

# Restrictions Ordered on Hillcrest Oil Wells

## Zoning Chief Limits Height of Club's Derrick and Directs That Trees Be Planted

Restrictions under which oil drilling will be permitted beneath the 138-acre Hillcrest Country Club and a 40-acre residential area northeast of the club were outlined yesterday by City Zoning Administrator Huber E. Smutz.

Because of the proximity of the drill site to the Cheviot Hills and Beverlywood residential areas and to the Rancho Park public golf course, both Mayor Poulson and the City Council asked Smutz to require special regulations to eliminate any possible odor, noise, hazards, unsightliness or extensive truck traffic.

Oil drilling will be carried on by the Signal Oil & Gas Co. from a site of slightly more than one acre on club property. The drill site is in a ravine and landscaped so that all but the upper part

of the enclosed, soundproof derrick will be screened from view, Smutz said.

He directed that additional trees be planted, at least 50 feet high, to hide the lower part of the derrick and that the top half be camouflaged to eliminate as far as practical the conspicuousness of the derrick.

Smutz further ruled that the derrick have a maximum height of 140 feet, instead of 165 feet as normally employed, and that the drilling operations be discontinued in the shortest possible period of time.

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## Toastmasters Install

Joe H. Abrams, Los Angeles Auctioneers Association treasurer, last night was installed as president of Crescent Bay Toastmasters Club 77 at a dinner held in Santa Monica.