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APPROVAL PWA GRANT ASSURED FOR BUILDINGS

"TRIP IS VERY SUCCESSFUL," STATES BEEBE

Recommends City Go Ahead With Advertising For Construction Bids

Approval of the P. W. A. grant of \$52,500 needed to construct the new city hall and jail, municipal auditorium and public library at Torrance appears to be assured according to unofficial word from Washington, where it was reported that the proposal for reallocation of certain Los Angeles city and county projects to Torrance and other smaller municipalities within the county had reached the desk of Administrator Iokes with a recommendation that it be approved.

James L. Beebe, bond expert who represented the City of Torrance at Washington, returned to Los Angeles Tuesday morning. While Mr. Beebe would not state definitely that the grant was forthcoming, he is reported to have told City Clerk Bartlett that he "considered the trip very successful," and "felt sure that everything will go along all right through the regular channels." Beebe also recommended that the city council go ahead with its procedure in advertising for construction bids.

After the application has been approved by Secretary Iokes, it will go to Comptroller General McCardell for final checking. P. W. A. officials at Washington yesterday hinted that as much as \$10,000,000 or \$11,000,000 was involved in the proposed shift of county and Los Angeles city funds to smaller municipalities and school districts. It is expected that under-officials and representatives of civic bodies will withhold definite commitments until the official announcement is made in Washington.

D & M Erecting New Warehouse

A building permit for the erection of a brick warehouse, was issued to the D & M Machine Works at the city engineer's office on October 31. The new structure will cost \$2,400.

Permit to erect a six-room frame house costing \$1,500 was issued to Pete Biller in the Meadow Park tract.

Total building permits for October fell to \$6,200, but this sum exceeded the total for October of last year by \$1,450. To November 1, the total in permits for the year had reached the sum of \$182,535, as compared with \$136,432 for the same period last year.

PASTOR CALLED EAST

Rev. O. D. Wonder, pastor of Central Evangelical church, was called to Marion, Ohio, Tuesday, to attend funeral services for his sister, Miss Minnie Wonder, who passed away at the family home Tuesday morning.

GLASS FIRES

The Torrance fire department was called to the vicinity of the D & M Machine Works yesterday to extinguish a glass fire. On Tuesday the department answered a call to the McDonald tract on a similar errand.

Steel Construction

To Be Used Wherever Possible In Erecting New Public Buildings

STEEL,—product of Torrance's major industrial plant, and best known construction material to resist earthquakes, will be used wherever possible in the erection of this city's new city hall and jail, auditorium and public library. The liberal use of steel products was outlined in a letter received this week by Mayor Scott R. Ludlow from Walker & Eisen, which follows:

Findley Appointed To Committee

Donald Findley of Torrance was named from each supervisory district. The committee of the Los Angeles county public library, according to announcement from Miss Helen Vogleson, county librarian.

One member of the committee was named from each supervisory district. The committee is semi-official, and members will serve without pay and their duty will be to confer and advise with the supervisors and the county librarian on matters pertaining to the welfare of the county public library.

The Los Angeles county public library operates 137 branches in 24 municipalities and 113 unincorporated communities. The number of books issued for the year ended June 30, 1935, was 3,328,671. Ranked by circulation statistics this library holds 15th place in a tabulation published by the American Library Association, of the largest public libraries in the United States. In per capita cost of operation it ranks 20th.

Since California county libraries do not have library boards, or trustees, the local library, because of its size and the importance of its work, is trying an experiment as a help to the board of supervisors and the county librarian.

Early Closing Date On Mail Going Abroad

Parcels Intended For Christmas Delivery Must Be Sent Off Soon

Christmas letters and parcels intended for dispatch to Australia must be in the local post office not later than November 18, to catch the last sailing from San Francisco on November 20, says Postmaster C. Earl Conner, who has received the annual bulletin from Washington showing the time of closing mails for delivery on or before Christmas Day.

Shipments of mail from the Pacific coast will leave for the Orient as early as November 20 and as late as December 19. Following are the dates for countries to which the local postoffice usually has consignments of mail:

- Australia, November 20.
 - China, November 30.
 - New Zealand, December 4.
 - Japan, December 7.
 - Hawaii, December 19.
- Airmail service between the mainland and Hawaii, Guam and the Philippine Islands will be inaugurated from San Francisco on November 22. Cost of mailing will be, to Hawaii, first half-cent, 25 cents; to Guam, 50 cents; to Manila, P. I., 75 cents.
- Dates for closing mails for

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1935 Red Cross Poster



THE compelling appeal of the most famous of Red Cross war posters has been adapted by the distinguished artist Lawrence Wilbur in the 1935 Red Cross roll call poster.

"The Greatest Mother in the World" was the title given to the original creation of Alonzo Earl Foringer, eminent mural artist and illustrator of New York. The poster gave the keynote of the Second war fund drive of the Red Cross, and millions of copies were distributed throughout the nation.

Public Is Invited To Support Civic Enterprise

November 10 will be the closing date for the drive for associate memberships in the Torrance Symphonic orchestra association, according to Conductor George N. Mershon, who is putting on a campaign to promote a series of six concerts in addition to the four free concerts which are called for in the orchestra's contract with the City of Torrance.

All persons who purchase tickets during the present week will have their names included in the list of patrons and patronesses on the official program which will be mailed out to interested music lovers in Hollywood, Long Beach, Los Angeles and other notable music centers.

The tickets are good for the season, and are sold at a reasonable price. The holder is entitled to a reserved seat at each of the six concerts which will be given at the Woman's club-house, on November 19, January 28, February 25, March 31, April 28 and May 26.

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce, city council, and many Torrance business houses have already subscribed to this new movement, in an effort to show the world and Southern California in particular that Torrance has cultural as well as industrial interests.

Tickets may be obtained from the Mershon Music store, or

Stores Close Monday

Stores, banks and offices in Torrance will close all day Monday in observance of Armistice Day. By agreement among the downtown drug stores the Beacon Drug Co. store on Cabello avenue will remain open for the accommodation of the public. The postoffice will close at 1 o'clock p. m. Delivery of mail will be made in the morning. There will be no afternoon delivery.

A special cachet will be placed at the postoffice in San Francisco, on all articles intended for shipment on the first flight of the trans-Pacific airmail, which service to the Philippine Islands will be inaugurated November 22.

CONTRACTS FOR 3 WATER WORKS UNITS APPROVED

Committee of Forty

To Meet Tomorrow to Review Recommendation On Civic Center

A review of its recommendation for locating the proposed new city hall, auditorium and library buildings within a civic center will be discussed by the Committee of Forty at a meeting called by Chairman B. W. Lanz for tomorrow (Friday) evening at 7:30 o'clock in the city hall.

Additional bids from owners of property within the wider area than originally stipulated will be opened by the city council tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, and these bids as well as the offers for sites within the civic center area will be turned over to the Committee of Forty for their consideration.

The request that the Committee of Forty, representing local organizations, industrial plants and their employees be asked to review its recommendation for a civic center in the immediate vicinity of the city hall site was made last week by Mayor Ludlow. However, Mayor Ludlow stated that after the committee had an opportunity to compare the prices of the various sites both within and outside of the proposed civic center, it still wanted the buildings constructed within the restricted area, that he would be satisfied to have them built there. Ludlow said he thought the committee should be given the quotations on the various sites and take these prices into consideration in making its recommendation.

Chairman Lanz is anxious to have every member of the Committee of Forty present at the meeting tomorrow evening, so that a thorough discussion and study of the situation can be had. Immediate action is imperative as bids for the construction of the buildings have already been requested by the city council.

Capacity House Greets Colden

Congressman Charles J. Colden was greeted with a capacity house in the court room of the Inglewood township justice court, 1528 Cravens avenue, Wednesday evening when he spoke before a meeting of the "On With Roosevelt" club and Torrance voters. Colonel J. F. Sears, who had been invited, was unable to be present.

Colden made an excellent address, telling of activities in Washington at the last session of Congress and also analyzing the trends of the recent elections held in eastern sections of the country.

Several other candidates and prospective candidates were present and were introduced, among them Tony Entenza, candidate for Congress at the last election; Robert Hillyer, candidate for the state assembly; Fred Reaves, assemblyman from the 68th district, and others.

Jack Murray presided, with Frank Perkin acting as secretary. Mr. Perkin was introduced as a prospective candidate for city councilman. In this connection, it is said that another candidate, who has announced his intentions, will be Carl Marsteller. Both men have resided in Torrance for a number of years and are well known to the voters.

Dr. Charles MacQuarrie, of Gardena, was also present and introduced to the assemblage.

ACTION WAITS ON FINAL O. K. OF OFFICIALS

Recommendations On Water Works System Forwarded By Council to PWA Heads

Recommendations for the award of contracts for the completion of three units of the city water system were placed before the city council Monday afternoon, at an adjourned meeting of an adjourned regular meeting held for this purpose.

City Engineer Frank Leonard, City Attorney C. T. Rippey and Consulting Engineer Arthur L. Taylor, to whom the bids had been submitted for study, gave their reports, and on the basis of their recommendations the low bidders in each of the three divisions were named.

Construction of the pumping plant, Unit B, was awarded to Hoagland Engineering Company, who offered a bid of \$34,970, the job to be completed in 60 days.

Unit C, construction of the low storage tank, was awarded to Pittsburgh-Des Moines Company, on their bid of \$21,990 for a riveted tank, to be completed in 45 days.

Unit D, construction of the distributing system, was awarded to Fred Weber, at \$41,602, plus an additional \$7,984 for certain extensions, which had been included in the specifications, but which were figured separately, so that they might be omitted if sufficient money was not available for their completion. According to Mr. Leonard the city will have plenty of money to include these extensions. The time limit on this job is 80 days.

Actual award of the contracts has not been completed since the council's action must be first ratified by PWA officials, but it is confidently assumed that the PWA heads will concur in the decision and the contracts will be finally awarded as above noted.

HYDE IS NAMED C. of C. Secretary AT LONG BEACH

Carl L. Hyde, former secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, has been named executive secretary of the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce and assumed his duties there on November 1. Mr. Hyde after leaving his post here was associated with Supervisor John R. Quinn in the management of his campaign for re-election and his later campaign for the nomination for governor. He also held a post in the county charities department which he resigned on entering the gubernatorial campaign and recently has been engaged in the contracting business in Los Angeles.

Directors Visit Work On Tuesday

Directors of the county sanitation districts, which serve Torrance, Compton, Long Beach, Downey and other communities, will view more than 2,500 feet of tunnel work for the new White Point outfall when they inspect the project next Tuesday.

Prior to the tour of inspection the directors, city engineers and others to the number of about 32 will be entertained by the City of Torrance at luncheon, served at noon at the American Legion clubhouse. A short business meeting at the city hall will be held during the morning.

Progress reports up to the middle of the week showed that the tunnel had been pushed in nearly 2,000 feet from the north side of the hills, and that nearly 400 feet had been pushed into the hills from the south.

In addition to the tunnel work, there is a section of conduit between the treatment plant at Davidson City and the north portal of the tunnel that now is completed for more than 800 feet. This section is being built in a huge deep trench that has been excavated.

On the Ocean outfall link, 642 feet had been excavated completely, and work on another section of 690 was from 40 to 70 percent completed.

Torrance Joins In Contributing To Memorial

Lasting Tribute to Will Rogers Planned As National Enterprise

Monday, November 4, the birthday anniversary of the late Will Rogers, inaugurated a three-weeks campaign for funds which will provide a lasting memorial in honor of the great American whose untimely death brought sorrow to the nation.

Monday was proclaimed Will Rogers Day by Governor Frank F. Merriam, and communities all over the state took up the work of raising funds for the memorial, as a part of the national plan. All local and sectional plans have been combined and a national commission headed by Vice President John N. Garner, and including a group of nationally prominent and responsible friends of Will Rogers, has been formed.

Every bank and newspaper in the country has been made a depository for funds, which will consist of voluntary contributions from citizens. No sum will be too small or too large to be acceptable.

In Torrance the Torrance National Bank and the Bank of America are receiving the contributions, or they may be left

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