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DEATH LURKS in succulent MUSSELS

Persons visiting southern California beaches are warned against eating mussels caught along the shore because they are poisonous now.

Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, county health officer, explained this week that mussels are feeding upon planktons—a minute phosphorescent marine life that contains a poison so powerful that one-thousandth of a grain is sufficient to cause death to an animal within a very few minutes.

A state quarantine has been issued against gathering mussels to sell for food or fishing bait, following the death recently in Santa Monica of two persons who were believed to have eaten this sea food from the Point Dumina area.

The quarantine will remain in force until September 30, when the danger will be over.

This is the first time in the history of southern California public health records that mussels have fed on planktons.

Numbness around the lips and a prickly feeling in the fingertips and toes are among the symptoms of the poisoning. A person so poisoned should have a prompt purging. A physician should be called at once, Dr. Pomeroy said.

Petition Asks Lomita Zoning Plan Be Dropped

Citizens State That Best Interests Do Not Require Such Action

Request of Lomita residents that all zoning proceedings for the Lomita district be "suspended and dropped" was referred to the county regional planning commission this week by the board of supervisors, for report and recommendation.

"We are of the opinion that the best interests of Lomita do not require zoning at this time, and we are opposed to any zoning of the same," the petitions stated. They were circulated throughout the district, according to the addresses and appeared to be regular in every way.

Zoning studies of the area were begun approximately a year ago by the regional planning body, and two hearings were held at the offices in Los Angeles. At that time, Werner Rucht, zoning engineer, explained what was proposed to the residents, but strenuous objections were offered by many of those who attended, and recently the circulation of petitions was started in the district.

SHOP TALK
By RAY BROOKS

If he had searched these United States over from coast to coast, Sam Kennedy could not have found a more fertile spot in which to open a sign shop than he found right here in Torrance. Of course, Sam's choice was influenced by the fact that he and his father previously operated a sign business here... away back thar in the "Golden Age."

But what made Torrance particularly good for Sam's line was the quite noticeable lack of signs on business buildings, the utter decay of those which still clung at odd angles after the depression hurricane had passed.

Sam's new and rehabilitation business has been excellent... so excellent, in fact, that he last week took in a partner, one Charles P. McGuire, late of Ithaca and the U. S. Navy... where he had small jobs like painting battleships.

Versatile, too, is Sam. He inscribed the words "Torrance Tornado" on Louis Zamperini's suit case when the lad went east, which suit case, incidentally, the other boys on the train held out the window as the train passed through cities en route... with much razzing for Louis.

Sam does neon sign work, too. The police station was one of his jobs.

Didja ever see those owls sitting of an early morn on the tracks where South Arlington crosses near the park? Disdainful and aloof are those owls. Won't budge 'til you almost drive over them. They live in the drain under the curb. Our new man Fred Nichols chased one almost to Lomita once, but returned owless.

As the story goes a man entered the optometry offices of C. L. Ingold on Marcelina and on coming out with new specs got into George Probert's car by mistake and drove it away.

Speaking of good business, Steve's nursery certainly got a nice job when Guy Kelly, oil tycoon, moved over to 2317 So-noma and had Steve completely renovate his lawn, back and front, plant many new shrubs, and move the fences. Guy plans ping-pong and barbecues in the rear, lawn parties and marble shooting in the front... to say nothing of the elbow bending.

Concrete evidence that independent merchants have a chance to survive is shown in the recently opened Independent Market, 1216 El Prado, where Mac Furuta, a graduate of the University of Southern California, by the by, not only seems to survive, but appears to do a good business and make a profit. He works hard, is a good bargainer, and knows the business.

Business is certainly good at the Buick agency in Torrance. Earl H. Forbes, manager of the Lewis Motor Sales branch dropped into the office at the Gardens justice court yesterday and with a quaver in his voice and tears in his eyes informed Clerk Grace Bonner that he could not sell her a Buick. "I've been trying to sell you a car for months," he said, "and now I just can't." Miss Bonner almost sobbed, too, in sympathy

Military Harbor Project Planned For Playa del Rey

Venice District Follows Lead of Torrance in Promoting New Waterways

Information pertaining to the possible establishment of a harbor in the Playa del Rey inlet, to supplement the present Los Angeles harbor, is to be presented before the United States district engineer at Venice on Wednesday, July 29, according to army engineers in Los Angeles.

Several years ago, the Venice and other chambers of commerce in the Santa Monica Bay district filed a report that was presented through the district Congressman. Early this year, Congressman John F. Dockweiler introduced a bill that was considered before a joint session of Congress, pertaining to the establishment of a military harbor in the Playa del Rey area.

Major Theodore Wyman, Jr., will preside at the hearing, which is to open at 10 o'clock in the morning and the hearing is to be held at the Westminster school auditorium, at Washington boulevard and Westminster avenue, Venice.

Nature of the desired improvements is to be disclosed at that time, and any objections may be expressed at that time. The reports forwarded to Congress sometime ago pertaining to the Playa del Rey inlet and the adjacent basin are to be explained. Navigation interests and public officials are urged to attend the hearing, as are all citizens interested.

Supervisor Leland M. Ford will be delegated to represent the board at the hearing, and the flood control district is to be represented by C. H. Howell, chief engineer, and Harold E. Hedger, assistant engineer. It was understood that the hearing would not concern the Ballona Creek outlet, but that it would be indirectly involved.

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and sadly inquired the reason. "Because I just sold the last one on the floor," says Forbes. "You will have to wait until we get some more in."

An interesting and eye-opening editorial appeared in the Los Angeles Daily News the other morning. It spoke of business in Southern California, how it definitely had improved, and that most firms were now making money for the first time in years.

But the point that stuck with me was that if big and little businessmen alike were not out of the red ink by this time they had best sit down and take a careful analysis of THEMSELVES and THEIR business. Because there is something wrong with THEM if no profit appears on the books.

Good advice, it seems to me. Dr. Walter A. Hoxie, no kin of oldtime cinema actor Jack Hoxie, and a recent newcomer to Torrance, with dental offices in the Sam Levy building, reports that the "fill 'em up" and "yank 'em out" business has been so good since his coming here that he plans to take this week-end off and with Mrs. Hoxie, trek to San Diego on account of because he wants to see the fair.

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also requires rigid sanitary conditions in the construction and operating of all hog ranches used for commercial purposes. Garbage must be transported in tight-lidded containers. Violations are punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 or six months in jail, or both.

Locations Regulated
The moot question of locations for hog ranches is controlled by a set of rules, authorized by the ordinance, and also adopted by the city council. City Attorney Rippe explained that these rules may be changed from time to time upon vote of the council without the necessity of amending the ordinance.

Under the rules adopted Tuesday evening, no new hog ranches may be located in residential, business or industrial districts, and before a permit may be granted for a new ranch, the consent of residents living within one-half mile of the proposed location must be obtained. Existing hog ranches will be allowed to continue to operate providing they meet the sanitary requirements of the new ordinance.

School Protest
Mrs. Lela Gonner read a letter from the board of trustees of the Perry school district protesting the erection of the proposed hog ranch at 182d street and Prairie avenue. Mrs. Gonner stated that there were 45 to 50 houses within one-half mile of the proposed ranch location and that the Perry school was only two blocks away. A number of other residents of the McDonald Tract also voiced vigorous protests.

To Visit Tract
Mayor Stanger informed those in the audience that the entire city council would make an inspection trip of the McDonald Tract Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock and he invited all residents in the district to meet with the members of the council at that time.

"The trouble with you folks in the McDonald Tract is that you never let the council know what you want," said the mayor. "If you will tell us your troubles we will endeavor to take care of your needs," he added.

Paving and Lights
Other matters to be taken up during the visit to the McDonald Tract tomorrow afternoon will be the repair of paving on Prairie avenue and the installa-

tion of overhead street lights at dangerous road intersections.
Water Service
The problem of providing water service to a group of five houses at Gardena and Palm avenues will also be studied Friday afternoon. Mayor Stanger informed Atry Batrud, who requested the assistance of the city in the matter.

Andrews Appointed
As the new hog ranch ordinance requires the appointment of a city live stock inspector, L. W. Andrews, in charge of the city's garbage collection, was appointed on motion of Councilman George Powell. Mr. Andrews will serve as live stock inspector without pay, Councilman Powell stated.

W. J. Frogge and Don F. Willis, operators of the proposed hog ranch at 182d street and Prairie avenue informed the Herald that there were no sanitary provisions in the new ordinance which would be objectionable to them. However, the question of location is a matter to be decided by the live stock inspector and the city council and probably no decision will be reached as to granting or refusing a permit for the ranch until after the council's inspection trip tomorrow afternoon.

Wesley M. Luce Passes Away

Wesley M. Luce, 63, a native of New York, passed away suddenly at his home, in Lomita Saturday, July 11. Mr. Luce had been in poor health for some time, but his condition was not considered alarming and his demise at this time was entirely unexpected. He had been a resident of California for the past 50 years, for a number of years past in Lomita where he was very well known and took an active part in civic and social affairs.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the A. M. Gamby Mortuary chapel, 25001 Narbonne avenue, Lomita, Rev. Fred C. Orr of the Community Presbyterian church officiating. Mrs. Lily Willacy was the soloist. Interment was made at Woodlawn, Santa Monica, where the family formerly resided.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Sarah C. Luce; one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Heath, of Lomita, and a son, residing in northern California.

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Rotary Party Huge Success

Acclaimed by all present as one of the most enjoyable Rotary parties of the local club's twelve years' existence, the dinner dance held last Friday evening at Lakewood Country club, was the occasion for the installation of President-elect Charles V. Jones, and the "demotion" of George P. Shidler, retiring president. Over 100 club members, former members, friends and ladies attended the colorful party.

Highlight of the program was the masterful "demotion" speech given by Donald Findley, in which he playfully "razed" President Shidler on his policies during the past year. Findley's witty reference to the Shidler regime in terms of the New Deal brought much laughter from the guests. Following the demotion travesty, high tribute was paid in a serious vein to President Shidler for his outstanding leadership in building up the club's membership from 15 to 50 men. J. W. Post, chairman of the party committee, presented President Shidler with a pigskin overnight bag, a gift from the club members.

The club's new president, Charles V. Jones, was officially installed by Fred McClung, past governor of the second district. Bill Yearling, prominent Rotarian from Culver City was also present and led the singing. Grover C. Whyte was master of ceremonies.

A large number of former Torrance Rotarians who have moved from this city, attended the party, as well as a number of guests of the active members.

Following the dinner program, dancing was enjoyed.

Legionnaires Donate Blood

TURLOCK, Cal. (U.P.)—The local American Legion post has put blood transfusion on a standardized basis. A dozen volunteers have had their blood tested and, classified to meet any emergency call.

G-Men to Aid Police School TOLEDO. (U.P.)—The federal bureau of investigation will aid instruction in the police school to be inaugurated in connection with the University of Toledo.

Flier Shoots Four Coyotes RENO. (U.P.)—Aviation may yet prove the solution of the ever growing menace of coyotes. W. G. McGinty brought down four of them in the first airplane shooting test here.

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