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ARMISTICE DAY RITES HELD BY VETERAN POSTS

Lomita Scene of Parade; Impressive Program For Americanization.

With marchers, music, prayer and inspirational addresses, residents of Lomita, Harbor City and vicinity stressed Americanism in the Armistice Day program sponsored by the Lomita Post 1622, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Harbor City Post 382, American Legion. This was the only public observance of the day in this area although it was observed as a general holiday.

Beginning with a parade, that included more than 300 men, women and children, the ceremonies on the 18th anniversary of the arrival of peace to a war-torn world continued with a program at Griffin field, Narbonne high school.

Heading the parade, which formed on Lomita boulevard in the postoffice block, was a state motorcycle escort, a car containing four Gold Star mothers, another car with Legion Auxiliary officers and the San Pedro boys' band of 38 pieces.

Pass in Review
Then followed the massed colors of the co-operating veterans' organizations, Naval Reserve, Lomita and Harbor City Legion posts, massed colors of the V. F. W. and Legion Auxiliaries, followed by their members in uniform. A good-sized group of elementary school children wearing pom-poms, Boy Scouts and a Scout float preceded a strong contingent of uniformed CCC enrollees from Company 4756 stationed at Palos Verdes.

More school children followed and then passed the Lomita Red Cross float, county fire truck with two proud mascots in helmets on top, an entry honoring President Roosevelt by Gardner's Lumber yard, Christian Endeavor float, several commercial displays and a number of decorated cars.

Arriving at the Narbonne field, the parade passed in review before nearly 2,000 people and the program began with B. R. Greene, historian of the Lomita V. F. W., as master of ceremonies. Neena Gifford sang the national anthem, accompanied by the band and all sang "America." Rev. D. L. Mounts of the Harbor City Community church, gave the Scripture reading and a quartet, Robert McCartney, Clifford Kette, Carl and Leland Pisel, sang patriotic numbers. Rev. John E. Orr, of the Community Presbyterian church, offered the prayer; "Onward Christian Soldiers" was played by the band and the boys' quartet sang again.

Three Addresses
A trumpet quartet, Charles Eade, Walter Milburn, Jack Weber and Kenneth Eade sounded a stirring number. Greetings of the veterans' organizations were extended by Rev. Samuel Hynes of the Catholic church shortly before the 11 o'clock "Taps," played in honor of the World war dead.

There were three impressive addresses, the speakers being Miss Clementina de Forest Griffin, principal of Narbonne high school; F. L. Thompson, chaplain at Ft. MacArthur, and Lieut. Jarrard E. Jones, U. S. N., retired. Benediction by Rev. U. Hall of the South Lomita church closed the observance.

Last night veterans and their friends enjoyed an Armistice dance at the Harbor City Legion clubhouse.

TOOL WORKER MANGLES HAND

While fixing tool-joints at the National Supply Company late Tuesday afternoon, Orson Oliver, 36, 2614 Eldorado avenue, had his left hand mangled in a machine. He was taken to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital for medical attention. It will be several days before the full extent of his injuries is determined.

Starts Here In 4 Days

Postoffice Aids Registration for Social Security Pension Data

How Social Security Act Works

What you should know about the Social Security Act's "old age pension" clause, for which workers and employers start registration in four days:

Beginning on Jan. 1, 1937, employers and employees each will start paying into a nationwide old age pension fund 1 percent of the salary of the worker up to the salary point of \$3000 a year.

The payment will be increased 1/2 of 1 percent for both worker and employer every three years until it reaches 3 percent each, or a total of 6 percent in 1949.

Beginning in January, 1942, workers covered by the fund will be paid pensions upon retirement at 65 years of age.

PENSION SUMS
The amount of the pensions will range from \$10 to \$85 a month, depending upon salary and length of service.

The monthly pension will be set at 1/2 of 1 percent of the total wages on which taxes were paid up to \$3000, plus 1-1/2 of 1 percent for the next \$42,000, and plus 1-3/4 of 1 percent of all over \$45,000 up to the maximum of \$85 a month.

Any one who had worked 30 years for an average salary of \$36 a month would get a monthly pension of \$27.50. If his average salary had been \$60 a month he would get \$68.75.

This "old age pension" clause should not be confused with the "jobless insurance" clause of the security act. Workers in many states, including California, already are having a percentage of their pay turned into a state fund. The "old age pension" is entirely a Federal affair, while the "jobless insurance" is a Federal-State affair.

Under the "jobless insurance" clause employers of eight or more persons, except agricultural, domestic, family, governmental or charity workers, will pay a 1 percent payroll tax beginning on this year's wages, 2 percent next year and 3 percent thereafter.

INTO TREASURY
From this they will be permitted to deduct up to 90 percent, provided it is paid into state unemployment insurance systems such as California has.

This tax is levied to encourage other states to set up unemployment insurance laws. It will go into the general treasury funds. Jobless benefits will be determined by state laws, subject to minimum requirements of the Federal law.

Employers Will Be Contacted First; Then Workers

In addition to his regular duties and preparing for the Christmas rush, Postmaster Earl Conner received details this week of another job that will take up a major portion of his time from now until early next month.

This is the post office department's cooperation with the Social Security Board in obtaining certain information from employers and the assigning of social security account numbers for old-age pensions to employees in the Torrance area. Postmasters and all postal employees throughout the nation have been furnished with pamphlets of instruction concerning this work.

The same procedure to be followed by the Torrance postoffice will be in effect at the Lomita postoffice, according to Postmaster Birda Paddock of that community.

The assistance to the Social Security Board will be undertaken by postal workers as was the delivery and certifying of the Adjusted Service (bonus) bonds on June 16. Postmaster Conner has learned that the post office department will receive blanks from the Treasury department and every employer who employs one or more under the age of 65 on Nov. 16, 1936, will be required to fill out one of these blanks. Form SS-4, Employer's Application for Identification Number, by postal delivery on Nov. 16, or as soon thereafter as possible.

What's On Forms
Each employer will be asked on form SS-4 how many are in his employ and the employees, in turn on form SS-5, will give information that will lead to their being given a "Social Security Account" number. This will be on a card with a warning printed thereon to preserve it because "it shows the account number used in keeping records of your Social Security benefit rights under Federal and state laws." These cards will probably not be issued until after the first of the year.

In the event an employer to whom a form was delivered fails to return the completed document.

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Ex-Mayor Is Named Treasurer



SCOTT LUDLOW
In civic harness

With the acceptance of Harry H. Dolley's resignation as city treasurer, a post he had held ever since Torrance was incorporated in May, 1921, the city council at a special meeting Nov. 5 appointed Scott Ludlow to fill the unexpired term.

Thus Ludlow, one-time councilman and mayor from Feb. 6, 1934, to April 20, 1936, rejoins the official family of the city. Paymaster at the National Supply Company and a popular city worker whose service began in April, 1932, he was the unanimous choice of the council for the position which only pays \$50 a month but which entails great responsibility.

The required bond of \$36,000 has been posted, the city paying the premium of \$180 a year, and Ludlow has taken full charge of the municipal treasury. This, incidentally, is said by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett to be in the best condition in the history of the city.

The new treasurer's term will extend to April, 1938. Ludlow became mayor of Torrance when Earl Conner resigned. He did not choose to run again for the council when his term expired in 1936.

Former Treasurer Dolley held the distinction of being the oldest city official in point of service in Torrance, his record surpassing that of Clerk Bartlett who was elected when the city was incorporated. There were a number of applications for the treasurer's office and all were considered by the council at the special session.

Living Costs Gauge Steel Wage Boost Starting Monday

Workers and City Reflect Sign of "Happy Days are Here Again"

Wearing the type of smiles that "won't come off" but which will be broadened further when they receive their increased pay checks Dec. 10, workers at the Torrance plant of the Columbia Steel Company know that "Happy Days are Here Again" as a result of the posting of a purple-inked notice on their bulletin boards last Friday.

This began: "Negotiations between employe representatives and the management of the Torrance Works of the Columbia Steel Company for a general wage adjustment were successfully concluded today."

A week ago the Herald scored a 24-hour beat on all newspapers in the Southland in reporting President Ambrrose N. Diehl's statement that a wage boost was in prospect. At that time the negotiations were in progress that led to the formal announcement of pay scale increases ranging from approximately 25 percent for basic common labor to 10 percent for other types of employment here.

Two New Features
The local reflection of increased national prosperity marked the completion of conferences begun several months ago and introduced two features of particular interest indicating the progress of collective bargaining under the Employee Representation plan of the company.

These are: (1) "In the adjustment of rates other than common labor, due regard has been given to inequalities in those occupational rates which have been out of line;" and (2) "Changes in the cost of living are to be recognized and automatically affect a change in the wage rate as the cost of living index of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics may rise or fall within certain limits."

Basic common labor rates, which are now 35.5 cents per hour, will be raised next Monday, Nov. 16, to 48 cents per hour—a 25 percent increase, which, under the time agreement reached last Friday, is effective for a full year from Nov. 16, with provision for modification or continuance beyond that time.

Gauged By Index
Other pay rates are to be adjusted, beginning next Monday, to accomplish an increase of approximately 10 percent of the total wage earners' payroll under the same agreement.

"This provides the newly established rates shall be considered to compensate employes

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U. C. DEAN HAS CHARTER DRAFT FOR ANALYSIS

Expert Legal Study Being Made For Freeholders Without Any Charge.

While one of the most astute legal minds in the state is analyzing the basic parts of the proposed Torrance city charter and preparing a detailed report on its contents, Carleton B. Bell, chairman of the board of freeholders drafting the document, took time off this week to settle a number of questions which have arisen here since the charter draft was ordered.

Expert legal survey is being given the proposed city constitution by Dr. Malcolm Campbell, deal of municipal law in the political science department of the University of California at Berkeley. Assisted by his fellow-faculty members, Dr. Campbell is subjecting the 28-page typewritten draft to analysis without charge to the city.

At the conclusion of his study, the document will be returned to the board of 15 freeholders together with suggestions for revisions or eliminations and an exhaustive report on its general attributes.

Stamp of Authority
Judge Robert F. Lessing, secretary of the freeholders, dispatched the charter proposal to the University's legal staff about two weeks ago after it was learned that Pomona, which also received such assistance, had welcomed the recommendations and analysis by Dr. Campbell. Plans to have attorneys trained in municipal law go over the proposed charter before it is finally submitted to the electorate have been abandoned by the Torrance freeholders, Bell said.

"We learned that such advice would cost around \$300 and this fee, we felt was too high for us," the chairman stated. "Now, with Dr. Campbell, who is recognized as an outstanding authority on municipal law, performing the same service, we believe that when our draft is returned with his comments, the charter will bear a stamp of authority that will meet the approval of every resident."

School Consideration
Then Bell explained several matters which have aroused public curiosity here in the past few months. Regarding the time taken by the freeholders to form a charter, the chairman said that when they organized for the study which will lead to the adoption of a municipal constitution, it ratified by the electorate and state legislature, the freeholders decided to take ample time for a thorough consideration.

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THREE FIRES IN 24 HOURS

Two Cars Burn Near Redondo Beach

Three fires within a 24-hour period gave the city firemen a taste of old-time oil field activity from Sunday afternoon, 4:30 to 3:10 a. m. Monday.

The last blaze destroyed two cars, a Pontiac '36 Coupe, registered to E. R. Rogers, and a Ford '27 coupe, registered to C. Peterson, both in a garage in the county strip near Redondo that belonged to H. Rogers. There was no water connection in that neighborhood so firemen manning the pumper used its 90 gallons to protect auto court building near the burning garage.

Sunday morning, 10:30 o'clock the department was called to WALTERIA where a Japanese truck gardener had ignited a gas stove after turning it on and then leaving it for 20 minutes of so. He escaped injury and beat out the fire before the pumper arrived.

At 4:30 that afternoon a transformer at 2100 Border avenue burned out, the fire summoning the department.

EASEMENT COSTS
Prices ranging between \$2,300 and \$3,400 an acre were paid by the city of Los Angeles for the 375,000-volt Boulder dam transmission line across the eastern part of San Gabriel.

Nephew Hurt in Bus-Truck Crash

News reports listing her nephew as one of the victims of the passenger bus-truck head-on collision early yesterday morning near San Luis Obispo caused Mrs. Allie E. Bush, wife of William S. Bush, veteran Santa Fe section foreman, great concern until this morning.

When she received a telegram from C. M. Allen, stating that his injuries were slight and that he was recovering in San Francisco, Allen is connected with the Naval training station at San Diego where his mother resides.

Three persons were killed, three perhaps fatally hurt and 32 injured in the crash that toppled the double-decker bus into a ditch and imprisoned the travelers for several hours.

"BRING-EM-BACK ALIVE" MAN AT ROTARY

Wm. Staats, Jr., big game hunter and world traveler, will address the Torrance Rotary Club this evening. A large part of Mr. Staats' life has been spent in the hinterland of the old world, collecting animals and specimens for zoos and circuses.

CORRECTION
An error appears in the page advertisement of used cars offered by Walter G. Lynch, Redondo Beach Dodge and Plymouth dealer. The second item in the box captioned "In a Class by Themselves" should read 1935 instead of 1936 Dodge Touring Sedan, \$699.

Public Comfort Station in Business District Ordered

A long-desired facility in the main business district was started toward realization Tuesday night by the city council when City Engineer Frank R. Leonard's plans for a public comfort station building on the triangular park at Torrance boulevard and Sartori avenue were approved and bids ordered advertised.

Leonard reported he had received one estimate on such a structure, which would be about 21 feet square of brick with stucco finish and a tile roof, and this was \$923. The selection of the park on West Sartori was made because that is the most feasible city-owned location for a comfort station built above ground in the business district.

The city engineer said that the building can be placed there without removing any trees. At Councilman George V. Powell's suggestion, suitable signs will be placed on each angle of the park to inform the public that the building is free for their use. The city caretaker will look after the station's facilities.

Annual Thefts Begin

Pre-Holiday Poultry Pilfering Breaks Out as Usual; Police Warn Owners

About this time of year, Torrance and vicinity is always swept by a wave of poultry thefts and this season is no exception to that form of thievery, Captain John Stroh of the police department pointed out Monday.

He offered two pigeon pilfering reports as evidence and warned all poultry owners to be on their guard for the remainder of the pre-holiday season. A good lock and secure pens is the best insurance against this kind of crime, he said.

Saturday night Mike Muzaki, who lives on Border avenue near the glass factory, lost more than 20 Silver White King pigeons, valued between \$25 and \$50, and Sunday night, T. R. Yoder, local agent for the Southern California Edison company, was robbed of five pair of the same high-quality birds, valued at \$5 a pair.

Local police will make every effort to trace down and apprehend poultry thieves but they point out that such birds are easily disposed of in this area and that evidence is difficult to get.

Grid Playoffs
Tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock on the Tartar field, Torrance plays L. A. High, Western League champs, in the first "interlocking playoff" game for the L. A. city schools' title.

At the same time Narbonne meets University high, second place winners in the Western circuit, on Griffin field.

See today's sports page for full details.

CALDER RETURN FROM SAID MISSION NORTH

Police Chief G. M. Calder and Mrs. Calder returned Tuesday night from Oakland where they attended the funeral ceremonies for Mrs. Calder's mother, Mrs. Mary Louise Ash, who passed away at her home here Nov. 4 in her 91st year. The rites were held last Saturday afternoon in the presence of most of the members of the family.

PICKET BAN LAW OFFERED CITY COUNCIL

With a minimum of "wherefores" and "wheraesses" but inclusive so far as intent to protect Torrance firms and employes from molestation, intimidation and possible injury, a proposed anti-picketing ordinance, drafted and read by City Attorney C. T. Rippey, was introduced Tuesday night at city council meeting.

Altho it drew but one protest, that from Councilman George V. Powell, it was held over for further study. Councilman Tom F. McGuire indicated that he strongly favored its adoption when he voted "no" to the hold-over motion.

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GYPSIES FORAY CITY FROM COLORFUL CAMP

Merchants on Guard; 'Goy' Herald Reporter Visits Romany

Undismayed—have you ever seen a Gypsy dismayed?—by their chief's blinking of an alleged \$500 by a rival leader of Los Angeles, the two score nomads camping at the foot of Western avenue off El Prado in Los Angeles territory paid scant attention this week to the chief-tains' dispute in celebrating the arrival of a fine baby boy.

Commanded by Chief Woody George, who by some Gypsy machination lost his race to Chief Chewchik, the assorted wanderers of both sexes and all ages pointed to the baby as their chief interest in life these days. However, local merchants warned by previous contact with the colorful, billowing-skirted, olive-skinned people, are none too sure that the infant claimed the itinerants' complete attention.

The business men warily watched the visiting members of the nation of wandering people supposed to have come originally from India. The evidence of one or more of the jewelry-

bedecked women in a local store was a clear call to "watch every thing that isn't nailed down."

Like the Arabs of the world that they are, the temporary Torrance Gypsy population folded its tents and moved on to more "easy" pastures late this week. With their passing local business men heaved vast sighs of relief.

Silent About Selves
A Herald reporter visiting the camp this week was cordially received and offered several interesting propositions that ranged from the gift of the new baby, named Julio, from its mother who has six other offspring, to persistent applications to read his future. Having a family of his own and being assured of at least a week's sustenance, the newshawk begged off all deals. But he was effectively blocked from obtaining much information about the Romany people who have been in this area for the past month or so. A nose for news runs up against a stone wall of laughing black

eyes and silence when a "goy" (any person not a member of their roving race) tries to penetrate the Gypsy life.

"How about the fight between Chief Woody George and Chief Chewchik?"

"Fight? Humph! You come see baby—he chief now!"

"When are you leaving here?"

"Where are you going next?"

"An emphatic shrug of all the shoulders in the camp."

Visited "Nursery"

"How's pickings in Torrance?"

"Another non-committal but vigorous series of shrugs."

"Do you kids ever get any schooling?"

A burst of derisive laughter and an avalanche of Gypsy jargon that indicated education is viewed with the same derision as a white-skinned reporter who had previously announced, loudly and definitely, he had no money to "cover any palms."

This announcement had been followed with a dramatic expose

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