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DOMINGUEZ LAND LAUNCHES PROGRAM OF HOME BUILDING

Contract For First Two Houses Awarded; Many Others to Follow If Demand Warrants, Says Don Findley, Manager

An extensive program of home building, which promises to materially relieve the acute housing shortage in Torrance, was begun this week by the Dominguez Land Corporation, original subdividers of the Torrance tract. Contracts for the immediate construction of two moderate priced homes have already been let to the DeCamp-Hudson Company, Ltd., of Los Angeles, according to Donald Findley, resident manager of the Dominguez Land Corporation, and it is expected that these homes will be completed within 60 days.

The corporation has approximately 40 residence lots upon which it will build houses, if the demand for attractive, moderate priced homes warrants such improvements, Findley stated. The two homes for which contracts have been awarded are being financed through the Federal Housing Administration and will be sold on contract for approximately \$3,000 each, with small payment down and liberal terms. They are located in the Maricopa section, near the Pacific Electric Railway shops.

Designed by J. C. Pennell, Los Angeles architect, the first two homes in the Dominguez building program are of the early California type and embody many unusually attractive and interesting details. While they will be built close to the ground, typical of early California homes, positive protection against termites, rats and other pests is provided. Each home will have a large living room, 13 feet by 22 feet, a large dinette, two bedrooms, bathroom, double garage, and a detached car garage. They will have hardwood floors throughout, with the bathrooms and other characteristics of truly high class, modern homes. Attractive flower boxes and wrought iron decorative effects will enhance the appearance. Local labor and building supplies will be used as far as possible by the contractors, Mr. Findley stated.

Permission Is Asked To Call For Alternate Bids On Pipe For Ocean Link of Outfall Sewer

Plans and specifications for the ocean outfall link of the \$2,750,000 White Point Sewer were approved at a meeting of the boards of directors of the districts on Tuesday, and bids will probably be called on July 2.

Previously, the directors had approved plans for the tunneling section of the outfall, through the Palos Verdes hills, extending between the disposal plant at Davidson City, and the ocean shore-line.

At this meeting the directors voted to apply to the federal government for permission to call for alternate bids, covering either cast-iron pipe or steel-concrete pipe with cast-iron joints. The ocean link will be of seven-foot diameter, and will extend into the ocean 5,000 feet, ending in a fan-shaped arrangement of smaller pipes for spreading purposes.

Mayor Scott R. Ludlow, in reporting on the meeting before the city council Tuesday night, stated that certain objections to the use of steel-concrete pipe had been eliminated. Use of all concrete pipe in sewer lines has in some cases been found to be unsatisfactory due to the accumulation of gases which destroy the concrete. This is avoided by keeping the pipes full to capacity, so that there is no room for gases to form, and this is expected to occur in the case of the outfall sewer, so that the use of steel-concrete pipe would be just as satisfactory as cast-iron, and would also represent a saving of thousands of dollars in construction costs.

The steel-concrete pipe, which is composed of a thin steel wall lined inside and outside with concrete, is more flexible and can be laid in longer units, according to the report of the mayor. It is now in use in projects in Tacoma, Washington, and San Francisco.

The entire outfall project will be constructed in four contracts, the distances between the disposal plant and the shore-line having been divided into three contracts previously. This will enable practically every contractor in the county to submit bids. It was pointed out, since it will not require as much capital in this

Bond Election

City Attorney Prepares Data On Proposed Construction City Buildings

City Attorney Chas. T. Rippey was instructed at a meeting of the city council held Tuesday night to draw up the necessary papers for a bond election covering two projects, a combined city hall and auditorium and a public library building, for submission to the voters at an early date.

Mr. Rippey's report will be called for at the next regular meeting of the council, when steps will be taken to call the election.

Mayor Scott R. Ludlow, in recommending the action, stated that he wished to get an expression of the sentiment of the voters on the matter, and in placing the propositions on the ballot separately by the citizens of Torrance will have a chance to accept or reject either one of both.

In view of the fact that on June 30, all federal assistance in maintaining the cash dole to unemployed will cease, and the burden will be thrown back upon the counties and municipalities, it is highly important that as many work projects as possible should be offered for acceptance under the federal work bill.

It will be the policy of the government to provide funds from the \$4,800,000,000 work bill for the construction of projects in which labor is the dominating factor, in order to supply employment and spread it out over as many workers as possible.

All unemployed must be cared for by local relief agencies.

A disquieting note in the matter is the fact that estimates show that unless the county of Los Angeles and municipalities within its border supply sufficient projects to take care of its employable residents; the cost of maintaining them would exceed the entire budget for county expenses, several hundred million dollars. This burden would fall on the solvent taxpayers.

Under the new federal set-up projects which are backed by acceptable bond issues, will if accepted by the work relief commission, carry an outright grant of 45 percent, instead of 30 percent as has been the case. The proposed bond issue for the three city buildings will probably amount to \$100,000, or possibly a little less, of which the government will purchase \$55,000 in bonds at four percent interest, and grant the city the balance of \$45,000 as a gift.

The city of Torrance is one of the few communities which are not bonded to capacity. This city has very few bonds outstanding. The \$400,000 bond issue for the water system is a charge on the water district and not on the city itself. The addition of \$100,000 in bonds for the construction of needed city buildings would make a very slight difference in the city tax rate, since nearly one-half of the funds voted would be supplied by the government at no cost.

It is proposed to locate the city hall and auditorium on city-owned property at the corner of El Prado and Cravena avenues. The library building would be located near-by.

Following the meeting held Tuesday night, representatives of the firm of Walker & Eisen, architects, which has prepared the plans for the library consulted with the members of the council regarding suggested changes acceptable to Miss Helen Yorgeson, county librarian. Very few changes were made in the original plans, which call for stack room for 31,644 books, or about three times the capacity of the present library branch.

FAMOUS HISTORICAL EVENTS
Virginia plan submitted to Constitutional Convention, at Philadelphia, 1787.

Charles Chaplin, member of the Torrance Municipal band, presented a request for an appropriation to pay for six band concerts to be given in the city park, or at any civic celebration, this summer. He asked for \$350. Mayor Scott R. Ludlow informed that the council was preparing to get up a certain sum, approximately \$800, in the budget for the next fiscal year, which was to be divided between the band and the Torrance Symphonic orchestra. This sum the mayor said represents one-half cent out of the stipulated tax for advertising, parks and music, and will not be an additional burden to the taxpayer.

TOP STUDENT
Andrew Fraser, Torrance student at the New Mexico State Teachers College, carried 15 hours of school work and made A grades in all of his courses during the spring term, says President Hoyt C. Graham. Fraser was enrolled as a freshman. Only one other student made a straight A average.

REDONDO WANT YACHT HARBOR LOCATED THERE

Hawkins Announces Intention to Resign From Recreation Club

Pleading for peace, unity and co-operation, five factions which are interested in promoting a yacht harbor off the west coast in the vicinity of Redondo Beach, met in that city recently to reconcile their differences. Attending were representatives of the Los Angeles Pier and Harbor Association, whose chairman, W. T. Thompson, presided, Southwest Recreation Club; Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce; city council; and Strand Improvement Association.

The conference resulted in a vicarious for the views of civic leaders favoring the old lake site for a "recreation harbor," says the Redondo Reflex.

"In the end the executive committee of the pier and harbor association was enlarged to include representatives of the city council, Strand Improvement Association and Chamber of Commerce. Elected to the committee in these capacities were Mayor John L. McClain, Don McCarty and I. H. Hawkins.

The efforts of the committee were dedicated to the objective of securing the harbor's construction in Redondo Beach—either the old salt lake site or an ocean harbor off the foot of Beryl street being preferred. The Malaga Cove site, advanced by the Southwest Recreation Club, consisting of residents of Palos Verdes, Hollywood Hills, and Torrance, was definitely and entirely taboo.

"In the interests of harmony and for the advancement of the Redondo Beach project, Hawkins announced he would sever all relations with the Southwest Recreation Club, of which he is the president. He argued, however, and was supported in the argument by C. O. Pierpoint and Beryl Tower, that Redondo should be represented on the committee seeking the harbor for Malaga Cove in order to discourage the project and protect Redondo's priority right to the improvement.

"Others, among them T. J. Hoyt, George Anderson and R. R. Freeman, insisted, however, that Redondo Beach citizens should continue their efforts to securing the project for Redondo. Chairman Thompson pointed out that the pier and harbor association had sent resolutions endorsing the project to 167 city councils, chambers of commerce and other civic groups throughout the county, and that gradually they were being signed and returned, indicating a

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Baccalaureate Service Sunday At City Park

Summer Class of 1935 Will Hear Sermon By Rev. Elder

The summer class of 1935, Torrance high school, will hold its baccalaureate service in the city park, Sunday, June 16, beginning at 5 p. m. sharp. This special service, under the supervision of the Torrance Ministerial Association, is as follows:

Processional
Doxology
Invocation
Response by the Choir
Hymn—"Come Thou, Almighty King"
Prayer—Rev. C. M. Northrup
Vocal Selections by the Madrigals
Scripture Reading—Rev. Kemp Winkler
Offertory
Anthem—"He Shall Reign Forever"
First Christian Church Choir
Sermon—"Christ's Answer to Life's Greatest Question"—Rev. George G. Elder
Benediction—Rev. O. D. Wonder
The service as scheduled, is strictly union and non-sectarian. All peoples of all faiths are cordially invited to attend. Those in charge are seeking to make the people as comfortable as possible. A canvas wall will be thrown up on the street side of the band stand to serve as a wind-break. It is suggested that those attending bring robes and cushions.

More Camps Planned

C.C.C. Units Will Be Located In Fort McArthur and Palos Verdes Hills

Two permanent Civilian Conservation Corps camps, the first in the harbor district, with an aggregate complement of more than 460 men, will be established respectively at Fort MacArthur and on the Lomita side of the Palos Verdes hills, it was announced at Fort MacArthur district CCC headquarters Saturday, says the San Pedro News Pilot.

Schipper Gets Scholarship From U. P.

For the past two years, William Schipper, agriculture student at Torrance high school, member of the Future Farmers of America, has kept a test record of the dairy herd belonging to his father, J. Schipper, 1808 Sepulveda boulevard, as a part of his training. His project involves making a daily test for butterfat on samples of the milk of each cow in the herd, averaging about 25 in number during this period.

Butterfat tests enable the dairyman to separate the "boarders," cows whose milk is not up to standard in fat content, from the producers, and give them an exact record of the performance of each individual in the herd. It represents the difference between profit and loss to the owner.

The quartermaster office of the CCC at Fort MacArthur has just issued specifications to numerous local bidders for camp construction and materials. Bids were opened in the office on the morning of June 12 and construction will start soon thereafter. When the camps will be completed is undetermined definitely. Although each will contain ten buildings, including barracks, officers' quarters, forestry building, wash house and others, both camps will be completed in less than a fortnight, however, it is estimated.

Torrance Plans City Celebration

Due to the fact that so many communities within short driving distance are putting on programs this year, the city of Torrance will not attempt a Fourth of July celebration. The suggestion has been made and is being carried out that this city stage a local celebration at some later date. Representatives of the Rotary, Kiwanis, American Legion, Legion Auxiliary, Business and Professional Women's Club, Moose, Masons, Knights of Columbus, United Artisans, United Workmen and Chamber of Commerce will meet at an early date to plan for the affair, which will be the first city celebration that has been held in Torrance for some time.

The city now has a convenient place in which to hold a large gathering, the city park, a municipal band to furnish music, and plenty of talent to put on an attractive program.

No date has been set for the meeting, but will be announced soon.

Commencement Programs

Graduation day for students of the senior classes of Torrance and Narbonne high schools is drawing near. Next week will see a small army of young people launched upon their life careers armed with their diplomas and the assurance that their high school education has prepared them to turn to the realities of the business and social world. Some will continue their studies at colleges and universities. Others will seek employment. Girls will marry or turn to a business career. High school days will be over for the boys and girls of Torrance and Lomita. They bid their friends welcome to the ceremonies which will see them leave the adolescent stage and enter upon their responsibilities as men and women. These are the programs:

TORRANCE	NARBONNE
Thursday, June 20, 8 p. m.	Wednesday, June 19, 8 p. m.
Processional—Class of Summer '35	Processional
"How Shall I Filly Meet Thee?"—Each	Pomp and Circumstance
The Madrigal Singers	Duet for two pianos
Invocation—Rev. O. D. Wonder	Derrell Harline, Irla Schmidt
Piano Solo—Ella Levy	Oration—Our Progressing World
Presentation of Ephraim	—Winifred Mulken
Members—Miss Elizabeth Parks	Oration—Recent Trends in
Ell, Ell—Traditional Hebrew	Banjo Solo—Derrell Harline
Address—Mr. Walker Brown,	Cello Solo—Emma Erickson
Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray—Cain	Address—Mr. Walker Brown,
The Madrigal Singers	Director of Instruction,
Presentation of Honors	Los Angeles City Schools
—Miss Irene Mills	Announcement of Honors
Roses of Picardy—Haydn Wood	—Jack Weber, Ephraim Society
Senior Double Quartet	Presentation of Class—Miss Griffin
Presentation of Class to Mr.	Awarding of Diplomas
Waldelich—Roger McGinnia, Pres.	—Mr. Walker Brown,
Presentation of Class	Director of Instruction,
—Mr. Waldelich	Los Angeles City Schools
Presentation of Diplomas	Song—Alma Mater—By the Class
—Dr. Edward W. Hauck	Recessional
	Pomp and Circumstance

MAN SUICIDES BY HANGING IN TORRANCE JAIL

Prisoner on Vagrancy Charge Takes Own Life Monday Morning

Arnjot Sigurd Kjelstrup, age 53, a native of Norway, who has been residing at 5114 Elizabeth street, Bell, committed suicide in the Torrance city jail early Monday morning, by hanging himself with his belt from a water pipe in the shower room. His quivering body was found at 3:15 a. m. by Officers Everett Travoli, Percy Drake and Frank Dolton, who had just placed another prisoner in the cells.

Kjelstrup was arrested Saturday afternoon at the Torrance beach where Deputy Fish and Game Warden Smith is said to have found him in an alleged felonious participation with a young boy, who was able to evade the man and took him in charge. At that time the sheriff's radio car, which patrols this district, came on the scene and Kjelstrup was turned over to Deputies Penler and Love, who brought him to the Torrance jail.

Smith accompanied the officers, and signed a complaint against the prisoner, but owing to the escape of the juvenile found with him at the beach, the serious charge against him could not be pressed, and Kjelstrup was booked on a charge of vagrancy. His hearing was set for 9 o'clock Monday morning.

At 1:25 a. m. Monday Hawthorne officers arrived with two prisoners, George Perry, 449 Acacia street, Hawthorne, and Roy R. DePaul, 343 Fourth avenue, Venice, for whom they requested booking until they should call for the men later in the day, and Kjelstrup was then found to be quiet in his bunk.

At 3:15 a. m. Officers Travoli, Drake and Dolton booked Jose Munoz, a drunk picked up at the P. E. depot. When they placed him in a cell, Kjelstrup was missing from his quarters. The officers looked for him in the shower room, the only place he could be out of sight and found him hanging from the water pipe.

He had fashioned a small loop in one end of his belt by taping a sheering through the holes, this loop fitting around the pipe. Apparently he drew the other end of the belt through the buckle until it fitted closely around his neck and so strangled himself. Life had barely fled when the officers cut him down. A physician was called who worked over the man for an hour but was unable to resuscitate him.

BIRTHDAYS OF FAMOUS MEN

General Winfield Scott, American lieutenant general, was born June 13, 1786. Francis Beecher Stowe, author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," born, June 13, 1811.

CO-ORDINATING council meeting MONDAY NIGHT

Police Commissioner W. H. Stanger, who has been instrumental in forming a co-ordinating council for the repression of juvenile delinquency, has called a meeting of the members who were named at a session of the city council recently, for next Monday evening, June 17, at 7:30 o'clock in the city council chamber.

All members of the group are requested to be present. Kenyon J. Scudder, county probation officer, will be the speaker and assist in forming the organization. He will explain the purpose of the council, which co-operates with the probation department of the sheriff's office.

Appointments were made from the various civic organizations in the community, which will be expected to work together in the effort to lower the percentage of juvenile crimes.