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United Pipe Has Low Bid for MWD Job

Offer Is Conditional Upon Acceptance of All Four Units

New bids will be advertised for construction of the Metropolitan Water District's aqueduct across San Gabriel canyon, Monrovia canyon and Eagle Rock canyon, following rejection of bids at the last meeting of the board, it was announced this week.

The United Concrete Pipe Company of Torrance submitted the low bid at \$258,978 for the work, which involved construction of pipe lines and appurtenant works for the upper feeder of the aqueduct distribution system.

Has Different Types Involved in the contract is 1071 feet of nine-foot nine-inch pipe, and 507 feet of seven-foot pipe. The San Gabriel canyon crossing is to be made just below Morris dam, the Monrovia canyon crossing is to be made in Monrovia, and the Eagle Rock canyon crossing is in the vicinity of the Edison company's sub-station.

The Torrance concern's bid was conditional upon acceptance of all four units of the project, which was divided because it involved different types of work. The Torrance concern would not accept award of one or two schedules of the work, its bid stated. More than 1,000,000 pounds of reinforcing steel is called for in the specifications for the four units.

Pickets Posted



On San Francisco's waterfront, pickets marched as the city of the Golden Gate became the focal point of a strike of 37,000 maritime and ship workers. These labor sentinels stand before the United Fruit Co.'s "Chiriqui."

Subdivision Control Under State Body, Court Declares

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 5. (U.P.)—Control of subdivisions sold in California comes within the jurisdiction of the state real estate commission, a Los Angeles superior court has ruled, it was announced here.

The test case was brought by subdividers who claimed that

sale of New Mexico oil lease assignments did not constitute a subdivision.

J. Mortimer Clark real estate commissioner, recently started a campaign to rid California of questionable oil lease sales. As a result 32 projects were stopped during the past four months, representing a potential sales value of \$10,000,000.

As a part of the campaign, Clark has insisted that promoters of lease projects present geological evidence that their

Election Trio Has Long Stay

Deputy Registrars Here to Check Returns

A veteran election worker from the county registrar's office, Mrs. Martie Fleming, of 225 Valencia street, Los Angeles, has been coming to Torrance for every county election since May, 1933, but her stay here this week was the longest visit she ever had Torrance.

Mrs. Fleming, who is a deputy registrar under civil service, arrived here shortly before 7 o'clock Tuesday night and remained until late Wednesday afternoon, compiling "snap tallies" and checking in election supplies for the Torrance and Lomita precincts.

She was assisted by Lowell D. Hoxsey, of Pico, who is serving his sixth year in the registrar's office, and Creed H. Shepardson, 551 North Hoover street, Los Angeles, who has a four-year record in that county office. Torrance workers in the city clerk's office gave yeoman service to the county checkers and members of the press in gathering the precinct returns.

No Gout, Prison Reports SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (U.P.)—San Quentin prison authorities announce that the prison is now in the health resort class. Hospital statistics for the past 11 years show that not a single inmate has suffered from gout.

Some subdividers have compiled leases may be of actual value with this regulation.

Armistice observance in Lomita

Not until late this afternoon will the veterans' committee in charge of the Lomita Armistice Day ceremonies at Narbonne high school field next Wednesday morning know if Conrad Nagel, well-known stage, screen and radio star, will be able to keep his engagement to present the main address on the program.

Nagel has promised the committee to come to Lomita if his motion picture work permits. He is now working on a picture and yesterday informed B. R. Greene that he may have to go "on location." In event that the noted actor cannot be present, Chaplain F. R. Thompson of Ft. MacArthur may give the address as well as the invocation.

Parade to Field The program will get underway at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning with the formation of an elaborate parade of 14 veterans' organizations and their auxiliaries, the Fleet Reserve, Girl and Boy Scouts, all fraternal organizations in Lomita, churches, and school children. The assembly, which will be led by the 45-piece Cleveland band from San Pedro, will be in front of the Lomita postoffice.

From there the procession will march down Narbonne avenue to Roosevelt boulevard, to Estelmer street and thence into the high school field. The program is to start at 10 o'clock with prayer and there will be band music and speaking.

The joint sponsors, Lomita V. F. W. Post No. 1822 and the Harbor City American Legion post cordially invite all residents in this district to the program on the Narbonne field. This will be the only Armistice Day observance in the Torrance-Lomita area.

Motorists Tested By New Machines

Drivers Under Study to Learn Wreck Causes

California motorists are now being taken apart under the microscope of science to see, not what makes them tick, but what makes them wreck.

The "microscopes" are machines that test sensory and muscular reaction time, eye keenness, judgment of depth, width of vision, muscular imbalance and astigmatism of eyes, judgment of speed and coordination of hand and eye. They were purchased from Dr. Harry R. De Silva, their developer and one of the nation's leading authorities on tests for driving skill. They now are on a tour of the state.

Persons being tested are those who have had fatal accidents, multiple non-fatal collisions, habitual violators of traffic laws, and good drivers, who because of their fine records over a great number of years, have been invited to come in and be tested in order that their tests may be compared with that of drivers whose records are bad.

From these tests the division of drivers' licenses hopes to improve its general tests and to intelligently examine and point out possible faults of those involved in accidents, with the view of making good drivers out of bad.

Pumpkin Fishing New Sport CALIFORNIA, Mo. (U.P.)—Farm boys found a new sport here during recent high water which washed ripening pumpkins down stream. By using nets or hanging from bridges the boys rescued five truck loads.

"Address System" Stolen

CANTON, O. (U.P.)—At least one thief here is well prepared for the 1936 campaign. He took a \$300 public-address system from the home of V. Black in East Sparta, near here. So far, he has not been "heard" from.

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Rites Held for Helma Greenlund

As quietly as she had lived, death came to Miss Helma Greenlund, telephone worker for many years, on the night of Nov. 2 at her home at 1840 West 282nd street in Lomita. Her body was found by her sister, Miss Ruth Greenlund. News of the popular telephone operator's sudden passing as a result of a heart attack came as a great shock to her many friends in Torrance and Lomita.

Miss Greenlund, who was 45 years of age, was one of the few women to hold a membership in the American Legion. She served during the World War in the telephone service of the U. S. army and was overseas for 18 months with the A. E. F. For this service she was eligible for Legion membership and joined the Gardena post. She was also an honorary member of the Lomita V.F.W. post No. 1622.

A resident of Lomita since 1922, Miss Greenlund served as chief operator and office manager at the Torrance exchange until 1928, afterwards as chief operator in Lomita for two or three years. She had been working in the Long Beach telephone office since leaving the Lomita office.

Besides her sister, she is survived by a brother who resides in Riverside. The funeral service, held in the A. M. Gamby Mortuary amid a multitude of flowers, was conducted this afternoon by a pastor-friend of the family and interment followed at Riverside.

Special Steel Classes Opened

Four classes were opened at the Torrance Evening High school last week for employees of the Columbia Steel plant. Two in mechanical drawing under Dr. Semenez were opened for those in the foundry who want to learn how to read blue prints.

A class in Open Hearth Metallurgy under Dr. McCaffrey and two classes in the Metallurgy of Steel Finishing under Dr. Freeman and Mr. Wagner were also added to the list of subjects offered at the evening school. These classes are already carrying a heavy enrollment.

20-30 to Revive Scout Troop 250

Revival of Boy Scout Troop 250, formerly sponsored by the Moose lodge, will be started next Tuesday night when the 20-30 Club of this city will take the unit under its wing. Disbanded since last August, the troop was allowed to scatter but with the backing of the young service clubmen it should again become an active organization.

A delegation of 20-30 members headed by President Dick Pullman, who is one of Torrance's first Eagle Scouts, will meet with the boys at the scout hall on Border avenue, Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. There are about six former Eagle Scouts in the club and they are keenly interested in meeting all former Troop 250 members and boys who desire to become Scouts at the re-organization session.

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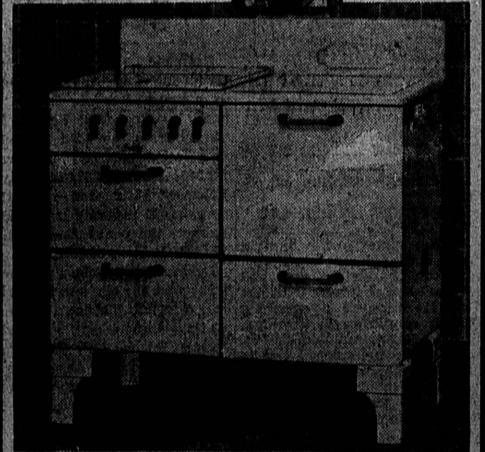
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