significantly, Daniel Freeman, trained as a lawyer in Ontario, Canada, and his wife arrived at the rancho in the early 1870s and leased the combined property for ten years before purchasing it outright by 1884. After rebounding from a serious drought by turning to dry farming, in 1887 Freeman turned to developing real estate from his rancho holdings. He sold his first large parcel to help establish the town of Inglewood along a stop on the newly laid California Central Railroad between Los Angeles and southern Santa Monica Bay. In 1889 he built a mansion (demolished in 1972) at 333 N. Prairie Avenue in Inglewood, and his heirs later endowed Inglewood's Daniel Freeman Memorial Hospital.

In 1894, Freeman leased 2,000 acres of the Centinela Ranch to Andrew B. Bennett of Los Angeles. Known as the Bennett Rancho, it was among land parcels purchased in 1912 by James Martin and the Los Angeles Extension Company. Bennett continued to lease the land and grow wheat, barley, and lima beans. In the 1920s, at a time when aviation in California was still young and there were more than 50 landing fields (mostly on private property) in L.A. County, the Bennett Rancho attracted early aviators who used part of the property as a landing strip. In 1927, the property was promoted as a candidate to become a major airport to serve Los Angeles. In July of that year, William W. Mines, a real-estate agent representing James Martin and his associates, lobbied the Los Angeles City Council to select "Mines Field" on the Bennett Rancho as the city's primary airport site. In 1928 the city did so and signed a lease to develop the site. In 1930 Mines Field was officially dedicated as Los Angeles Municipal Airport, the forerunner of Los Angeles International Airport.

This photo shows the community of Lennox, Ca. and the homes and businesses in 1929. Mines Field (later LAX) is bordered on the east by the trees that line what is now Aviation Blvd. The road intersecting Aviation Blvd. on the right is now Imperial Hwy. One of the two buildings adjacent the runway shown left center is still located there just west of Douglas St. at the runway fence line.

Several generations of Lennox residents have worked at the aerospace plants and air line businesses at LAX.



Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 10:00 AM

CINCO de MAYO PARADE

Theme: 100 Years of Education

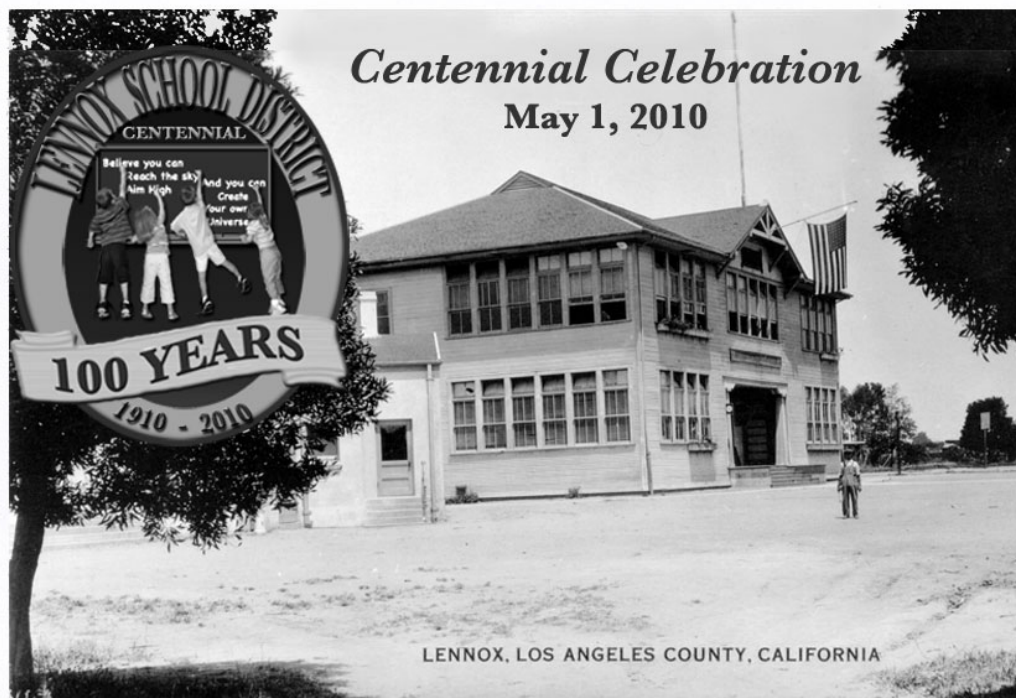
Grand Marshall: Special 'Celebrity' Grand Marshall

Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 12:30 - 3:30 PM

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Presenting: Lennox Museum, LMS Mariachis, Food Pavilion with Local

Where: Lennox Middle School



Jefferson School in the Early 1900's



Jefferson School District Building Circa Early 1900's



Lennox Blvd Circa Early 1900's - What a Difference a Century Makes!

Here are a Few Tips on How You Can Improve the Lennox Community:

Use Your Lennox Connection!

Use this guide as a resource to become better informed about how to access County departments and services.

Get Involved!

Work with an existing resource, like the Lennox Coordinating Council, the Neighborhood Watch program, or start your own neighborhood meeting, and work in partnership with County government.

If you have questions or need assistance accessing County services, please contact your local Field Deputy at (213) 974-1226.

Your Opinion is Important!

Let us know what you think about the Community Connection. Fill out an online survey at lacounty.gov

Click on **Residents**, then click on the **Unincorporated Area** link to access the Community Connection Survey site.

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Mark Ridley-Thomas
Supervisor, Second District

Dear Lennox Community Member,

The County of Los Angeles would like to express its sincere gratitude to all of you who have worked hard throughout the years to make Lennox a better community. Your strong traditions and family values are qualities that make Lennox unique. Although there are challenges, you can always depend on the resources the County provides in order to solve your issues and concerns. There will be notable changes and improvement projects that will benefit all the residents in the future. The primary goal of the County is to improve the quality of life in its communities.

The County will continue to work with community partners towards the common goal of making the future of Lennox better and brighter for our children and for all those who reside in the community.

The County hopes that you enjoy the **Lennox Connection** and encourages you to save this guide as a handy reference. Your input is welcomed. If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the **Lennox Connection**, please forward them to:

County of Los Angeles- Chief Executive Office

Office of Unincorporated Area Services, 723 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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or e-mail your comments to: uas@ceo.lacounty.gov

Living in Lennox

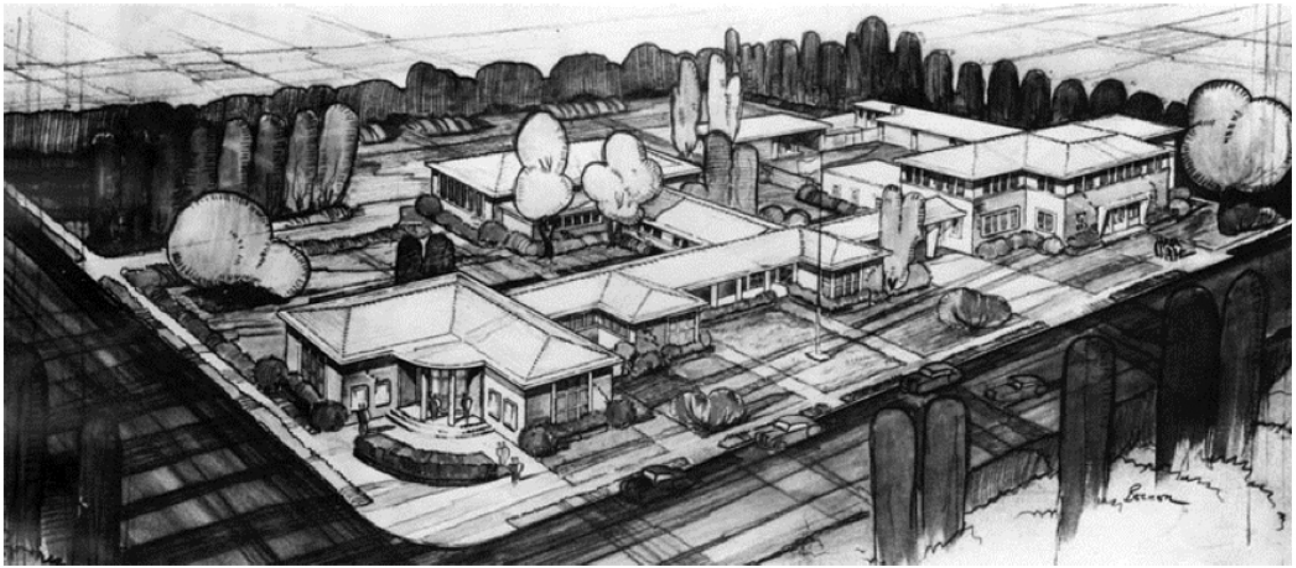
Lennox is located within unincorporated Los Angeles County. This means that Lennox is not a city, but is one of the many unincorporated communities in which the County is responsible for providing all municipal services such as law enforcement, animal control, road maintenance, library services, and recreation activities. Residents who live in Lennox are represented by the Second Supervisorial District of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors maintains a field office at the Inglewood Courthouse, located at One Regent Street, Room 620.

Lennox Coordinating Council

The Lennox Coordinating Council is comprised of volunteers who live or work in Lennox. It is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life of its residents and provide activities and events throughout the year about resources available to Lennox residents with a special focus on youth. The partners of the Lennox Coordinating Council include County departments, schools, businesses, community-based organizations and residents.

The Council meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm in the community room at Lennox Park located at 10828 Condon Ave. Lennox, CA 90304.





Architectural plan of the Lennox Civic Center, July, 1947



Civic Center dedication in Lennox attended by hundreds of people. May 15, 1948.



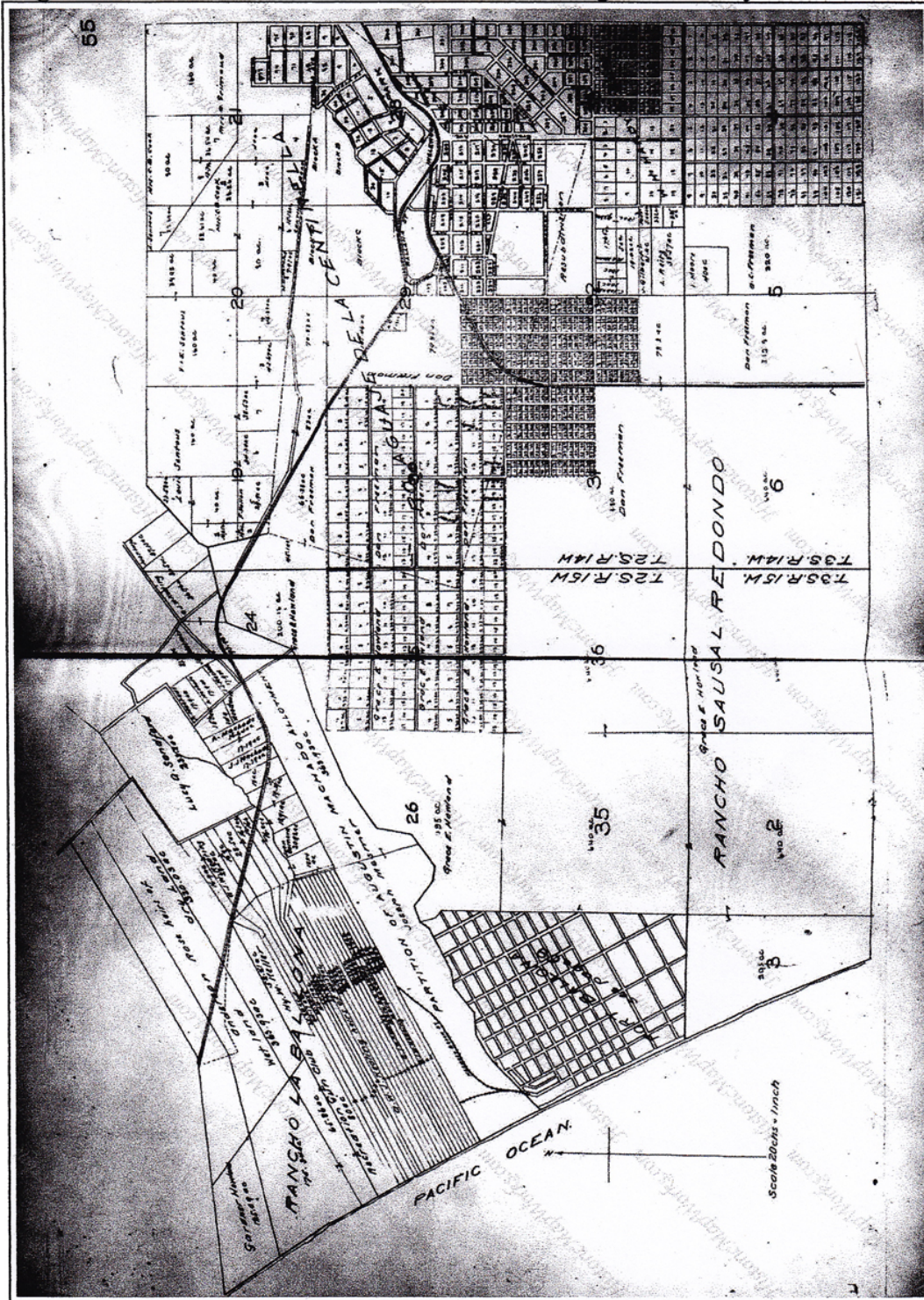
Lennox Sheriff Station, located at 4331 Lennox Blvd. in southwest Los Angeles County, provides police services for the unincorporated County areas of Lennox, Gardena, Athens, Los Angeles, El Camino Village, Del Aire, Wiseburn, and the contract city of Lawndale. A sign stating, "Civil Defense Headquarters, L.A. County, Lennox District". April 25, 1956.



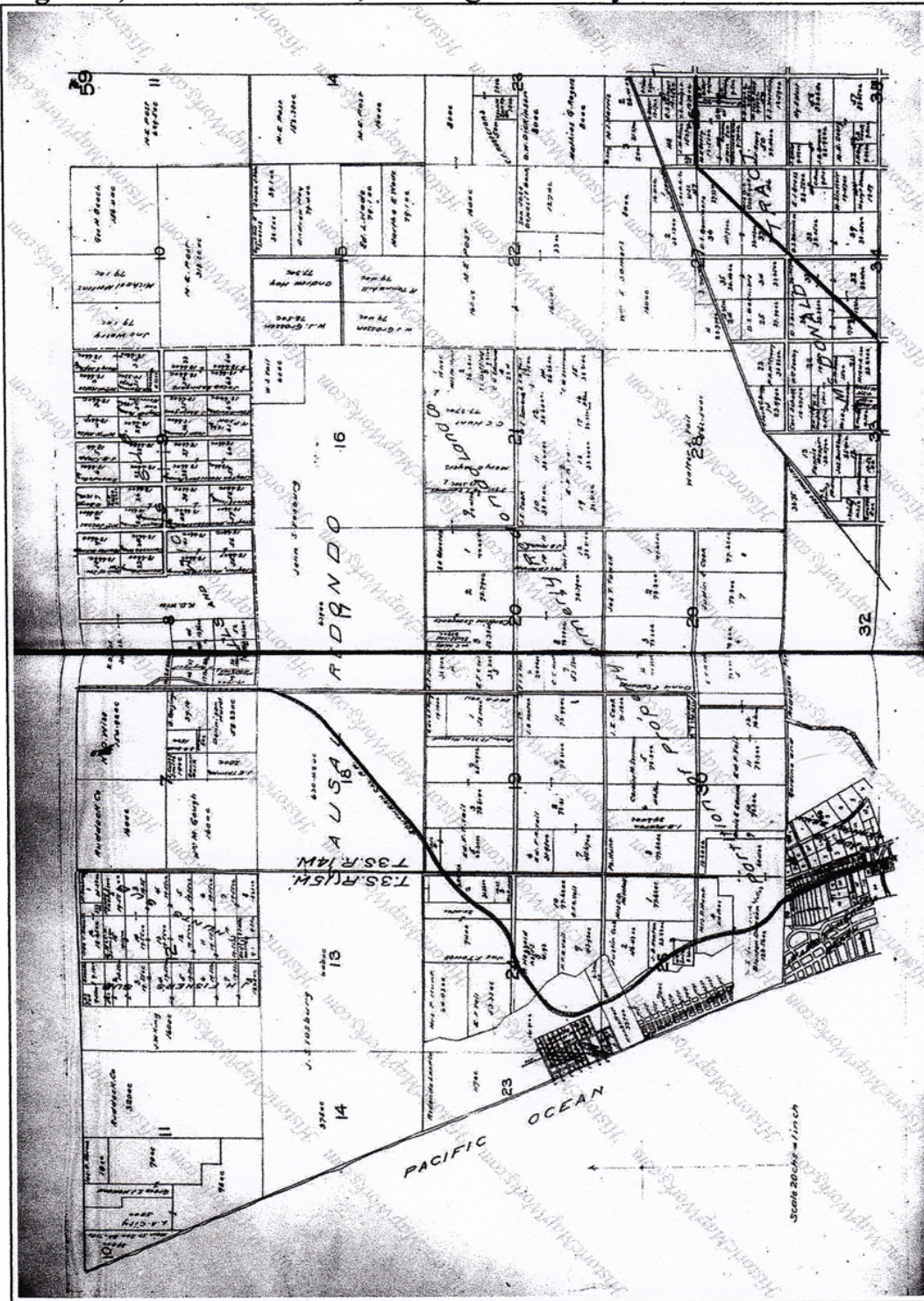
Lennox Library, 1948

1948-Second County-owned Library building-Lennox Library

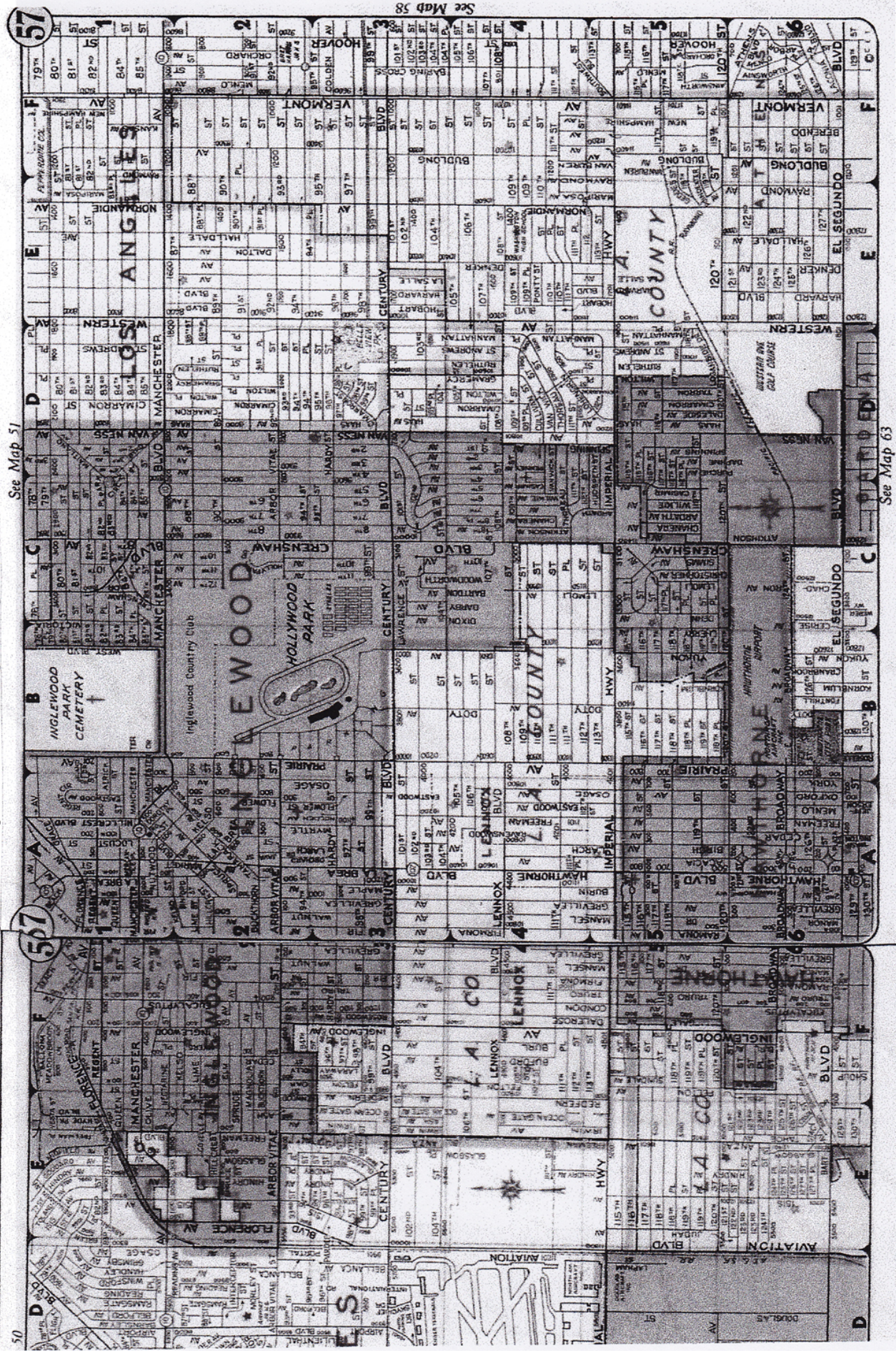
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Map of Lennox, California, approximately 1952
Lennox is highlighted in yellow in the center of
Of the map under the city of Inglewood



See Map 51

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S LA CIENEGA BLVD

1ST ST

IRWIN AV

405

S REDFERN AV

S REDFERN AV

W 106TH ST

S OCEAN GATE AV

S FELTON AV

S FELTON AV

W 112TH ST

W 111TH ST
W 111TH PL

W 109TH ST
W 110TH ST

S BUFORD AV

S BURL AV

S INGLEWOOD AV

DALEROSE AV

DALEROSE AV

W CENTURY BLVD

District 2

W IMPERIAL HWY

105

METRO GREENLINE

S TRURO AV

1

CONDON AV

S TRURO AV

W 104TH ST

S FIRMONA AV

S MANSEL AV

S MANSEL AV

W 111TH ST

S GREVILLEA AV

S BURIN AV

S HAWTHORNE BLVD

2

W 104TH ST

S LARCH AV

CEDAR AV

S FREEMAN AV

W 103RD ST

W 102ND ST

W 101ST ST

S EASTWOOD AV

S OSAGE AV

W 105TH ST
W 106TH ST
W 107TH ST

W 111TH PL

S PRAIRIE AV

2010

North American Chinchilla

Early History

Mathias F. Chapman started the North American chinchilla industry in the higher uplands of the southern Andes, mainly in Chile where the chinchilla had been hunted to near extinction by the early Spaniards

From 1919 to 1923, during his employment to Anaconda Copper Company, Mr. Chapman used trappers to collect his original stock. The larger Lanigera of the high Andes was found above an altitude of 10,400 feet. The Costina variety of chinchilla, located at lower altitudes, was a smaller animal not as desirable for breeding.

Mr. Chapman was able to get only 12 animals, nine males and three females. Their journey to North America took them from Poterillos, Chile, via railroad to the coast. They then went by the coastal steamer, *Palena* to Calloa, Peru followed by a steamship trip aboard the *Anyu Maru* to San Pedro California. They landed on February 22, 1923. One of the original animals, a male named *Old Hoff* lived to be at least 22 years old

The first farm was located in Los Angeles, the next in Techachapi California. There he was plagued with spring water that contained chemical matter believed to have reduced production and by the theft of approximately half of his herd. It is believed that the stolen animals all died. Mr. Chapman moved back to the Los Angeles area to 4957 West 104 Street, then a county area identified as Inglewood.

Mr. Chapman's early structures approximated the conditions of the wild. He built a large retreat of brick with an adjoining room. The original structures promoted open air, large space and insulated nest boxes. The housing provided areas of protection from and full exposure to the local climate. The animals were offered a variety of feed and many places to exercise. In the early days, most people did not even know what a chinchilla was and the fur industry had yet to establish a stable market for the domestic chinchilla furs.

In the late twenties the chinchilla population expanded 35% per year. By the early thirties it was up to 65% per year. By the end of the thirties, production was doubling yearly at times. By the early forties, females were averaging 2.5 young per year.

As time went on, floor space was cut in half as the chinchillas did well with less exercise. Adopting the principles of raising poultry, raised wire bottom cages were used with the droppings falling to the floor below- a major change from the original wooden cages.

THE TITLE OF THIS ARTICLE SHOULD HAVE BEEN CHINCHILLA FARMS IN LENNOX, CALIFORNIA.

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CHINCHILLAS

BREED CHINCHILLAS for the fur market. Chinchilla garments sell from \$8,000 to \$35,000! Establish your own "Gold Chip" business. Clean, tame, easy to raise. Easy terms. After a few short years, G. S. H. says, "I have more than my original investment back and also a foundation or herd. They truly have been well worth while" (name on request). Write experts—Chapman Chinchilla Farms...originators of Chinchilla breeding farms in U.S. Send for instructions and picture catalog today. P. O. Box 221, 4957-D West 104th St., Inglewood, California

Big Profit

\$8,000

CHAPMAN CHINCHILLAS

CHINCHILLAS – BIG PROFIT

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Many of us who grew up in Southern California in the 1950s and 1960s have fond memories of the Helms Bakery. Their unique mustard yellow colored trucks and distinct "toot-toot" whistles would signal that the Helmsman had arrived in your neighborhood. This scene was repeated on a daily basis by a fleet of approximately five hundred trucks all over Southern California. "Three times around the world every day" was the Helms Bakery slogan.

Children would race to the Helms truck with an excitement that would make the Good Humor man envious! Their moms would follow to buy fresh Olympic Bread and perhaps a delicious treat for dessert. The appeal to us kids was the long wooden drawers containing endless rows of the most delicious cookies, donuts, brownies, and cupcakes ever created. The goodies were individually arranged in each drawer--lined up like soldiers.

It was so hard to choose! Fortunately, the Helmsman was friendly and helpful, and he even knew most of the neighborhood children by name. The Helmsman wore an official Helms hat, a tie, and a shiny chrome coin changer on his belt. It was such fun to get change! If you were especially lucky, he might give you a cardboard Helms truck.

The bakery itself was based in a landmark art deco building which



today houses an eclectic assortment of businesses. It was located at 8800 Venice Boulevard at Helms Avenue in West Los Angeles. From this location, the fleet of Helms trucks would fan out and deliver their fresh-baked treasures to the sunny neighborhoods they served.

Since it's early years, the Helms Bakery used Divco Twin coaches to deliver their baked goods. The Helms Bakery Divco fleet was one of the largest in the United States. In later years, they supplemented their fleet with Chevrolet panel trucks.



The Helms Bakery had a strong sports heritage. Their Olympic Bread commemorated their official sponsorship of the 1932 Olympics, which were held in Los Angeles. In 1936 they founded the Helms Athletic Hall of Fame. This became a model for the many sports halls of fame existing today. Olympic Bread was also said to nourish our Apollo 11 astronauts on their way to the moon!



An example of a Helms truck can be seen at the original factory site in West Los Angeles. Another restored example is in the Petersen Automotive Museum on Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles. Unfortunately, no donuts or other goodies are to be found within. The toot-toot whistle is silent.

After 38 years of delivering the very finest in baked goods, the Helmsman stopped coming in 1969. It was the end of an era in Southern California. Sadly, today's children will never feel the excitement of hearing the magical toot-toot whistle of the Helmsman.

Dedicated to Wally McOuat, Harry Taylor, Peter Lozinsky, Dave Kruger, Robert Hickman,

Bob Hegdahl, Larry Barnaby, Ray Farey, Bill Crow, Bob Crow, Harry Ford, John Peterson, Roy McDiarmid, Len Kissig, Vern Kissig and Ned Kissig, true Helmsmen.



John Mortberg's Experience from his youth, Lennox Lancer, 1965

My mother would stop from time to time at the Helms bakery and buy the bread and some treats for the family. I really liked the donuts. It was a huge place. I remember the blue and yellow trucks. A friend of the family worked at the bakery making the frosting for the cakes. It was a great place which is gone.

I also remember with great fondness the Good Humor trucks. One would pass our house all the time and

I could be found flagging him down to buy an ice cream sundae or ice cream bar during the summer when

I was not in school and was home. That was a long time ago.

Bill Lenzen's Experiences with Helms Bakery

**IN 1959 WE MOVED TO 6TH STREET IN MONTEBELLO. ABOUT 6
BLOCKS AWAY, THERE WAS A HELMS BAKERY.
WHEN THE WEATHER WAS RIGHT AND THE WIND WAS BLOWING
JUST RIGHT, THE SMELLS FROM THAT BAKERY COULD DRIVE YOU
NUTS. BIG TIME HUNGER FOR BREAD AND DONUTS.
REMEMBER THE HELMS TRUCKS THAT CRUISED THE
NEIGHBORHOODS. MY KIDS LOVED EM. WHEN THE DRIVERS
WOULD ROLL OUT THOSE DRAWERS, YOU JUST HAD TO HAVE
SOME DIMES READY FOR FRESH DONUTS.
AH MEMORIES**

HISTORY OF CITIZENS OF LENNOX, CALIFORNIA

WORLD WAR II saw the beginning and construction of defense plants. These plants primarily built air planes and other defense products to be used during the war. Douglas Aircraft, Northrup Aircraft, Hughes Aircraft and the beginning of the Ramo-Woolridge Corp (TRW), to name a few. Northrup built the Northrup Aeronautical College, on Century Blvd. It was a new venture where veterans could use their GI Bill and get their engineering technical degree without a traditional college education. "Migrants" from the Midwest and other areas of the west moved to Lennox to find good paying work and affordable housing. Most of them had no advanced education, but strongly believed in the necessity of education for their children. They were family centered people. Because of the increase in population other businesses followed the growth, most of them being single owner companies. Many men/fathers were drafted into the military, so in order to keep the families fed, the women were "allowed" to work in the defense plants. When the men returned from service, they automatically got their old job returned to them. This left many women pushed-out and unhappy.

The ethnic diversity in the schools and the community was something that students/parents gave little attention to. They were all just neighbors, friends and fellow students who were trying to get ahead. People were liked for what they contributed to the population. Because of the war, some people held grudges against others, but it never seemed to cause conflict. No one had much in the way of material goods and they worked hard to succeed, to provide for family, desired an education for children, were eager to own their own home, and participated in the community.

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LENNOX BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

The church began as a "MISSION CHURCH "Plant", affiliated with the American Baptist Denomination, on Sunday, October 12, 1947. Rev. John Wm. Burbery was the founding pastor. They met in the Lennox Women's Club House at 4441 Lennox Blvd, Lennox, Ca.

Ground breaking/construction, of the first units, were in 1950. It was located at the corner of 111th St. and Freeman Avenue. Membership was 150 people. It consisted of a full Sunday School program (nursery-adults) and a large youth group. By 1956 membership was approximately 300.

April 1964 saw the dedication of the new sanctuary/office and classroom wing along with a new and larger kitchen adjacent the new classrooms. The sanctuary seats 400 people and was designed and constructed to be soundproof to overhead air traffic noise.

By 1970 the population of the community had changed. The church changed its affiliation to the Hispanic Baptist Assoc. The new name of the church was Iglesia Bautista El Cavario, picture dated 1996.

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NEW LENNOX BAPTIST CHURCH—Shown above is the architect's projection of the new plan for the Lennox Baptist Church. The three-unit edifice will be built on the property now owned by the church at 111th and Freeman, Lennox. Official ground-breaking services will be held Sunday following the morning service with Dr. Ralph Mayberry, executive director of the Baptist Extension presiding. Construction will begin early in May.

New Lennox Baptist Church Rites Slated

Ground-breaking services for the new Lennox Baptist Church, at 111th and Freeman, Lennox, will be held Sunday morning, following the morning service.

Dr. Ralph Mayberry, executive director of the Baptist Extension will preside over the ceremonies.

Construction is scheduled to begin early in May. The first unit built will be a combination sanctuary and fellowship hall, capable of seating 250 persons. It will also include a church office, two large department rooms for Sunday School, rest rooms, a kitchen, baptistry, choir rooms and a platform.

The entire project will be built around a beautiful front patio, or court. A completely paved lot for off-the-street parking has also been planned.

Organized two and one-half years ago by Rev. John Burbery, the Lennox Baptist Church has continued to increase in membership and interest.

The active women's circles are directed by Mrs. L. Allen, John Seale is head deacon and Walter Zitlow is financial secretary.

A robed junior choir will present their first musical on Easter Sunday, under the direction of Bill Miller.

—Join Red Cross Now!—

GROUND BREAKING SERVICE
LENNOX-BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
111th and Freeman Aves.,
Inglewood, Calif.
Rev. John Burbery Pastor

April 2, 1950

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Doxology - Led by Rev. John Burbery, Pastor
Lennox-Bethany Baptist Church

Invocation - Rev. Arnold S. Boal,
Director, Church Extension,
Los Angeles Baptist City Society

Junior Choir - "Fairest Lord Jesus"
Directed by Wm. Miller

Welcome by Pastor - Rev. John Burbery

Message - Ralph L. Mayberry, D.D.,
Executive Secretary, Los Angeles
Baptist City Society

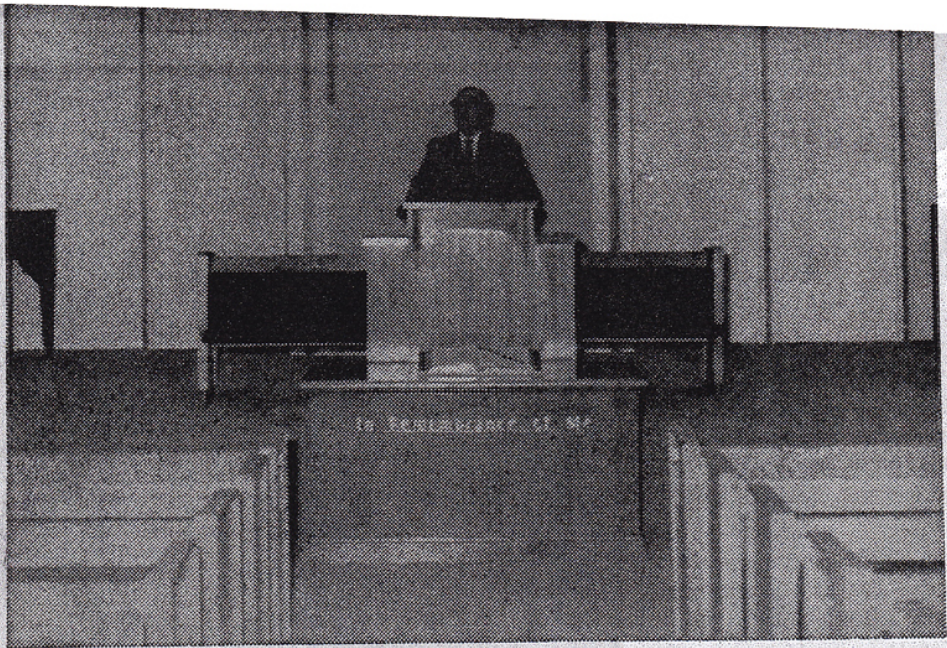
Scripture - Rev. Manis Ruegsegger
Fairview Heights Baptist Church

GROUND BREAKING PROCEDURE

1. Ralph L. Mayberry, D.D.
2. Rev. & Mrs. John Burbery

Local Church Representatives

3. Mr. John Seale
4. Mr. Walter Zitlow
5. Mrs. Dale Jenkins



NEW SANCTUARY—The Rev. John Burbery, pastor of the Lennox Bethany Baptist Church, stands in the pulpit of the newly completed sanctuary which will be

used for services for the first time on Sunday morning. Tall illuminated cross graces the baptistry behind the altar.

—Daily News Photo

Bethany Baptist Church to Occupy New Sanctuary Sunday

First services will be held Sunday in the new sanctuary of the Lennox Bethany Baptist Church, 4141 West 111th Street, it was announced today by the Rev. John Burbery, minister.

The new sanctuary will seat 400 persons, 250 of them on the main floor, the remainder on the balcony and choir area.

All except finishing touches is completed on the structure, which cost \$80,000 to build, including the surfacing and walling of a parking lot.

Formal dedication services for the new unit will be held on April 12.

The building is constructed in such a way that it is virtually soundproof to overhead jet planes. This is accomplished through the building of rooms — themselves with soundproof walls — on each side of the sanctuary, and the use of a double wall of glass with air

space in between in the upper portion of the building.

Stained glass "windows" in the sanctuary will be artificially illuminated.

The sanctuary is fully carpeted, and the pews are upholstered. The building will be air conditioned.

The project has been financed through a three-year capital funds pledge campaign. Herbert Bartelt was Building Committee chairman, and Ken Crow was treasurer.

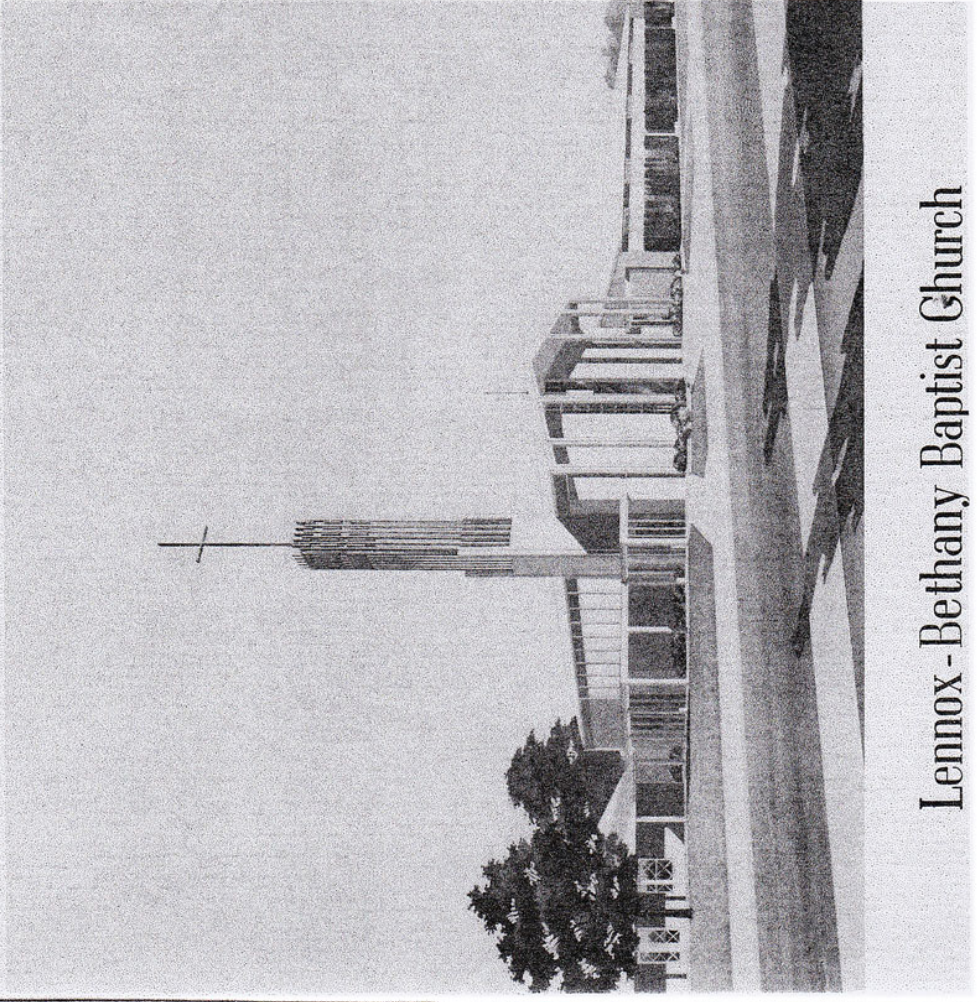
The building was constructed by Bill Horton and Associates, contractors. Architect was David Patterson.

The former sanctuary will be remodeled into service centers for senior citizens, youth and the Women's Missionary Society.

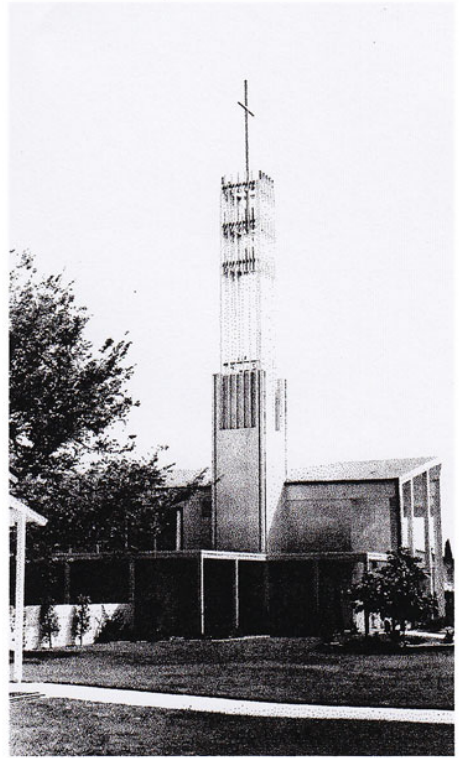
Lennox Bethany Baptist Church is affiliated with the American Baptist Convention.

Dedication Service

NEW SANCTUARY



Lennox - Bethany Baptist Church





LENNOX WOMEN'S CLUB

The Lennox Women's Club had their own club house at 4441 Lennox Blvd. The sign over the entrance read "Lennox Women's club". The building was quite large, with a formal entry room, a stage and a large kitchen located behind the stage. On week-ends they hosted the Lennox Teen Club dances and parties for different occasions. They hosted the American Legion Post #390 and Auxiliary #390. The club house served as a meeting place for numerous community activities.

See page 73 of the 1958 "Troubadour" Lennox High School yearbook (found on the World Wide Web under Lennox Lancers Home Page). The Women's Club is listed under the Lennox Coordinating Council.

In the summer of 1952, I personally had the pleasure of representing Post 390 at Calif. Girl's State, held in Sacramento. I will always be grateful to the Legion for honoring me with this opportunity.

Note: After inquiring of local community officials and speaking with a representative of the Inglewood Women's Club, it has been determined that the Lennox Women's Club is no longer active in the community.

Contributed by Sharon Burbery Sorani

AMERICAN LEGION POST 390 & AUXILIARY 390

The American Legion Post 390 and Auxiliary 390 held their meeting in the Lennox Women's Club House at 4441 Lennox Blvd, Lennox, Ca. One of their contributions to the youth of the community was sponsoring high school students to the Girl's State and Boy's State Program in Sacramento.

The American Legion Post 390 and Auxiliary 390 are no longer active in the community.

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LENNOX HIGH SCHOOL

Construction began in 1956. The school opened to the first students in 1957. Lennox began operation with four full classes of students. The student body consisted of students who previously attended either Inglewood High School or Hawthorne High School. Lawndale High School did not exist at that time. Incoming Seniors were the only students who had a choice: They could remain at their previous school or become a member of the first Lennox High School senior class, the class of 1958.

The complete history of the school's conception, organization and achievements can be read in their first year book, Troubador, 1958. The school was proudly welcomed in to the community. The notes printed in the Troubador testify to that end. People can view the Lennox High annuals at www.LennoxLancersHome.com.

I personally had the pleasure of being on the staff at the opening of the new school. I served as secretary to the two Asst. Principals and four counselors.

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AL'S MARKET

Al's Market, located at the corner of 111th St. and Freeman, was across from the Bethany Baptist Church that is now a Green Dot School. Since approximately 1940, this was, probably, one of the original "Mom & Pop markets (a'la 7-11 style). The market was owned & operated by Al & Lizzie Poach. Their residence adjoined the back side of the store. They had a "limited" full service inventory. Business was very profitable, as residents had to travel a distance for a larger market. The market still exists today (2014), by the same name, under different management.

Contributed by Sharon Burbery Sorani

Contributed by Bob and Sharon Sorani, re: Sharon's Dad, the Reverend John W. Burberry. Dated, February 16, 2010.

He grew up in Los Angeles and Hermosa Beach. He worked in a print shop while in high school, while supporting his non-citizen mother and two younger sisters. He later taught print shop at Belmont High School. His father died when Dad was about 14. Since his mother was not a citizen she was not entitled to government assistance. He met my mother at a Four Square church in Hermosa Beach while they were teenagers. After marriage both of my parents attended a Four Square seminary (LIFE). He later graduated from the Baptist seminary. During WWII Dad served as a Chaplain. Note his Chaplain stole in the wedding picture on page 37. After the end of the war we were living in the Inglewood area. There were no church positions available, so Dad "planted" a new church in Lennox, which did not have any church. The rest as they say, is history. That's it in a nut shell. I should mention that in post WWII days, since there were no church positions available, Dad got his Real Estate and contractor's license which supported our family. The area of Westchester was ripe for picking, Dad built several houses, which later gave him experience in the building of the church. He continued these endeavors in the first few years of the church, as the church could not afford to pay him any salary. I should also mention that the American Baptist Association did not share Dad's vision of the need for a church in the Lennox area. They thought everyone could hustle up the road to the Inglewood church. So, Dad, I'm certain, probably suffered many moments of discouragement.

It gave me pause to appreciate what a fine person he was. Given the times he accomplished many things. I guess in today's culture, one would call him an entrepreneur. He had a good business mind and was able, by necessity, to accomplish much.

Rita C de Baca Trammell, Lennox High, Class of 1965

MEMORIES OF LENNOX

My parents purchased a house with a lot next to Lennox Park when I was born. The lot went from Condon Avenue to the next street. The County water later purchased it for a parking lot. My folks were so smart... this way they could visit with their friends without all the kids under foot.....while we kids had fun at the park. Then we moved to Firmona Avenue and then the state bought that property to expand their Unemployment Office, and we moved to Dalerose.

Lennox Park Bike Rack

My first memory of the park was when I was about 4 or 5 years old. There were bike racks that had big round poles. These little kids were walking back and forth between the poles. I, in my powder blue bathing suit, tried to walk through the poles and got my head stuck. My siblings yanked on me, and then got Mom, who greased up my head. Everyone tried their ideas, but no amount of yanking helped. The Fire Department bent the bars and out popped my head.

Back in the 1980's, when I visited my folks, I stopped by the park and they still had the bent bike rack. I could not resist and took a picture. I still laugh when I think of that time.

Petition against us moving in

When my parents purchased the house, Mrs. Dryer tried to get up a petition to prevent us from moving in because we are Spanish. Since most of the neighbors knew my family, they told her "NO!" and that my Mom kept an immaculate house, if that was her concern. It made me feel like I was not good enough. I never saw a black kid in our school except for a few weeks when I was in junior high.

Lennox Park

The office was a small building with bathrooms attached to one end. The man that worked in the office had a wooden leg, but was wonderful to all the kids.

We played tetherball, caroms and all types of games you do not hear of anymore. My husband recalls all the sandlot baseball games, and to this day, the movie "Sandlot" is one of his favorites because it reminds him of when he was a kid in Lennox... no leagues, no uniforms, just kids playing baseball.

When I look back, I can see what an influence the park had on friends and me. After we moved next to the park, a large tin building was erected. There were free classes for the kids. As a girl, I attended the ballet, tap and art classes. (Retired now, I teach line dancing and I paint when I have the time). We performed our new talents for our families in that building. I still have the picture of me in a bunny suit with several other neighborhood kids. They held all kinds of activities and shows, such as doll shows and model car shows. My husband (I didn't know him when he lived in Lennox) recalls making model cars for the car shows. He still loves cars and has a full size T-Bucket. He always remembers the T-Bucket model he built as a kid.

Summer camp was a fun time. I don't know if our parents had to pay for this, or if it was just something they offered. We went every day and did arts and crafts. We played games and listened to stories. Then they would dig a big pit and told us to bring hamburgers wrapped in foil. They'd start a fire and when it was down to hot coals, we'd put in our hamburgers. They were the best tasting hamburgers I've ever had; or so I think.

Halloween

There was always a big bon fire at Lennox Park, and different groups had game booths. We were allowed to go around with the other kids in the neighborhood since everyone watched out for the neighborhood kids. Compared to today, they were probably simple, corny games, but we had fun... even if someone was throwing eggs.

Horse Stables

When I was little, I remember my brothers taking me to the horse stables by what is now the freeway. They'd let me ride the horses while they smooched in the barn. If I recall correctly, there was even a dairy back then.

Swimming Pool

I remember when the pool was built. It was so much fun and filled our days even for me. I didn't know how to swim other than to float, so I spent a lot of time hanging on the wall. All the girls had to wear bathing caps back then. The pool was a great addition to the park. I could go and see all the kids that I normally would not get to see until school started.

May Day and May pole at Lennox Park

They would crown a queen and her court, and we younger kids would dress up and wind the paper streamers around the May pole. They'd have a little parade. It was simple fun.

Theater

There used to be a theater on Hawthorne Blvd. and Lennox Blvd., and we could get in if we brought in a certain number of pop bottles. Recycling was done even back then. I spent many hours in that theater. We used to get two full features and cartoons before the movie and then another between the movies.

Buildings along Lennox Blvd.

When I was a kid, there were a bunch of stores along Lennox Blvd. The pet shop was a frequent stop with its musty smell. My brothers raced pigeons, plus raised parakeets, canaries and other critters. I loved to go in around Easter when they had all the little chicks in different colors. Hey, I was a kid and they were cute!

My sister always remembers the dentist. To this day, we swear it was a barber chair, and she would kick him because he hurt her when he drilled.

Library and Sheriff Station

The library was a frequent hangout and place to see people. Around the corner was the Sheriff's Station. The Sheriff's wore brown uniforms, and in "Virginia Beach, (VA.) Sheriff's" (not police) still wear brown.

Lloyd's Market – I think that was the name

On Hawthorne Blvd, just off Lennox Blvd., there was a little market with a real butcher, where they always had a big wheel of Cooper's cheddar cheese and a big jar of pickles. It was a tiny store.

Walking to School

We always walked to school and had crossing guards to stop traffic. Everyone did it. I remember years later when I worked at Jefferson School. Mothers would get upset when they registered their kids for school and discovered there wasn't a bus to pick up their kids, and that the kids had to walk to school.

White House – candy store

There was a little white house on 104th Street, not far from Jefferson School. I recall a little old lady worked in there, and she sold all kinds of penny candy.

My husband recalls stopping for candy before movie night. When he went to Jefferson School he would run the projector and show movies to the kids while their parents went to PTA meetings. He made sure he had his candy. Mrs. Chadwick was the music teacher who drove a Corvair station wagon and was responsible for making sure the kids were qualified to run the projector.

Jefferson School

The old Jefferson School as I remember it, was something you'd see in an old Andy Hardy movie. When they built the newer section, it was placed closer to 104th St. and Condon. Later, when I worked there, it was updated. I recall kids having to clean the erasures outside by beating them together, but when my husband went there, he used a machine to clean the erasures. It was a vacuum machine – like a table with a grate on it, and you ran the erasers across it.

Paper Drives – We would have paper drives. Each class had a section of fence where they'd stack their newspapers. The class with the tallest stack

of papers would win. Not sure what they won. Everyone got involved in it; even the parents.

Square Dancing – 4th – 6th graders would have square dancing on a regular basis. (I think it was Friday nights).

Kick Ball, tetherball, hopscotch and dodge ball were some of the games we played at recess.

Felton Junior High

Since we had moved to Dalerose, I had to go to Felton Jr. High. We stayed in one class all morning, but in the afternoon, we switched to three different classes.

Constitution – At the beginning of 8th grade, I remember the pressure we were under to learn the Constitution. I recall the teacher telling us that if we did not pass the Constitution Test, we could not go to high school. It was like a heavy weight all year long.

Mr. Pavloic used to love to throw things – like a roll of masking tape – if someone wasn't behaving or sleeping. We thought it was funny.

Sock Hops – We spent about six weeks learning to dance. Mrs. Sala taught us the New Yorker, the Fox Trot and several other dances. We regularly had sock hops at lunchtime.

Friday night dances – We had chaperones that would make sure we weren't dancing too close. My first slow dance was in 7th grade and "Put Your Head on My Shoulder" by Paul Anka, will always be one of my favorites from that night. The bathrooms were in another building, and we had to walk in the dark from the cafeteria to the bathrooms. One couple would sneak out to the bushes to smooch. We thought they were so bad.

Lennox High School

Before Lennox High School was built, 9th – 12th graders living in Lennox had to attend Inglewood High School. My sister was a sophomore when they opened Lennox High School.

I remember my first day. I could not figure out where my classes were located, and to this day, I'm still bad with maps.

I recall one Math teacher (I think it was Mr. Smith) yelling at his students, and I prayed I'd never have him as a teacher.

Events – I was in Mr. Kovicnik's class when two memorable events happened that shaped our country. A kid I knew showed me a picture of the Beatles. I remember laughing because of their hair, but I soon became a fan. Another time, I think it was during the same year (I was in my junior year) when we learned that President Kennedy had been assassinated. School closed, and we all went home. It was an awful time.... Even my mother was crying.

Bomb threats – There were bomb threats on a regular basis during one year at Lennox High School. We all had to leave class and stand away from the buildings. Someone was also painting hammer and sickle symbols on street corners. It was a student or two. I think they discovered the bomb threat calls were made from the pay phone at school.

White Levis and long hair – The football team was shaving some member's heads if they let their hair grow too long. It was the Beatle influence and many of the guys wanted long hair.

Boots – We girls could not wear boots to school. A girl wore a pair of knee high boots and was sent home to change.

Length of skirts – We were told that our skirts had to touch the floor when we kneeled or we'd be sent home. Of course, then we could not wear pants.

Patty and Dorothy De Santis were a big hit when they brought in a picture of themselves with Fabian. Their uncle was taking Fabian to the airport; since Lennox was so close. They stopped by so the girls could see him.

During high school, we'd cruise the boulevard from the A & W Root Beer Drive Inn to the Wich Stand. The turn at the A & W was so tight, that more than one kid dented or scratched their parent's car while making that turn.

Recently, my husband was reading his Good Guy magazine (re: hot rods) and someone wrote in about cruising the boulevard from the A & W to the Wich Stand, and there was a picture of the Wich Stand. My cousin would drive her Dad's station wagon and at one end we'd put in oil and at the other end we'd put in transmission fluid. Cruising Hollywood Blvd. on Halloween was even more fun.

Jets were a constant during my school days. I do recall waking up some nights thinking a jet was going to hit the house. I really don't recall them being a huge disruption when I was going to school. There were times when we had to wait to talk when one went over, but I don't recall them interrupting school. I think we just learned to live with them and ignore them. They were always overhead.

The following was contributed by John P. Boal, a Lennox Lancer, class of 1958.

There was a retail feed store on Lennox Blvd., right behind the Lennox Theater. I used to go into the hay area in the back and crawl around on the bales. Also, the area of what is now known as Mansel Avenue below Lennox Blvd. was called the "piggy path". It was actually the back yards of the streets on either side, also, on the corner of 104th and Mansel, sw corner, was "Mary's Cozy Corner", a small shop where one could buy ice cream and candy. There was a phone booth right next to it, and I used to stuff paper up the coin return to make a buck or two a week.

When I was young I used to walk over to the Lennox Theater, and, at the time there were many vacant lots which allowed me to cut cross. Just north of Lennox Blvd., on the first street west of Hawthorne Blvd., lived an old lady (very old from my perspective). I would pass through the lot next to hers, frequently. Somehow or other we met, and she eventually allowed me into her home. She lived alone, with the exception of her pet rooster. As I recall his name was Sweetie Pie. She had no carpeting on her raised foundation wood floors. Every inch of wood flooring was covered in the Los Angeles Examiner paper. I remember sitting on the floor reading the comics section. I often helped her to pick up the 'soiled' papers from Sweetie Pie's droppings. She had an ice box refrigerator in which a block of ice was in a top section. I often would go someplace nearby to get her a new block of ice. Her name was Mrs. Spencer. It would be interesting to do some research of those houses on that street, east side, to get her full name and when she sold, or died. But, the most amazing part of her life was that she slept with the rooster. I also recall that my mom and dad dissuaded me from taking money from her; so I guess that is when I started my volunteering career. Interesting lady.

I also used to go over to the streetcar tracks early Saturday mornings and look for 'stuff' people had thrown away. You used to pick up matchbook covers and bring them home and hang them on string strung across my ceiling. Now, 60 years later, I collect matchbook covers.

For our senior year ditch day, we rented a small plane and flew over to Catalina Island. I am thinking it wasn't more than 20 of us, if that many. I don't remember much of the details, but, thinking back, that was pretty cool. I know

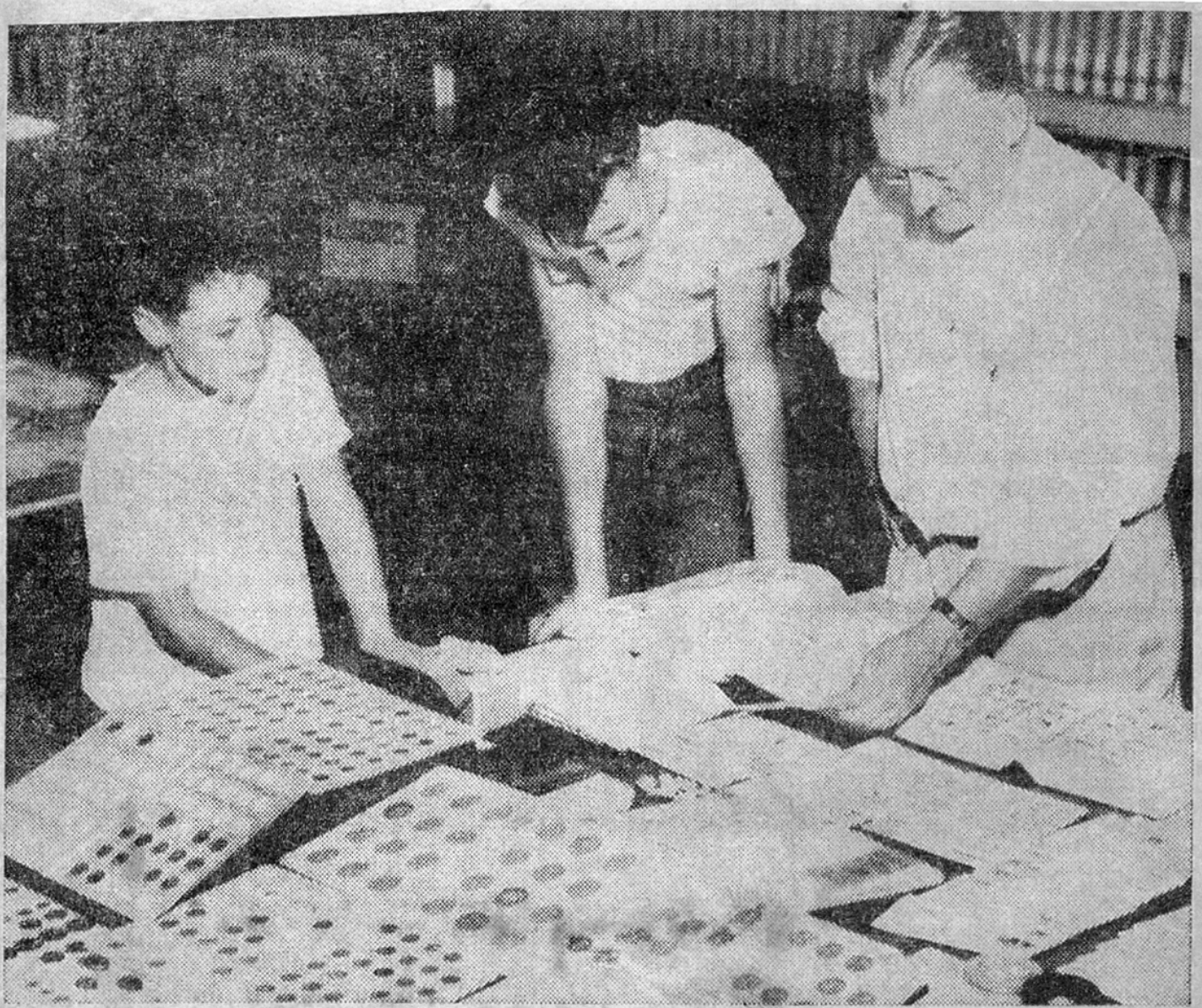
one other graduate, Hugh Adkins. He is 3 weeks older than I, and we grew up together. I remember he gave me his lunch money to help him with his school work, or something like that. I think it was a nickel. As I recall I lied to my mom and dad and said I kept finding the money in the sandbox. Anyway, we both went into the Navy within a few weeks of each other; and he was my best man. Then he lived on Firmona between Lennox Blvd. and 104th St. I lived on the corner of 104th St. and Mansel. There was a grocery store on the corner of 104th St. and Firmona, I think; or it was the next corner west. Anyway, it was across the street from Jefferson Elementary School, on the east side. I remember the store well: It was the first place I committed a crime. I stole a candy bar. I used to buy a Cup of Gold candy bar every week. I love them; one day I took one of my brothers over to Jefferson School; I think it was maybe on a Saturday. Anyway, I was about 10 or 11. So my brother was 6 or 7. We climbed up and over the wooden fence surrounding the eating area for the cafeteria. We found a slider door unlocked and went inside and snagged an ice cream bar each. Upon climbing back over the fence, we got caught by some kind of security person. I had to go to the principal's office on Monday and receive my punishment. Whatever it was, I don't recall. Of course, my brother was too young to get punished. I remember one of the buildings was close to two stories; I remember there was a concrete ramp that went from an outside door down to the ground level. We used to go up the ramp and then skate down at breakneck (to us) speeds.

I remember having the same teacher for 5th and 6th grade. I was in love with her. I think it was her that taught the whole class how to knit. My mom loved that because she spent her life knitting. I knitted something; I don't recall exactly what.

Another memory from John P. Boal regarding Camp Conrad Dated 10/21/11
I have been going to that camp since 1953; and we go every year for family camp at Memorial Day weekend, and we just had our 50th anniversary celebration with 125 people for a whole weekend at the camp. It is actually now a diabetic camp, and has been re-named Camp Conrad/Chinnock.



**JOHN BOAL and FAMILY.
JOHN, a LENNOX HIGH GRAD
of 1958, WITH HIS PARENTS
and SIBLINGS.**

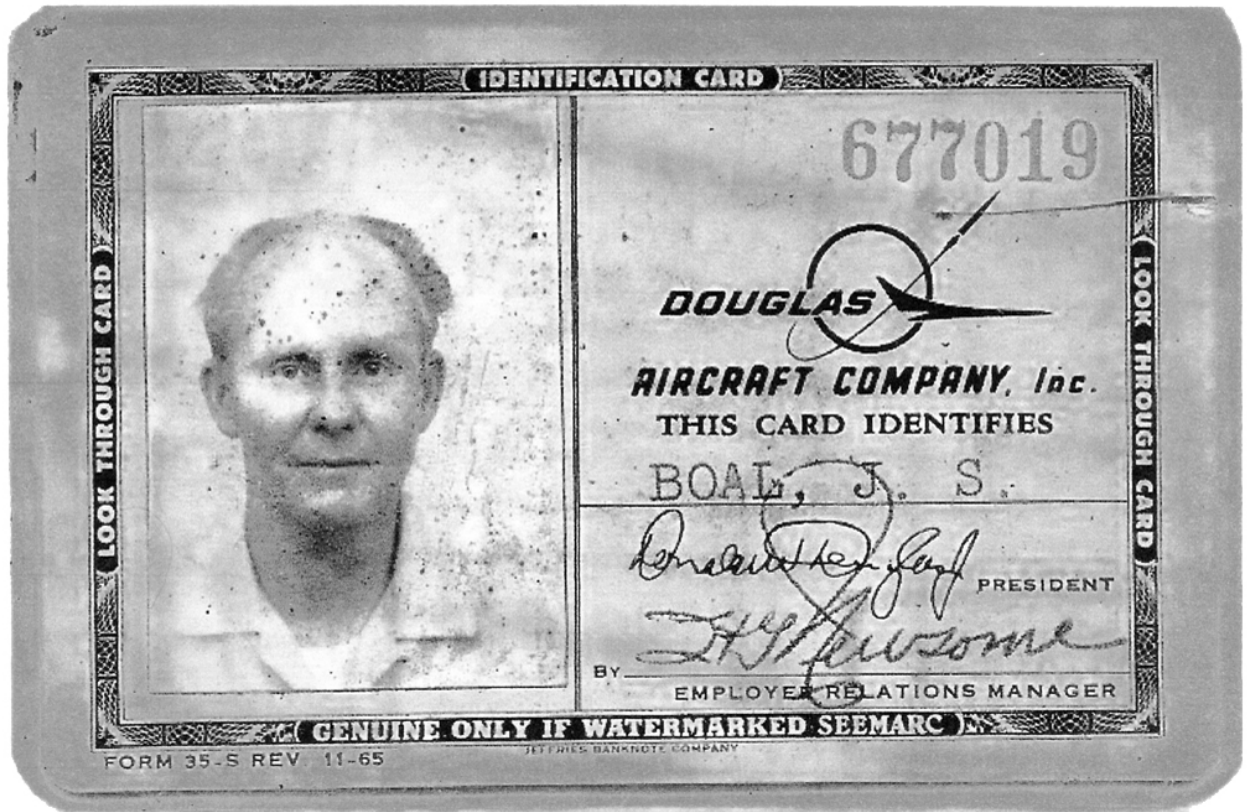


HOBBY SHOW WINNER — Bennett Todd, district recreation supervisor of Los Angeles County Parks, looks over old stamps and coins submitted by John Boal, center, of 4524 West 104th Street, yesterday in the Hobby Show at Lennox Park. Boal won first

prize for his collection of coins and a special award for the stamps. An interested youngster eyes the collection. There were other entries submitted such as rare rocks, paintings and craft work.

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Lennox City Council

I would appreciate
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Thank You,

JAMES S. “Jim” BOAL

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Would Eliminate Months of Red Tape By Incorporation

If the people of Lennox vote for incorporation at the election Nov. 14, they will eliminate much of the "weeks, even months, of red tape" of going through the County for community actions, believes James S. Boal, candidate for Lennox City Council.

Boal, who lives with his family at 11007 Mansel Avenue, Lennox, sees a bright future for Lennox if incorporation is favored by the people. Besides "better representation," he predicts a "clean up" of the city.

Through better, locally controlled zoning, the "whole area will be given a new face." Old buildings will be removed or improved, health standards improved, and new business encouraged.

Vacant lots will be kept up through a better weed abatement program, fire protection



JAMES S. BOAL

will be "equal or better" and all this without upping taxes.

"The opposition claims that a city tax will be forthcoming if incorporation is approved, but I disagree heartily with this statement. I see no need for a city tax," Boal states.

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Boal is one of six candidates endorsed by the Homeowners Committee for Incorporation. He has worked many hours in the incorporation movement, ringing doorbells, gaining signatures, making sometimes three or four trips back to the same family to secure signatures.

In looking back at his reception, Boal feels confident that the measure will pass and Lennox will become a contract city. He bases this feeling on the fact that most of the people he met were eager to sign the petition favoring incorporation.

"We met some whose minds

succeeded in helping them to change their minds in many cases. Our efforts have been to good avail, but we must keep working and keep on ringing doorbells."

Since 1946 Mr. and Mrs. Boal and their four children have been residents of Lennox. The eldest son is John, a graduate of Larch Avenue and Jefferson schools and a member of the first graduating class of Lennox High School. He is now in the Navy.

A daughter, Judy, graduated from Lennox High School last year, while identical twins Jerry and Jeffrey are seniors at Lennox High. Both straight A student, they are active in school affairs, Jeff being student body president.

Boal is a toolmaker at Douglas' El Segundo plant, while Mrs. Boal is a secretary at North American. The entire family has been very active in YM-CA activities.

Boal, along with the other 10 candidates for Council, will be featured in an open forum discussion sponsored for the public free of charge Monday evening, Nov. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in Lennox High School.

The following was contributed by Jeff Boal, a Lennox Lancer, class of 1962.

Our family lived in Lennox in what I recall was a 900 sq. ft. home on the corner of 104th St. and Mansel and later on Mansel between Lennox Blvd. and 111th St. from 1946 until we were finally all living elsewhere in 1980 (Jim and Marian Boal, our parents, retired up to Eureka). John, Judy, Jerry and I were all to attend Lennox School District Schools, though John first attended Inglewood High until Lennox High opened in 1957 for his senior year. Jimi Boal worked some 40 years at Douglas Aircraft as a tool and die jib builder; our mother as a secretary in the engineering department for some 20 years or so at North American Aircraft.

Did you know that there was an attempt to incorporate Lennox? My father was one of those who supported the effort and threw his hat in the ring to be elected as councilman. The incorporation vote was not enough so it didn't happen but had it, he would have been mayor as he received the most votes. Somewhere we have some news clippings (either I have or my brother John, class of 1958).

NOTE: At this writing, Jeff's brother, John, has provided the newspaper articles inserted after John's comments.

Lots of memories about the town,,, the Lennox Theater with 10 cent movies and 5 cent bags of popcorn... The post office on Lennox Blvd. where I got to be the Post Master for the Day when I was in, I think, the 6th grade or so... Lennox Park where there was always some activity going on (I vaguely remember the park buildings)... the "piggy path" was a bit of improved land from Lennox Blvd. to what would become the Mansel housing development. There were small hillocks with wonderful weeds in the spring that were perfect for our warring tribes of afterschool kids... the streetcar tracks down Hawthorne Blvd. where once a man was run over and lost a leg or so my storytelling brother John reported to me and my twin brother Jerry... Mary Cozy Corner which was on the corner across from our house. Mary, the owner and possibly a spinster, would sell candy and ice creams and drinks as I recall from her little shop conveniently just two blocks from Jefferson Elementary School. Our neighborhood in Lennox was lower middle class. Basically, simple homes with kept up lawns for the most part. Life was easy in the Eisenhower 1950's. We all had milk delivered on our porches, the Good Humor Man would circulate through the neighborhood regularly with the familiar ditty coming its under hood speaker. And we also had the Helm's Bakery (of LA's first Olympics, 1936, fame) truck with its distinctive whistles. And we

were also blessed to have a vestige of the early part of the century, a fresh vegetable wagon. Well, it was really a flat-bed truck with awnings. The driver had cerebral palsy and though he drew our attention with his hard to understand speech, it was obvious that he did well because he provided good fresh vegetables and regular service. Brother John, I heard years later (from whom, I cannot remember...maybe my sister Judy) got one of his first jobs riding with the vegetable man and helping him write down the orders onto paper bags for the bought vegetables. I guess that was to help confirm for the housewife what she was buying and how much it could cost.

There are many other vague stories of neighbors and childhood friends and pranks and first kisses, etc. Not so sure they are of interest except where others' names might help others remember related or expanded stories. I will look to see if I can find some more tidbits from what I inherited from Jim Boal, my father.

Jeffrey K. Boal, CLU

Financial Representative, Northwestern Mutual Financial Network

Larry Petersen's reflections of his family and Lennox, Lennox Lancer, class of 1963

My mother attended Jefferson, when it was the only school in the Lennox area, From her home at 4043 Lennox Blvd, the nearest high school was Inglewood, which she attended for 4 years, before going on to UCLA.

Dad was born in LA, and later built a house behind that of my grandparents, where mom grew up.

We lived on 107th. I could walk thru the rear gate to visit my grandparents, on Lennox Blvd.

My grandmother was from MO, and was a fine home cook; more good memories; thanks for the opportunity to remember. Larry

The following was contributed by Roberta "Bobbie" Ford Pyszczynski, Lennox Lancer, class of 1959.

In the 40's there was a feed store on Lennox Blvd., and the next street east of Grevillea, the northwest corner. They sold baby chicks, too.

There was Rusty's hardware store at Grevillea and Lennox Blvd., southeast corner. Seemed almost like a Five and Dime when a kid walked in as it also carried small toys, coloring books, etc.

There was an egg ranch on Lennox Blvd., between Grevillea and Firmona. We used to go there and watch the owner (?) candle the eggs. He would sometimes give us the "chick" eggs. It was next to the fire station.

In the 40's when you walked up Mansel from 111th St. there was a big hog kept in a pen. We used to try to see if he really had a curly tail, but every time we went to the opposite side of the pen, he would turn around and face us. We never did find out about his tail.

There were two more markets on Hawthorne Blvd. One was owned by the Watanabe family and was located just south of 104th St. on the southeast corner.

The other was owned by the Sutherland family and was located just north of 111th St. It later moved to the corner of Hawthorne Blvd. and Lennox Blvd.

The Sutherland family later owned a Maytag Store on Hawthorne Blvd. near 104th St. They also did repair of washers.

The street cars on Hawthorne Blvd. ran from downtown Hawthorne to Eagle Rock.

Lennox Bethany Baptist Church was started in the Women's Club building on Lennox Blvd., between Firmona and Grevillea, next to the Post Office.

Presented by Rod Poteete, former Jefferson Elementary School Student.

I was born in Los Angeles in 1947. Because my dad worked at Douglas Aircraft in El Segundo we moved to Lennox in 1952. I attended Jefferson Elementary school from Kindergarten thru 6th grade. Some of my teachers were Mrs. Meany and Mr. Bradbury.

I can remember spending a lot of time at Lennox Park, the Jefferson School softball field and later at the Lennox High School tennis courts and fields when it was built around 1957.

Some of my friends were Scotty Morgan, Glenn Wrightstone, Gary Breeze, Butch Hawkins, Judy Puis, Karen Jackson, Ray Stewart and the Rocky brothers. I lived at 10537 Dalerose Ave. between Lennox Blvd. And 104th Street. I used to hang out at Ray Stewart's mom's hamburger stand by the old Lennox Market on Ingelwood Ave. where I bought Topps Baseball Cards that I sold a few years ago for thousands of dollars.

My main activity in my childhood was playing Little League Baseball in the Lennox National Little League at Victory Field across the street from the Lennox H.S. baseball field. I played 4 years in the majors on the Centinelans and Cardinals. Some of my coaches were Ed Wirth, Mr. Morgan, Jack Orlandi, Mr. Applegate, Mr Wilson and Lester Poteete, my dad who created my love for the game of baseball. My mom, Anna, kept score of all my games and I still have those scorecards today.

Some of my teammates were Gene Hunter, Johnny Wilson, Alan Hanna, Roy Hand, Frank Ruotolo, Donnie Spillers, Denny Estes, Kenny Applegate, Corky Duplan and Glenn Isgit.

For Jr. H. S. I attended 1st Good Shepherd in Inglewood and then I went to Lutheran H.S. in West LA. I never attended Lennox High School but my heart still belongs in Lennox and most of my childhood friends became Lancers.

I was fortunate to play baseball at Stanford Univ. on a scholarship and then pro baseball in the LA Dodger organization. I moved to Las Vegas in 1972 and taught at Pahrump Valley High School for 35 years before retiring in 2009. I still live in LV with my wife Jean and we have 2 boys.

The following was contributed by Roy Hand, a Lennox Lancer, class of 1965.
Did you know this about Lennox?

Did you know there used to be a Big Donut Shop on the northeast corner of Imperial Hwy and Larch Avenue around 1959? If you are wondering what a Big Donut Shop was, go to the northwest corner of La Cienega Blvd. and Manchester Avenue in Inglewood, Ca. and see Randy's Big Donut. This used to be an original Big Donut Shop many years ago.

Did you know that Lennox used to have its own water tank that stood high above the community? I know, because back in the day when the water companies did not think five year-olds would climb such towers and did not keep their metal ladders off the ground, I climbed it with a friend who lived on the property. The location was between Prairie Avenue and Osage Avenue just north of Imperial Hwy along York Avenue. See the next comment to know what caused the tower to be removed.

Did you know that Lennox at one time had its own 56 lane bowling alley called Tropicana Lanes? There is the 105 Freeway (Anderson Freeway) off-ramp with an eastbound exit onto Prairie Avenue where the bowling alley's parking lot used to be.

Did you know that the first Lennox Little League (Later Lennox National Little League) had at one time played its games at the southwest corner of Prairie Avenue and Lennox Blvd., in what is today the most westerly parking lot behind a market. I discovered this baseball diamond in about 1958 before the old wooden fences were removed for block wall replacement. I had noticed the fence distance markings which indicated a short fence even for Little League play. As I recall, the left field line was 158 feet. At that time, I asked one of the neighbors about the markings on the fence, and he told me that in the early days of youth baseball (sandlot), games were played there until a more formal program was established and a better location was found. Read the next comment to find out where Lennox National Little League played its games near what was Lennox High and now Lennox Middle School, adjacent to the 405 Freeway. See the next comment to find out where the new Little Field was located.

Did you know that Lennox National Little League (affiliated with Williamsport Little League) became the location for Lennox National Little League for boys ages 8-12. In those days, there were no organized girl's youth softball leagues although I knew a few girls who could have played baseball. The new ball diamond was located on the east side of Irwin Avenue about a short block south of 111th Place. Many future Lennox Lancer ball players honed their skills at what was called Victory Field. The field was displaced when the 405 (San Diego Fwy) was constructed. The league was relocated to the northeast section of Jefferson Elementary School before demolition was started for the new freeway. In an attempt to contact league officials regarding its current location as of 2012, I have received no response in spite of leaving messages and sending emails.

Did you know that Lennox at one time had its theater. If you would begin walking at the northwest corner of Lennox Blvd. and Hawthorne Blvd. going north, the theater was the next business on the left. There are stories from Lancers regarding their memories of the Lennox Theater.

Did you know that electric driven streetcars used to travel along Hawthorne Blvd. on tracks that ran right down the middle of the street between north and south bound traffic. These cars would travel to areas of the Metropolitan Los Angeles area and return passengers who would travel to the end of the line in Lawndale. Note that some personal memories have been shared about the streetcars in this documentary.

Did you know that there used to be chinchilla farms used for farming furs that were located near Felton Avenue and 104th St. near Century Blvd. My father and I once visited a friend of my Dad who was involved in raising chinchillas.

Did you know that Lennox once had a furniture manufacturing plant? It was located on the south side of 111th St. about one hundred feet due west of Prairie Avenue. I used to deliver a newspaper called the Lennox Citizen to the plant. The paper was pink, and it was referred to as a "throwaway paper" with lots of advertisements enclosed.

Did you know what is now Lennox Middle School (previously Lennox High School) was originally planned for construction on a 17 acre site with boundaries of Imperial Hwy , 111th St., Grevillea and Firmona Avenues. The high school was planned to facilitate 1,000 students.

Did you know that Lennox at one time had its own A & W Root Beer Stand on the northwest corner of Eastwood Avenue and Imperial Hwy?

Did you know that Larch Avenue School between 111th St., Imperial Hwy, Freeman Avenue and Larch Avenue made it easy access to a Foster's Freeze on the southwest corner of Imperial Hwy and Freeman Avenue (actually in Hawthorne, Ca.). It was a short walk using a signal light to cross safely.

The following information has been extracted from the Lennox Lancer Home Page list of annuals (yearbooks). The information gathered provides the scores of the Lennox High School Varsity football teams from the fall of 1957 through the fall of 1983. Lennox High did not have a team in 1984-85 year due to the school closing.

There are some football seasons where scores were not provided. If comments relative to a win are provided, a “W” is shown. In the case of a loss where a score is not provided, an “L” is shown.

You can review all of Lennox High School Varsity scores by going to Lennox Lancer Home Page, click on annuals, and then select the year you wish to see. Find the year of the annual you wish to review, and then scroll down to Varsity Football.

I would welcome any feedback to my email address at royhand9@gmail.com

Lennox High School Varsity Football Scores for 1957-1958 school year

| | | | |
|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| Lennox | 30 | Temple City | 7 |
| Lennox | 0 | Santa Maria | 45 |
| Lennox | 38 | West Covina | 6 |
| Lennox | 6 | Warren | 14 |
| Lennox | 20 | Aviation | 0 |
| Lennox | 34 | South High | 13 |

Lennox High School Varsity scores for 1958-1959 school year

| | | | |
|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| Lennox | 17 | Buena Park | 7 |
| Lennox | 14 | Redondo | 20 |
| Lennox | 34 | Beverly Hills | 14 |
| Lennox | 6 | Leuzinger | 20 |
| Lennox | 32 | Aviation | 0 |
| Lennox | 0 | Dominguez | 20 |
| Lennox | 19 | South High | 13 |
| Lennox | 14 | LB Jordan | 26 |

Lennox High School Varsity scores for 1959-1960 school year

| | | | |
|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| Lennox | 13 | Leuzinger | 7 |
| Lennox | 6 | Redondo | 0 |
| Lennox | 0 | Torrance | 33 |
| Lennox | 12 | South High | 25 |
| Lennox | 12 | Beverly Hills | 19 |
| Lennox | 6 | Aviation | 18 |
| Lennox | 6 | El Segundo | 13 |
| Lennox | 13 | Culver City | 7 |

Lennox High School Varsity scores for 1960-1961 school year

| | | | |
|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| Lennox | 13 | Leuzinger | 0 |
| Lennox | 7 | Morningside | 13 |
| Lennox | 20 | Lawndale | 0 |
| Lennox | 25 | Beverly Hills | 6 |
| Lennox | 19 | El Segundo | 34 |
| Lennox | 0 | Aviation | 13 |
| Lennox | 6 | Culver City | 13 |
| Lennox | 7 | Torrance | 20 |

Lennox High School Varsity scores for 1961-1962 school year

| | | | |
|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| Lennox | 0 | Inglewood | 28 |
| Lennox | 19 | Leuzinger | 0 |
| Lennox | 0 | Beverly Hills | 14 |
| Lennox | 28 | Aviation | 32 |
| Lennox | 6 | El Segundo | 32 |
| Lennox | 19 | Culver City | 34 |
| Lennox | 7 | Palos Verdes | 6 |
| Lennox | 6 | Torrance | 27 |
| Lennox | 14 | Lawndale | 6 |

Lennox High School Varsity scores for 1962-1963 school year

| | | | |
|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| Lennox | 0 | Eisenhower | 13 |
| Lennox | 0 | Leuzinger | 12 |
| Lennox | 6 | Aviation | 13 |
| Lennox | 0 | El Segundo | 20 |
| Lennox | 13 | Culver City | 28 |
| Lennox | 19 | Palos Verdes | 13 |
| Lennox | 6 | Torrance | 33 |
| Lennox | 13 | Lawndale | 6 |
| Lennox | 13 | Beverly Hills | 38 |

Lennox High School Varsity scores for 1963-1964 school year

| | | | |
|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| Lennox | 7 | Leuzinger | 27 |
| Lennox | 13 | Culver City | 6 |
| Lennox | 13 | Carson | 17 |
| Lennox | 7 | Bishop Mont | 13 |
| Lennox | 27 | Torrance | 20 |
| Lennox | 33 | West Torrance | 6 |
| Lennox | 0 | Aviation | 26 |
| Lennox | 0 | El Segundo | 32 |
| Lennox | 0 | Lawndale | 14 |

Lennox High School Varsity scores for 1964-1965 school year

| | | | |
|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| Lennox | 7 | Leuzinger | 25 |
| Lennox | 7 | Culver City | 14 |
| Lennox | 7 | Redondo | 13 |
| Lennox | 20 | Rolling Hills | 6 |
| Lennox | 26 | West Torrance | 7 |
| Lennox | 25 | Aviation | 12 |
| Lennox | 7 | El Segundo | 13 |
| Lennox | 13 | Lawndale | 42 |
| Lennox | 7 | Torrance | 19 |

Lennox High School Varsity scores for 1965-1966 school year

The Lancers went 0-8-1, but as Head Coach Don Young said, “showed a Lancer team that will always be remembered by its coach for its remarkable ability each week, in the face of the building disaster, to grow stronger in spirit, and as a team, and making sure that if the Lancer flag was to fall, it was to fall with all guns blazing.”

Lennox lost to Culver City in the last 34 seconds of play.

Lennox tied with Torrance only because the Lancers were not able to push across the winning extra point.

Lennox lost to Rolling Hills in the last minute and 30 seconds.

Lennox lost to cross town rival and C.I.F. quarter finalist Lawndale only after the most inspiring effort ever seen by its coach late in the fourth quarter.

Lennox lost to Palos Verdes and eventual C.I.F. champ, losing but making more yards against P.V. than any of its previous seven opponents.

Lennox High School Varsity scores for 1966-1967 school year

| | | | |
|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Lennox | 13 | Valley Christian | 13 |
| Lennox | 6 | Bishop Mont | 49 |
| Lennox | 13 | Torrance | 39 |
| Lennox | 28 | St. Genevieve | 7 |
| Lennox | 0 | El Segundo | 31 |
| Lennox | 0 | Lawndale | 30 |
| Lennox | 6 | Palos Verdes | 19 |
| Lennox | 0 | West Torrance | 34 |
| Lennox | 6 | Aviation | 19 |

Lennox High School Varsity scores for 1967-1968 school year

| | | | |
|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Lennox | 0 | Valley Christian | 13 |
| Lennox | 13 | LA Lutheran | 19 |
| Lennox | 21 | Beverly Hills | 25 |
| Lennox | 6 | St. Genevieve | 7 |
| Lennox | 21 | Lawndale | 45 |
| Lennox | 0 | Palos Verdes | 20 |
| Lennox | 6 | West Torrance | 33 |
| Lennox | 21 | Aviation | 20 |
| Lennox | 20 | El Segundo | 6 |

Lennox High School Varsity scores for 1968-1969 school year

| | | | |
|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Lennox | 13 | Valley Christian | 26 |
| Lennox | 19 | LA Lutheran | 14 |
| Lennox | 12 | Bell Gardens | 7 |
| Lennox | 13 | St. Genevieve | 7 |
| Lennox | 35 | Miraleste | 14 |
| Lennox | 7 | Beverly Hills | 33 |
| Lennox | 20 | Aviation | 7 |
| Lennox | 19 | El Segundo | 53 |
| Lennox | 18 | Lawndale | 35 |

Lennox High School Varsity scores for 1969-1970 school year

| | | | |
|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Lennox | 21 | Valley Christian | 6 |
| Lennox | 27 | LA Lutheran | 6 |
| Lennox | 0 | Bell Gardens | 14 |
| Lennox | 7 | St. Genevieve | 14 |
| Lennox | 12 | Beverly Hills | 0 |
| Lennox | 6 | Aviation | 12 |
| Lennox | 20 | El Segundo | 21 |
| Lennox | 12 | Lawndale | 34 |
| Lennox | 25 | Miraleste | 28 |

Lennox High School Varsity scores for 1970-1971 school year

| | | | |
|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Lennox | 18 | Miraleste | 14 |
| Lennox | 12 | El Segundo | 12 |

No other scores recorded

Lennox High School Varsity scores for 1971-1972 school year

No scores recorded

Lennox High School Varsity scores for 1972-1973 school year

| | | | |
|---------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Lennox | “L” | Valley Christian | “W” |
| Lennox | 28 | El Segundo | 14 |
| Lennox | “W” | Beverly Hills | “L” |

No other scores recorded

Lennox High School Varsity scores for 1973-1974 school year

No scores recorded Wins 2 Losses 8

Lennox High School Varsity scores for 1974-1975 school year

| | | | |
|---------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Lennox | “L” | Valley Christian | “W” |
| Lennox | “W” | LA Lutheran | “P” |
| Lennox | “W” | Harvard | “L” |
| Lennox | “W” | St. Bernards | “L” |
| Lennox | “W” | Leuzinger | “L” |
| Lennox | “L” | El Segundo | “W” |

No other scores recorded

Lennox High School Varsity scores for 1975-1976 school year

| | | | |
|---------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Lennox | “W” | Valley Christian | “L” |
| Lennox | “W” | Redondo | “L” |
| Lennox | “W” | Harvard | “L” |
| Lennox | “W” | El Segundo | “L” |
| Lennox | “L” | Neff | “W” |

Lennox lost to Neff in C.I.F.

No other wins, losses or scores reported

Lennox High School Varsity scores for 1976-1977 school year

| | | | |
|---------------|------------|------------------------|------------|
| Lennox | “W” | Miraleste | “L” |
| Lennox | “L” | Aviation | “W” |
| Lennox | “L” | Channel Islands | “W” |

Lennox did win seven in a row at the start of this season

Lennox lost to Channel Islands in C.I.F.

No other wins, losses or scores reported

Lennox High School Varsity Scores for 1977-1978 school year

| | | | |
|--------|----|-----------------|----|
| Lennox | 14 | Antelope Valley | 7 |
| Lennox | 14 | Harvard | 7 |
| Lennox | 14 | Redondo | 13 |
| Lennox | 7 | Aviation | 13 |

No other scores recorded

Lennox High School Varsity Scores for 1978-1979 school year

| | | | |
|--------|---|----------|----|
| Lennox | 7 | Lawndale | 17 |
|--------|---|----------|----|

No other scores recorded Wins 1 Losses 8

Lennox High School Varsity Scores for 1979-1980 school year

| | | | |
|--------|-----|----------|-----|
| Lennox | "L" | Lawndale | "W" |
|--------|-----|----------|-----|

No scores were recorded Wins 0 Losses 7 in league

Lennox High School Varsity scores for 1980-1981 school year

| | | | |
|--------|----|-----------------|----|
| Lennox | 14 | Antelope Valley | 6 |
| Lennox | 0 | Palos Verdes | 10 |
| Lennox | 0 | Lawndale | 23 |
| Lennox | 0 | Miraleste | 19 |
| Lennox | 14 | Redondo | 13 |
| Lennox | 12 | Leuzinger | 26 |
| Lennox | 14 | Harvard | 7 |
| Lennox | 7 | Aviation | 13 |
| Lennox | 20 | El Segundo | 24 |

Lennox High School Varsity scores for 1981-1982 school year

| | | | |
|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| Lennox | 6 | Salesian | 12 |
| Lennox | 0 | Hawthorne | 17 |
| Lennox | 17 | Leuzinger | 20 |
| Lennox | 14 | Cathedral | 15 |
| Lennox | 7 | Mary Star | 28 |
| Lennox | 0 | Redondo | 21 |
| Lennox | 0 | Marshall Fund | 20 |
| Lennox | 0 | Harvard | 14 |
| Lennox | 13 | El Segundo | 0 |
| Lennox | 0 | Miraleste | 33 |

Lennox High School Varsity scores for 1982-1983 school year

No scores recorded Wins 1 Losses 9

Lennox High School Varsity scores for 1983-1984 school year

Lennox 6 Melodyland 6

No scores recorded Wins 0 Losses 6 Tie 1

There were only 19 players on the last team that represented Lennox High

There was no 1984-1985 season. Lennox closed in 1985.

THANK YOU COACHES, PLAYERS, TEAM EQUIPMENT MANAGERS, TIME KEEPERS, YARD AND DOWN MARKER CREW, YELL AND SONG, BAND AND MAJORETTES, DRILL TEAM AND KNIGHT AND LADY.

**THANKS FOR THE FRIDAY NIGHT AND AFTERNOON
VARSITY FOOTBALL GAME MEMORIES. GO
LANCERS!**

Contributed By Roy Hand, Lennox High, Class of 1965

Information below provided by the following web site:

Wikipedia Lennox, California

Lennox is a census-designated place (CDP) in Los Angeles County, California, United States. The population was 22,753 at the 2010 census, down from 22,950 at the 2000 census.

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2 Demographics

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Geography Lennox's boundaries are Century Blvd. to the north (along with neighboring cities of Inglewood and Los Angeles), Interstate 405 (the San Diego Freeway, a.k.a. "the 405") to the west, and Interstate 105 (the Glenn Anderson Freeway) to the south. Hawthorne Boulevard and Prairie Avenue make up portions of its eastern boundary with Inglewood. The city sits underneath the flight path of passenger jets landing at LAX.

According to the United States Census Bureau, the CDP has a total area of 1.1 square miles (2.8 km²), all land.

Demographics Historical populations

Census Pop. %±

1960 31,224 —

1970 16,121 -48.4%

1980 18,445 14.4%

1990 22,757 23.4%

2000 22,950 0.8%

2010 22,753 -0.9%

[2]

2010 The 2010 United States Census[3] reported that Lennox had a population of 22,753. The population density was 20,809.4 people per square mile (8,034.6/km²). The racial makeup of Lennox was 8,623 (37.9%) White, 765 (3.4%) African American, 199 (0.9%) Native American, 177 (0.8%) Asian, 188 (0.8%) Pacific Islander, 11,811 (51.9%) from other races, and 990 (4.4%) from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race were 21,162 persons (93.0%).

The Census reported that 22,741 people (99.9% of the population) lived in households, 12 (0.1%) lived in non-institutionalized group quarters, and 0 (0%) were institutionalized.

There were 5,250 households, out of which 3,297 (62.8%) had children under the age of 18 living in them, 2,866 (54.6%) were opposite-sex married couples living together, 1,049 (20.0%) had a female householder with no husband present, 608 (11.6%) had a male householder with no wife present. There were 456 (8.7%) unmarried opposite-sex partnerships, and 29 (0.6%) same-sex married couples or partnerships. 510 households (9.7%) were made up of individuals and 128 (2.4%) had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 4.33. There were 4,523 families (86.2% of all households); the average family size was 4.49.

The population was spread out with 7,553 people (33.2%) under the age of 18, 2,765 people (12.2%) aged 18 to 24, 6,926 people (30.4%) aged 25 to 44, 4,291 people (18.9%) aged 45 to 64, and 1,218 people (5.4%) who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 27.7 years. For every 100 females there were 105.6 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 104.5 males.

There were 5,487 housing units at an average density of 5,018.3 per square mile (1,937.6/km²), of which 1,569 (29.9%) were owner-occupied, and 3,681 (70.1%) were occupied by renters. The homeowner vacancy rate was 0.9%; the rental vacancy rate was 4.5%. 7,805 people (34.3% of the population) lived in owner-occupied housing units and 14,936 people (65.6%) lived in rental housing units.

2000 As of the census[4] of 2000, there were 22,950 people, 5,049 households, and 4,382 families residing in the CDP. The population density was 21,257.5 inhabitants per square mile (8,204.7/km²). There were 5,235 housing units at an average density of 4,848.9 per square mile (1,871.5/km²). The racial makeup of the CDP was 3.17% White, 4.15% African American, 1.02% Native American, 0.82% Asian, 1.39% Pacific Islander, 5.61% from other races, and 4.61% from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino make up 89.77% of the population.

There were 5,049 households out of which 63.9% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 59.8% were married couples living together, 17.7% had a female householder with no husband present, and 13.2% were non-families. 9.2% of all households were made up of individuals and 2.6% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 4.55 and the average family size was 4.70.

In the CDP the population was spread out with 39.0% under the age of 18, 12.4% from 18 to 24, 32.3% from 25 to 44, 12.7% from 45 to 64, and 3.6% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 24 years. For every 100 females there were 106.4 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 106.5 males.

The median income for a household in the CDP was \$28,273, and the median income for a family was \$27,991. Males had a median income of \$19,235 versus \$16,564 for females. The per capita income for the CDP was \$8,499. About 31.5% of families and 31.5% of the population were below the poverty line, including 38.7% of those under age 18 and 15.5% of those age 65 or over.

Education 10 schools comprise the Lennox School District: two early education centers, five elementary schools, one middle School, and several high schools:

Lennox Mathematics, Science & Technology Academy

Animo Leadership Charter High School

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Politics In the state legislature Lennox is located in the 28th Senate District, represented by Democrat Ted Lieu, and in the 51st Assembly District, represented by Democrat Steven Bradford. Federally, Lennox is located in California's 36th congressional district, which has a Cook PVI of D +11[5] and is represented by Democrat Jane Harman.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) operates the South Los Angeles Station in West Athens, serving Lennox.[6][7]

The Los Angeles County Department of Health Services operates the Curtis Tucker Health Center in Inglewood, serving Lennox.[8]

See also Los Angeles portal

South Central Los Angeles

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Lennox School District List of Schools, Past and Present

Jefferson Elementary

Mary J. Whelan Elementary (now Dolores Huerta Elementary)

Felton Elementary

Buford Elementary

Larch Elementary (replaced by Moffett Elementary)

Mary J. Whelan Pre-School

Lennox High School (now Lennox Middle School)

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Lennox Mathematics, Science and Technology Academy