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## EXPECT TO COMPLETE DRAFT OF CITY CHARTER NEXT MON.

Efficient Manner In Which Study Was Conducted Explained. Final Document To Be Ready In Six Weeks.

The huge task of drafting a city charter, which to the fifteen freeholders elected last April seemed almost a Herculean undertaking, is fast drawing to a close, and the hard-working citizens comprising the board of freeholders, who have given the subject four months' study, will again be able to devote their leisure time to other pursuits, and favorite pastimes.

Carleton B. Bell, chairman of the freeholders, stated this week that he expected the rough draft of the charter will be completed next Monday evening. However, it will probably require another month or six weeks to interpret the provisions of the new charter in legal phraseology suitable for submission to the electorate, Bell stated. As the work of putting the charter in legal form is purely technical it is planned to call in some authority on municipal law for this final phase of writing the charter. When this has been done and the charter is signed by a majority of the freeholders, it is given to the city council, which body in turn calls an election for the purpose of voting on the adoption or rejection of the charter.

**Efficient Study**  
 The board of freeholders have been meeting regularly each Monday evening for four months and the orderly manner in which the members conducted their study is indicative of the conscientious and thorough work that has been done. In addressing the first meeting, Chairman Bell stated:

"The subject we have to consider covers altogether too broad a field to allow most of us to give all of them the consideration they will require if we are to produce the kind of a charter our fellow citizens have a right to expect from us."

"In order that our study and thought may be specialized and

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## Postal Receipts Gain All Other Departments at Local Office Increase; Baby Bonds Popular.

Postmaster C. Earl Conner has released figures on postal receipts for the past three years which give a splendid picture of the increase in business at this office in all departments. Postal receipts for the fiscal year of 1933-34 were \$22,851.84; for 1934-35, they had increased to \$25,613.94; and for the fiscal year just closed business at this office has jumped to the gratifying total of \$34,107.17.

For the month of July, in the past three years receipts have shown a corresponding gain. July, 1934, receipts were \$1,988.44; in 1935, \$2,144.44, and for July 1936, \$2,895.70.

**All Departments Gain**  
 Not only has the general business, which includes sales of stamps, envelopes and postcards increased, but the money order business has also taken a jump, showing that patrons of the local office are not only earning more but are taking better care of the folks at home. July business for 1935 showed an increase of \$1,805.40 over the preceding year. July, 1936, showed a gain of \$8,590.63 over the preceding year.

Postmaster Conner is proud of the record made by the Torrance office in the sale of baby bonds. No advertising of the government savings bonds has been done except by literature handed out to patrons. The bonds which mature in ten years are sold at a reduced figure, and increase in value each year until they reach par. They were first placed on sale in March, 1935, when the sales at the local office were \$187.50. In April only five bonds were sold. In March two and in July the sales leaped to the total of \$281.25. The peak of sales in

## Dangerous Jog On Western Ave. To Be Remedied

Plan for Widening Pavement Recommended for Official Consideration

Elimination of the jog at Western avenue and 190th street which intersection has been the scene of numerous serious accidents, will soon be accomplished, providing the Los Angeles city council accepts the recommendation of its city engineer that the plan submitted by City Engineer Frank Leonard of Torrance be adopted.

Under this plan, the approach to the intersection will be enlarged by gradually widening the pavement on the east side of Western avenue from a point some distance south of the intersection. A portion of the cost is to be borne by the city of Los Angeles, and a portion by the city of Torrance. Mr. Leonard has already made application to the county for the allocation of gasoline tax funds to pay this city's share of the cost.

Eventually, it is expected that Western avenue will be widened on both sides north of 190th street, when the dangerous jog will be entirely eliminated and the approach on both sides of 190th street will assume a gradual curve that will do away with the hazards now in evidence.

## Would Reduce Assessments On Homes

Supervisor Ford Claims Many Residences In This Area Are Over-Valued

Supervisor Leland M. Ford today proposed that all property in the fourth supervisory district, which he represents, be reassessed for purposes of taxation.

The supervisor's action came after a thorough study of assessments in the southwest portion of the county.

"I found that in hundreds of cases there is a tremendous disparity in assessed valuations of homes that are in many cases directly across the street from one another," Supervisor Ford stated.

He declared that the southwest portion of the county suffered the most from this disparity because property values in that section had not increased, and were not increasing as rapidly as property values in other sections of the county.

This was more particularly true of residential property than of business property, Supervisor Ford said. He pointed out that many homes in his district were being assessed at the same figures today that they had been four years ago, when he successfully headed the movement to obtain the 1932 revaluation of Los Angeles county real estate.

"Many homes have deteriorated in value many hundreds of dollars since last being assessed, and owners of these residences are still paying taxes at the rate of what their property was once worth—not what it is worth now," Supervisor Ford declared.

He stated that he would begin at once to put into operation the cumbersome machinery by which this revaluation could be accomplished.

## Boy Falls From Railroad Viaduct

Happy Dolley, young son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Dolley, 1723 Manuel avenue, fell from the viaduct which crosses Torrance boulevard and the P. E. tracks, last Friday afternoon and escaped with severe bruises and a dislocated bone in one ankle. Happy and Lloyd Fossum were playing on the viaduct, when Happy lost his footing and fell to the ground on the east side of the street.

He was picked up by two motorists, who took him to the Dolley Drug store. His father took him to a physician, where the dislocated bone was put in place and abrasions about his face were treated. Several vertebrae were displaced, which were adjusted later. Happy is recovering at his home.

## COLUMBIA STEEL FORFEITS GAME

Since the sport section of the Herald was printed this morning President Ed Day, of the City Short Ball League, has issued his ruling on the game played between Columbia Steel and Star Department Store Tuesday night. This game was forfeited to the Star as a league game and was played as an exhibition game. The Star, therefore, now has won eight and lost four, the Columbia has won five and lost seven. The winner of the National Miller game tomorrow night will go into a tie with the Star for the playoff for the second place honors.

## Zamperini Is In

Torrance Distance Runner Qualifies Against Stiff Competition In Berlin

The Torrance boy is in. All Torrance ears will be tuned in on Berlin tomorrow to wait for the final results in the 5000 meter race in which Louie Zamperini, world's inter-scholastic champion runner, will participate, for Louie made the grade last Tuesday in great style by placing in his qualifying heat.

Louie, as usual, knocked 'em dead in the stands, by putting on one of his celebrated whirlwind finishes. The Torrance boy came up on the last lap to cut down a 30-meter lead and go from eighth to fifth place in the heat. Just running to qualify, and that's all. His time, 15 minutes 24 seconds, while faster by 2.4 seconds than that made by Don Lash who placed third in the first heat, is still over seven seconds slower than his best time made in the try-out meets in this country.

Louie drew the third and toughest heat to qualify in, being matched against Lauri Lehtinen, Olympic champion, who set a record of 14:30 four years ago; Koshei Murakoso, of Japan; Peter Ward, of Great

## Waterway To Torrance Will Aid All Sections, Says Civic Leader

Declaring that a waterway to the Torrance industrial section will benefit every community on the south side, President Robert H. Kee of the George Washington Chamber of Commerce has this week issued a call to all civic and community organizations

in Torrance in securing consideration of an action on this project. "There is no good reason why Torrance should have to make this fight alone," Kee declared. "We all have a stake in the success of the plan, because we will all profit from it."

"Great industrial development will result on the south side from the completion of Boulder dam and the delivery here of cheap power. There is no question as to the tremendous strides which the entire area will make when the waterway becomes a fact."

"I believe that simply indicating support of the program is not sufficient, but that all organizations should meet jointly to study the contribution each can make to the ultimate success of the proposal," Kee continued.

Those who look upon such a waterway as impractical, were referred to the Stockton project which was "laughed off" in the same way before it was actually put thru. Today Stockton has waterborne traffic and a direct contact with the sea 88 miles away.

"Torrance has much more reason for such a waterway than Stockton," Kee asserted. "As time goes on this entire area is going to become one of the world's greatest industrial centers. Now is the time to get action," Kee said.

## Afternoon Tea With Coldens As Guests Will Be Held Tuesday

Congressman and Mrs. Charles J. Colden, who have just returned from Washington, D. C., to spend the summer at their home in San Pedro, will be guests of honor at an afternoon tea in Torrance next Tuesday afternoon. The affair will be held at the American Legion clubhouse on Carson street, from 2 to 5 p. m., and the ladies of this city are given a cordial invitation to attend.

Congressman Colden will give a short talk, but since the affair is for the ladies, he will give way to Mrs. Colden who will be the principal speaker and will bring to the assembly an insider's view of the colorful political and social life of the national capital.

Hostesses for the afternoon are Mrs. Emma Quaglin, Mrs. Jessie Dennis Barrett, Mrs. L. H. Deisinger, Miss Edythe Miller and Mrs. Clara Conner. Yesterday afternoon, Congressman and Mrs. Colden were

## Registration In Torrance Hits New High Mark

Democrats Outnumber Republicans More Than Two to One

Registration of voters hit a new high mark in Torrance with the announcement today from W. M. Kerr, registrar of voters, that this city's total registration for the Aug. 25 primary election was 4,192.

This city has a strong Democratic majority, the strength of the parties being given as follows: Democrats, 2,707; Republicans, 1,286; Socialists, 12; Prohibitionists, 15; Commonwealth, none; Progressive, one; Communists, none, and decline to state, 171.

Registration for the primary election of Aug. 30, 1932, showed the Democrats to have 1,896, and the Republicans, 1,388. This city's total registration at the 1932 primary election was shown to be 3,508.

In 1928 the registration was 2,585, with only 616 Democrats and 1,771 Republicans, according to Kerr's records.

The registrar's books will remain closed until the day after the election, and local residents may register then until 40 days prior to the general election on November 3.

Registration figures for 1936 in some of the adjacent communities are given as follows in the registrar's tabulations: Lomita, 2,866; Gardena, 2,398; Redondo Beach, 6,147.

Total for the county was given as 1,385,597, as compared with only 1,134,939 for the 1932 primary and only 925,292 for 1928.

## Band Will Play At County Fair

The Torrance municipal band, which made such a hit at the Gardens Valley exposition and has delighted many Torrance audiences with their fine music, has been invited to play at the Los Angeles county fair at Pomona. The band has been given one of the best spots on the program, and will be heard on Sunday, Sept. 20. Torrance folks who intend to visit the fair should keep the date in mind and plan to attend on that day. Transportation expenses of the band to Pomona, estimated at \$105, was approved by the Torrance city council this week.

A contract authorizing a contribution of \$500 out of the promotion fund was also approved by the city council. Under the terms of the agreement, the band is to give six concerts during the fiscal year to which the public will be admitted free of charge.

## Local Folks To Hear Talk By Hamilton

A number of local citizens have secured tickets for the Landon-Knox mass meeting to be held Saturday, Aug. 15, at 8 p. m., at the Hollywood Bowl, which meeting will be addressed by John D. M. Hamilton, chairman of the Republican national committee.

There will be no admission charge to the Hollywood Bowl and persons desiring tickets are requested to communicate with Murray Chofner, secretary of the general committee, at 1102 W. F. Story building, Los Angeles.

## FUT IT ON A GOOD PAGE, HE ASKED

"Hey, mister! Will ya run a story about my birthday?" asked a small boy with a big voice just as we go to press. "And put it on a good page, too, will ya?" he added. So here goes.

Samuel Harold Kennedy, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam H. Kennedy, 1347 23rd street, celebrated his tenth birthday, anniversary by inviting six of his friends to his home last Wednesday. Ice cream and cake were served.

## FORCES OF UNIONIZED LABOR SPLIT BY A. F. OF L. RULING

Executive Council of Federation Finds "Rebel" Leaders Guilty of Union "Insurrection." Ouster of Million Workers Is Threatened

The ranks of unionized labor were split into two widely separated factions last night when the executive council of the American Federation of Labor found 10 of its 12 "rebel" union leaders guilty of fomenting "insurrection" and ordered them

## East Torrance Land Owners Seek Relief

Owners of Property In Mattoon Act District Urged To Sign Petitions

Property owners east of Torrance, whose holdings are heavily burdened with Mattoon Act assessments, are urged to sign a petition for relief through an appropriation by the county.

The district in the neighborhood of Normandie avenue is reported to be saddled with an assessment of \$130,000, and efforts are being made by the petitioners to have the county board of supervisors take over approximately \$100,000 of this tax load and spread the remaining \$30,000 over the entire district.

In order to obtain such aid it is necessary to secure the signatures of taxpayers owning 52 percent of the acreage in the district. Copies of the petitions are available at the Torrance Investment Company, the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and the offices of C. T. Rippey, at the Torrance Mutual Building and Loan Association. Immediate action is urged in order to get the matter before the board of supervisors.

**EASTERN VISITOR**  
 Mr. Albertson, airplane designer of New York, is a guest at the home of Mrs. Matilda Winters, Mr. Albertson is planning to locate in Burbank.

**Long Fight**  
 The decision of the council climaxed a fight in the ranks of organized labor which began last November when John L. Lewis and his aides formed the C. I. O. Their announced purpose was to unionize all the workers in mass production industries in large individual unions. They appropriated \$500,000 to organize workers in the steel industry and then spread their

## Can That Boy Eat

Louie Zamperini Tells of His Life on Shipboard and in Olympic Village

The first letters to be received from Louie Zamperini since he sailed from New York, July 15, to compete in the Olympic Games at Berlin, were received in Torrance yesterday. Louie evidently had the time of his life on shipboard, and was particularly impressed with the eats. He in on eBerlin tomorrow to wait for the final results in the

says he was hungry all the time and never missed a meal all the way over. In fact the steamship company lost money on Louie's passage, as he ate them out of house and home. For one meal, which he says can be vouched for by Jesse Owens and Jack Torrance, who sat at the same table, he consumed one pint of pineapple juice, two bowls of broth, four rolls, two glasses of milk, four small sweet pickles, two helpings of the regular plate of Philadelphia chicken; two helpings of sweet potatoes, four pieces of butter, three helpings of ice cream and wafers, three pieces of angel food cake with frosting, quarter pound of red cherries, one apple and one orange, topped off by a glass of ice water and as he was still hungry he went to his cabin and drank another can of pineapple juice. His Olympic suit is now beginning to fit him pretty snug.

A pineapple company and the Ovaltine company presented each member of the United States team with a case of their products, so they would be sure to have them on hand in case of a shortage in Germany.

**Meets Movie Star**  
 Louie hobnobbed with the great and near great on shipboard, among them the famous Helen Hayes, motion picture and

stage star, who was making the Olympic tour, and to whom he was introduced. He was delighted with the Olympic Village, which he says is very pretty, everything green and rosy. The houses are of stucco, clean and well built. They are located close to the training field and what is more important to the hungry Torrance boy, close to the eating place, where Louie says the food is swell.

**May Go On Tour**  
 Contrary to published reports, the Olympic Village is under guard, not to keep the athletes in, but to keep curious crowds outside. The team members are allowed to leave anytime and have free transportation to any place they want to go. Guides are furnished, young German boys, who have been studying English for the past two years to be ready for this duty. They now speak the language well and are very courteous and attentive.



E. H. KEE  
 President of George Washington Chamber of Commerce.