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PUBLIC BID TO OPENING OF NEW POST OFFICE SATURDAY

Congressman Golden to Deliver Address At Short Program At 3 P. M.; Building Open For Inspection Until 9 P. M.

Formal dedication of the new Torrance post office building will take place this Saturday, October 12, at 3 p. m. A brief but impressive ceremony has been arranged by Postmaster C. Earl Conner to which the public is invited. A special speakers' platform will be erected on the north side of the building, and immediately following the ceremony, the new federal building will be open for inspection until 9 p. m.

Congressman Charles J. Golden, through whose influence the appropriation was made for the building, will deliver the dedicatory address. Other prominent guests who are expected to attend include Mayor Scott R. Ludlow and the members of the Torrance city council; Supervisor John R. Quinn, Henry B. R. Briggs, postmaster of Los Angeles; Michael Y. O'Rourke, postmaster of Beverly Hills and president of the California Postmasters' Association; Leon J. Dwight, postmaster of San Pedro; Maude Dawson Shea, postmaster of Redondo Beach and president of the County Postmasters' Association; and Miss Birda Paddock, postmaster at Lomita.

At the conclusion of the short program the keys to the new building will be turned over to Postmaster Conner by a representative of the United States treasury department, and members of the Bert S. Crossland Post-American Legion, will conduct the flag raising exercises. During the public inspection of the building in the afternoon and evening, the Torrance Symphony Orchestra under direction of George Mershon will entertain with an attractive program.

Receipts increased receipts at the Torrance post office indicate that before many years they will reach the \$40,000 mark necessary to become a first class post office. Postal sales for the year 1932 were \$20,301.91; in 1933, \$20,946.74; in 1934, \$25,613.94; and for the first nine months of 1935, \$21,773.32.

The advantages of air mail were more generally known. Postmaster Conner believes that there would be a much greater use made of this economical and rapid method of sending letters and parcels. The cost of air mail is six cents per ounce.

The air mail schedule out of Torrance is as follows: Letters or parcels mailed before closing time of the last mail at 5:45 p. m. reach New York at 8:10 p. m. the next day, and if a special delivery stamp is attached are delivered by 8 p. m. Air mail addressed to Kansas City and St. Louis, if mailed before 5:45 p. m., is delivered before noon the next day, and reaches Chicago at 2 p. m.

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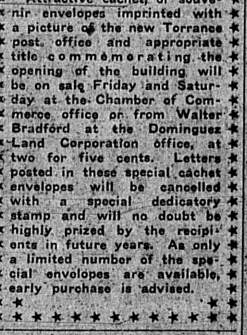
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Staff Is Proud of New Building



Smiling their approval of the new home which they are about to occupy is the staff of the Torrance post office. The picture was taken on the steps of the new federal building, and includes: Bottom row: Clair F. Urquhart, carrier; Mrs. Minnie M. Teague, clerk; Dale Dean, clerk; Ted L. Wertz, carrier; Postmaster C. Earl Conner; George Hannan, carrier; Mrs. Margaret M. Hutchins, clerk; Louis H. Deininger, assistant postmaster. Top row: Wm. Mason, special delivery messenger; Glen Robinson, substitute carrier; George Koehler, rural carrier; Herbert Stullenburger, clerk; Harold Buck, substitute carrier; Wm. Everett, fireman.

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Building Site Committee to Meet Monday

Appointment of ten additional members to serve with them to form a "Committee of Forty" in recommending sites for the new municipal auditorium, library, and city hall was made last evening by a group of representatives from local industrial plants and civic organizations which held a preliminary meeting in the council chambers over the fire hall. Five citizens selected to represent the merchants were Harry W. Roberts, Harvel Guttenfelder, Henry Grubbs, Dr. Alden Smith and Dr. J. S. Leuwater. Those named to represent the public-at-large were Jack Murray, Mrs. J. O. Bishop, O. A. Kresse, H. Mel Roberts and R. J. Deininger.

Ten Additional Members Are Named At Preliminary Meeting Wednesday

The next meeting of the entire committee of 40 will be held in the council chambers at 8 p. m. Monday, October 14, and all representatives are urged to attend. In deference to the ten new committee members who had just been named at last evening's meeting, and of course were not present, it was decided to withhold all discussion of building locations until the meeting Monday evening. To clear up a misunderstanding among some members, it is emphasized that all 40 committee members, representing the various organizations and industrial plants in the city, as well as the ten newly appointed members, are expected to attend and participate in the discussion of appropriate building sites.

Four New Projects Will Be Filed By the City of Torrance For Needed Community Improvements

Four new WPA projects will be filed by the City of Torrance at an early date, covering needed improvements which city officials hope will prove acceptable and be launched at an early date. They include a sewer system for Vista Highlands, paving, sidewalks and curbs along certain streets in that district, a sewer system for South Torrance, and tennis courts for the City park. The Vista Highlands project will consist of the construction of 22,810 lineal feet of pipes and inlets, at an estimated cost of \$49,287, for material and labor. Relief labor will be used on the job. Paving costs for Sonoma avenue, El Dorado, streets in the vicinity of the Fern avenue school and other streets in the district will run to \$34,695, and will represent the use of rock and oil at a cost of 10 cents per square foot. Sidewalks and curbs are estimated to cost \$18,670. In South Torrance, a sewer system covering 48,000 lineal feet is projected, at a cost of \$95,500. The Vista Highlands sewer will connect with a branch of the outfall which leads west along the south line of the Pacific Electric Railway Company's property at the Maple avenue intersection. The South Torrance sewer will connect with the branch which leads south on Narbonne avenue. Double tennis courts of concrete, measuring 120x20 feet, are to be built at the City park at a cost of \$1,550 for materials and \$910 for labor. An additional cost of \$1,200 will cover a fence along the Santa Fe railway lines, six feet high except along the line of the tennis court where it will be 12 feet high. An effort will be made to secure an outright grant from the federal government, which means that the entire cost of the four projects will be borne by the government, with the exception of approximately five percent for amortization which must be paid by the city. Whether this effort will be successful is problematical, but the projects will be filed at an early date anyway.

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Architects Are Authorized to Complete Plans

Walker & Elson, architects, who prepared the drawings of the new library, auditorium and city hall, were authorized at a meeting of the city council Tuesday night, to proceed with the plans and specifications for the three buildings and the payment of a portion of their fee was approved, the balance to be paid on completion of the work. As soon as the plans are ready they will be submitted to the council for approval and will then be forwarded to the officials of the PWA at Los Angeles. An ordinance giving notice that the council will issue bonds, as authorized by the voters at the special election held on September 27, to secure funds for the erection of the three buildings, was passed on first reading Tuesday night and will be adopted at the next regular meeting.

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