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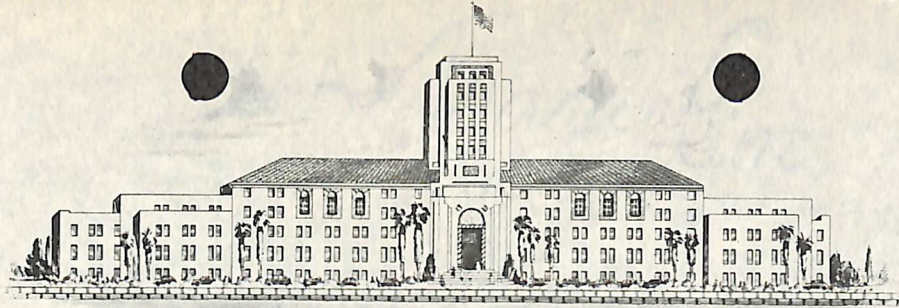
FRED W. SICK, City Clerk

By Clark M. Foote, Deputy

Comm. from Mayor Bailey
E. Knox submitting
Ordinance to prohibit
swimming in Mission
Valley.

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HARLEY E. KNOX
MAYOR

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO 1, CALIFORNIA

February 10, 1947

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Gentlemen:

The City Schools System has brought to my attention the record of the drownings in the gravel pits of Mission Valley. This matter has been brought to the attention of the City Council many times before, but because of the fact that the pits are on private property there has seemed to be no practical solution to the problem of continuing drownings of San Diego youngsters.

I have requested the City Attorney to prepare for your consideration an ordinance declaring the Mission Valley pits, whether privately or publicly owned, a forbidden area for swimmers.

The mere passage of an ordinance, however, is not enough. I am suggesting that the City Council instruct the City Manager to provide an adequate patrol of officers on horses to patrol this area from May 1st through September 15th. Such a patrol would cost money -- but it would save lives!

When the projected plans of the San Diego Unified School District and the City are carried out, there will be ample swimming pools in all parts of the City, and every San Diego boy and girl will be given the opportunity of learning to swim at an early age, in safety and under supervision.

In the meantime, however, I strongly recommend that the Council consider this in the light of a temporary expedient to preserve the lives of our children.

Respectfully,

Harley E. Knox, Mayor
The City of San Diego