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PUBLIC URGED TO AID DRIVE FOR DWELLINGS

Important Open Forum Meeting Called At Chamber of Commerce July 16

Everyone interested in the future of Torrance is urged to keep this into open Tuesday evening, July 16... The most pertinent problem facing this city—the acute housing shortage—will be discussed by industrial, commercial and civic men...

In addition to the talk by Colonel Wm. H. Evans an outstanding official of the Better Housing Administration... will be present at next Tuesday's meeting...

Committees Meet To Organize

In accordance with arrangements made at the meeting of the co-ordinating council held last Monday night, a meeting of the three committees of the council...

- FINAL ACTION
ON CONTRACTS
EXPECTED TUES.
Final action on award of the contracts for construction of the White Point outfall sewer project that is to serve Torrance, Lomita and other cities immediately to the east...

Bank Provides For Dividend

Announcements sent out to all stockholders of the Torrance National Bank this week, contain the gratifying news that on August 1, 1935, the sum of \$2,000 will be withdrawn from the undivided profits account of the bank to pay dividends on the preferred capital stock.

A gratifying gain in the profits account is shown by the latest bank statement, prepared as of June 30, this year. At the conclusion of the first six months of operation after reorganization this account showed a total of \$329,731.

Deposits increased in the past six months from \$329,936.60 to \$515,558.89, a total of \$185,622.29, or almost 20 percent. Loans increased from \$69,577.31 to \$108,542.74, a gain of \$38,965.43, showing that the funds of the bank are actively in use.

New Hydrants To Be Installed

Fire protection in the northern part of Torrance will be improved soon with the installation of eight fire plugs of standard make, similar to those in use in the main business and residential section of Torrance.

The balance of the sum will go to cover necessary expenses to maintain the office and pay salaries of the secretary and employees. Formal approval of the contract between the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Torrance covering the expenditure of funds on behalf of the chamber was given by the council at its meeting Tuesday night.

Park Cesspool Filled; Council Studies Sewers

Cost of Crossing Railroad Line to Be Determined Before Action Taken

A motion to authorize expenditure for connecting the restroom service at the municipal park with the sewer system was lost Tuesday night, when the city council discussed the matter of remedying the cesspool situation.

At the present time, due to the migration of birds and flowers, the cesspool contents are not absorbed into the earth and the basin is full, making a disagreeable and dangerous condition. The council ordered the cesspool pumped out for the present and before the next meeting will consider ways and means of connecting up the restrooms with a sewer.

An alternative route leads west on Lincoln to Apple street, a considerably longer distance but perhaps more economical compared with the expense of under-passing the railroad lines.

Contract With C. of C. Approved

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Steel Mill Again On Normal Production Basis

Normal production was resumed on Monday this week at the Columbia Steel Company plant in Torrance, following a week's layoff for the annual overhauling and reconditioning of machinery.

Fairyland In Torrance

Frank Perkins Submits Comprehensive Plan For Civic Celebration; Labor Day

Fairyland in Torrance, a magic world in which will appear Old Mother Goose, the Old Woman who lived in a shoe, and many other characters who are dear to the hearts of young and old, has been chosen as the theme of the civic celebration to be held in this city, starting on Labor Day, September 2.

After several days of patient waiting for the "blessed event" forecast in this Herald, a short time ago Secretary L. J. Gilmeister of the Chamber of Commerce emerged from his sanctum and caused invitations to be sent to representatives of all organized groups to meet Friday night, July 5, for the christening.

Strange as it may seem, it was not Gil who fathered the idea, but Frank Perkins, Columbia-steel employee who presented his brain-child to an admiring group, and found himself immediately elected to be the sole guardian as chairman of the committee which will prepare the celebration.

Several other ideas were offered for consideration, but Mr. Perkins' plan was acclaimed as the most comprehensive, one that would have an appeal for all groups, and the child was adopted.

Improvements Show Gain

Assessed Valuation Total For Torrance Drops More Than Quarter Million

Assessed valuation for the City of Torrance dropped \$322,205 under the figures for last year, according to information just released from the office of County Assessor Ed. W. Hopkins.

Assessed valuation for the city of Gardena is shown to be \$2,076,225, an increase over last year when the total was \$2,075,365.

Illustrated Lecture Sunday

Mrs. E. A. Baker, of the Los Angeles Eyrigraphic Bible School, will deliver an illustrated lecture on the "Life of Christ" at Central church, Sunday evening, at 7:30 o'clock.

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Burchett Chosen As Commander of American Legion

High School Faculty Man Is Selected to Head Bert S. Crossland Post

James H. Burchett, member of the faculty of the Torrance high school, was elected commander of the Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion, at their regular meeting held in Legion hall Tuesday evening.

Other officers elected were Lloyd Boyle, Lomita, first vice commander; Pete Peterson, Lomita, second vice commander; R. J. Delinger, finance officer; Earl Conner, service officer; H. C. Bender, sergeant-at-arms; Tommy Turner, chaplain; Charles Myers, historian; George Thompson, Lomita, adjutant; T. T. Babbitt, L. H. Delinger and Charles Smith, Lomita, executive board.

Appointment of Committees Is Approved Mon.

Temporary Officers of Co-ordinating Council Made Permanent

At a meeting of the co-ordinating council, held Monday evening at the city hall, appointment of the three committees, whose names had been submitted by the steering committee, were ratified by the group and a call will be sent out to the members of each to meet and select their chairmen and secretaries.

The list, as published last week in the Torrance Herald, was approved, with the exception of J. J. O'Toole, who will be unable to serve since he is now in the east.

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Death Of Kennedy Is Sudden

Mr. Kennedy was Injured in an Accident at the Mill about Two Months Ago, and Has Been Receiving Treatment at the Hospital Since That Time, for a Broken Leg and Internal Injuries.

An inquest will be held at Stone & Myers mortuary Friday morning at 9 o'clock to inquire into the cause of death of Roy Kennedy, Columbia Steel employe, who died suddenly at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital Tuesday afternoon, July 9.

ROTARY CLUB meets tonight AT LEGION

Beginning tonight at 8:15 o'clock, Torrance Rotary Club inaugurates a new policy of holding regular meetings in the evening instead of noon luncheons which has been the custom in the past.

The program for tonight's meeting includes a talk by Amos Ayres of Rotary International, and an explanation of the aims and objects of Rotary by James Howe, immediate past-president of the Hermosa Beach Club.

Plans Authorized For New Buildings

Walker & Eisen, Los Angeles architects, who prepared plans for a library building, were authorized by action of the city council this week to draw up plans for a city hall and an auditorium, at a specified fee, as a preliminary to submitting the matter to the voters at a bond election and to the federal authorities for inclusion in the work projects to be partially financed out of federal funds.

NEW MANAGER

Kenneth Foote, former employe of the Safeway market on Carson street, has been transferred to San Pedro where he has been placed in charge of a Safeway market as manager.

Deep Sea Diver Will Be Required to Inspect Work on Ocean Link of Outfall Sewer

Employment of a diver at \$900 a month will be one of the essentials of the construction of the outfall sewer at White's Point, according to a report of the proceedings of the Metropolitan Sewer Districts held Tuesday, which was given by Mayor Scott R. Ludlow, Torrance representative, before the council Tuesday night.

Children Play At Church Concert

Bishop H. V. Jordan of the Latter Day Saints church praised the orchestra for its work at Torrance concert on June 30 at the Woman's clubhouse.

A party will be given Friday night, July 12, for mothers and fathers of the Lomita Children's Orchestra at the home of Mrs. Marjorie Lewis, director.

STILL NO CLUE TO HOFFFACHER ATTACK FOUND

Rumor That Steel Employe Dies Is Denied; Improving At Los Angeles Hospital

Charles A. Hoffbacher, Columbia Steel employe, who was found wandering about in the oil fields early in the morning of June 29, and was taken to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital suffering from a fractured skull, was removed to the General hospital, Los Angeles, last Saturday.

Deputy sheriffs from the homicide squad are still investigating the mysterious circumstances attending Hoffbacher's injury, but so far have made little progress in unravelling the case.

BIG BARGAIN DAY

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ECLIPSE OF MOON
JULY 15-16 TOTAL
IN TWO AMERICAS
WASHINGTON, (U.P.)—Romance will have to do without the moon on the night of July 15-16, when that body is scheduled to disappear in total eclipse.

Both North and South America, except the extreme northern part of North America, will be in the best position for observation of the celestial show, described as one of the finest astronomical events of the year. The eclipse will start at 9:15 p. m. (E.S.T.) and will last about five hours. By 11:09 p. m. all of the moon's surface will have passed into the shadow of the earth and the total phase of the eclipse will start. It will last one hour and 40 minutes or with in four minutes of the maximum possible duration of a total eclipse of the moon. Near 12:50 a. m., July 16, the total phase will end and the moon gradually will emerge from the earth's shadow.

Special Election Aug. 13

Three Amendments to State Constitution to Be Submitted; Arguments Told

Three amendments to the state constitution are to be voted upon at a special election August 13 and the official text of the proposed measures, together with arguments concerning them, were received this week by Registrar of Voters W. M. Kerr for distribution in the county.

The first amendment, to legalize the state building bond act passed by the recent legislature, would provide for a new state prison to be located in Southern California. It carries authorization of a \$13,850,000 bond issue to build the new penal institution and to repair, improve and enlarge various other state institutions.

The state hospitals, homes and prisons are in a deplorably overcrowded condition, reads the official argument which is signed by seven senators from various sections of the state. "It is necessary that, in many instances, patients sleep upon floors, in basements and in old structures long since condemned as fire hazards."

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The adoption of this amendment will permit the state to borrow money from banks at 1 percent interest or less. Not more than 50 percent of the amount of all taxes and revenues paid into the general fund during the preceding fiscal year may be borrowed by the state and such borrowings must be repaid within one year. The third amendment, while not of specific interest to Southern California, probably will not be opposed here. It authorizes the state to enter into a contract with the Rector Dam Authority for water to supply four state institutions in Napa Valley, at a total cost not to exceed any amount loaned by the PWA for construction of the dam in Rector canyon and is contingent upon such a loan. When the loan is repaid, the state then would own dam and pipe lines, as the site already belongs to the commonwealth.