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ROLPH, QUINN, AND SHAW IN SUPPORT OF SEPULVEDA BLVD.

Definite Assurance Given By Chief State, County and Municipal Officers of Early Completion of Highway

The completion within a few months of the Southbay portion of Sepulveda boulevard, connecting Torrance, Redondo, Hermosa, Manhattan Beach with the metropolitan area of Los Angeles as well as West Los Angeles and Westwood was assured last evening when Governor James Rolph, Jr., Mayor Frank L. Shaw of Los Angeles and Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors John R. Quinn, together with their aides and staff officials, pledged their support to the project at an elaborate testimonial dinner at the Hollywood-Riviera clubhouse.

Definite commitments that they would push early construction of the mile and one-third of pavement, as yet uncompleted between Imperial highway and La Tijera boulevard, was given by Governor Rolph, Mayor Shaw and Supervisor Quinn. With this link definitely assured, Torrance and Redondo will soon be joined with Los Angeles and Westwood by a new major state highway, which eventually will be extended through Sepulveda tunnel to Ventura boulevard.

The testimonial dinner, arranged by Mayor John Clark of Redondo with the mayors of Torrance, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and El Segundo assisting, brought together the most important assemblage of prominent state, county and municipal officials ever gathered in the Southbay district. Among the distinguished guests were Governor James Rolph, Jr., John R. Quinn, chairman of the board of supervisors; Mayor Frank L. Shaw of Los Angeles, Wm. Simpson, president of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce; Hamilton H. Cotton, member of the state advisory board of the federal PWA; P. E. Frank, chief engineer of the PWA; Supervisor Gordon L. MacDonough, Phil Stanton, state highway commissioner of Orange county; Earl Lee Kelly, director of the state department of public works; Harry L. Hopkins, chairman of the state highway commission; Roland G. Vandegrift, state director of finance; Frank Wesley, state director of public works from Redlands; George W. Jones, county road commissioner; Spence Cortelyou, deputy state highway commissioner; Hugh McGuire, president of Los Angeles city board of public works; as well as many other important state, county and municipal officials.

Among the Torrance guests were Mayor C. Earl Conner, Councilmen Hitchcock, Wright and Klusman, City Engineer F. R. Leonard, City Attorney C. T. Rippey, B. W. Lutz, L. J. Gilmeister, Carl L. Hyde, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, Supt. of Public Works Gascoigne, Donald Pindley, Dr. H. Smiley and Grover C. Whyte.

The development of Sepulveda boulevard was first conceived by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce in 1924, whose directors with City Engineer Leonard and other city officials interested communities at the Ventura boulevard. The idea of connecting the Southbay cities with a more direct route through Santa Monica and Westwood to the San Fernando valley was given little encouragement until about five years ago, when the Sepulveda tunnel was constructed and other municipalities along the route became interested in the development of the boulevard, which now seems destined to become one of the state's most important highways.

With the improvement of the highway between Redondo and Los Angeles now assured, it is expected that the Torrance city council will quicken its efforts to secure right-of-way for the extension of Sepulveda boulevard through Torrance. At present the project is being delayed by the Standard Oil Company's reluctance to donate a right-of-way through its property unless assurance is given that the roadway will be paved throughout the entire Torrance section with the company's patented paving. However, Mayor Conner stated last night that he hoped to be able to overcome this difficulty.

FINGERS LACERATED
Kenneth Wheaton, employed at the Columbia steel, is temporarily disabled as a result of an accident Monday when three fingers on his left hand were badly lacerated, requiring surgical attention.

Harbor Group Meets Tonight In This City

Installation of Officers and Interesting Program At Woman's Clubhouse

Mayor C. Earl Conner will welcome the guests at the Harbor District Chamber of Commerce gathering tonight at the Woman's club, when officers for the coming year are to be installed. Dinner will be served at 6:30 following the business sessions of the Harbor group, which begin at 4 o'clock.

Local Democrats Elect Officers

Resolution Sent to Congressman Colder Endorsing Roosevelt Recovery Program

Beverly B. Smith was re-elected president of the Torrance Democratic Club Monday evening at the regular monthly meeting of the club held at Earl's Cafe. Other officers re-elected were Grover C. Whyte, first vice president; George Shidler, Jr., third vice president, and Frank Miller, treasurer. Mayor C. Earl Conner was elected second vice president, replacing W. T. Klusman, and Attorney Albert Isen was chosen secretary to succeed J. R. Jensen, deceased.

President Smith appointed the following committee chairman: Robert Lewellen, membership; Albert Isen and Carl Gramling, by-laws; Jack Murray, master of ceremonies for President Roosevelt's birthday ball on January 30; A. H. Bartlett, ticket committee for the ball, and Grover C. Whyte, publicity. Jack Murray, Mayor Conner, Robt. Lewellen and Beverly Smith were appointed delegates to the 17th district Democratic Service Club meeting to be held January 11, at Earl's Cafe.

Brief Illness Ends In Death

Miss Marie McCulloch Passes Away At Hospital Monday

Miss Marie McCulloch, age 28, residing at 1107 1/2 Portola avenue, passed away at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital Monday afternoon about 1 o'clock, a few hours after she had been admitted as a patient because of a sudden illness.

Miss McCulloch is a sister of Miss Etta McCulloch, employed at the hospital. She was taken very ill Sunday night and was removed to the hospital early Monday morning where death ensued several hours later.

Accident Victims Gradually Improving

Mrs. William G. Phillips, 2023 Andree, who was injured in an automobile accident in front of the A. & P. Tea Company store on Sartori avenue last week, has been removed from the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital to her home, where she is improving gradually.

City Attorney



CHARLES T. RIPPY

Action On Appointment of City Judge Deferred Until January 23

City Judge Charles T. Rippey was advanced to the position of city attorney to succeed J. R. Jensen, deceased, by the Torrance city council Tuesday night. Councilman Klusman immediately asked for Rippey's resignation as city judge, but other members of the city council requested that he continue to act as city judge until a successor can be appointed, which appointment it is expected will be made at the next meeting of the council.

Judge Rippey was also named as the city's representative on the board of directors of the Metropolitan water district, which position was also held by former City Attorney Jensen.

A petition bearing 213 signatures and asking for the appointment of Albert Isen, local attorney, to the post of city judge was taken under consideration by the council. The petition called attention to the advisability of appointing an attorney, and vouched for the integrity and ability of Mr. Isen, who was the first Torrance resident to receive his entire primary and secondary school education in Torrance schools. He later graduated from the law college at U. S. C. and was admitted to the California bar in 1930. His parents are pioneer residents of this community, and his father was the first merchant to engage in business in Torrance. At present Mr. Isen, Sr., is operating the Continental Market on Calverly avenue.

CAMPAIGN FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE STARTS IN FEBRUARY

Two Vacancies on the City Council, Clerk and Treasurer's Offices to Be Filled At City Election to Be Held On April 9

February 8 will be the first day for circulating petitions for municipal office, for candidates who want to get into the running in the spring campaign, which will close with the election to be held on April 9. March 20 will be the final date for filing nominating papers.

Two vacancies on the city council are to be filled, and the terms of city clerk and city treasurer also expire this spring.

Voters will have until February 28 to register for this election. At the present time City Clerk A. H. Bartlett reports a revived interest in registration, with Democrats outnumbering the Republicans three to one in getting their names on the registration books.

A few scattering declarations of allegiance to other parties, or independents, are being taken. Election boards to serve on the April election will be appointed by the council which has until March 10 to act on this matter. Registrations will close February 17 for the election of county elementary school district trustees to be held on March 30.

Auto Crashes Injure Five Persons Here

Glendale Woman Suffers Possible Internal Injury Yesterday

Three accidents in which several persons were injured were reported to the police department this week.

J. A. McPeak, 421 Narbonne ave. and James Miller, 2005 Plaza del Amo, were involved in a collision at the intersection of Madrid and Sonoma on January 8. McPeak's car was badly damaged. Raymond Ingram, 2108 Cabrillo, struck a parked car at Carson and Cota avenue, on January 10. Mrs. Ingram and Miss Eva Basile, 1524 Grammercy, received cuts and were attended at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital. Miss Basile suffered a four-inch laceration in her neck and Mrs. Ingram's right leg was lacerated.

On January 11, cars driven by Mrs. Sue F. Oldham, 550 Lutton Drive, Glendale, and Rosemary Cross, Martin, 2713 Via Anita, Hollywood Riviera, collided near the administration building in the latter city.

Mrs. Oldham was cut on the left hand. Passengers with her, Mr. Cunningham and Mrs. D. K. Wickard, both of 550 Lutton Drive, Glendale, were also injured. Mr. Cunningham slightly, while Mrs. Wickard received cuts and bruises and a possible internal injury. The injured were taken to the Hermost-Redondo hospital for treatment.

Riding with Mr. Martin was Mrs. Amy B. Cross of Hollywood Riviera. Neither were injured.

Defense Assn. Meets Tonight

Police and firemen of cities of the sixth class, organized under the appellation of Municipal Co-operative Defense Association, will meet tonight at Huntington Park where further plans for placing all such officers under civil service will be discussed.

Should a favorable decision be reached in a test case originating at Lynwood, which is now in the courts, petitions will be prepared to place the proposition on the ballot at the April election. Such a move is intended to take the local police and fire departments out of politics and remove the tendencies of changing city administrations to use these important branches of the city government as rewards for favorite henchmen to the detriment of experienced and useful men in the service.

Madrigal Singers Heard Over Radio

Torrance folks, who were so fortunate as to listen to KFI last Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, were pleased to hear Park Hyde, program chairman California Parent Teachers Association, present the Torrance high school Madrigal Singers under the direction of Mrs. Margery Elschen. Their program was delightful and they deserve much credit. They sang, "I Stand Beside the Manger Stall" by Bach, "Motet" by Brahms, "March of the Kings" arranged by Bizet and "Southern Mountain Song" arranged by Cloke.

Mr. Hyde heard the local singers when they sang at the opening session of the Teachers' Institute in December. It was then that he invited them to sing over KFI educational program.

District Bourbons Meet In Torrance Tonight At Earl's

Prominent Democrats from 15 service clubs throughout the 17th congressional district will gather in Torrance tonight for the regular monthly meeting of the Democratic Service Club at Earl's Cafe, at 8 o'clock. It is announced by George Duke, president.

While Mayor C. Earl Conner and Jack Murray have been designated as delegates to represent the Torrance club, all other Democrats will be welcome to attend. CWA and other matters of importance will be discussed.

PLAN DIFFERENT METHOD FOR REPAIRING LOCAL SCHOOLS

Use of Pipe Strut System Will Be Used in Reconstruction; Elementary and High Schools Not to be Reduced to One-story Buildings

R. McC. Beanfield, engineer who has been commissioned to prepare the plans for reconstruction of the Torrance High school, explained that he is employing a different method in his reinforcing plans than are other engineers.

Torrance high school is not to be reduced to a one-story structure, he explained, but the building as it stands will be reinforced by what he calls the "pipe strut system" which embodies the use of reinforced gulle, which is cement sprayed on the walls under high air pressure which causes it to pack solidly.

"We are giving every thought to safety in our plans for this building," Beanfield said. "The type of work we are doing is both fire and termite proof," and the buildings will be made stronger than the state architectural division requires. He said the plans would be completed today.

OUTLOOK FOR UNEMPLOYED IS BRIGHTER

Assurance that local unemployed men who are registered under the CWA will be hired as far as possible in constructing temporary school buildings in Torrance was given by the business manager of the Los Angeles board of education in a communication to the Torrance city council this week. The letter from the board of education was in response to a request of City Engineer Leonard that local men be employed.

In order to facilitate the employment of local women and men working on "white collar jobs" in Red Cross and relief work under the CWA, the Torrance city council Tuesday agreed to assume all liability for claims which may be made under the state workmen's compensation act. The federal government assumes this liability on other types of workers under the CWA.

Mr. Leonard also informed the council and public Tuesday night that there was a movement on to readjust the allotment of work orders under the CWA so that each city will receive a fair representation. He stated that the discrimination against Torrance, Redondo Beach, El Monte and South Pasadena had been taken up directly with authorities at Washington.

Applications by the county for three additional sewer projects in this district to be financed under the CWA were listed by Mr. Leonard as follows: (1) Additional sewers in South Torrance to connect with the White Point Outfall trunk line; (2) Storm drain to relieve flooded conditions on Lomita boulevard near the Doherty-Stone Drill Company; (3) West Torrance sewer system to be laid west of Cedar avenue through the General Petroleum property.

Leonard stated that he anticipated that additional federal funds would soon be available, and that he believed the county would be better able to secure the approval of these three sewer projects than a small municipality.

To Help Lomita
Work on the improvement of Torrance boulevard, west of Madonna avenue, is expected to begin within two or three weeks, or as soon as certain legal technicalities can be adjusted, the city engineer reported.

Answering a criticism of Charles Smith of Lomita, that some Lomita residents did not believe the City of Torrance was co-operating in the improvement of Lomita boulevard, Mayor Conner stated that everything possible to expedite the improvement had been done by Torrance officials, and as a further evidence of his sincerity, Mayor Conner and City Engineer Leonard offered to make a trip to Supervisor John Quinn's office next Wednesday with Mr. Smith in an effort to push the project.

C. of C. Membership Meeting Next Tues.

Members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce which will be held next Tuesday evening, January 16, will be open to all interested members, according to Secretary L. J. Gilmeister, who urges as many as can do so to attend. A general discussion of civic problems will be held. The session begins promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

Torrance Man Takes Exam For Administrator

Sixty-four Persons Compete In Four-Day Session Before Board

Examinations being conducted this week for the post of county public administrator probably will be the longest the county civil service commission has yet given. The examinations are of local interest by reason of the participation of local residents. Sixty-four persons reported to take the examination Monday morning, and when the afternoon session opened there had been but five candidates examined.

The candidates include Benjamin A. Brown, 222 West 7th street, Inglewood, now holding one of the highest posts in the office; Ray Everett Barr, of 501 North Washington, Whittier; Donald M. Siddall, 133 1/2 South Greenleaf avenue, Whittier; Percival Waters, Lucy of 140 South Camden drive, Beverly Hills; Martin L. Mayer of Torrance; Vincent C. Bolin of 11588 Healy street, North Hollywood.

Jere Greiner Hill, of Foothill and Ramona boulevards, La Verne; Ernest R. Purdum, 1750 Bedford street, San Marino; and three Santa Monica residents, Eugene Joseph Grant of 934 Second street; Walter Kelley Mitchell, 302 Sixteenth street, and Clark Homer Power, 247 Sameo Lane, Santa Monica.

It was estimated it would require each candidate four days to complete his examination, in which several university instructors have been called in to sit on the examining board.

Sinclair Date In Torrance Cancelled

Upton Sinclair, candidate on the Democratic ticket for governor, will not be heard in Torrance until some time in March; according to an announcement made this week by Dr. A. C. Van Velzer of Gardena, who is in charge of Sinclair's speaking campaign in this section. The former socialist leader and novelist had been dated to speak here next Thursday evening, January 18, but this date has been cancelled. Sinclair will speak at Gardena tomorrow night, at the Community hall, 166th and Almsworth avenue.