

City Purchases Truck, Tractor

Old Equipment Replaced For \$2,588

By transferring \$300 from the unallocated fund to the street department fund, the city council was enabled Tuesday night to spend a total of \$2,588.60 for a new truck and tractor.

"It's been some time since we spent any money for the street department," grinned Councilman James E. Hitchcock, chairman of that departmental committee, as he moved the transfer.

Then, also by Hitchcock's motions, the council ordered the purchase of an International truck for \$1,039.60 to replace a 1935 model Ford truck and a Chalmers tractor for \$1,545 and the trade-in of the city old Fordson.

The truck was purchased from the Torrance Motor Sales while the tractor was obtained from the Crook Company of Los Angeles, exclusive agents for the Chalmers equipment.

County Tills Jingle With Tax Payments

Delinquent Returns Are Setting New Records; Due Levies Met

Owners of tax-delinquent property in Los Angeles County reaffirmed their faith in real estate to the tune of \$651,831 last month, according to the tax collector's office.

The \$651,000 paid in last month was \$140,000 above payments made on delinquent taxes for October of 1935, according to T. E. Tanner, in charge of delinquent collections. Many of the payments were made under the 10-payment plan which will be in effect until next April 20.

Total for the first four months of the new fiscal year is more than \$400,000 above collections for the similar period of last year. For the period from July 1 to Oct. 31, \$4,190,894 has been paid in by owners of tax-delinquent property, as compared with only \$2,785,690 for the similar period of a year ago.

More Using Mail Payment of current taxes, which are entirely separate from delinquent taxes, now is under way at the tax collector's office on the third floor of the Hall of Justice, where delinquent taxes also are now paid.

H. L. Byram, county tax collector, urges property owners to pay their current taxes as soon as possible if they plan to come in person to his office. However, tax remittances can be mailed in by money order, or by cashier's or a certified check, and the receipted tax bill will be sent back as soon as clerks have opened the stack of mail.

Increasing numbers of taxpayers are using the mail each year, as it is perfectly safe, particularly when using money orders, as the sender then has a receipt by which he can prove that payment was made on time.

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Armistice Day Brings Europe No Peace Hope

SPAIN'S CIVIL WAR FOLLOWS ETHIOPIAN CONFLICT, ADDS TO GENERAL RE-ARMING

The thunder of guns on a 1,000-mile front were stilled 18 years ago yesterday. Five million men who fought under a score of flags laid down their arms to end the greatest war in history.

The 18th year after the signing of the Armistice saw one war end and another start. The peace of the world had been broken. Italy, reaching out for colonies, conquered Ethiopia. With the conclusion of that conflict, tension was slackened momentarily in Europe. Then came the upheaval in Spain which threatened and still threatens the peace of Europe.

The mighty war machines of Europe, growing more powerful every year, needed only this background to set a faster pace. The tides of diplomacy gave them new impetus. They are stronger now than at any time in history.

Belgium Changes Stand Europe has undergone a new realignment; the most recent development being Belgium's declaration of neutrality. But the most significant and most outstanding series of events periling Europe's peace has been Germany's militaristic rise. The steel chain which the victorious Allies flung around Germany in the form of military alliances has been snapped asunder by Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler. And as each bond was broken it was the signal for more feverish military expansion.

These factors are significant in Europe: Germany's breaking of the military clauses of the Treaty of Versailles. Germany's re-establishment of complete sovereignty in the Rhineland. In addition, these factors are the chief concern of France: Germany's naval treaty with Great Britain. Germany's inroads on the Little Entente.

France On Defensive For years after the World war the French system of military alliances dominated Europe. This original lineup, with France as the orbit, consisted of four states—Poland, Rumania, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, Belgium, Greece and Turkey, as well as Italy, once were considered as staunch allies. But now Belgium has subscribed to the Netherlands type of neutrality; Italy's status has grown more indefinite and Poland has been alienated by the conclusion of a Berlin-Warsaw non-aggression treaty.

To offset this defection in the ranks of France's allies, Paris has won Soviet Russia thru a "mutual assistance" pact. France still relies heavily on its ring of frontier forts facing the Rhine, but in the past six months pressing internal problems have outweighed military issues.

Italy Rises As Power Italy, emerging victorious in the Ethiopian war, has one of Europe's most formidable land fighting forces. It rivals the red legions of Soviet Russia in strength. Italy's standing army of more than a million men has a reserve strength estimated at 7,000,000, based on the number of men subject to military call.

Great Britain has embarked on a great military program. The navy and air force are the spearheads in this preparedness drive.

The air force is keeping pace with the navy. During the current year the Royal Air Force has opened six new airbases, landing fields or seaplane bases, while another 33 are expected to be completed before the year ends.

Soviet Russia, as it rises industrially, becomes a greater military power. In recent months the move for a strong navy has gained impetus. The Red army has been brought to a high state of efficiency.

Friends to Foes The Little Entente is daily more conscious of the widening breach that separates it from France.

Yugo-Slavia has been flirting with Germany, only for the purpose of driving thru business deals, according to government spokesmen. But Europe knows that business partners, Paris is exerting strenuous efforts to rally France's staggered allies together again.

The breaks made in the French system, however, have not by any means destroyed the towering might of the allies of Paris, backed by the hordes in the air and on land of Soviet Russia.

Deaths of white residents of California have increased steadily during the 10-year period 1926-35, while noticeable decreases have occurred in the percentages of deaths among Chinese, Japanese, Mexicans and members of other races, the state department of health reported this week.

"This study of mortality indicates reduced populations among the Chinese, Japanese and Mexican races in California," the report said. "The enforcement of immigration laws affects the Oriental population within the state, and the reduced Mexican population, since 1930, is indicated with marked effect in the reduced number of deaths."

It is presumed that the increased proportion of deaths among members of the white race is due in part at least, to the heavy migration of white laborers from other states where particularly unfavorable economic conditions have prevailed.

Blind Boy Eagle Scout PIEDMONT, Calif. (U.P.)—Although blind for the past six years, Donald LaFrenz, 12, has won his rank in the Boy Scouts of Eagle Scout. His specialty is tying knots.

AROUND The Council TABLE

An audience of some 18 persons "sat in" with the city council Tuesday night for the regular bi-monthly session.

Filled among the "bouquets and brickbats" were letters of appreciation from the Moose lodge for the use of the auditorium and Clifford F. Reid for street-sign painting in the Hollywood Riviera district.

Councilman Tom F. McGuire, who is leaving for Chicago soon on a vacation trip with Mrs. McGuire, was given a month's leave of absence from the date of his departure.

An order for the purchase of a rug for the Torrance Municipal Water office, not to exceed \$100, was given City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, the money to come out of the water bond issue.

A special meeting of the city council will probably be held next Tuesday afternoon, 4:30 o'clock, the session Tuesday night adjourning until that time.

A vigorous protest by Mrs. Olea Davis against the use of a decrepit old restaurant building next to her home, 2312 Dominguez street, for occupancy by human beings resulted in a decision by the city board to inspect the building this morning. Mrs. Davis said a family was moving in the building which she condemned as a "fire-trap, rat-infested, roofless shack unfit for even a chicken house."

Hospital Notes

Six new arrivals, evenly divided as to sex, are enjoying life at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital. The "first babies" are: A son born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Anderson, 2264 Dominguez avenue, Nov. 9; a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Gobel, 423 Pearl avenue, Redondo Beach, Nov. 6; a son born to Mr. and Mrs. Amerigo Lazzarotto, 1814 Cabrillo avenue, Nov. 4; and a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. William Radkovich, 1028 Bay View drive, Hermosa Beach.

Another daughter arrived to the C. E. Grotzinger family of 1833 Gardena boulevard, Moneta, Nov. 10, and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wells, 24 Via Rome, Long Beach, welcomed their second child, a son born Nov. 5.

Mothers and babies are reported making splendid progress. Other patients at the hospital this week are Mrs. Mary Wilkinson, 728 South Broadway, Redondo Beach, admitted Nov. 9 for medical treatment; Mrs. Floye O. Jones, 1208 West 139th street, Gardena, received Nov. 6 for surgical attention; Dorothy Snow, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Snow, 1013 Portola avenue, for surgical care on Nov. 10.

Recovering are Mrs. Ethel Kincaid, 1234 West 161st street, Gardena, who was received Nov. 1 for surgery; Mrs. Lillian West, 300-D South Broadway, Redondo Beach, Nov. 3 for surgery; Frank Holmes, 1012 Manhattan avenue, Manhattan Beach, Nov. 2 for medical treatment; and Sam Gurley, 603 North Guadalupe, Redondo Beach, who is recovering from automobile accident injuries received Oct. 21.

Mrs. Susan Adair, 3216 Highland avenue, Manhattan Beach, was received last night, suffering from a fractured hip as the result of a fall at her home. Mrs. Ida Mott, 415 Emerald street, Redondo Beach, was also admitted for an operation last night.

H. S. Attendance 5th In System

Torrance high school with its record number of 780 students placed fifth among Los Angeles city schools in percentage of attendance for the first month of School, Principal Thomas H. Elson was informed this week by the division of attendance.

The local school's average was 96.8 percent with Manual Arts, Narbonne, Bell, Eagle Rock and Franklin bettering that mark in the order named.



Fire Chief Ralph Thompson of Stockton, Cal., lies in silent agony on a bed of pain, suffering from burns and injuries received while fighting a blaze.

ASK FOR THESE BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

There are several books on neutrality that will be read by people who seek more light than they can obtain from daily newspapers and magazines. One of these, "Road to War; America, 1914-1917," by Walter Mills, is a fine analysis of the causes of conflict and it again assumes exceptional timeliness.

"Three Flights Up," by H. Woodward. This is a moving autobiographical story of a working man's child growing up in New York at the turn of the century. Honest to the core, she describes the intimate family life of Polish-German people who were making Americans of their children. Her father was a Polish cigar maker who had an instinct for gambling, and enjoyed dallying with politics. But the real story is about the little girl—her discovery of the lights and shades of life. The book is written with sympathy for the world of the past, and affords us another glimpse of American beginnings.

"Seven Arms," by S. A. G. Strong. In this latest novel, Mr. Strong writes of a peninsula in the western Highlands called from the long sea lochs which indent it, the Seven Arms. Here amidst an isolated Gaelic speaking people who have preserved the manners and traditions of their ancient past lives a heroine who might have come straight out of an ancient epic. Walter Scott would have envied the creator of Janie Ban, who grew up as wild and sentimental as were the rest of the people of that land, but prouder, harder, and more lawless than any of them. Here is a tale so robust and imaginative that it is almost certain to prove popular with American readers everywhere.

"Time Out of Mind," by Rachel Field. This is a story of a family and a story of Maine—the coast itself and of "Fortune's Folly" and the Fortunes. The book is filled with scenes that stand out in one's memory—the salty pine lands—the great ship yards—the tiny harbor village, and Kate herself who is bound to the Fortunes by love and hate, and follows them meeting both stress and success.

"Edna His Wife," by Margaret Ayer Barnes. Starting in the days of tandem bicycles and hansom cabs, this long absorbing novel marches down the years to 1935. The drama of Edna's rise from poverty to riches against an ever-changing background of Chicago, Washington and New York of yesterday and today, makes one of those satisfying stories of American family life in which Mrs. Barnes excels.

Yule Tree Shipments On in High Sierras

ROSEVILLE, Cal., Nov. 12.—(U.P.)—Purveyors of Christmas trees evidently believe in the motto "shop early."

While the Yuletide season still is several weeks away, truckloads of Christmas trees daily pass through this city enroute to the larger cities. The trees are cut in the Sierra Nevada range a few miles east of here.

New 1937 Oldsmobile On Display In Torrance; Prices Are Lowered

The new 1937 Oldsmobile is now on display in Torrance at Mullin's Service, 2053 Torrance boulevard, and is receiving the greatest ovation from the entire dealer organization thruout the country ever accorded new models, according to D. E. Ralston, vice president and general sales manager of Oldsmobile.

Prices Lower Oldsmobile's price announcement on its 1937 cars is featured by a reduction in price on all enclosed models in the eight-cylinder line and also a reduction on the popular four-door sedan and four-door touring sedan in the six-cylinder line, according to Arthur Mullin of Mullin's Service, Oldsmobile dealer.

"List prices at Lansing on the new six begin at \$685 and on the eight at \$785. Mr. Mullin said. "These new prices for 1937 are in keeping with Oldsmobile's basic policy of giving buyers all that is new and better at the lowest possible price."

Mr. Mullin pointed out that the new Oldsmobiles, both six and eight, are bigger and finer in every way. Both have new and larger engines which give increased power with greater economy. Both have longer wheelbases and stronger, more rugged chassis. And both cars offer bigger, roomier all-steel bodies for greater comfort and safety.

"In addition, the 1937 Oldsmobiles offer the latest in modern streamline styling. Both are entirely distinctive in appearance—different from each other, and different from anything else on the road. With all their new advancements and improvements, these new cars are priced to give the buyer the utmost in

Out of Jail Ten Hours, Sent Back

Wilmar Man Mixes Booze And Gas Too Often

Placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated after he had been treated for injuries at Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital, Richard Dye Ramsey, 38, of 5226 East Whitmore avenue, Wilmar, found himself confronted with the same offense Sunday that he had just escaped by completing five days in Lincoln Heights jail 10 hours previous.

Ramsey, according to police reports, struck a telephone pole on Western avenue, badly injuring himself and wrecking his car. He was taken to the hospital by Connie Benz of Anacapa avenue and Sepulveda boulevard, who happened to be driving by when the accident occurred.

Although he denied he was driving the car when taken before City Judge Robert F. Leasing Monday, Ramsey changed his story when confronted by the police testimony, plead guilty and was sentenced to 25 days in the county jail.

31 Million Increase In State Expenses

Cost of California's state government amounted to more than \$200,000,000 during the fiscal year ending June 30, State Controller Ray L. Riley reported this week. The total represented an increase of \$31,000,000 over the \$168,000,000 of the preceding year.

"Of this increase, unemployment relief financing accounts for more than \$23,000,000, an expenditure which formerly had been financed by bond issues. These bonds do not appear as a cost of government until they are retired," Riley said.

Advertisement for 1937 Oldsmobile featuring the slogan "C'mon Dad, Let's Go See the New 1937 Oldsmobile" and listing Mullin's Service as the authorized dealer at 2053 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, with phone number 320-J.

Advertisement for Southern Pacific Coach and Tourist Fares East, listing reduced rates for Chicago, Kansas City, New York, and New Orleans, with contact information for W. H. Bratton, Agent.

Advertisement for A. M. Gamby Mortuary, listing the director and lady assistant, with address 25001 Narbonne and phone number 612.