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CITY RECALL PROCEEDINGS ARE DROPPED

Albert Isen in Letter to City Council Gives Reasons For Withdrawing Petitions

Recall proceedings which were started April 18 by the small group seeking to remove Mayor Scott R. Ludlow and Councilmen Hitchcock, Stanger and Tolson from office were dropped this week. In a letter addressed to the city council and voters of Torrance, Albert Isen, spokesman for the recall group said:

"The recall committee has authorized me to announce that recall petitions have been withdrawn from circulation. The proponents of the recall were concerned primarily with the water situation, and their decision is based on the following:

1. A reduction has been made in water rates with a definite commitment for future reduction.
2. The city council has given full facts and information regarding expenditures on the water system.
3. A recall election would necessitate some \$600 of expense to the city, and issues presented may be settled in the regular election next April.

When questioned by a Herald representative as to the number of signatures which his group were able to secure on the recall petition, Mr. Isen declined to answer.

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Contract For Elementary School Has Been Let

Reconstruction of the main building of the Torrance elementary school was approved this week by the Public Works Administration, acting on a group of Los Angeles city school projects.

Cost of the work is to be \$35,351 and R. J. Daum has the contract.

Building Permits Show Increase

Building permits for the month of May, up to last Wednesday, issued from the office of the city engineer, totaled \$20,176, an increase of \$3,250 over the figure for the corresponding period last year. The 1934 figures for May were \$16,920.

Fourteen permits were issued, of which the largest covered the erection of a Japanese school building in the McDonald tract at a cost of \$8,000 for the Moneta Japanese Institute.

Other permits of a sizeable nature were issued to Charles T. Rippey, for a seven-room dwelling on El Prado; Robert Nuckles, 2441 Arlington avenue, for a public garage and repair shop which is now well under construction; A. W. Hookway, of Pasadena, a five-room house and garage at 2652 Torrance boulevard, at a cost of \$2,700; Torrance National Bank, alterations to its building on Sartory avenue; Columbia Steel Company, a steel office building; and N. C. Stebbins, 779 Wall street, Los Angeles, a greenhouse in the McDonald tract. Other permits covered new garages and alterations to dwellings.

Local Girl At U. S. C. Is Honored

Alice Slaughter, a resident of Torrance, was recently honored as a member of one of 29 scholarship societies of the University of Southern California when the institution set aside a day to pay tribute to scholarship achievement.

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Propose To Annex More Territory

Proposals to annex additional territory to the Lomita sewer maintenance district were adopted by the board of supervisors at their last meeting and a hearing in the matter has been set for Monday, June 17, at 10 a. m.

County Surveyor Alfred Jones, in reporting on the proposed annexation, stated that the territory included therein had been the subject of a preliminary survey by his department, and that there was an immediate need for the improvement.

Celery Shipping From Torrance Is Very Brisk

Five Cars a Day Loaded Out Over P. E. For Eastern Markets

Transcontinental business out of Torrance for the month of May this year exceeded the total for all of last summer, according to W. H. Bratton, Southern Pacific and P. E. agent here. Hardly a day passes but someone purchases a ticket for eastern points. Travel and freight business has increased in volume considerably over these lines.

At the present time the P. E. is handling about five cars a day of celery, consigned to eastern markets. The run will last about a month, says Mr. Bratton. The curious part of it is, that not all the celery handled here comes from the local fields, but due to the excellent facilities for handling and shipping, consignments are brought from other points to be loaded out of Torrance. This week many boxes from the Venice fields were shipped and consignments come from as far away as Whittier, to be washed, boxed and loaded into refrigerator cars.

The Walter M. Sharp Company, whose plant is located on the Santa Fe tract, has been shipping celery for a week, some of it coming from the Walkie district, some from the Venice district.

Jaekel & Rogers have taken over the old glass factory building on Border avenue and are loading celery from that point.

When the celery season is over, which will be in about three weeks, the tomato crop will be ready to be moved. The "Truogo" cannery at Harbor City, which is both ends of the new location, a warehouse close to the principal P. E. stop in that community. Machinery for canning tomatoes is now being set up and the plant will be in operation in a short time.

ELECTION OF Chamber Directors HELD JUNE 3

Nominations for the election of three directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, whose terms expire June 30, were announced this week by the nominating committee as follows:

Nominees representing the industrial membership: Sherwood McIntyre and F. H. Clark; also R. R. Smith and A. Aland.

Nominees representing the general membership: DeKalb Spurlin and Howard G. Locke.

Two directors are to be chosen from the industrial group and one from the general membership. The election will be held at the offices of the chamber on June 3 from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m.

Bridge Over Slough Will Cost \$3000

Appropriation of \$3,000 for construction of a bridge on Normandie avenue over Nigger Slough was today authorized by the board of supervisors.

The funds will come from the special road improvement fund, 1934-35, district No. 4, as recommended by George W. Jones, road commissioner.

Man Found Dead In Gas-Filled Room

Lars Martin Olson, age 52, was found dead at his home, 3150 West 230th street, last Saturday, May 25, under circumstances indicating that he had taken his life by inhaling gas. He is said to have been in ill health for some time. Funeral services were held at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, May 29, with interment at Roosevelt Memorial Park.

BRITISH VETERANS A MEETING OF THE WAR VETERANS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE WILL BE HELD MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 3, AT 7:30 O'CLOCK AT THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS HALL IN LOMITA. ALL BRITISH EX-SERVICE MEN ARE URGED TO ATTEND.

RELIEF CORPS TO MEET
Stephen A. Phillips Relief Corps announce that during the next few months they will hold their meetings at the homes of members. They will meet Thursday evening, June 6, at 7:45 p. m. with Mrs. Janet Woodington, 2013 Arlington avenue.

FAMOUS HISTORICAL EVENTS
Ferdinand De Soto landed in Florida, May 30, 1539.

May Lose Court

Supervisors Take Under Advisement Proposal to Close Justice Offices Here

Recommendation that the Torrance branch of Inglewood township justice court be discontinued was under advisement by Supervisor John R. Quinn this week, following the filing of a report by the county bureau of efficiency. The bureau's recommendation came before the supervisors Monday as a routine report, but at Supervisor Quinn's request it was referred to him. Quinn explained that he desired to make a personal investigation of the proposal before voting on it.

Reasons for recommending the closing of the Torrance branch, effective July 1, was "lack of business," according to the bureau's report.

Occupation of the justice court quarters on Cravens avenue has been on a monthly basis since the lease expired last December. According to the announcement, the owner of the building, Sam Levy, will be notified of the decision to close the offices by June 15 and the service here will be discontinued July 1.

Since the consolidation of the townships took effect last January, the Torrance office has been open with Mrs. Bertha Wilcox, deputy clerk in charge, on part time. The clerk is on duty Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning, with court sessions held on Tuesday.

The bureau's letter to the supervisors states that "We have recommended discontinuance of the justice court quarters in Torrance." (Continued on Page Two)

Teacher At Elementary Dies

Members of the Faculty of the Torrance Elementary School Were Profoundly Shocked Wednesday by the Sudden Death of One of Their Number, Miss Harriet Graham

Members of the faculty of the Torrance elementary school were profoundly shocked Wednesday by the sudden death of one of their number, Miss Harriet Graham, who passed away of a heart attack during the noon hour. Miss Jones, who resided with her sister, Mrs. Ferguson, at 8509 South Hall-dale, Los Angeles, had been ill for several days and had returned to her classes only that morning. She had been employed in the school for the past year and a half, in charge of one of the special classes.

Miss Jones was seated with others at lunch when she was stricken. A physician was called, who pronounced her dead. Her relatives in Los Angeles were notified and arrangements were made to remove the body to that city.

News From Washington

By Your Congressman
CHARLES J. GOLDEN

The veterans no longer have the exclusive distinction of having marched on Washington. The latest march was by the farmers. They didn't parade the streets and they didn't march into Washington on the highways but came by busses and trains and many of them rode on Pullmans.

But it was a surprise march and created a lot of excitement, particularly among the newspapers and the members of Congress. It has been the source of debate at both ends of the capitol.

According to reports, there were about 4,500 of them. They came to Washington, not asking or demanding for a thing, which in itself was like exceptional California weather, very unusual. These farmers held a sort of "thank-you meeting" and were high in their praises of the President, the New Deal and Congress. After all the bombardments the members receive on various problems, and groups demanding this and that, the farmers were received with very much enthusiasm, even the President gave them a hearty reception.

The farmers' convention in Washington was a sort of aftermath of the Chamber of Commerce convention. The Chamber of Commerce raised the question of a dust storm against the New Deal, but the farmers came like a drenching shower on the arid plains and did much to restore a friendlier feeling for the A. A. A. and other measures that had been enacted for the farmer. With the price of wheat at 25 and 30 cents a bushel in 1932 and now up to 85 cents; and corn from 15 cents a bushel up to around 80 cents; and hogs from \$2.40 per hundred up to around \$3.90 per hundred; and cotton that was selling for 6 cents a pound now worth 12 cents, the farmers are rather jubilant in expressing their approval of the methods of the administration that have received so much criticism from the industrial sections of the country.

The farmers' demonstration was much criticized by representatives of the old order and particularly from the eastern manufacturing centers. All of which is another proof, that when you are legislating for one class of individuals you are transgressing on the toes of some other group. It is this constant conflict of interests and clash of political purposes that worries the life out of a member of Congress and keeps him awake when he should be sound asleep.

In company with some other members from California, I visited the White House the other morning to present an invitation to President to attend the San Diego fair. The President, as usual, was glowing with good cheer, snappy in his remarks and made every body feel welcome. The President stated that he had visited the San Diego fair in 1915, and hoped to visit it again this year, but his visit would depend somewhat upon the time that Congress adjourned. He gave us a gentle hint that he would very much like to visit the San Diego Exposition, but reminded us that he must stay in Washington for a couple of weeks after Congress adjourned in order to take care of the business at the White House. One of our members suggested that if he would cut off the cooling system in the House and Senate that it might help him get rid of Congress and give him an opportunity to visit California this summer.

In the allotment for highways from the recent P. W. A. appropriation, California fared very well. More than fifteen million dollars were recommended for the state of California, about half of which is to be applied to the improvement of highways and streets, and the other half to the separation of highway and railway grades for the protection of human life.

A million dollars have been allotted for the continuation of the construction of the outer breakwater for the Los Angeles and Long Beach harbors.

Silver as a money has had a great many advocates who have urged the restoration of the use of silver as money with its consequent increase of price. Since the 73rd Congress passed a measure requiring the secretary of the treasury to buy sufficient silver so that we will have one dollar of silver to three of gold, the price of silver has been constantly moving upward. Now the members of Congress are getting protests from the manufacturers of sterling silverware, who complain that the increased cost of silver is jeopardizing their business. The big jump in the price of silver has likewise increased the price of all silverware, and as the price has gone up the sales have decreased. Cheap silver means cheap silverware and a greater volume of sales, so here you have another example of boosting one industry and curtailing another.

Mayor Ludlow Will Take Part In Institute

Torrance Chief Executive Is Named On Important Committee

Taking part in the seventh annual institute of government together with federal, state and city executives from 65 California communities, to be held June 10-14 on the campus of the University of Southern California, will be Mayor Scott R. Ludlow, of Torrance. He is to serve with the important committee on city council administration.

Sponsored by the U. S. C. school of government under the leadership of Dean Emery E. Olson, the five day sessions of addresses and round table discussions will include 150 speakers. Governmental trends, administration, taxation, crime, detection, engineering problems and the most recent developments in management will be studied.

Special memberships are available to the general public. Featured will be over 200 exhibits of 50 departments of city and county offices open to the public daily from 2:30 to 10:00 p. m. The operations of crime detection units, fire protection methods, and the city of Torrance will offer a good prospect for sales of their product since more than half of the heaters in use in the homes of the city are of these two types. The men are busy this week getting their building cleaned up, machinery installed and setting up one of their auto washers for demonstration purposes.

Carl Marsteller, formerly of the Columbia Steel, has joined the concern as manager of the selling campaign.

FATHER PASSES

John W. Dorchak left Wednesday evening for Denver, where he was called by the sudden death of his father.

Beach Has Citation For Valor

At this time, when all loyal Americans pause to do reverence to the honored dead, who gave their lives in behalf of their country during the various wars in which the United States has been a participant, it is particularly timely and fitting that recognition should come to one of the surviving veterans, in the bestowal of a certificate and medal for valor.

A few days before Memorial Day, Henry W. Beach, 1219 Arlington, who holds an honorable discharge from Company 18, Fifth Marine Corps, received such recognition, the citation and award of medal of the Order of the Silver Star. Mr. Beach, who saw service in France from June 8, 1918, to May 21, 1919, was discharged after the war with the rank of sergeant major. His outfit was among the first to reach French soil, and the United States entered the World war, and took part in some of the most important battles in which American troops were engaged, Belleau Woods, Soissons, St. Mihiel, Champagne, Meuse-Argonne and at the conclusion of the armistice Mr. Beach was sent with the army of occupation into Germany.

During the Champagne campaign, from October 2 to 9, 1918, Mr. Beach was detailed to maintain telephone communication between two sectors. His particular section was located at the crest of Blanc Mont, which was under particularly heavy and sustained artillery fire from the enemy. Due to his courage and devotion to duty, his citation reads, the communication was maintained so that at all times the general in command of the forces along that line was able to keep informed of the progress of military events. For this service, Beach was awarded the French Croix de Guerre with palm and star, and now, 17 years later, he has received similar recognition from his own government in the award of the medal of the Silver Star.

In addition to these, Mr. Beach was awarded the Verdun medal, the Inter-allied medal, the Victory medal and the Marine Corps good conduct medal. He also wears, when he puts on the old service uniform, the French fourragere, a regimental decoration awarded to the Fifth for their heroic conduct in action.

In forwarding the notice of the award to Mr. Beach, his old commanding officer, Ralph S. Keyser, lieutenant colonel, U. S. M. C., writes his congratulations and best wishes.

BIRTHDAYS OF FAMOUS MEN
Peter the Great, czar of Russia, was born May 30, 1672.

New Plant Opens This Week In Torrance

R. H. (Harry) Pierson and E. A. Ryan, former employees of the International Derrick, have taken possession of the factory building at 2376 Carson street, for the manufacture of a product, new on the Pacific coast, which is in demand among owners of service stations and garages which offer car washing service to their customers.

The men are doing business under the firm name of Pierson-Ryan Heater Company. Their main product is a new type of steam cleaner, which delivers live, wet steam under pressure, for washing the car. The cleaner is simple in design but effective in its operation. It is composed of a metal jacket, interlined with an insulating material, and a coil of 200 feet of metal tubing through which water is pumped under pressure. Gas heat supplies the means for converting the water into steam.

A similar device manufactured in the east, but the Pierson-Ryan heater, which has several improved features, is the only machine of the kind manufactured on the west coast.

In connection, Pierson-Ryan Company will also manufacture replacement units for water heaters. Their unit is made to fit the requirements of two popular models, and according to Mr. Ryan the city of Torrance will offer a handsome exterior appearance. Some minor changes in the plans have been made which will add to the attractiveness and utility of the premises.

Postmaster Connor, who is in charge of the ceremonies for the day, reported this week that receipts for the month of February, March and April have exceeded the same period for last year by \$310. Business has been steadily increasing for a number of months, and should it continue to be maintained at the same level until the end of the year the Torrance postoffice will have had its greatest year of existence, with receipts far exceeding any other.

Local Firm Bids More Than 30 Sets of Plans Furnished To Contractors For Outfall Sewer

Indications of highly competitive bidding for construction of the \$2,750,000 White Point outfall sewer were seen today when it was disclosed that more than 30 sets of plans have been obtained from Chief Engineer A. K. Warren of the county sanitation districts.

The outfall is to serve Bell, Maywood, Huntington Park, South Gate, Lynwood, Compton, Inglewood, Torrance, Lomita and adjacent communities. Bids are being asked on the work between the joint district outfall plant near Harbor City, to the ocean shore line near White Point. Some of the coast's largest contractors are planning bids.

LIBRARY PLANS to be studied at MEETING MON.

Miss Helen E. Vogleson, county librarian, is to confer with members of the Torrance city council next Monday afternoon relative to plans of the proposed new library building at Torrance. As soon as certain details of the interior arrangement of the building are agreed upon, it is expected that the architect will be given instructions to complete the application for federal funds.

McKinley Edits Best Yearbook

"The Maguery" yearbook published by the students of State Teachers College, was distributed this week. Forrest McKinley, of Torrance, California, is the editor. The publication is popularly conceded as being the best yearbook ever published at this institution, local newspaper, "The Maguery" is larger this year than any previous edition and portrays every student activity on the campus. The section devoted to athletics is unusually good this year, according to students.

Veterans of 91st Will Have Picnic

Veterans of the 91st division, the only division from the Pacific coast to see action at the front as a unit during the World war, will hold their annual picnic, Sunday, June 2, at Verdugo Woodlands, Verdugo road between Glendale and Montrose, according to George Dykes, president of the Southern California Sector of the 91st Association.

NOTABLES ARE EXPECTED FOR LOCAL AFFAIR

United States Attorney Will Be Speaker at Laying Of Cornerstone

Torrance will be host to a number of notables on June 7 when the cornerstone of the new federal building which is rapidly nearing completion will be laid.

Peterson M. Hall, United States attorney, of Los Angeles, has been invited to be the speaker, and according to Postmaster C. Earl Connor, will be called to Washington prior to the date on an important case which is now pending.

Others who have been invited and will make brief congratulatory addresses are Hon. Alfred A. Cohn, collector of customs, Los Angeles; Henry B. R. Briggs, Los Angeles postmaster, and Supervisor John R. Quinn. Postmaster of all the invited to attend and a number from the surrounding towns are expected.

While the building will probably not be ready for occupancy until August, progress on its construction has been rapid and the building which now stands with the scaffolding removed presents a handsome exterior appearance. Some minor changes in the plans have been made which will add to the attractiveness and utility of the premises.

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