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PWA GRANTS CITY REQUEST FOR 20 YEAR TERM ON BONDS

Water System Loan is Extended From 13 Years to 20 Years; Drilling Wells to Be First Improvement

Approval of the city's request for a longer period of time in which to pay off the PWA loan recently granted to develop the municipal water system was received Tuesday by Mayor Scott R. Ludlow in a communication from federal authorities in Washington.

The balance of the \$170,000 PWA award is represented by an outright grant, or gift, of \$42,000. The bonds will be retired at the rate of \$400 annually beginning February 1, 1937, and extending to February 1, 1956.

Progress Made On Roadway to Chemical Plant

In response to a letter from City Engineer Leonard relative to expediting work on improvement of the roadway to the new Hughes-Mitchell Process plant, Lloyd Aldrich, city engineer of Los Angeles, stated today that plans for the improvement of Torrance boulevard (formerly El Prado) between 20th street and Normandie avenue, are now being prepared in accordance with instructions from the Los Angeles city council.

Plenty of Water That there is plenty of water underlying Torrance was evidenced last month when the Columbia Steel Company completed its No. 3 well, which produced 1150 gallons a minute.

Family Circle Is Broken By Death; Young Girl Taken

A family circle was broken Thursday, January 31, with the passing at the close of a brief illness of Rosaline Corrine McNeil, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. McNeil, 1744 Andrea avenue.

Found Guilty of Battery Charges

Action against James J. O'Toole and Bob Williams, charged by Victor Rosset with disturbing the peace, was dismissed in the Inglewood justice court, Torrance branch, when the case was called Tuesday morning.

BIRTHDAYS OF FAMOUS MEN

Charles Dickens, English novelist, was born February 7, 1812.

Are You A Good Guesser?

Torrance Merchants Movie Star Guessing Contest, announced in a full page in this issue, will create intense interest because of the attractive and valuable prizes which are to be awarded by business concerns participating.

Studes Move In On the Herald Mon. Morning

University Journalists Will Take Over Duties of Regular Staff Next Week

Staff members and ye editor of The Torrance Herald are wearing smiles of contentment with the publishing of today's issue, because the strain of making last-minute deadlines is to be lifted from their shoulders during the approaching week.

Golf clubs came out of the closet and dates are arranged which otherwise could not be made, all because the regular staff of the Herald takes a week's rest while a crew of students from the School of Journalism at the University of Southern California takes over the editorial duties in connection with publishing Torrance's weekly newspaper.

The smile of peace and contentment which wreaths the features of ye editor isn't there only because of that chance to get in an additional 18 holes; because he now has the best little alibi in the world of "That mistake? Oh, that's just a little slip-up by those U. S. C. kids. That's one thing that I can't be blamed for."

Gilmeister Voted \$50 Salary Boost By Chamber Heads

A \$50 increase in salary from \$175 to \$225 per month was given L. J. Gilmeister, secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, by unanimous vote of chamber directors at their regular meeting Monday afternoon.

Joint Meeting of Chambers of Com.

The Harbor District and Southeast Chambers of Commerce will hold a joint meeting at Downey, next Thursday, February 14, with Chairman H. C. Legg of the board of supervisors as the speaker.

Personal Injury Suit Off Calendar

Trial of the \$50,000 personal injury suit brought by Helen Brodie, 9, against Ruth, Martha, Norman and Mrs. Ruth Blackhall, has been placed off calendar in Los Angeles superior court, by stipulation of attorneys for either side.

Would You Like a Nice New Baby Free? Attend the Hospital Ball

"Oh, my dear, come right in, and hurry up and get your hat off and sit down, I am just bursting to tell you about the wonderful time I had at the hospital ball, and the funny things that happened there. The hospital ball? Oh, my dear, surely you have heard about the ball the doctors, dentists, and citizens of Torrance and the bay district gave for the benefit of the Torrance Memorial hospital. Oh, you were out of town. Well, of course that explains it, for I don't see how you could have missed hearing about it, had you been here."

CITY REQUESTS \$145,515 AS ITS SHARE OF WORK-RELIEF FUND

Six Projects Outlined By Torrance, With Request That Entire Cost Be Paid By Federal Agency; No Local Funds Available

City of Torrance this week requested \$145,515 as its share of the \$4,800,000 work relief fund recently voted by the House of Representatives and now under consideration by the United States Senate.

Table listing six projects: 1. Resurfacing and widening of pavement on El Prado and Cabrillo, \$15,800; 2. Municipal Park improvements, 4,390; 3. Paving Santa Fe and Cabrillo avenues and sidewalks to serve the Municipal Park, 6,575; 4. Resurfacing and widening Normandie avenue, 4,800; 5. Grading and paving Plaza del Amo, 14,400; 6. Paving Sepulveda boulevard, 13,400 feet, and grading and paving Hawthorne avenue to Western avenue, 94,500. TOTAL \$145,515

In the request for its allocation for funds from the huge work-relief fund, the City of Torrance stated that no funds were available locally for the purchase of materials, and funds to cover the entire cost of the above improvements were asked.

Much Work Is Accomplished

Ladies Who Meet to Sew For Hospital Turn Out Many Articles. Eighteen ladies met at the St. Andrew's church guild hall Monday to sew for the hospital, and accomplished a valuable amount of work in a few hours.

Many Assisting In Hospital Benefit Ball

Following is a list of organizations and individuals who are already working to make the Torrance Memorial hospital benefit ball, on February 22, a huge success. Dr. J. S. Lancaster, chairman of the Torrance unit, states, however, that a number of others have not yet been contacted and he anticipates no difficulty in securing their support.

- Columbia Steel Co. Hughes-Mitchell Process, Ltd. National Supply Co. United Concrete Pipe Co. Soule Steel Co. Torrance Laundry Co. International Derrick & Equipment Co. Torrance Masonic Lodge. Eastern Star. Torrance Woman's Club. American Legion. Legion Auxiliary. Nativity Church. Business and Professional Women's Club. Chamber of Commerce. Kiwanis Club. Rotary Club. Jos. Klink. Yoshida Vegetable Market. L. G. Barkdull. Schultz & Pechham. Torrance National Bank. C. & P. Store. C. A. Packman. Star Furniture Co. Sam Levy. Frank Buffington. Councilman William Stanger. Dr. C. L. Ingold. Dr. Alden Smith. Dr. R. A. Bingham. Dr. F. Bishop. Dr. O. E. Fossum. Dr. W. J. Neelands. Ed Schwartz. Allen Paul. J. C. Smith. B. J. Scott. Postmaster Earl Connor. Harvel Guttenfelder. Torrance Health and Welfare Cent. Co. G. M. O. Co. Torrance Pharmacy. Beacon Drug Co. Dolley Drug Co. J. M. Christenson. Dr. Geo. P. Shidler. Dr. A. P. Stevenson. Dr. N. A. Leake. Dr. J. S. Lancaster. Craver C. Whyte. Donald Findlay. L. C. Dean. Henry Grubb. Rubbercraft Corp. Hydril Co. Superior Oil Co.

Merchant Host At Stag Party For Hospital

A good time was had by all and the Torrance Memorial hospital was substantially benefited Monday evening at a stag party given by J. G. Koch, proprietor of the Star Furniture Company, to a group of 50 Torrance industrial executives and civic leaders. The spacious clubrooms on the second floor of the Star Furniture Company's Inglewood store was well filled with card players, who generously contributed \$72.55 to the hospital fund.

Child Burned While At Play Dies Saturday

Raquel Ayala, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Ayala, who reside at 1544 Carson street, passed away at the General hospital this week from burns received Saturday while the child was playing about a small bonfire. Her dress caught fire, causing severe burns on her arms and upper part of the body. She was given first aid at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital and returned to her home. Later she was taken to the county hospital in Los Angeles, where she passed away.

High School Boy and Girl Win In National Contest

Eugene Stegemeyer, one of the recent graduates from Torrance high school, and Marcella Crook, a student, were named as winners in a national contest which closed recently, sponsored by the General Mills Company.

Roosevelt Ball Nets \$84.00 Fund

Net proceeds from the President's birthday anniversary ball given in Torrance were announced today by Beverly B. Smith, general chairman, and A. H. Bartlett, treasurer, as \$84.00. Seventy percent of this amount, or \$58.80, will remain here for local rehabilitation of victims afflicted with infantile paralysis, and the balance of \$25.20 was forwarded today to Washington.

Plead Guilty to Passing Bad Coins

Having entered pleas of guilty in United States district court to charges of passing counterfeit money, James C. Frazee and Thomas J. Bryant will appear before Superior Judge Paul J. McCormick next Monday for sentence. Frazee, said to have been employed at a Torrance industrial plant, lives at North Redondo, and Bryant also is a resident of that city, according to police records.

Postmasters Meet In L. A. Friday

The Los Angeles County Postmasters Association, Maud Dawson Shea, Redondo Beach, president, will meet Friday, February 8, at the Hotel Rosslyn, Los Angeles, California.

Townsend Pension Plan Explained

C. H. Moon, and other speakers, will address a public meeting at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening, February 14, at the M. E. church on the subject of the Townsend old age pension plan. The meeting will be free and all interested are invited to hear these men who will thoroughly explain the plan.

FEDERAL HOUSING SURVEY SHOWS POPULATION INCREASE

Total Number of Residents Here 7672, An Increase of 401 Over the Census Figures of 1930; Exceptional Percent of Regularly Employed

Figures released yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce, as compiled from the survey completed by the federal workers who made a house to house canvass in behalf of the Better Housing campaign, show a gratifying increase in the population of Torrance since the last federal census taken in 1930.

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Two Extra Families

In making their survey, the federal workers, also uncovered the fact that in only two instances is more than one family occupying a single dwelling unit. That is, in the entire county four families have "doubled up" in the matter of housing.

Dwellings Needed

Since the housing shortage in Torrance is acute, and promises to become more pressing, the Chamber of Commerce is preparing a preliminary plan for a building campaign, to induce those who own vacant residential lots to build on them at once. Those who do so, will probably find a ready rental for their houses, since there are tenants waiting for the opportunity to move into a new, modern home.

Commuting Is Costly

In behalf of the builder, the Chamber of Commerce directors instructed Secretary L. J. Gilmeister to prepare a chart, showing the added cost to the worker employed in Torrance industrial plants, and who makes his home elsewhere, for the transportation to and from his work. The chart will show the graduated increase of such commuting, in comparison with the distance traveled and the loss of time to the employe who has to drive a number of miles daily.

Hospital Board to Be Elected

Election of a board of directors and other officers of business will come before the meeting of the members of the Torrance Hospital Association, to be held at the Nurses Home, 1416 Cotu, Wednesday afternoon, February 13. The meeting will be called to order at 4 o'clock, and all members of the association are requested to be present.