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Season's Greetings Tell Appreciation of Chamber's Help

An appreciated holiday greeting was received by the Chamber of Commerce recently whose contents brought smiles of genuine pleasure on the faces of the board of directors attending the first session of the new year Monday afternoon. The greeting came from John Salm, well known local resident and president of the Salm Manufacturing company. "We not only want to extend Christmas greetings but also to express our deep appreciation of your cooperation and support during the last session of the Legislature in protecting the abalone shell manufacturing industry in the state of California," Salm wrote the chamber. "You no doubt will be interested to know that by your support and action in connection with the Abalone Shell bill, a considerable number of California citizens are enjoying a happy holiday season as a result of continued employment in the industry made possible only by the protection which your efforts in their behalf secured."

Bert Acree Lands Big Flooring Job At Military Home

L. J. "Bert" Acree has a big job in his hands. As owner of the Southwest Materials Company, Bert will have to lay approximately 60,000 square feet of flooring for 16 barracks buildings at the National Military Home at Sawtelle in three weeks. Acree was the winning bidder on the subcontract for the flooring of the structures which will comprise the Veterans Administration Home. To accomplish the rush job, he has engaged a large crew of local men. Each of the barracks is two stories high and 296 feet long by 60 feet wide. They will be used to house the large number of veterans awaiting treatment and accommodations. All buildings must be completed in 35 days. Acree said yesterday that the Wigg Construction Company of Redondo won the general contract.

EARL RETURNS
Earl Connor returned to Torrance this week from Horton, Kansas, where he was called by the sudden illness and subsequent death of his aged father.

"TORRANCE IS WIDE AWAKE" — Says the Redondo Reflex

Was the heading over the following editorial published in the Redondo Reflex last Thursday. The compliment expressed this city was intended by the Reflex editor as a spur to his own municipality. It is gratifying to see "nice things" about our city in another newspaper.

Still another evidence that the city of Torrance is wide awake can be seen in the action of 15 freeholders last week and the important document they drafted and presented to the Torrance city council. The document represents more than three months study and in its present form constitutes the recommendation of the freeholders for a city charter. In April Torrance will vote on this charter proposition. We have no doubt that it will carry. Thereafter Torrance will have the powers and the personnel which are needed for a city that has visions and ambitions.

Why does Redondo Beach LAG BEHIND ON THE SECURING OF A CHARTER?
Many, many times that subject has been brought forward by this newspaper, by private individuals and even by a trustee in the Redondo Beach city council. But NOTHING has been done. Torrance was founded long after Redondo Beach had grown to a size that demanded something better than the status of a sixth-class city. Yes, Torrance was a late comer among the municipalities in the south bay district, but that has not been a handicap to her. She reached out while Redondo Beach slumbered and slept—reached out to the sea, taking in on the way a lot of territory which Redondo Beach had tried to annex 14 years ago. That annexation failed because one man was left alone to work for the project. Sound asleep was Redondo Beach then!

The question is are we still sound asleep? Why do we not proceed to elect freeholders to draw up a charter for Redondo Beach? Why do we wait? With a population of nearly 10,000, we remain in the swaddling clothes of a sixth-class infant. The Reflex has drawn down upon its head much abuse for agitating the charter and the harbor projects, but the persons who criticize it have given no good reason why we fail to put our house in order for the big things we are able to undertake.

Glider's Plunge Fatal To Pilot At Local Field

Tail Breaks From Craft As Long Beach Man Tries Re-Built Plane

In his first attempt to fly his reconstructed glider, Frank Slauter, 40-year-old Long Beach glider pilot, crashed to his death at Hollywood Riviera gliding field shortly after 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Slauter's craft lost its re-built and reduced weight tail while being towed at high speed behind an automobile driven by E. G. Rowell, of Carson street Torrance.

Slauter plunged from an altitude of 40 feet landing on his face, according to witnesses. He was dead when admitted to a Hermosa-Redondo hospital. Companion flyers attributed the fatal crash to the efforts of Slauter to rebuild the tail of his craft. He constructed the glider nearly a year ago, but found it to be too heavy for successful operation. Rowell, driving the tow car attached to the nose of the glider by a rope, had attained a brisk speed when the tail surfaces of the glider gave way. Before the towing line could be released, the motorless plane dove nose first into the ground. Slauter, who leaves a widow, Alberta Slauter, was a charter member of the Long Beach Glider club.

LONG DISTANCE FLIGHTS MADE BY GLIDERS

There were three interesting long distance and duration flights at the Hollywood Riviera glider field Sunday. A Mr. Hutchinson took his huge 86-foot sail plane, one of the largest in the world, off the glider hill and soared above the Palms Verde Hills for two hours. Eddie Rosenow did the same thing for 45 minutes and Jay Buxton of Hawthorne, managed to soar 1500 feet above the hill and accomplish a round-trip flight to the center of Lomita and back. He was up three hours and 16 minutes, landed within 10 feet of where he took off.

Unemployment Said '32's Most Vital Problem

"As a New Year begins and people throughout the world seek to remedy the current depression, the economic structure of this nation and other countries is scientifically dissected," declared Will F. Morrish, senior executive vice president, Bank of America National Trust & Savings Association, this week. "It may be that some may conclude that revision of war debts, or the rehabilitation of the finances of Europe, are of paramount importance. Others may contend that restoration of confidence and elimination of the necessary competition at home may prove to be the much needed solution. "It is my opinion," Morrish continued, "that unemployment presents a vital problem that must be corrected before permanent improvement in world or domestic affairs can be realized. Even at the height of prosperity, when the United States was producing at war-time peaks, the nation was faced with a minor unemployment problem. During that period there were plenty of men and women available for every job. Endorse Five-Day Week "It was quite apparent during the last era of prosperity that the factors of mechanics, consolidation and chain-store operation were tending to increase efficiency as well as aggravate unemployment by eliminating available jobs. In the solution of this problem, we cannot accomplish our purpose by retarding progress or efficiency, but we must find a way of putting the unfortunate persons, who are out of work, at useful occupations through any of several means. "A reduction of working hours, and consequent increase in numbers of employed to complete the actual work engaged in, would substantially help," the banker stated. "New industries might be developed or encouraged in order to make more positions available. In times past, surplus man power has been utilized through encouraging back to the farm movements. A five-day, or shorter working week, might be considered as an expedient move. "Whatever the answer, it is essential that settlement of the European problems, reparations questions, lack of confidence, and proper finance of necessary industries and corporations must be accompanied by a solution of the unemployment question on some definite and satisfactory basis."

Dennis Opposes Fine Schedule

Uniform Punishment Is Said "Mail Order" Plan "The plan for a uniform schedule of fines for persons taken before the 45 justices of the peace in Los Angeles county on charges of violating the motor-vehicle laws will not prove feasible and will very likely be voted down by the justices in the near future, according to Judge John Dennis of Lomita township. "I don't think we want to turn our courts into 'mail order houses,'" Dennis said yesterday. "There are many cases where the stated fine would be too little and equally as many cases where a fine is not in order at all. I am certainly not in favor of the fine schedule proposal." An effort is being made to arrange a schedule of fines fitting the different classes of violations so that when a motorist is given a ticket in any part of the county, he can merely accept it and send his check to the justice of the peace in whose jurisdiction he was apprehended.

Pachyderm On Rampage



An execution squad was hastily organized at Portland when Tusko, giant elephant formerly of the Barnum & Bailey circus, went on another rampage. Although heavily chained, the behemoth snapped his bonds and partially wrecked the barn where he was housed. Police mounted-machine guns at vantage points, then armed themselves with automatic rifles, preparatory to cutting short Tusko's life if he continued unruly. Tusko has a bad reputation. Although only 48 years old, he is huge—and mean. The top picture shows him hurling a plank with his trunk after he broke his chains. The center picture shows him ripping away part of his quarters. The bottom photo shows the execution squad.

Official CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of January 5, 1932.

SUMMARY
Setback line on Western avenue established. Council accepts chamber fund with thanks. Veterans' board asks city to cancel taxes. No answer on "nominal charge" for Western avenue opening received yet. Leonard reports. Call is made for bids on sale of gasoline to city. Short meeting is adjourned.

Torrance, California, January 5, 1932.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance, was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, January 5th, 1932, and was called to order at 7:45 P. M. by Mayor Dennis. The following Councilmen were present: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Smith, Nelson, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. Councilman Nelson moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 15th, 1931, be adopted. Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Setback Line Ordered

A communication from the Regional Planning Commission under date of December 15, 1931, was read, requesting the City Council of Torrance to establish a setback line on Western Avenue 60 feet from the center line as established by C. S. No. 8960.

Councilman Steiner moved authoritatively that the City Council should second the motion, which was carried unanimously. Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce under date of January 5, 1932, with reference to allocation of funds. Councilman Steiner moved to accept the \$1500.00 with thanks. Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Ask Tax Cancellation

A communication under date of January 4th, 1932, from the Torrance Electric Shop, was read, giving additional information as regards current consumption and lamp renewals for the street lighting system of Torrance. Councilman Steiner moved this communication be taken under advisement. Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

City Wins Water Suit

Attorney Findley read a letter received from Mr. Tische dated December 23, 1931, with reference to Wilcox v. City of Torrance, stating that the plaintiff in the above entitled action did not amend his complaint and judgment was entered on December 23, 1931. A communication from the State of California, Veterans' Welfare Board was read in connection with a petition for cancellation of taxes against property. Attorney Findley read a letter received from the Veterans' Welfare Board. Councilman Steiner moved request be granted. Councilman Bell seconded the motion. After some discussion, Councilman Steiner withdrew his motion. Councilman Nelson then moved matter be laid over for further study until next meeting. Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

John Getz Hurt In Crash

coming home Thursday in Carson street. Mr. and Mrs. Getz, of Amelia street, collided their machine car that was parked in the without any lights. Mrs. Getz was badly cut and bruised, but only sustained a minor on his leg. Investigation proved that the car belonged to some young man of the Getz's son and that it had broken down a few minutes before the accident. Young Getz was with the boys at the time.

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OF TORRANCE, IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 31, 1931.

RESOURCES	
1. Loans and discounts	\$368,702.33
2. Overdrafts	347.20
3. United States Government securities owned	81,485.60
4. Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned	237,599.37
5. Banking house, \$25,500.00; Furniture and fixtures, \$23,000.00	56,500.00
7. Real estate owned other than banking house	5,015.00
8. Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	31,067.53
9. Cash and due from banks	60,742.17
10. Outside checks and other cash items	294.14
11. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	2,500.00
11. Other assets	2,568.13
TOTAL	\$810,832.06
LIABILITIES	
15. Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
16. Surplus	75,000.00
17. Undivided profits—net	1,125.14
20. Circulating notes outstanding	60,000.00
21. Due to banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding	5,615.73
22. Demand deposits	331,181.14
23. Time deposits	333,784.54
24. United States deposits	2,579.51
TOTAL	\$810,832.06

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES—
I, E. C. NELSON, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. C. NELSON, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, 1932.
W. E. SCHLICK, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:
JAMES V. POST,
J. S. LANCASTER,
GEO. W. NELLA, Directors.