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## COMMITTEE VISITS TORRANCE TO INSPECT RACETRACK SITE

### General Interest Shown in Harbor Section in Possibility of Securing State Permit For Summer Racing Plant to Be Located in the District

Fred G. Good and J. A. Danielson, members of a committee to investigate possibilities of locating a race track in the vicinity of Torrance, were expected here this noon to be the guests at lunch of J. C. Smith of the Torrance Investment Company, and afterwards to be taken on a tour of the community for the inspection of possible sites for the plant.

Their visit to Torrance follows the development of interest in location of a racing plant in this section of Southern California, which was shown at recent meetings held during the past week.

On Thursday of last week, Secretary E. J. Gilmeister of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Councilman W. H. Stanger and J. C. Smith, attended a meeting held at the Union Stock yards in Los Angeles, where many representatives of cities in the harbor section gathered to discuss the possibilities.

This was followed by a later meeting held Tuesday afternoon of last week at the home of Mrs. W. H. Stanger, where further discussion and the appointment of sub-committees was made. Chairman of the general committee is Leslie Mott of San Pedro, with Norman Sprout of Redondo Beach, as secretary.

The smaller committee on details is composed of these two officials, C. O. Baker, who will look after financial arrangements; Fred G. Good, turf investigation; J. A. Danielson, location.

A site containing 350 acres is desired, but the plant can be erected on a smaller tract if necessary. The location must be at least four miles from the seashore, as a measure of precaution regarding the health of the racing stock which will inhabit the tables for two or three months. Finely bred and trained racers have an abnormal lung development which makes them very sensitive to weather conditions, and location of a racing plant too near the beach with its currents of cold damp air might be productive of an epidemic of pneumonia which would be disastrous to owners.

Several miles away, the air conditions are better, with cool and bracing ocean breezes but little dampness and fog.

Four racing permits are to be issued by the state commission, two of which will be issued to plants in Northern California, and two in the Southland. Three of the permits have already been issued. Arcadia is one site selected in Southern California, and the fourth permit will be issued as soon as a suitable location has been selected.

Hollywood interests are urging the location of a plant near the Municipal airport (Mines Field) at Inglewood.

In order to locate the fourth racing plant in the most desirable spot in this section, city councils and Chambers of Commerce are being requested to lend their support, and back up the committee in its quest for acreage suitable to the proposition. No one city in this section is as yet bidding for the location, but all will be given a chance to suggest sites, and the most desirable from the standpoint of transportation, accessibility, soil conditions and size will be selected.

## Many Win Prizes At Cooking School

Major prizes awarded at the Torrance Herald-Safeway Stores Cooking School last week were as follows: Frida, Mrs. Rose Welch, 216 Center street, Kyatona; Gaffers & Sattler gas range, Mrs. J. W. Wilson, 1903 Gramercy avenue; and Apex electric cleaner, Mrs. E. F. Goff, 834 1/2 Sartori avenue. Thirty-six baskets of groceries, and numerous other prizes, were awarded during the three days. Nearly 1000 women attended the closing session Friday, and well over 900 enjoyed the cooking school Wednesday and Thursday.

## WILL SPEND SUNDAY AT CATALINA ISLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jorgenson and Mrs. Maude Sharock and daughter of Lomita will spend Sunday at Catalina Island. Mr. Jorgenson, who is a salesman for a vacuum cleaner company, was awarded the trip as a result of his success in selling a number of the company products within a very brief period.

## PIECE OF STEEL IS REMOVED FROM EYE

Ray Leslie, 1732-B Cabrillo avenue, has returned from the California Lutheran hospital, Los Angeles, where on Friday he underwent an operation for the removal of a piece of steel from one eye-ball. The steel had embedded itself several weeks before and the sight of the eye was threatened.

## Roy Winters Hurt In Plane Crack-up At Dycer Airport

J. Roy Winters, residing at the Erwin Hotel, was taken to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital late Monday afternoon, suffering from injuries received in a plane crash at the Dycer airport. A gust of wind which overturned the plane just after it rose from the field is said to have been the cause of the accident in which Winters received painful bruises and lacerations. At first examination it was thought that his nose had been broken but later X-ray pictures disclosed his fracture. He was removed to his home on Tuesday where he is still suffering from shock and is at present receiving no visitors. However, his injuries are not believed to be serious and he will probably be able to be about again in a few days.

Edward Nordoff, student pilot, who was in the plane with Winters, was not injured.

Mr. Winters is one of the oldest pilots in Torrance in flying time, as he has had a pilot's license for the past ten years and a transport license for four years. This is his first accident.

## John's Twin Has Torrance Guessing

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Stroh and two children, of Loveland, Colorado, arrived in Torrance Saturday to visit Jay's twin brother, John, and sister, Miss Carolyn Stroh, and other relatives in Southern California. Jay and John have had a lot of fun with the residents of Torrance as they look so much alike that only those who know them well are able to tell them apart, especially when both are wearing the same style of clothes. When Jay walked into the police station Saturday, wearing John's clothing, the officers were guessing, and the rest of the townpeople have been guessing ever since.

## Donald Findley Injured On Way To Rotary Meet

Donald Findley, president-elect of the Torrance Rotary Club, narrowly escaped serious if not fatal injury Thursday evening when his car turned over while traveling at about 45 miles an hour on the highway 25 miles north of Bakersfield. The accident happened shortly after dinner as Findley was on his way, alone, to attend the district convention of the Rotary Club at Fresno.

Turning to the side of the road to pass a truck near McFarland, California, Findley's car hit soft dirt, blew a rear tire and turned completely over, according to reports of the accident. Findley was given emergency treatment at Bakersfield for a cut on the forehead and was driven back to Torrance the following morning by Walter Bradford, who had been summoned from Torrance.

Upon closer examination at the Torrance Memorial hospital, it was discovered that four ribs had been fractured, and Mr. Findley is now convalescing satisfactorily at the hospital.

## Oratorical Contest Held At Narbonne

"World Friendship" is the subject on which four students from Torrance, Narbonne, San Pedro and Jordan high schools will deliver orations Thursday night, May 3, in the Narbonne auditorium, at Lomita. The public is invited to attend the contest, which will begin promptly at 8 p. m.

Harold Smith of Narbonne will speak on "Youth and Internationalism." Torrance will be represented by Alice Burker, who will speak on "Are We Wise Enough?" San Pedro is sending John Jones to talk on "Education and World Peace." Jordan will be represented by Evelyn Fugue, whose topic is "Peace."

Narbonne has been chosen as the place for the regional finals since Miss Holloway, public speaking coach, has been appointed chairman of this district. The winner will then compete in the grand finals in Los Angeles on May 13. The contest is sponsored by the world friendship committee of the Los Angeles board of education and is open to any undergraduate student under 21 who is now enrolled in day or evening high school in the Los Angeles district.

H. H. Halladay will preside as chairman at the district finals. Besides the four orations, there will be several musical selections given by the students from the different high schools represented.

## Foreign Trade Week Will Be Observed In This State, May 14-22

Southern California will participate with greater enthusiasm than ever before in the annual state-wide celebration of Foreign Trade Week scheduled this year for May 14-22.

This is the statement of A. Schleicher, president of the Sanction Division, U. S. Tire & Rubber Co., who is in charge of the program in this district, details of which are now rapidly approaching completion.

Although similar to those of previous observances, the plans for this year's event include various innovations designed to bring home to the public the inseparable relationship of international commerce to our general prosperity. "Mr. Schleicher says.

The geographical location of Los Angeles harbor places us at the gateway of the world's newest and largest market, that is to say, the countries bordering the Pacific. Therefore, it is quite appropriate that the importance of the harbor's development be given special stress during Foreign Trade Week.

A colorful exhibit of foreign and domestic products entering into the harbor's commerce will be staged during the week at the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce as one means of accomplishing this objective. Mr. Schleicher said. An intensive newspaper and magazine publicity campaign and talks before service clubs and by radio on foreign trade topics are also planned. Organizations desiring speakers are requested to communicate with the Foreign Trade Week Speakers' Bureau, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

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Improvement of Roosevelt Highway, which is joined by Sepulveda boulevard just north of the El Segundo city limits, was completed through the city of Redondo Beach as far south as "T" street last summer. Some work still is in progress along the coast highway in Redondo Beach, according to the state highway offices.

The link through Torrance will connect up with the State street condemnation proceedings recently were instituted.

Specifications for bidders posted this week call for 7,950,000 cubic yards of overhaul, 181,000 cubic yards of excavation, 16 culverts, 368,700 pounds of bar reinforcing steel for pavement, the application of 4550 barrels of heavy fuel oil to the rolled rock shoulders, and several thousand cubic yards of pavement, both of asphaltic concrete and cement concrete.

The other major state highway project for bids are to be opened is Firestone boulevard between Downey and Buena Park across the Orange county line. This will be 7 1/2 miles long, pavement to be of asphaltic and cement concrete.

In Long Beach, the way was cleared early this week for surveys preliminary to preparing specifications for widening State street between the west city limits of Long Beach and Solano court, one block east of Pacific avenue. Superior Judge Robert Kenny signed an order granting the state highway commission the right to take immediate possession of the right-of-way between these two limits.

Deposit of \$25,000 was expected to be made with the court by the highway commission this week, which would satisfy condemnation judgments involving undeeded property along the route.

## Plane Forced Down On Quandt Ranch

Jerry George, pilot of a Curtis-Robbins plane, owned by Harry Michie, made a forced landing on the Quandt ranch in Torrance Sunday afternoon. The plane took off from the Dycer airport, a short time before. A broken oil line was said to be the cause of the landing here.

## FARM BUREAU

A meeting of the county farm bureau will be held tonight in Narbonne high school. On account of the oratorical contest, which is held in the auditorium, the farm bureau will meet in room 202.

## Central Church Elects Officers

Annual congregational meeting and dinner held Monday.

On Monday evening, 100 members and friends of Central Evangelical church gathered in the Guild hall for the annual dinner and congregational meeting. A committee composed of Mrs. John Ferguson, Mrs. Merle Johnson and Mrs. Fred Hansen were in charge of the dinner which was greatly enjoyed by all.

After dinner a business session was held. The annual reports of the activities of the various organizations of the church were given. F. C. Winkler was re-elected as church treasurer. E. Merle Johnson was elected as church trustee for a term of five years. The following Sunday school officers were chosen: W. E. Bowen, superintendent; W. H. Haslam, associate superintendent; Elmer Clark, secretary; Marguerite Leake, assistant secretary; Mrs. Gertrude Hayden, pianist; Laurella Lancaster, pianist in junior department; Patti Post, pianist in primary department.

In connection with the annual meeting, a pleasing program of musical selections were enjoyed. Laurella Lancaster entertained with accordion music and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Curtis sang several duets. After the meeting a social time was enjoyed.

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## MOTHER'S DAY STAMP SALES ON TODAY

The post office department's observance of Mother's Day (May 13) began today with the sale at Torrance and elsewhere throughout the nation of special postage stamps.

The new stamp bears a likeness of "Mother," the painting by James Abbott McNeill Whistler. The color is purple. Whistler's painting was President Roosevelt's suggestion for the theme. Postmaster General Farley explained in a letter to Postmaster Connor.

## City Officials Visit Parker Dam

City Councilmen J. E. Hitchcock, W. H. Stanger and W. H. Tolson, and City Attorney C. T. Rippey left yesterday for a trip to Parker Dam as guests of the Metropolitan Water District. A large party of municipal officials from the various cities of the district boarded the special train for the dam which left Los Angeles yesterday. They will return Friday.

## Beach Trip For Children Next Saturday Morn

All children who wish to go to Cabrillo Beach Saturday morning are requested to be at the Recreation Center building on Cabrillo avenue at 8:30 o'clock, where the city bus and other conveyances will be ready to take them to San Pedro. Several mothers are planning to drive their own cars and will take some of the children and others are invited to offer their services so that all may be accommodated, says Miss Josephine Odell, playground director.

Children must bring their own lunches. On Saturday afternoon the Walteria girls and boys baseball teams will play against the teams at the Pueblo.

About 200 children gathered at the municipal ball park last Saturday to take part in the games and picnic which followed. The attendance at the playgrounds is increasing daily and as soon as school is out very likely the playground supervisors will have their hands full to take care of the crowd. More workers are needed now for part-time service and still more will be needed during summer vacation. All those who are disposed to help will be welcome. Miss Odell, who is in charge, she can be reached at the city hall, telephone 400, every morning except Saturday, between 9 and 10 o'clock.

## Genealogical Society Honors Mrs. Harry Dolley

Mrs. Harry H. Dolley of 1445 Post avenue, who has won local recognition for her work in genealogical and historical research, has been honored by having a "Who's Who in Genealogy" sketch of her work included in the list of the leading active genealogical researchers in the United States, in the Handbook of American Genealogy recently issued by The Institute of American Genealogy of Chicago.

Recognition in this field affords access to the extensive lineage files of The National Clearing House for Genealogical Information, as well as professional contact with genealogists in 1984 cities, in 1285 countries throughout the United States and in 29 foreign countries, which will enable her to expand the scope of her work very materially.

It will be of interest to the members and prospective members, and especially to the registrars of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames, and other hereditary-patriotic societies to learn that a local resident has formed these international contacts because they will make possible the necessary genealogical research to qualify for membership without outside aid.

## Margaret Condon In Spelling Finals

Word has just been received by Miss Irene Mills, of the Torrance high school, who has been in charge of the spelling contest team representing this school, that an error had been made in compiling the records, and that Torrance will have one representative in the finals. Miss Margaret Condon of Torrance is the representative.

May 18 when the championship will be decided. The preliminary contests were broadcast over KPAC, and this station notified Miss Mills yesterday of the discovery and correction of the error which places Torrance in the list of finalists.

## DR. TOWNSEND WILL SPEAK ON PENSIONS

Dr. F. E. Townsend, of Long Beach, promoter of an old age pension which is being placed before Congress, will speak tonight at the Methodist church. The public is invited.

## ASK ADMINISTRATION OF SERA BY ARMY ENGINEERS

### Resolution By Committee of Eleven to Be Presented to City Council Tuesday For Adoption As Aid to Solution of SERA Problem

City Engineer Frank Leonard, Councilmen W. H. Stanger and James E. Hitchcock, represented Torrance at a meeting of the County League of Municipalities held in Huntington Park Tuesday evening, called by the president of that organization to discuss the setup of the SERA and to work out a plan for getting the best results from the new state employment proposition which replaces the now defunct CWA federal unemployment program.

The principal object of the meeting was to secure expressions from the city representatives regarding furnishing materials for SERA work projects, as no help from the government will be forthcoming on that angle. Of the \$4,000,000 allotted to California for unemployment aid, Los Angeles county will receive about one-fourth of that amount, or \$1,000,000. This will be expended as wages, but no provision has been made for furnishing materials or supplying equipment, insurance and supervision.

This will be up to the cities in which projects are ordered. Although there are now on the unemployment relief rolls, which means an incapacitated for work by reason of age, ill health, or physical disability, the heads of 32,068 families; on the employable lists of the county relief, the heads of 1,395 families; and on the National Re-employment Service lists 205,900 unemployed in Los Angeles county, only 26,000 are slated to receive employment under the SERA.

At a meeting of the League of Municipalities held in Los Angeles on April 26, a committee of 11 was named to draw up a resolution which will be presented for adoption to the councils of all the member cities in the league.

Other copies are to be sent to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Secretary Harold L. Ickes, Harry Hopkins, federal relief administrator, and all California senators and congressmen; to Governor James Rolph, Jr., and R. C. Branton, chief of the California SERA, as evidence of the activities of the league in promoting an immediate and satisfactory solution of the unemployment problem.

The committee of 11 whose names are signed to the resolution, are Jack C. Alberta, city engineer, Glendale; Geo. W. C. Baker, councilman, Los Angeles; A. W. Hock, board of public works, Los Angeles; Lloyd Aldrich, city engineer, Los Angeles; A. R. Chilton, superintendent of county schools, Los Angeles; W. H. Nicholas, relief worker co-ordinator, Pasadena; M. Tallefson, city contests, Culver City; F. R. Leonard, city engineer, Torrance; H. I. Stites, city engineer, Burbank; F. H. Eager, co-ordinator, Santa Monica; Mr. Keese, representing Alfred Jones, co-ordinator, Los Angeles county; W. W. Hoagland, department of public service, Long Beach.

Officers of NP, occupying quarters in this hall, Torrance, registering unemployed under the federal set-up, have been closed for the past few days and may not reopen for a while.