

COLDEN In "Dog House"

An Editorial
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When our genial Congressman Charlie Colden returns from Washington, he can expect a "warm reception" from his constituents in Torrance. But it won't be the warmth of cordiality to which he is accustomed in this city, but rather the heated indignation of disappointed friends who keenly resent his efforts to thwart the construction of the outfall sewer at White Point.

Congressman Colden was fully aware of the importance of Torrance industries of a satisfactory outlet for industrial waste, as the writer has discussed the matter with him on several occasions. It is also known that the necessity of an outfall sewer has been pointed out to him repeatedly by local industrial executives. Yet in the face of our critical situation, he is reported to have thrown his influence with a group of San Pedro residents in a vigorous effort to deny approval by the Public Works Administration of the \$840,000 federal grant which would make the construction of the White Point outfall possible. And had it not been for the prompt action of directors of the sanitation district in hurrying Chief Engineer Warren off to Washington by airplane, the grant might have been denied, and the much needed outfall defeated.

So anxious was our congressman to defeat the much needed improvement and thereby appease the more or less imaginary grievances of his San Pedro neighbors, that he is reported to have even attempted to go over the head of Secretary Ickes and take the matter up directly with President Roosevelt. However, let it be said of Secretary Ickes, that when the real merits of the project were pointed out to him by Engineer Warren, that the efforts of Congressman Colden were thrown aside and the federal grant allowed.

In fairness to Mr. Colden, it is admitted that he attempted to work out a compromise agreement last fall, by which the outfall would be built off Terminal Island instead of White Point. If he could have succeeded in this move, of course, he would have satisfied both San Pedro and Torrance residents. Failing to accomplish this compromise, it seems to us that the least Colden could have done was to have admitted that the project was a controversial matter among different sections of his district and simply kept out of the whole argument and let the project be decided on its merits by officials of the PWA.

Congressman Colden has done much to promote the interests of Torrance on matters which were of no particular concern to San Pedro, but it is indeed disappointing to learn that when it came to a showdown between Torrance and San Pedro, that our interests were entirely disregarded. We'll forgive you this time, Charlie, as long as you didn't get away with it, but don't let it happen again.

CITY AWAITS word from gov't. ON WATER BONDS

Final adoption of the ordinance authorizing the printing of \$128,000 in water bonds to be sold to the PWA was deferred another week by the city council at an adjourned meeting held Tuesday night for this purpose. Action was postponed until the regular meeting next Tuesday awaiting word from Washington as to the proper form of the ordinance.

Another ordinance establishing 45-minute parking on sections of Border avenue and Arlington avenue, near the Columbia mills, was adopted at the final reading.

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Torrance Is First No. 1 Loan in L. A. County For New Construction

To Torrance and the Torrance National Bank goes the honor of receiving the first new housing loan under Title II of the Federal Housing Act to be recorded anywhere within the far-flung boundaries of vast Los Angeles county. When workmen break ground tomorrow morning on Ralph Riggs' new home at 1408 Acaecia avenue, they will inaugurate in Los Angeles county an extensive new construction program, fostered by the federal government, which is destined to provide thousands of new and better homes throughout the nation.

Mrs. Pirner Aged Resident Passes Away

Mrs. Albertine Pirner, for a number of years a resident of Torrance, passed away Sunday night at the family residence on Oak street, after a brief illness.

Mrs. Pirner, had she lived until next Sunday, February 24, would have been 98 years old. Her death was due to the infirmities of age. Until the past two weeks, Mrs. Pirner had been well and active, but about that time began to fail and passed away in sleep.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 1:40 o'clock from the Patterson & McQuillan chapel in Long Beach, interment being made at Inglewood Park cemetery.

OIL DERRICK is now going up on MAIN STREET

Severns Drilling Company, owners of a lease at Main street and Lomita boulevard, are erecting a steel derrick on their 100-acre property and expect to spud in for a test on March 1.

The derrick is located 150 feet west of Main street and the same distance north of Lomita boulevard, on the outskirts of the business section of Wilmington. It is expected that oil sand will be reached at a depth of about 3600 feet. Several wells north and west of the site have in the past been brought in as small producers, and the Severns company hopes to secure a well of valuable capacity.

During the past six years, more or less sporadic oil operations have been conducted in and about Wilmington. If the present test turns out to be important, other companies who own leases in the vicinity are expected to begin drilling operations.

Turner is Named Club President

Approximately 100 interested people attended the meeting held last Thursday evening, at the Methodist church, when C. H. Moon explained the workings of the Townsend old age pension plan.

Temporary officers elected are D. C. Turner, president, and Miss Parrott, secretary.

SMALL FIRE

The fire department was called to the home of W. G. Snyder, 1024 Cota, at 12:45 this morning to extinguish a small blaze. Backfire from the distributor in a gas stove had set fire to the wall, causing about \$5 damage.

FUND PROVIDED FOR OUTFALL SEWER; WORK TO START SOON

Federal Grant of \$872,000 Awarded Despite Opposition of San Pedro Interests; \$1,768,000 in Bonds Sold

Actual construction work on the \$2,750,000 White Point outfall sewer should be under way in 60 days, it was predicted today by Chief Engineer A. K. Warren following sale of bonds totaling \$1,768,000 at a special meeting of the board of directors Tuesday afternoon at the Hall of Records in Los Angeles and attended by Mayor Scott R. Ludlow of Torrance.

Acceptance of the bid of the John Nuveen Company of Chicago for the purchase of the bonds at 94 percent interest was made following receipt of a telegram from Chief Engineer Warren, then secretary of the Public Works Administration, stating that the federal grant requested by the sanitation district.

Delays Oppose Grant. Vigorous protests against the Torrance limits to 248th On Pennsylvania

New Cities Join Boy Scout District

Three new cities were taken in to the Harbor district at a meeting of the district commissioners of Boy Scouts held at San Pedro Monday night. They are Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach, which formerly were attached to the Bay district. Their admission gives the Harbor district 12 cities, with at least two troops to each city, and makes the Harbor one of the strongest districts in the Los Angeles area. Cities included in the old set-up were Torrance, Lomita, Gardena, Harbor City, Keystone, Wilmington, Walteria and San Pedro.

Plans for the coming year were under discussion at the Monday night meeting. The most important project will be the holding of a district-wide Court of Honor, which is to be made an annual event. The first court will be held next June, at a city within the district to be selected.

Robert Lewellen, of Torrance, was appointed to handle the publicity for the district, which is one of the three highest ranking districts under the national objective program.

FINAL

On Hospital Ball

9 P. M., Surf and Sand Club, Feb. 22

BALL.—Opened by Grand March at 9:30, will form at north end of hall. Lead by Mrs. Jared Sidney Torrance and Dr. Lancaster. Dr. Flesher, president of the staff, and Miss Maxwell, hospital superintendent. Followed by staff doctors and associate staff, editors and wives, chamber secretaries and wives, grand field committee by community units in alphabetical order:—Gardena, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Redondo Beach and Torrance.

CARD PARTY.—Mrs. Ernest Butts, chairman. Play in library and other room. Fifty tables. Prizes!

PUNCH.—Served by Sand and Surf Club.

PRIZES.—When won, are transferable. Certificates will be given during the evening to prize winners.

FIRST AID.—Under Dr. Norman A. Leake and nurses from the hospital.

TICKETS.—You do not have to be present to win a prize. Stubs will be drawn for winners. Tickets will be on sale at club on evening of ball. All those selling tickets in various communities must report to Donald Findley by 3 p. m. Friday, at Torrance.

THE GRAND FIELD COMMITTEE.—through its chairman, takes this opportunity on behalf of the doctors and staff of Torrance Memorial Hospital to thank everyone who has helped put the ball over, especially the community unit workers.

Industrial Plants

Seek Wide Open Spaces to Escape High Rents

Industrial plants located near densely populated areas are beginning to seek the "wide open spaces" to escape high rentals, it was observed this week in the east side industrial district.

The Wilshire Oil Company made known to the board of supervisors its desire to remove its refinery from Vernon to its tank farm property immediately south of Santa Fe Springs, and sought a permit from the county officials.

The supervisors, informed that a number of residents in a subdivision immediately to the north might be affected by odors from the plant, set a hearing for 10 o'clock next Monday morning. The proposed location is at the southwest corner of Imperial Highway and Shoemaker avenue.

Several weeks ago, the Sunset Oil Company, new owners of the former Sunset-Pacific Oil Company, which in turn was what remained of the old Julian concern, removed its refinery from the Vernon area, and stored it upon its property at East Road and Main street, east of Torrance. It has as yet not been set up for operation, pending decision of the company's directors about its continued operation. The company operates oil wells in Athens, and it is understood that its oil is being sold as crude or else refined by other plants for the time being.

WAIT APPROVAL OF APPLICATION ON SEWER LINE

Approval of an application to the S.E.R.A. providing for construction of a sanitary sewer system in Pennsylvania avenue, Lomita, was being awaited this week by the county surveyor's office, following an "okay" given to the project this week by S.E.R.A. county engineers.

The project, nine-tenths of a mile in length, is estimated to cost \$25,000, and will provide employment for 115 men.

It is to extend between the Torrance city limits on the north and 248th street on the south, according to the application on file in duplicate with County Surveyor Alfred Jones.

County engineers believe that the project will be approved by the state headquarters at Sacramento within two or three weeks, and that work will be well under way within a month.

Materials are on hand to construct the project, having been left over from the large Lomita sewer installation completed only a few months ago, after more than a year's work.

The Pennsylvania avenue line will connect with the Lomita line completed a few months ago, and which in turn is connected to the lines of County Sanitation district No. 6.

Plans for the project were drawn by W. E. Foster, in charge of sanitary sewer design and construction for the surveyor's department.

WASHINGTON party to be held SATURDAY

Pop Wimmer's orchestra drew a large crowd to the Recreation building on Cabrillo avenue Tuesday night when the recreation department sponsored a dance.

Other popular numbers on the program were Bud Hollinger, Margie Karn's Modern Mountaineers, of KIEV, and Colorado Fred Ballard, of KMPC. Pete and Tex Bailey, of Torrance, entertained with songs to guitar accompaniment.

On account of the illness of Mrs. Sheehan, no card party will be held last night, but the parties will be resumed next Wednesday night and will be held as usual.

On Saturday, under the direction of Mrs. Wilson, a George Washington party will be held at the band stand in the municipal park to which all are invited. The program will start at 2:30 o'clock. On Tuesday night of next week, the amateur vaudeville program will be given, featuring local talent.

HUGE DRAIN AT LOMITA IS PLANNED

\$1,700,000 Storm Drain
Would Eliminate Flood
Waters of Area

A proposal to construct a \$1,700,000 storm drain for the Lomita and Harbor City area that would take care of flood waters from the north slope of the Palos Verdes hills was laid before the state planning board this week by the county.

The proposed project is one of about 20 that would provide nearly \$50,000,000 in urgent permanent improvement projects under the president's new \$4,000,000,000 public works program.

Filing of the proposal with the state body followed a visit of Lomita civic leaders with Supervisor John S. Galt, Hugh Lawrence, chief deputy county surveyor, late last week.

The proposal involves construction of a tunnel through the hills on Lomita boulevard immediately to the east of the Lomita business district, to convey the flood waters into Bixby Slough at a lower elevation. The tunnel would extend for several hundred feet at a depth of 40 feet under the surface of the hills in some places.

Storm drain engineers point out that a large portion of the water from the Palos Verdes hills crosses Wilmington-Redondo boulevard in a northeasterly direction, finally seeking the lowest level at 248th street. The waters then follow the natural drain around easterly through Lomita to Bixby Slough.

Proposal of the engineers is to carry these storm waters underground through the community. The conduit would extend westerly from Bixby slough on Lomita boulevard to 248th street (Rose avenue), west to Cypress, and branch off here. One branch would go to 250th street and Pennsylvania avenue. The other branch would proceed north to 248th street and thence northerly to Lomita boulevard.

Democracy Is Best Form of Government

"Democracy is best" was the watchword in Torrance elementary school today as students here joined in a statewide observance of Washington's birthday anniversary sponsored by California Teachers' Association.

Teachers' Association avowedly to "reawaken faith in the democratic principle and revive public appreciation of benefits enjoyed under the Constitution of the United States."

Local pupils and hundreds of thousands of students throughout California in pageant and patriotic programs focused their attention upon the democratic institutions upon which the nation flourished under American democracy.

Best Form of Government. Commenting on the statewide program, William M. Bell, Jr., principal of Torrance elementary school, declared today: "Teachers of California believe in democracy as the best form of government yet devised. Every teacher in California has taken an oath of allegiance to the constitution. Teachers, like other intelligent observers of world events, see in various influences and forces dangers which are threatening the existence of the type of government established by our forefathers. They have determined to do their part in meeting this challenge."

It will be of local interest that this entire campaign for patriotism and its proper observance in our public schools is headed by W. Harold Kingsley, former co-owner and editor of the Torrance Herald, and now director of public relations, California Teachers' Association, southern section.

CARPENTERS
Carpenters of the district are called to meet tonight at 111 South Catalina street, Redondo Beach, for a business meeting.

FAMOUS DATES IN HISTORY
The first telephone exchange in Kentucky was opened at Louisville in 1879.