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ISEN'S EFFORT TO HALT LOAN FROM PWA APPARENTLY FLOPS

Federal Engineer Replying to Leader in Recall Agitation Cites Benefits to Be Received by City From Federal Grant

"I have here a letter I would like to read," said Mayor Scott R. Ludlow at the conclusion of the business session of the city council Tuesday night. "I thought it might be interesting in view of the fact that recall proceedings have been instituted against four of us. It shows that someone has been conducting some correspondence."

Mr. Ludlow read the reply of L. H. Walker, assistant state engineer of the PWA in California, dated April 22, 1935, a copy of which had been sent to the mayor presumably at the same time the original was mailed to the correspondent. It was addressed to Albert Isen, Torrance attorney, whose name headed the list of signers to the notice of circulating petitions for recall, and referred to Docket No. 6081, Torrance waterworks.

Mr. Walker says in part: "This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 20, to Mr. Schuth, the examining engineer of the above project, and in which you notify this office that it is the intention to circulate a recall petition against Councilmen Scott R. Ludlow, William H. Stanger, William H. Tolson and James E. Hitchcock.

"Your communication has been placed on file in Docket No. 6081, Torrance Waterworks. For your information we will give you the status of the Torrance water project to date, and which is as follows: "Under date of December 30, 1934, the federal government made an allocation for this project whereby the government agreed to purchase \$128,000.00 in bonds, and make a grant in addition thereto of \$51,000.00 for this project.

"The work consists of the following: (The letter enumerated the details of the proposed work.) "The completed plans and specifications were approved by this office for Units A and G designated above, on March 22, 1935. The bids were received on Unit A on April 16, 1935; and bids will be received on Unit G on April 23, 1935.

"Any and all work contemplated for this project will be done under the supervision of the Public Works Administration. The plans and specifications must be approved by this office prior to the time of receiving bids, and all work constructed in the field will be supervised under the direct supervision of a resident engineer inspector in the employ of the Federal Public Works Administration.

"It should be noted that in constructing this work at this time that the federal government is allowing a grant of approximately \$51,000.00 in (Continued on Page 5-A)

RECALL

Charges Answered By Mayor Ludlow

Torrance, Calif., April 22, 1935. "We appreciate this opportunity to present the true facts to the citizens of Torrance. The four councilmen mentioned in the recall are home owners or buying their own homes, are vitally interested in lower water rates and feel that they are working to that end just as fast as reason will allow them to do so. This cry of "Wolf, Wolf" when there is no wolf, as is stated in the petition that repeated warnings have been given seems to seek to create the impression that we persist in extravagance. The true facts are entirely different.

"In the first place, everyone realizes that we are building a water system designed to last a long time, from 60 to 100 years in some instances without replacement, but with proper maintenance. It would seem vitally important to see design and construct this system to take care of reasonable future needs, so as to avoid wasteful and unnecessary remodeling and changing of the system a few years from now. We have all witnessed the tearing up and re-routing of our state highways, a rank waste and extravagant procedure. Certainly if proper planning, anticipation of future needs had been given, a great deal of money could have been saved to the taxpayer. Now we are called upon to build this water system with certain known future needs; surely the blame would be much more severe, if in a few years we should be called upon to explain such a short sighted system as certain people seem to think is advisable to build. We will build reasonably for the present and the future insofar as we can see and understand the needs of this area, and we believe that the people will back us up in plain common sense. Repeatedly we have asked the opposition to come out with facts and figures to support their claim. They can't produce them. With all the engineers supporting an adequate system, unless someone can show us facts to the contrary, how can men in our position absolutely ignore the truth?

"Now is the opportune time to build, prices are low in comparison with what they will be as we are now witnessing a rising market in every line. If this construction is put off until more prosperous times, the taxpayer will have to pay for that additional cost. We also have put out disposal government money at 4% and an outright gift of some \$200,000.00. When may we expect to see this condition made possible again? By every kind of common sense or "Horse" sense we should build a reasonable adequate water system now.

"The use of the entire authorized \$400,000.00 is not even contemplated, and why such a statement is charged to us, we cannot understand. The figures are as follows: Bonds sold at 6% on the market.....\$200,000.00 Government 4% bonds to be issued 128,000.00 Total Bonds.....\$328,000.00 "This figure represents the entire amount to be used or a difference of \$72,000.00 less than the \$400,000.00 as charged.

"However, we have remaining about \$38,000.00 unused from the \$200,000.00 issue, which is set aside in strict account, not to be used on the project, but to be used to retire at a later date the 6% bonds. This will reduce the amount to be expended directly on the water system as follows: Total bonds.....\$328,000.00 Less.....38,000.00 The total debt of the new system.....\$290,000.00 "Everyone of us is working to that end that none of this \$290,000.00 at 6% be used in the system, unless it is absolutely necessary. We feel that the use of the cheaper government money should be made, and that it will be adequate to cover the entire project. Of course, the value of the system will be much higher, in fact \$42,000.00 higher, as that is the amount that the government is going to put into the project, but we don't have to pay that back and therefore do not have to raise water rates or pay interest on the funded debt on that \$42,000.00.

"The difference between \$400,000.00 as charged and the amount of these last figures.....\$100,000.00 less than the past figures. "Somebody knows these figures. Why did they choose to keep their backs in the dark? We can (Continued on Page 6-A)

Bids Are Opened

For the Construction of Steel Tank, Tower, Foundations For Water System

Bids from four concerns were received, opened and read at the meeting of the city council Tuesday night, for the construction of a steel tank, tower and foundations, to be erected on the site purchased from the C. C. M. O. Company, west of Cedar avenue.

The usual bid bond or check and lists of jobs handled in various parts of the country by the four companies. They were as follows: Tippet & Wood, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, \$28,700, with a deduction of \$800 if waterproof paint is substituted for enamel for the interior coating of the tank. Additional prices for quantities over the specifications, \$20 per cubic yard for concrete in place; \$2.00 per cubic yard for excavation; eight cents per pound for reinforcing steel in place. Date of completion 180 days from date of contract; bid bond \$3,300.

Consolidated Steel Corporation, Ltd., of Los Angeles, \$28,950, with deduction of \$500 for waterproof paint; \$10 per cubic yard for concrete in place; 85 cents per cubic yard for excavation; 5 cents per pound for reinforcing steel in place. Date of completion 180 days from date of contract. Bid bond \$3,000. Pittsburgh Des Moines Steel Company of San Francisco, \$27,440, deduction \$450 for waterproof paint; \$11 per cubic yard for concrete in place; 75 cents per cubic yard for excavation; six cents per pound for reinforcing steel in place; date of completion 155 days from date of contract; check for \$3,000.

Chicago Bridge and Iron Works, Los Angeles, \$26,365, deduction of \$325 for waterproof paint; \$10 per cubic yard for concrete in place; 60 cents for excavation; five and one-half cents per pound for reinforcing steel in place. Date of completion 160 days from date of contract, accompanied by check for \$2,800.

The Pittsburgh Des Moines Company listed 21 jobs of similar type completed in Southern California as proof of their ability to perform the work required. The Chicago Bridge and Iron Works referred to jobs completed in South Gate, Huntington Park, at the Los Angeles county hospital specifically, and another county job, as four examples out of 100 in Southern California, locations of others to be furnished on request. Their references made particular mention of the fact that these jobs had withstood the shocks of the earthquake of 1933.

Consolidated Steel Corporation also referred to work in California cities, the only one of the four to quote out of the state jobs being the New Jersey firm.

In view of the fact that the bid of the Chicago Bridge and Iron Works was nearest the estimated figure and that its record of work includes so many local construction jobs it is probable that when the council meets at an adjourned session next Tuesday night this firm will receive the recommendation for the contract. The bids were turned over to the city engineer for study and will also be passed upon by the engineers for the PWA before the council takes action.

Procedure in this, and in the matter of bids for water wells, requires that the council recommend (Continued on Page 2-A)

Bankers On Trip Thru Steel Mill

Sixty-five bankers and their wives representing financial institutions in the Southwest Clearing House Association of Los Angeles County, were given a first-hand glimpse of the various processes in steel making last evening, when they were taken on a tour of inspection of the Columbia Steel Company mill here. The party was conducted through the mill by B. W. Lanz and Henry Lintott.

Prior to the trip through the steel mills, the group were guests of officers and staff members of the two Torrance banks at a banquet in the Legion clubhouse. Dinner was served by the ladies of the Methodist church. As the meeting was a strictly social gathering, there were no speeches, but the group from Inglewood banks put on a highly interesting and humorous skit, entitled, "Customer Relations."

New Executive Of Sunset Oil Is In Charge

Reorganization Affairs Of Old Julian Company Are Taking Shape

With James H. Lewis, former Associated Oil Company official as its new chief executive, affairs of the Sunset Oil Company were rapidly taking shape. The company is the reorganization of the old Sunset Pacific Oil Company. The company, operating more than 100 producing wells in Southern California, has its storage farm at Torrance, and a pipeline to its marine terminal in San Pedro, and also operates a refinery in Signal Hill.

The company is entirely an independent company, in which no major or other oil company owns any stock interest whatever, Lewis said. Lewis, however, is a veteran in the oil business, being a former assistant domestic sales manager of the Associated.

EXODUS from Armenia DISCUSSED

"Forty Days of Masadugh," Weiler's stirring book on the sufferings of Armenians during the time of their forced exodus under the lash of the Turks some 20 years ago, when more than a million of these unfortunate people left to die in the deserts to which they were committed, will be discussed at the meeting of the Rotary Club today and next Thursday. John Haig, of the Torrance high school, himself of Armenian extraction, and thoroughly familiar with the political situation which led to this mass movement, will be the speaker. For the benefit of those who may have been absent today, who will attend next week, Mr. Haig will give a brief synopsis next Thursday of his talk for today, so that review will be complete and thoroughly understood.

In order to give more time for this review, Dr. George P. Shilder, who has been giving 15-minute talks on the history and culture of Greece and Rome, will allot this extra time to Mr. Haig.

Bids For Work On School Are High

With bids considerably higher than anticipated, six offers were received Wednesday to reconstruct the main building of the Torrance elementary school, according to the Los Angeles board of education.

R. J. Daum was the low bidder at \$85,951. Five other firms submitted bids, but with little price range, the highest bid being that of the Pacific Realty and Building Corporation, at \$139,250. All bids will be analyzed and it is expected that a formal recommendation for award to the low bidder will be before the next meeting of the board of education on Monday. The building is being strengthened to resist earth movements.

HEARTENING NEWS RECEIVED FROM PACIFIC ELECTRIC HEAD

Easement Over West 16 Feet of Company's Right of Way For Paving Purposes Will Be Granted, Says Pontius

Heartening news for the merchants along Cabrillo avenue who have petitioned time and again for improvements to be made along that thoroughfare, is contained in a communication from D. W. Pontius, of the Pacific Electric Railway, to the city council of Torrance this week.

Amphictyonic Council Acts For Clean-up

Rev. Kemp J. Winkler and the Torrance Methodist were hosts to the Southwest Bay District Amphictyonic Council Monday evening at their church. Dinner was served by the guild. Representatives from 15 churches were present to discuss measures and matters pertaining to the home church-school relationship and the maintenance of American manners and customs. The committee on moving picture clean-up, under the direction of L. H. Hawkins, was instructed to write every Congressman from California to support the bill now before Congress to do away with group booking and to allow every playhouse owner to pick his own pictures for his own neighborhood consumption.

Further consideration of the dirty literature at the front-end of the corner-soda-fountain was discussed. It was decided to establish civic improvement week in the southwest bay district and to start off by having five-minute talks in every Christian church on May 19 by every member of the Amphictyonic Council, and services by the pastors.

Miss Lindsey, of the Redondo union high school, has undertaken a survey of all magazines and periodicals coming into high school libraries which will aim to show what proportion of advertisements in these publications have to do with the glorification of cigarettes, cocktails and moving picture stars.

Mayor Ludlow To Be Vice President

Mayor Scott R. Ludlow was honored last Monday at a meeting of the Los Angeles County League of Municipalities by being nominated for the office of vice president. Nomination is tantamount to election, as only one ticket is put in the field. The election will be held at the next meeting of the league.

RADIO STOLEN

Ellen Bundash, 2331 248th street, Lomita, reported to sheriff's deputies at Sub-3 that someone had feloniously entered her home during the night of April 17 and had taken away a radio valued at \$20. No clues.

Heavy Travel Over Uncompleted La Tijera Cut-off Shows Its Worth

Improvement of a new link in Sepulveda boulevard west of Inglewood, extending past Los Angeles municipal airport, has served to show the need of its permanent improvement by the state and the city of Los Angeles, according to road engineers who have been watching it.

Although only partially completed, and with a temporary surfacing, the boulevard, extending between La Tijera boulevard and Roosevelt highway, already is heavily travelled, engineers for the county road department state. La Tijera is the new "cut-off" highway connecting Slauson avenue and Sepulveda boulevard, and extends almost due northeast and southwest. It intersects Manchester boulevard shortly before it hits Sepulveda.

Orchestra Will Play Its First Concert Here Tomorrow Night

Tomorrow night, Friday, April 26, the newest musical organization in Torrance, a 30-piece symphony orchestra, will give its first concert at the Woman's clubhouse. George Mershon, organizer and director, has brought together a group of talented amateur musicians, who will be assisted by professional artists, among them being the Long Beach Grovers quartet headed by Gordon Groves, Jr., formerly of Lomita. The concert will begin at 8:30 o'clock.

Mayor Scott R. Ludlow has been asked to select a name for the orchestra from suggestions made by the audience, and will announce his choice tomorrow night.

The affair is attracting interested music lovers from Long Beach, Los Angeles, Hollywood, San Pedro and other outside communities as well as Torrance friends. A group of officials from the Fox Studios, a famous Los Angeles publisher-composer and Angela Thomas, well known music critic and teacher of Long Beach, are expected to attend, according to Mr. Mershon.

The orchestra personnel includes: Mr. Mershon, conductor; Karl Bjork, assistant conductor; Ambrose Russo, concert master; June Lundgren, flute; Howard Brady, oboe; Cornelia Hughes, bassoon; Kankko Huilkinen and Anna Hallikainen, clarinets; James Dahlquist and Nona Putta, horns; Coby Eyster and John Edwards, trumpets; George Northrup, trombone; John Sedelmaier, drums; Mildred L. Thorpe, piano; John Elder, Otto Cook, Howard Bender, Clara Hansen, Bert Peters, Bob Tolson, Hans Sommer, first violins; Esther Mershon, Blajo Cinu-strassl, Frank Wilson, Henry Popkoff, Walter Marek, second violins; Gordon Groves, Jr., Harry Hall, viola; Edward Gerber, P. E. J. Harder, cello; Mead French, John Putner, bass viol.

The program is as follows: "Lustspiel" overture, by Keler Bela, orchestra; Intermexzo, string quartet Opus 15, by Mendelssohn; "Cherry Ripe" by Frank Bridges, and "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes," arrangement by Poeholon; Long Beach quartet; "Marche Alla Turca," Mozart, by the orchestra; Intermission, during which Rev. George G. Elder, master of ceremonies; Mayor Ludlow and others will make brief remarks. "La Donna e Mobile," from Rigoletti; "The Glow-worm" by Lincke, and "I'll Wait for You" by Marche Cravello, sung by Paul Gilliam, lyric tenor, with orchestra accompaniment; for his second group of numbers, Mr. Gilliam will sing with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Thorpe, "M'Appari" from "Martha," "Danny Boy," "Lassie of Mine" and "I Love Life." The concert will close with "The Scottish Rite March" by the orchestra.

HIGHLIGHTS of the COOKING SCHOOL

Time:—Next Week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Sessions begin promptly at 1 p. m. Conclude at 3 p. m.

Place:—Torrance Theatre.

Prizes:—Beautiful new 75-lb. Ice Refrigerator donated by Union Ice Company; Sunbeam Mixer donated by Torrance Electric Shop; baskets of groceries, samples, souvenirs, etc., to be contributed by local merchants and manufacturers participating in school.

Conducted by Nina G. Abbey, noted home economist.

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Admission Free! Everyone is cordially invited.

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