

# Urgent Need of the New Library Building

Explained by  
MISS HELEN E. VOGLESON  
County Librarian

"To the Citizens of Torrance:

"It would seem that the necessity of providing a larger and more modern library building in Torrance is so obvious as to require little comment.

"However, there may be some citizens who have not recently visited the present library and are not familiar with its crowded condition and unpleasant features.

"The present building is totally inadequate. Built as a temporary structure, it was outgrown some years ago. Because of its frail construction, few more books can be housed in it on account of the light foundation.

"The modern new building which you propose to build will enable the Los Angeles County Public Library to furnish a service which at the present time is impossible. Among the additional advantages which the new building will offer are:

- (1) Larger variety of technical and reference books, so essential to many Torrance citizens who desire to broaden their knowledge and advance their positions.
- (2) Much greater stock of other books and magazines.
- (3) Commodious, well ventilated and well heated reading rooms for adults.
- (4) Separate children's room with increased stock of juvenile books.

"I am informed by Mayor Ludlow that the average cost to the home owner in Torrance for providing, not only the new library building but the auditorium and city hall as well, will be only three cents to ten cents per month, depending upon the value of his property. The federal government has agreed to pay 45 percent of the cost of labor and materials. You may never again have such an opportunity to acquire these much needed improvements at so small a cost.

"Important issues such as these are sometimes lost, not because the large majority of people are opposed to them, but because of their neglect in voting. I trust that everyone truly interested in the development of Torrance will not overlook casting his or her ballot on September 27.

"Yours very truly,  
"HELEN E. VOGLESON,  
"County Librarian."

# ROOSEVELT TO VISIT SAN DIEGO EXPOSITION



President Franklin D. Roosevelt will visit the California International Exposition at San Diego about Sept. 28. On his first visit to California since his election, the President will be greeted by one of the largest throngs yet to attend the great \$20,000,000 show. A glimpse of the tree-bordered Avenue of Palaces is seen in the upper photo, with the tile-topped California Tower at the upper left. President Roosevelt and a facsimile of his signature are in the center, while below are a few of the magnificent new exhibit palaces in the Palisades section. The Mayan Standard Oil Tower to the Sun is in the center background and the colorful Firestone Singing Fountains are in the immediate foreground. More than 3,500,000 persons have already visited the world's fair, which closes November 11th.

# Register For Aqueduct Work At City Hall

Additional Labor Is Needed  
For Completion of  
Big Project

Applications for employment under the Metropolitan Water District on construction projects to be launched within the next few weeks will be received at the Torrance city hall, it was announced today. Work for more than 2000 citizens residing in this city and other member cities to be served by the \$220,000,000 Colorado river aqueduct is in prospect, according to officials.

A large number of additional workers will be needed beginning at once. Many of the men needed will be skilled workmen, including 250 concrete finishers, 250 form carpenters, 150 reinforcing steel tiers, 40 combination welders, 1500 concrete workers, and experienced operators of concrete paving machines and Monihan shovels and draglines.

Men experienced in these classes of work are urged to visit the district's employment offices and register. If an application has already been filed with the district, the applicant should be sure that his correct address and telephone number are on file with the district's labor employment office at 779 South San Pedro street, Los Angeles.

The new jobs will be located along the 300-mile aqueduct construction front, extending from the Colorado river to Los Angeles. The bulk of the work, it was indicated, will be on aqueduct canals, siphons and conduits.

# Airport Highway To Be Improved

Resurfacing of Imperial highway along the south side of the Los Angeles municipal airport was to be started this week by the county road department, at a cost of approximately \$10,000.

The section to be resurfaced was improved by the county several years ago, but proper drainage was not provided by the city of El Segundo. Result was that the pavement has deteriorated, and needs resurfacing.

The new plant of the Northrup Aircraft Company, which has recently developed a new high-speed army plane, is located at the south end of the airport. The county road department expected to start work Monday, the work to be financed out of gasoline tax funds.

**Rainmakers Gain Prestige.**  
CANON, Sask. (U.P.)—Medicine men on Saskatchewan's Stony Reserve here are basking in unprecedented glory. Last month, for the fourth time in five years, they held a "rain dance," and for the fourth time their appeal was answered by a downpour.

# RAILROAD extends pick-up SERVICE

The Santa Fe Railway has extended its pick up and delivery service to include the Los Angeles Harbor District, it is announced by H. P. Anewall, general freight agent.

Under the new arrangement, the railroad company picks up or delivers less than carload freight shipments within the harbor area, without additional charge. The free drayage service applies to shipments moving between the harbor and points reached by the Santa Fe in California and Arizona.

The Santa Fe, according to Mr. Anewall, established its first pick up and delivery plan more than three years ago, and it has gradually been extended until it now covers practically all of the company's territory.

# State Picnics

## MINNESOTA

Former residents of Minnesota are all included in the call to rally for the annual fall picnic reunion. It will be held in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles, all day, Saturday, September 28.

Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Johnson, Rufus King and Gouverneur Morris. The latter put the document into proper literary form. It was signed by nearly all the members of the convention on the 17th. The convention ordered the proceedings to be laid before Congress and recommended that this body submit the instrument to the people (not to the States) and ask them, the source of all sovereignty, to ratify or reject it. This was done.

**Ratified By Nine States**  
The Constitution was violently assailed, especially by the extreme supporters of the doctrine of State sovereignty. The consent of the people of nine States was necessary to secure its ratification. The New Hampshire convention completed its work by voting for its ratification June 21, 1788. All the rest had ratified it, excepting Rhode Island, before the close of that year. North Carolina having voted for it November 21. Rhode Island held back until May 30, 1790, the government, under the new Constitution, having gone into operation on March 4, 1789. The ratification of the national Constitution was celebrated at Philadelphia July 4, 1788, with imposing ceremonies. This was the first celebration of July 4, in the United States.

# Story of the Constitution and the Convention That Framed It

By C. B. ROBERTSON

Shagacious men perceived the utter inefficiency of the Articles of Confederation as a constitution of a national government as early as 1780, while their ratification by the states was pending. Alexander Hamilton, then a young man only 23 years old, in a letter to James Duane, in Congress, dated "At the Liberty Pole"

September 3, gave an outline sketch of a national constitution, and suggested calling a convention to frame such a system of government. During the following year he published in the New York Packet, published at Fishkill, N. Y., a series of papers under the title of "The Constitutionalist," which were devoted chiefly to the discussion of the defects of the Articles of Confederation.

In the summer of 1782 he succeeded in having the subject brought before the legislature of New York, then in session at Poughkeepsie, and that body, by a resolution drawn by Hamilton and presented by his father-in-law, General Schuyler, recommended July 21, 1782, the assembling of a convention to revise the Articles of Confederation, reserving the right of the respective legislatures to ratify their determinations. In the spring of 1783, Hamilton expressed such a desire in Congress, for such a convention. Pelatiah Webster and Thomas Paine wrote in favor of it the same year, and in 1783 Noah Webster wrote a pamphlet on the subject which he carried in person to General Washington. In the pamphlet Webster proposed "a new system of government which should act, not on the States, but directly on individuals, and vest in Congress full power to carry its laws into effect."

The plan deeply impressed the mind of Washington. Leading men were anxious about the future. They saw the weakness of the existing form of government. In the autumn of 1785 Washington, in a letter to James Warren, declared that weakness, and the illiberality, jealousy, and local policy of the States, that was likely to sink the new nation in contempt in the eyes of Europe. Finally, after many grave discussions at Mount Vernon, Washington, acting upon the suggestion made five years before by Hamilton, proposed a convention of the several States to agree upon a plan of unity in a commercial arrangement, over which, by the existing Constitution, Congress had no control. Coming from such

an exalted source, the suggestion was acted upon.

## CONVENTION CALLED

A convention of delegates from the several States was called at Annapolis, Maryland. Only five States, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Virginia sent delegates. These met September 13, 1786. There being only a minority of the States present, they deferred action, at the same time recommending another convention. On February 21, 1787, the Congress by resolution strongly urged the several legislatures to send deputies to a convention to meet in Philadelphia in the following May, "for the sole and express purpose of revising the Articles of Confederation." Delegates were appointed by all the States excepting Rhode Island.

The convention assembled at the appointed time, May 14, but only one half the States were then represented. The remainder did not all arrive before May 24. Washington who was a delegate from Virginia, was chosen president of the convention, and William Jackson one of his most intimate friends was made secretary. Edmund Randolph of Virginia, opened the proceedings by a careful speech, in which the defects of the existing Constitution were pointed out. At the conclusion he offered fifteen resolutions, in which were embodied the leading principles whereon to construct a new form of government. "In these was the suggestion that "a national government ought to be established, consisting of supreme legislature, executive, and judiciary." Upon this broad idea the convention proceeded and had gone very far when they perceived that the Articles of Confederation were too radically defective to form the basis for a stable government. Therefore they did not attempt to amend them, but proceeded to form an entirely new Constitution.

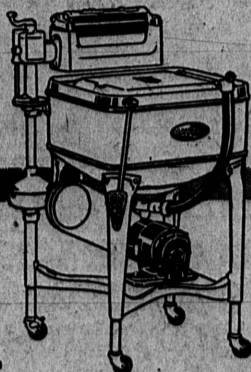
For many weeks the debate went on, when on September 10, 1787, all plans and amendments referred to a committee for revision and arrangement. This committee consisted of James Madison,

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