

HOSPITAL PATENT WRITES TO COUNCIL ABOUT NUISANCE

Loud Conduct in the Street of Patrons Leaving Dances At Woman's Club Declared to Be a Menace to Health of Sick People

A communication from a lady who had been a patient at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital, during the period between October 2 and October 27, regarding disturbances in the streets and on adjacent property late at night which caused distress to patients in the hospital, precipitated a brief but heated exchange of views between two members of the city council Tuesday night.

Councilman W. H. Stanger, head of the committee on police and fire protection, in commenting on the letter stated to the council that numerous verbal complaints regarding the nuisance had come to him and to the police department, and that the police were co-operating in an effort to abate the trouble and had succeeded to a certain extent in doing so.

Dangerous to Sick
Specific complaints related to the conduct of youthful patrons of dances held at the Woman's clubhouse, located directly across the street from the hospital. For a time, it has been stated that the evenings and late hours had been made obnoxious to patients by the practice of young people of leaving the dance floor and disporting themselves on the lawn at the hospital, and even going so far as to come up under the windows of the building where their loud talking and boisterous conduct made conditions very disagreeable and even dangerous to the condition of sick and injured persons within.

Empty liquor bottles strewn on the lawn were further mementoes of these unwholesome visits.

The matter was taken up with the officers of the Woman's Club and arrangements were made to have police on duty at the dances, so that this nuisance was abated. However, there is still cause for complaint in the loud noises, yelling and loud laughter of patrons leaving the dance, and the commission of starting numerous cars parked along the street in front of the clubhouse.

Klusman Objects
According to the police commissioner, the officers have no authority to make arrests for such occurrences, and are powerless to change the conditions.

Councilman W. E. Klusman took exception to this explanation and maintained that such arrests for loud talking and yelling, and the unnecessary racing of motors, driving with cut-outs open, could be made and the offenders disciplined.

The council voted to refer the matter to the complaining patient to the Woman's Club for their information, in the hope that some solution to the problem might be found. The condition is one of considerable annoyance to hospital authorities and is dangerous to the health and lives of patients who are being treated at the hospital.

No Parking
It may be that in order to do away with the nuisance, the council will order that all of Em-gracia avenue between Arlington and Manuel, the block in which the hospital and the clubhouse are located, be made a no-parking zone after 7 o'clock in the evening. This action would compel patrons of the entertainments at the clubhouse to leave their machines on some other block where the noise of their departure after midnight would not constitute a menace to people who are ill and in need of unbroken nightly rest.

Police action against those who disturbed the peace by their loud conduct on their way to or from their cars would soon put an end to this phase of the situation.

In justice to the Woman's Club, it must be said that the complaints are not made regarding any of their own entertainments, but that other organizations which rent the building from the club for dance purposes are responsible. The Woman's Club has co-operated with the authorities in trying to overcome the situation, and has succeeded to a certain extent.

Narbonne Boy Has Compton Scholarship

Among the students offered scholarships this year by Compton Junior College, Dwight Eubank, a former student of Narbonne, received an award.

Graduating last term from Narbonne high school, Eubank was offered a scholarship by Compton Jaycee for his outstanding academic ability.

He has accepted the award and is attending the Jaycee, this term.

Football Squad Entertained At Kiwanis Monday

Members of the Tartar football squad enjoyed a fine dinner and love feast at the expense of the Kiwanis Club Monday night, which took on the aspects of a good old family party. There were no outside speakers, but Chairman Hob Lewellen introduced Coach Bernard J. Donahue who has built up the Tartar team to championship caliber this year. Donahue called on his shock troops for brief speeches and each had responded with a few words giving his slant on football and the past season's successes.

That the team is a unit behind Donahue was made evident by the character of the remarks which made it plain that the boys have been fighting, not only for the honor of the old school, but for their coach who has worked hard and long with them and made the team what it is today, tops of the Marine League.

Jimmy Grubbs, absent because of a broken leg, was represented by his dad, E. H. Grubbs, who was at least partly repaid for his boy's injury by the storm of applause that greeted his name and lasted for fully five minutes.

Coach Donahue and the team were entertained by the Rotary Club last Thursday noon, when an assistant coach substituted for Coach Tom List of Loyola, and gave an inspiring talk on some of the toughest situations in past football games.

Discrimination Against Local Plants Charged

Council to Investigate Alleged Unfair Treatment of Columbia By Sewer Officials

A. K. Warren, chief engineer of the Metropolitan Sewer District, and Bert W. Lanz, plant superintendent of the Columbia Street, will be invited to attend a meeting with the city council at an early date to talk over some phases of the present sewer situation, in which it is alleged that an apparent discrimination exists favoring industrials of other than the Torrance district.

For several years the Columbia Street has been put to expense to build at the cost of \$25,000 and maintain a treatment plant by which the acid content of the waste from this plant has been reduced to one-half of one per cent. In spite of this the Columbia has been refused permission to discharge the waste into the Metropolitan sewer main, and has been forced to run it out into a lake on their property, which at times overflows and runs off into the Nigger Slough, where it becomes stagnant and produces a condition favorable to breeding of mosquitoes. Additional expense to fight the mosquito nuisance falls on the Columbia, and the situation is growing to be a serious menace.

Recently the city of Los Angeles provided sewer service for the Hughes-Mitchell plant, a new concern now in process of building on Normandie avenue in the Torrance district. Waste from the site at present while construction is going on is not harmful, but the question before the city council is whether the company will still be permitted to discharge undiluted waste into the sewers when operations start at the plant after January 1, or whether they will be subject to the same restrictions as industries in the Torrance field.

North Torrance Sewer
At a meeting of the Metropolitan Sewer District held Tuesday afternoon, three new projects for future development were proposed, one of which will provide North Torrance with a needed system, at a cost of about \$160,000. Work on this project, however, will probably not be started for some time.

Another section between Inglewood and Hawthorne was listed at a cost of about \$125,000, and a third, costing \$24,000, is planned for the Inglewood district. Work on the latter will probably be started soon, the starting date on the other being indefinite.

Plans to ask an outright grant of \$500,000 from the PWA funds of the federal government for the outfall sewer, the remainder of the cost to be paid out of receipts from the sale of sewer district bonds now on hand, which in view of the more favorable bond market, it is believed can be sold, were discussed at the sewer board meeting Tuesday and action may be taken. The petition of the district for a larger sum than originally asked, and substituting the amount of \$800,000, will be abandoned.

Italian Held By Federals On Conspiracy

Salvatore Musso Taken in Charge Here Friday; Arraignment Nov. 19

Salvatore Musso, 404 Hawthorne boulevard, was arrested by Torrance police on November 9 and turned over to Deputy U. S. Marshal Hayden, on a federal warrant charging conspiracy, and is now in custody in Los Angeles. He will be arraigned on the charge next Monday, November 19.

Musso is alleged to have leased property he owns in Torrance to a group of illegal liquor manufacturers, one of whom, John Scaglione, is now out on bond on a charge of defrauding the government. Scaglione, according to Deputy Hayden, has been engaged in illegal liquor transactions over a long period, has been in trouble with the department on previous occasions, and is now under bond on three other complaints in addition to the present case.

The names of the other parties to the case in which Musso is involved were not learned.

NEW WARDEN
L. Phillips of the Palos Verdes Estates has been appointed a deputy fish and game warden to fill one of six vacancies caused by death or resignation.

Proclamation

As mayor of Torrance I hereby designate the period from November 11 to November 29 as a time given over to a review of the work of the American Red Cross and its value to the community, and I also set it aside as a time for the annual enrollment of members.

This office is in touch with the needs of those who have been affected by the depression of the last few years, and we have seen the ready response of the Red Cross to meet these needs.

The organization's program is so flexible that it meets emergencies and disasters of all kinds. It also has a permanent structure that is being built up year by year, to study means through which epidemics and disasters may be prevented. This community needs the permanent structure of the Red Cross as it needs the expert service which is at our command to meet whatever emergencies in coming year may bring.

I, therefore, call upon former members of the Red Cross to renew their memberships during the Roll Call this year and I urge those who have never hitherto been members to enroll their names with those who are fighting disease, disaster and need under the banner of the American Red Cross.

SCOTT R. LUDLOW, Mayor.

Relics of Bygone Age Revealed In Excavations By Road Workers

Excavations by a crew of SERRA road workers along Catalina avenue in the Hollywood Riviera section of Torrance have revealed one of the most interesting archaeological finds of recent years, and gives evidence of the existence there several hundred years ago of an Indian tribe who used the spot as a permanent abiding place perhaps for many years.

The general site of the village extends from the Hollywood Riviera clubhouse south to the Palos Verdes Estates. Scientists since 1880 have been interested in this locality, due to other finds, but permission for extended explorations has been lacking and the full extent of the discovery is as yet unknown.

Bowls and arrows, cooking pots and other household utensils made of soapstone probably imported from Catalina Island, fireplaces crudely made of stones, and many other interesting relics have been found. The fossilized bones of a whale, probably cast ashore at that point, were among the discoveries.

Evidence of an extensive burying ground are also revealed.

DEAL MAY BE CONCLUDED NOVEMBER 24

Purchase of Water Company Waits On Favorable Reply of State Bank Official

Should a favorable decision on the status of the bonds to be issued and the legality of the proceedings in the purchase of the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company be received promptly from the state superintendent of banks to whom the transcript in the case has been submitted, the city will be prepared to exercise its option to purchase on November 24, the original date for consummation of the sale.

Decision to that effect was reached at the meeting of the city council held Tuesday night, in view of the fact that a purchaser for \$200,000 in bonds offered by the city has been secured and the bonds are now in the hands of the printer.

Possibly within ten days the city of Torrance will have achieved the goal to which it has been working for several years.

Should action be delayed beyond that point, no move to make the deal will be made until the next calendar month date, December 24, due to the office arrangements of the water company in handling the local business.

A new application to the federal government for funds for the improvement of the system, amounting to \$170,000 has been prepared and forwarded. The proceeds of this award if it is granted out of PWA funds, will be spent in making certain changes in the pipeline system, drilling wells, building reservoir and treatment plant and making other improvements necessary to a complete and satisfactory plant.

Purchase of the reservoir site, at a cost of \$13,500, will be made out of the remainder of the \$200,000 received for the sale of bonds, after the purchase price of \$127,000 has been paid to the water company.

CASE POSTPONED
The case against Mrs. Arlene Goldreich, set for 10 o'clock Wednesday morning in the city police court, was postponed until November 20 at 2 o'clock.

Fine Parade Is Staged Sunday By Legion Post

Torrance Turns Out to Celebrate 16th Anniversary of Armistice

The Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion, put on a grand show for the spectators Sunday afternoon, when they arranged a fine parade and patriotic program in observance of the 16th anniversary of Armistice Day.

The parade covered the downtown streets and marched along Arlington to the ball park where the exercises were held.

Lead by the mayor, Scott R. Ludlow, and members of the city council, the colorful pageant spread out over several blocks. The Cleveland Boys Band, San Pedro, Gardena and Torrance post drum corps furnished music.

The Compton Auxiliary drill team in scarlet uniforms made a fine appearance. This unit and the drill team of the Gardena Auxiliary were the only women's organizations in the line of march.

The Loyal Order of Moose unit was headed by a float, a big moose surrounded by a group of children, typifying the order's care for juveniles at Mooseheart.

A comedy band, members of the Lomita Veterans of Foreign Wars, brought up the rear of the procession.

The baseball game between the Vets and the Legionnaires ended in a tie score, 15-15.

Past Commander Clifford Hicks of the San Pedro post delivered the address of the day, and the Cleveland Boys Band furnished music.

Bus Loaded With Children Struck By Car; 18 Hurt

Abraham Bolcher, 256 East 56th street, Huntington Park, 15 Mexican children and the mother of two, were injured Sunday when a Sunday school bus was struck and overturned at the intersection of Prairie avenue and Redondo Beach boulevard. The party was on its way to attend Sunday school at the Four Square Gospel church at Redondo Beach. Bolcher was driving. The bus was struck by a car driven by James Martin Harness, 1743 West 57th street, Los Angeles. All but three of the injured were taken to the Hermosa-Redondo hospital, the others, more seriously hurt, to the General hospital where it is said they will recover. Harness was fatally injured and died before reaching a hospital.

FUNERAL HELD TODAY FOR MRS. BUNDAY

Funeral services were held in San Pedro today for Mrs. Grace Bunday, who passed away in that city last Sunday. She has been an invalid for several years. Interment was made at Roosevelt Memorial Park, Mrs. Bunday, mother of Mrs. W. H. Bastedo, of San Pedro, had resided in Lomita until about a year ago.

Hughes-Mitchell Plant Takes On Industrial Look

Construction of New Three-Story Building to Be Started

Two new buildings for the Hughes-Mitchell Company's \$1,000,000 Torrance plant were expected to be started this week, representing a further investment of \$32,000, according to latest Los Angeles city building permits.

One of the buildings will be a three-story structure, which with the five-story structure recently started and the smokestack permit issued earlier in the week will give the plant somewhat of an industrial skyline.

The three-story steel building will cost \$22,000. The other building is a one-story structure, to cost \$10,000.

Both buildings will be erected by the Consolidated Steel Corporation of Los Angeles, according to the building permits.

Aged Man Killed By Hit and Run Motorist Friday

Accident Is Seen by Torrance Man Walking to Gardena

David Shoner, age 82, of 10927 Kenwood street, Lennox, was struck and instantly killed Friday night about 6:45 o'clock by an unknown motorist, thought to be a Mexican, who was driving south on Western avenue near the brick yard. The body was taken to the Whittington Mortuary, Gardena where it was later identified by Boscoe Shoner, son of the dead man, who said that his father had left home early in the afternoon to go for a walk and had not returned.

The fatal accident was witnessed by George Denning, 2749 28th street, Torrance, who told deputy sheriffs of Sub-station No. 3, that he was walking to Gardena, he called on a friend when he saw the car, a light sedan, approaching at a fast speed. According to Denning, the car was swerving from one side of the road to the other, and narrowly missed Denning to swerve across the street where it struck Shoner, who was sitting beside the road.

According to the officers, Shoner had been struck a terrific blow as practically every bone in his body had been broken. His body was dragged about 90 feet along the highway, not stop, but sped on in the direction of this city. Officers are checking all garages and repair shops in Torrance, Lomita and Redondo Beach, in an effort to ascertain the identity of the driver. Several parts of the car, broken off when it struck Shoner, are in possession of the officers.

Denning was unable to get the license number of the car because of darkness and fog.

Second Phase of National Housing Act Is Explained

Title II, Covering Building of New Homes and Refinancing Home Mortgages, Is Announced By Marlow

Federal Housing Administration through F. W. Marlow, district director for Southern California, today made public a general outline of the plan of operations under Title II of the National Housing Act, which deals with residential mortgage financing. This portion of the Act provides the legal basis for the long-range program of the Federal Housing Administration as distinguished from the modernization and improvement program which has been going on since August 16, although that program will continue until the end of 1935.

Low Interest Rate
This is the first time in the history of finance that a uniform basic interest rate has been applied to private capital throughout the United States. Heretofore, interest rates on the West coast have always been 1% higher than in the middle west and east. They probably were never any good reason for the higher interest rate overgrowth of custom when we on the West coast except as the were a long distance from the money market. However, with one-day airplane service to the east coast, and in radio, telegraph and telephone connections, there is now no reason why the interest rate on residential financing should not be uniform. This interest rate has been fixed at 5% on new construction loans, and at 5 1/2% on mortgages which constitute refunding of present indebtedness.

Refinance Mortgages
An opportunity to owners of dwellings to refinance their mortgages on more favorable terms, and to prospective owners to obtain financing on terms comparable to the payment of rent is presented. Mutual insurance of mortgages on existing or new dwellings in amounts up to 80% of the appraised value and for as much as \$16,000, with payments extending over a period of 20 years, with the privilege of payment by regular monthly installments, is provided.

Loans on such insured mortgages are to be made by lending institutions who may qualify as eligible mortgagees. This will include the larger banks, building and loan associations, insurance companies, etc., which may be approved by the Federal Housing Administration as eligible to make an insured mortgage. Regular periodic payments on principal will be required at a rate sufficient to pay off the mortgage at its maturity.

Only mortgages on dwellings designed for from one to four families will be eligible for insurance. It is provided in the Act that no mortgage will be accepted for insurance unless the administrator finds that the project with respect to which the mortgage is executed is economically sound. Consequently the dwellings on which mortgages are insured must be well located in urban communities.

National Banks Ready
It is understood that financial institutions governed by state law will not be able to make the maximum loan of 80% available, until the state legislature meets in January and passes the necessary permissive legislation. However, national banks may make the maximum loan at once, under authority provided in the amendments to the national laws passed with the National Housing Act.

To qualify under an insured mortgage, the borrower must have a regular income reasonably assured of continuance, sufficient to meet all periodic payments as they fall due, out of his normal net income. Generally, the payments for interest, insurance premium and amortization combined, should not amount to a sum substantially larger than the borrower could afford to pay for rent if he did not own the property. It must be remembered that he will have to bear the cost of maintenance and insurance and taxes on his property—items which as a renter he would not be required to pay.

The service charge shown as collectible by the financial institution is based on diminishing balances. The premium for insurance payable to the Federal Housing Administration constitutes not also contingent amortization. Mortgage will be classified into groups by the Washington office of the Federal Housing Administration. The premium on any particular mortgage will be credited to the group insurance fund and, depending on the fatalities in that group, (Continued on Page Eight)

Building Permits In Unincorporated Territory High

Building permits in Lomita, Harbor City and other unincorporated territory of the county hit an exceptionally high figure last month, as compared with the previous month, and with October of a year ago.

Permits were issued during last month for buildings that carried a total valuation of \$735,743. The permits, 773 in number, included the reconstruction of several school buildings in unincorporated area.

Last month's valuation was more than \$200,000 above the valuation of \$567,334 on permits issued in October, 1933, according to county building bureau figures.

October figures also showed a substantial increase over those of September, 1934, when the valuation totaled \$627,995.

Democratic Club Moves to El Prado

The Torrance Democratic Club announces that its headquarters have been moved from Safford to 1831 El Prado, where meetings will continue to be held on each Tuesday evening. Headquarters are also kept open daily, and President Ryan announces that the meeting held last Tuesday evening was one of the most enthusiastic and best attended the club has had. Over 50 persons were present to hear an inspiring message delivered by Judge Patterson, executive secretary for the 38th Assembly District, who will return for another talk to the voters next Tuesday evening.

Around the Council Table

Request of the Walteria Parent Teachers Association for \$25 and of the Torrance fire department for \$160 to defray expenses of Christmas celebrations for children in the two localities, was granted.

T. S. Lovelady, proprietor of the Torrance Feed and Poultry Company, asked permission to place on the sidewalk in front of his store a pen for display of turkeys during the holiday season. Granted.

A contract, between the city council and the Boy Scouts organization of Torrance, similar to that drawn up between the city and the Chamber of Commerce, authorizing the Scouts to expend city funds up to the amount of \$425 during the fiscal year, was ordered to be executed by the mayor. Councilman Klusman objected to the amount authorized on the grounds of economy in city finance, and further proposed that the City Scouts, also a legal organization, should be given a certain amount of aid. On final roll-call the vote was unanimous to adopt the contract as read.

The document, received from the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company, extending the option to purchase until January 21, 1935, being found in proper form, was ordered filed.

The council voted to send a letter of appreciation to Principal Arthur C. Waidlich, of the Torrance high school, commending the Tartar football team for its splendid achievement this year, and also a letter to the Cleveland Boys Band of San Pedro, thanking them for their co-operation in the Armistice Day celebration here last Sunday.

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