

Westlake Area

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Bay and High Street Shopping Center May Be Built In Spring

By John Wheeler

Construction of a shopping center at Bay and High streets may begin in the spring and blossom into a million dollar-plus development in the Westlake area known as Hilltop Shopping center.

The center will be developed by a corporation owned by

E. H. Renzel Jr. of San Jose and Ormond Rector of Menlo Park. Both men are in the grocery business.

Renzel said his architect and the city planning department are presently in consultation to develop a master plan for the seven-acre commercially zoned corner.

"I believe Santa Cruz could take between 70,000 and 80,000 square feet of floor space in that area. The development could include market, drug store, delicatessen, barber shop and beauty parlor. The total investment and development package would run well over \$1 million," Renzel stated today.

"We hope to start construction next spring on the center which will be something nice for the whole area with its new (Congregational) church and residences," the wholesale grocer said.

The Hilltop delicatessen would include the package liquor store reported yesterday. Due to an error in posting the area, the store was indicated for 1210a High street—some two blocks away. The area will have to be reposted under the law.

City zoning for the shopping center will allow requiring setbacks for the stores, provision for large parking areas and landscaping.

Because of the site supervision clause applying to the area, the city planning commission and council will have complete review of all plans for the area.

However, whether the city can enforce its site supervision decisions still seems to be in doubt legally, according to recent discussions before the city council.

GOPLiberals Agree To Back John S. Cooper

Washington (AP).—Senate Republican liberals agreed today to back a slate headed by Sen. John Sherman Cooper of Kentucky for the party leadership in the senate.

In a 2½-hour meeting, eight GOP insurgent senators agreed also to support Sen. Thomas Kuchel of California for whip, or assistant leader.

The group decided to meet again next Tuesday. Sen. George Aiken of Vermont said a decision would be made then whether to contest the re-election of Sen. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire as chairman of the GOP policy committee and of Sen. Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts as chairman of the Conference of All GOP Senators.

Unruh Explains Favored Program

Sacramento (AP).—Assemblyman Jesse M. Unruh, who probably will head the powerful assembly ways and means committee next year, favors a "half-and-half" tax program — spread between consumer and income taxes.

He said today it appears certain the 1959 legislature—faced with a near-empty treasury when it convenes Monday—will enact California's first cigaret tax. On top of that, he suggested a boost in beer taxes.

The Los Angeles Democrat, handpicked by Gov-elect Brown,