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OPENING TORRANCE MUNICIPAL PARK SUNDAY

BAND CONCERT, BASEBALL ICE CREAM, 'NEVERYTHING!'

John R. Quinn, Chairman County Board of Supervisors, To Give Dedicatory Talk; Church Services In Evening; Everybody Invited

Preparations have been made for entertaining 2000 or more visitors at the formal opening and dedication of the new Torrance Municipal Park on Arlington avenue, Sunday. The program, printed elsewhere on this page, is replete with interest and entertainment, all of which will be free to the public, with the exception of the old-fashioned ice cream social, and also the baseball game, and a generous serving of ice cream, cake and coffee, represents the mere wholesale cost of the food.

Pop and Mom and You and I Visit The Park

From now on, when little Willie and little Audrey sidle up to their fond parents and say, "Come on, Pop, Mom, let's go to the park," there will be no family argument as to which park shall be the chosen spot.

For the Torrance municipal park is now open to the public, or it will be after next Sunday, August 19, when the community turns to celebrate the dedication of a spot it has been waiting for and working on for so many months.

LIST OF DONORS TO CITY PARK

Following is the complete list to date of donors to the Torrance municipal park. Some of these donations were full-grown trees, others were plants and shrubs, and all have combined to make the park a real beauty spot. The donors are: American Legion Auxiliary, American Legion, A. H. Bartlett, Paul Batovsky, Carleton B. Bell, C. A. Benzel, Ellen Blackshere, Mrs. H. L. Bodley, L. R. Brandon, Mrs. O. S. Brees, Dr. Frank J. Brown, B. C. Buxton.

Youngsters, with Pop at the wheel and Mom in the back seat to give advice and you and I hanging on where we can. It's only a short drive, for which Pop is thankful, and Mom too for her nerves are all of a jitter after getting the family ready and too much traffic doesn't set well when one is setting out on a day of pleasure.

Pop and Mom and the kids and you and I walk along the gravel path that leads through the park. What a beautiful green the fountain, says Mom. Yep, says Pop, it's fine, all right. Put there to remind the folks of the man who planned the town, Mr. Jared Sidney Torrance. Too bad he couldn't have lived to see what a fine place Torrance turned out to be, and what a swell park we have, after so many years of not having any place of our own to spend a day in. Looked the bird having a bath, says Audrey. Yes and lookout what a swell place for the goldfish when they get some to put in it, says Willie.

Improvement of Lomita Highway To Be Dropped

Prospect of Securing Deeds for Widening Street Still Remote

Proceedings which have been pending before the board of supervisors for several years, for the improvement of Lomita boulevard through the business district of Lomita, were abandoned by the board Monday. Recommendation that the proceedings be dropped was made by Alfred Jones, chief deputy county surveyor, who stated that the prospect of securing the deeds for widening the boulevard was no nearer and that a number of deeds still remained to be acquired. The proceedings, under the county street opening district, designated as district 122, would have widened the boulevard from 50 to 80 feet.

Miss Alice Burger Awarded Scholarship At University



MISS ALICE BURGER

Miss Alice Burger, honor student at Torrance high school, who graduated with the summer class of 1934, has been awarded a tuition scholarship at the University of Southern California for the coming year. The scholarship covers full tuition for the two semesters, starting in September and closing next June.

Miss Burger had previously been awarded a scholarship at Whittier College, but will make U. S. C. her alma mater.

In notifying Miss Burger of her award, the secretary of the committee on awards states, "Your scholarship has been granted in recognition of your qualities as a student and a leader, your record justifying our expectation of your future service and achievement at the University of Southern California."

On completing her work at Torrance high school this spring, Miss Burger achieved two high honors, a life membership in the California Scholarship Society and membership in the Ephebian Society. Service and leadership in school affairs were denoted in her being made president of the World Friendship Club, and president of Girls' Self-government during her senior year. During her junior year she was editor of the Torrance annual. She represented the high school both years in the oratorical contest and placed well up among the leaders. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Burger, 1104 Cedar avenue.

VACATIONING



MAYOR SCOTT R. LUDLOW

Mayor Scott R. Ludlow will leave Saturday with Mrs. Ludlow and their two children for a week's outing at Sequoia National Park. "The only thing I regret about leaving on my vacation is that I will miss the fun at the opening of the new Torrance Municipal Park Sunday," Mayor Ludlow said today. In the absence of Mayor Ludlow, Park Commissioner Wm. H. Tolson will act as chairman of the dedication ceremony at the new park Sunday afternoon and will introduce Hon. John R. Quinn, chairman of the board of supervisors.

County Sanitation Tax Rate Unchanged

Tax rate in county sanitation district No. 5, which serves Torrance, Lomita, Gardena and Harbor City, will remain at 25 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation, which is the same as last year's rate. "Budgets of all districts and actual requirements are less this year than last year," A. K. Warren, chief engineer, said today in announcing the new tax rates fixed by directors at a special meeting in Los Angeles Tuesday attended by Mayor Scott Ludlow of Torrance. Warren explained that the reduced budgets were not reflected in lower tax rates because of the decrease in assessed valuations made by the county assessor.

WATCH YOUR STEP, YOU SPEEDSTERS! Motorcycle Officer Bill Malin will soon be equipped with a brand new motorcycle, and drivers of high speed cars better not challenge him to any races. Authorization to trade in the old motor bike and \$245 in cash was given by the Torrance city council Tuesday night.

Steel Work On New Ore Plant To Start Soon

Hughes-Mitchell Process, Inc. Take Out First Series of Building Permits

Nearly a score of workmen are on the job and erection of steel is scheduled to be well under way shortly for the new Torrance plant of the Hughes-Mitchell Process, Inc., following the issuance of the first of a series of building permits. The first permit was for \$4000 and provides for the erection of two large ore bins, 46 by 112 feet, two stories in height. The bins will be constructed of a steel framework, and will be covered with corrugated iron on the sides, and the roof will be of the same material.

The Austin Company of California, which built the \$1,000,000 United Airport at Burbank several years ago, has been awarded the contract by the concern, which is a Denver firm. Contract for erection of the steel work has been sublet to the Consolidated Steel Corporation of the Central Manufacturing District, Los Angeles.

Other contracts will be let shortly, for different structures, and erection of the principal plant buildings will be under way within a few weeks.

Two construction office buildings have been moved onto the site at the corner of Normandie avenue and 1904th street, just in front of the Los Angeles hoisting addition. The plant will face on Normandie avenue, the address being given as 20245 South Normandie.

Examination of the building permit reveals that the company has Los Angeles offices at 161 Griffith avenue, Los Angeles. H. G. Grady, is the engineer for the company, while C. E. Parsons is engineer in charge of improvements.

Torrance Baby Is Crowned Queen At Beach Baby Show

Little Geraldine Detrich, age 11 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Detrich, 2020 Gramercy, was crowned queen of the baby show held at Redondo Beach Monday night, held at the Woman's clubhouse, under the auspices of the Pythian Sisters of Moonstone Temple, No. 101. The contest, which has been going on for the past two weeks, culminated in the show on Monday when babies from the bay district competed for honors. Votes cast for the favorites determined the winner of the honor of being named king and queen. Little Geraldine scored 100 per cent in health and was awarded a silver loving cup in addition to the honor of being named queen.

Other Torrance babies who scored high in the contests were Richard, 22 months, and Marilyn, 8 months, children of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Shumert, 911 Beach street, who scored 99 per cent in health and 98 per cent in beauty, and received a blue ribbon and a certificate each in the two divisions.

Welch Popular In Other Cities As Well As Torrance

Pledges of substantial support from voters in Redondo Beach, Gardena, Inglewood and Lomita have been received by Torrance C. Welch, candidate for justice of the peace in the new Inglewood township, following numerous speaking engagements in the above communities. It is generally conceded that Mr. Welch will receive practically the unanimous support of Torrance voters, as he is the only resident of this community in the justice of the peace race. With the solid support of voters in Torrance, and substantial strength in other communities, political forecasters point out that the chances for Torrance supplying the new township justice are very good.

Owens 1707 British Coin HOLYOKE, Mass. (U. P.)—Neil Gilles still has the 1707 British one-cent piece he found in the Philippines 35 years ago.

MUNICIPAL BUDGET ADOPTED, TAX RATE REMAINS AT 96 CENTS

Additional Levy of 33c On Land Values Provided To Meet Six Months' Interest On Water Bonds

Despite a reduction this year of \$193,600 in assessed valuation of Torrance taxable property over that of last year, the general municipal tax rate will remain the same as last year, or 96c per \$100 assessed valuation in the annexed territory, and 90c per \$100 assessed valuation in the annexed territory, which will require the above tax rate. The council adopted the budget by reading by the Torrance city council Tuesday night. The council will meet again next Tuesday, August 21, at 7:30 p. m. to take final action.

Water Bond Levy While there will be no increase in the general municipal tax rate this year, land values in the newly created municipal water district will be subject to an additional tax rate of 33c to cover interest payments for a six months' period on the block of \$200,000 in water bonds recently authorized. This additional levy, however, will apply only to land values and not improvements.

Budget Reduced By reducing this year's budget to \$151,719, which is \$3242 less than last year's figure of \$154,961, the city council was able to avoid an increase in the tax rate in spite of nearly \$200,000 reduction in valuations. Much of the credit for keeping down municipal expenses is attributed to Mayor Scott Ludlow, chairman of the finance committee, who with other members of the city council have been studying the problem for several weeks in an effort to avoid any increase in the tax rate. Interest in the budget adopted this week are the following: Cedar avenue improvement, \$9000; Unemployment fund, \$4500 (\$2300 was spent last year); New city garage and machine shop, \$2000; Fire department equipment, \$2000; Further improvements in the municipal park, \$1000; Police department equipment, \$800; Office equipment, \$850; First aid fund, \$500; Unallocated reserve, \$7644; 10c Promotion Fund. Of the estimated \$15,994 which will be raised from the 10c per \$100 assessed valuation promotion fund, \$6000 has been allocated to the Torrance Chapter of Commerce to carry on its activities for the coming year. The remaining \$9994 of this fund will be distributed as follows: \$8000 for upkeep of the new municipal park, \$1900 for recreation playground, and \$294 for general park expense, exclusive of the municipal park.

LOCAL BANKS OFFER LOANS FOR HOUSING IMPROVEMENT

Applications For Loans of \$100 to \$2000 May Be Made For Repairs and Building Modernization

Both Torrance banks and the Torrance Mutual Building & Loan Association have received printed application forms sent out by the Federal Housing Administration at Washington and money is expected to be available shortly through these institutions in co-operation with the government for a billion-dollar program for repair and modernization of homes and other property.

Any property owner, individual, partnership or corporation with a regular income from salary, commissions, business or other assured sources may apply, according to official advice from Washington received here. Applications may be made to any national or state bank or trust company, savings bank, industrial bank, building and loan association or finance company, or to a contractor or supply dealer.

Amounts to be applied for may range from \$100 to \$2000, depending on income, improvements on any one property and in connection with not more than five properties unless approved by the Federal Housing Administration. Notes may run from one to three years and notes extending from 37 months to five years may be submitted to the Housing Administration for special consideration.

Credit requirements are an adequate regular income and a good credit record in the community. Assurances to be given include: That the applicant owns the property; that the income of the signers of the note is at least five times the annual payments on the note; that the mortgage, if any, is in good standing; and that there are no other past due encumbrances or liens against the property; that the proceeds will be used solely for property improvement.

No Co-Signers Required Signatures of the property owner and (except in special cases) if the owner is an individual and is married, also signature of wife or husband. No other co-signers or endorsers are required. The financial institution making the loan may not collect any interest, discount or fee of any kind, a total charge in excess of an amount equivalent to 5% discount per year per \$100 original face amount of note. Payments may be made in regular equal monthly installments. (Seasonal payments for farmers.) Applications will be received to improve one-family, two-family or other residential apartment buildings, stores, office buildings, factories, warehouses, farm buildings. The borrower may pay the note before maturity if desired and a reasonable rebate will be allowed for prepayment. Any borrower more than 15 days in arrears may be penalized at the rate of 5 per cent. Persistent delinquency will make it necessary for the financial institution to take proper steps to effect collection in full. While its franchise and two small delivery trucks have been sold to the Keystone Express System, the Tolson Transportation System retains all its heavy trucking equipment and will continue its regular contract trucking business as heretofore. Wm. H. Tolson stated this week. Headquarters of the Tolson Transportation System have been moved to Torrance, it was announced. Mr. Tolson explained that his company's business consisted principally of heavy trucking on contract and that this phase of its operations is not affected by the sale of its franchise and light delivery trucks to the Keystone Express System.

PROGRAM

Torrance Municipal Park Dedication

Sunday, August 19, 1934

12:00 to 2:00 P. M. — PICNIC LUNCH

2:00 to 4:00 P. M. — CONCERT
C. H. Cleveland Harbor District Boys
60-piece Band
R. E. Kraebel, Director

BASEBALL
Columbia Steel Company Employees vs. National Supply Company Employees

OLD FASHIONED ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Served by Legion Auxiliary
Ice Cream - Cake - Coffee - 10 cents
Ice Cream Cones for Children - 5 cents

4:00 to 5:00 P. M. — DRILL
Drum and Bugle Corps
Bert S. Crossland American Legion Post 170

ADDRESS OF WELCOME
Wm. H. Tolson, Park Commissioner

DEDICATORY ADDRESS
Hon. John R. Quinn
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

AMERICA
By Audience

6:30 P. M. — INSPIRATIONAL SERVICES
Special Music
Young People's Divisions of Local Churches

7:30 P. M. — UNION CHURCH SERVICES
Address — "DEDICATION OF LIFE"
Rev. Edwin P. Byland, of Hollywood

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