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PWA GRANTS CITY REQUEST FOR 20 YEAR TERM ON BONDS

Water System Loan is Extended From 13 Years to 20 Years; Drilling Wells to Be First Improvement

Approval of the city's request for a longer period of time in which to pay off the PWA loan recently granted to develop the municipal water system was received Tuesday by Mayor Scott R. Ludlow in a communication from federal authorities in Washington. Under the more liberal terms granted, the city is given 20 years to retire the \$128,000 bond issue instead of 13 years. The balance of the \$170,000 PWA award is represented by an outright grant, or gift of \$42,000. The bonds will be retired at the rate of \$400 annually beginning February 1, 1937, and extending to February 1, 1956, instead of \$16,000 yearly beginning in 1941 as originally stipulated and which members of the city council felt would work a hardship. Mayor Ludlow expressed much satisfaction on receiving the news of the more liberal terms and stated that he particularly appreciated the prompt action given the matter by PWA officials, as the request was forwarded to Washington only two weeks ago.

Progress Made On Roadway to Chemical Plant

In response to a letter from City Engineer Leonard relative to expediting work on improvement of the roadway to the new Hughes-Mitchell Process plant, Lloyd Aldrich, city engineer of Los Angeles, stated today that plans for the improvement of Torrance boulevard (formerly El Prado) between 20th street and Normandie avenue, are now being prepared in accordance with instructions from the Los Angeles city council. It is proposed to pave Torrance boulevard between 20th and Normandie with six-inch asphaltic concrete, 30 feet wide, and to resurface Torrance boulevard between 20th street and Western avenue with two-inch asphaltic wearing surface, and widen the pavement from 23 feet to 30 feet. The estimated cost of the two sections of the highway is given as \$28,183.

Settlement of the controversy concerning the cost of relaying Pacific Electric Railway tracks across Torrance boulevard, is expected to be accomplished by agreement of the City of Los Angeles to take the cost of this work out of its allotment of gasoline tax funds, Leonard said.

Plenty of Water That there is plenty of water underlying Torrance was evidenced last month when the Columbia Steel Company completed its No. 3 well, which produced 1150 gallons a minute. It was drilled through three strata of water bearing gravel to a depth of 620 feet. City Engineer Leonard states that the normal consumption of the present municipal water district is about 1500 gallons a minute, which is little more than the capacity of the one Columbia Steel well. Because of the ample production of other wells which have been drilled in this community, engineers anticipate no difficulty in securing plenty of water of a satisfactory quality.

Family Circle Is Broken By Death; Young Girl Taken

A family circle was broken Thursday, January 31, with the passing at the close of a brief illness of Rosaline Corrine McNeil, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. McNeil, 1744 Andrea avenue. Rosaline had been taken sick with diphtheria only a few days before, but the disease rapidly developed, terminating in her death shortly before noon last Thursday.

Found Guilty of Battery Charges

Action against James J. O'Toole and Bob Williams, charged by Victor Rosset with disturbing the peace, was dismissed in the Inglewood justice court, Torrance branch, when the case was called Tuesday morning. On the charge of battery preferred by Leonard Pizer, O'Toole and Williams, separate actions, were found guilty and each was assessed a fine of \$50 or 25 days in the county jail, the sentence being suspended.

Are You A Good Guesser?

Torrance Merchants Movie Star Guessing Contest, announced in a full page in this issue, will create intense interest because of the attractive and valuable prizes which are to be awarded by business concerns participating. This array of prizes is on display in the lobby of the Torrance Theatre, and will be there until February 18, at which time the prizes will be awarded to the fortunate persons who guess the most of the photos of movie stars correctly. Remember, you do not have to buy anything at any time to enter this contest. Torrance merchants want you to feel free to visit their stores, view the picture they have on display, write your guesses on the blank printed on the full page announcement. When your blank is complete, clip and drop it in the box provided in the lobby of the Torrance Theatre. Merchants will have extra blanks available at their stores. Get busy in this Movie Star Guessing Contest. It's lots of fun. And besides you may win one of the many prizes. Test your knowledge of the famous characters of the screen which you see and admire in the high class pictures shown at the Torrance Theatre.

Studes Move In On the Herald Mon. Morning

University Journalists Will Take Over Duties of Regular Staff Next Week

Staff members and ye editor of The Torrance Herald are wearing smiles of contentment with the publishing of today's issue, because the strain of making last-minute deadlines is to be lifted from their shoulders during the approaching week.

Golf clubs came out of the closet and dates are arranged which otherwise could not be made, all because the regular staff of the Herald takes a week's rest while a crew of students from the School of Journalism at the University of Southern California takes over the editorial duties in connection with publishing Torrance's weekly newspaper.

Five U. S. C. students will form the staff of the Herald, headed by Dick Nash, who will act as editor. Others who will handle editorial duties are Myra Haynes, Margaret King, Ted Gross and Phil Juergens. All are active in editing the Daily Trojan, University of Southern California student newspaper.

The smile of peace and contentment which wreaths the features of ye editor isn't there only because of that chance to get in an additional 18 holes; because he now has the best little alibi in the world of "that mistake? Oh, that's just a little slip-up by those U. S. C. kids. That's one thing that I can't be blamed for."

The editing of the Herald by the U. S. C. crew is one of five such field trips among leading community newspapers of the Southland being undertaken by the students. Ten daily newspapers will later be edited by the youths.

Gilmeister Voted \$50 Salary Boost By Chamber Heads

A \$50 increase in salary from \$175 to \$225 per month was given L. J. Gilmeister, secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, by unanimous vote of chamber directors at their regular meeting Monday afternoon. Gilmeister was first appointed secretary in July, 1931, at a monthly salary of \$125, which was increased in December, 1932, to \$175.

Joint Meeting of Chambers of Com.

The Harbor District and Southeast Chambers of Commerce will hold a joint meeting at Downey, next Thursday, February 14, with Chairman H. C. Legg of the board of supervisors as the speaker. "Flood Control" will be the topic. L. Demming Titton of the state planning board will also attend the meeting.

Personal Injury Suit Off Calendar

Trial of the \$50,000 personal injury suit brought by Helen Brodie, 9, against Ruth, Martha, Norman and Mrs. Ruth Blackhall, has been placed off calendar in Los Angeles superior court, by stipulation of attorneys for either side. The suit is the outgrowth of an accident on Sartori avenue, when Helen, 9 years old, was pushed against a wall of a building when an automobile, assertedly driven by Ruth or Martha Blackhall, ran over the sidewalk.

CITY REQUESTS \$145,515 AS ITS SHARE OF WORK-RELIEF FUND

Six Projects Outlined By Torrance, With Request That Entire Cost Be Paid By Federal Agency; No Local Funds Available

City of Torrance this week requested \$145,515 as its share of the \$4,800,000,000 work relief fund recently voted by the House of Representatives and now under consideration by the United States Senate.

In an application forwarded by City Engineer F. R. Leonard to the state engineer and state planning board, who will act as a clearing board for California projects, the following were requested, in the priority named:

- 1. Resurfacing and widening of pavement on El Prado and Cabrillo, and resurfacing Torrance boulevard \$15,800
2. Municipal Park improvements 4,390
3. Paving Santa Fe and Cabrillo avenues and sidewalks to serve the Municipal Park, 3000 lineal feet 6,575
4. Resurfacing and widening Normandie avenue, 4800 9,850
5. Grading and paving Plaza del Amo 14,400
6. Paving Sepulveda boulevard, 13,400 feet, and grading and paving Hawthorne avenue to Western avenue, 94,500

TOTAL \$145,515 In the request for its allocation for funds from the huge work-relief fund, the City of Torrance stated that no funds were available locally for the purchase of materials, and funds to cover the entire cost of the above improvements were asked.

Would You Like a Nice New Baby Free? Attend the Hospital Ball

"Oh, my dear, come right in, and hurry up and get your hat off and sit down, I am just bursting to tell you about the wonderful time I had at the hospital ball, and the funny things that happened there. The hospital ball? Oh, my dear, surely you have heard about the ball the doctors, dentists, and citizens of Torrance and the bay district gave for the benefit of the Torrance Memorial hospital. Oh, you were out of town. Well, of course that explains it, for I don't see how you could have missed hearing about it, had you been here."

Many Assisting In Hospital Benefit Ball

Following is a list of organizations and individuals who are already working to make the Torrance Memorial hospital benefit ball, on February 22, a huge success. Dr. J. S. Lancaster, chairman of the Torrance unit, states, however, that a number of others have not yet been contacted and he anticipates no difficulty in securing their support. The list to date follows:

- Columbia Steel Co.
Hughes-Mitchell Process, Ltd.
National Supply Co.
United Concrete Pipe Co.
Soulie Steel Co.
Torrance Laundry Co.
International Derrick & Equipment Co.
Torrance Masonic Lodge.
Eastern Star.
Torrance Woman's Club.
American Legion.
Legion Auxiliary.
Nativity Church.
Business and Professional Women's Club.
Chamber of Commerce.
Kwanis Club.
Rotary Club.
Jos. Klink.
Yoshida Vegetable Market.
L. G. Barkdull.
Schultz & Peshkam.
Torrance National Bank.
C. & P. Store.
C. A. Packman.
Star Furniture Co.
Sam Levy.
Frank Buffington.
Councilman William Stanger.
Dr. C. L. Ingold.
Dr. Alden Smith.
Dr. R. A. Bingham.
Dr. F. Bishop.
Dr. O. E. Fossum.
Dr. W. J. Neulands.
Ed Schwartz.
Allen Pauli.
J. C. Smith.
B. J. Scott.
Postmaster Earl Connor.
Harvel Guttenfelder.
Torrance Health and Welfare Cent. Co.
C. G. M. O. Co.
Torrance Pharmacy.
Beacon Drug Co.
Dolley Drug Co.
J. M. Christenson.
Dr. Geo. P. Shidler.
Dr. A. P. Stevenson.
Dr. N. A. Leake.
Dr. J. S. Lancaster.
Craver C. Whyte.
Donald Findlay.
L. C. Dean.
Henry Grubb.
Rubbercraft Corp.
Hydril Co.
Superior Oil Co.

Similar ticket selling committees are being organized in Redondo Beach, Gardena, Lomita, Wilmington and Manhattan Beach. Torrance's quota is 1000 tickets.

Merchant Host At Stag Party For Hospital

Fund of \$72.55 Contributed At Party Given By Star Furniture

A good time was had by all and the Torrance Memorial hospital was substantially benefited Monday evening at a stag party given by J. G. Koch, proprietor of the Star Furniture Company, to a group of 50 Torrance industrial executives and civic leaders. The spacious clubrooms on the second floor of the Star Furniture Company's Inglewood store was well filled with card players, who generously contributed \$72.55 to the hospital fund. The entire expense of the delightful party was donated by Mr. Koch, who was assisted in entertaining the guests by his three brothers and H. M. Abramson, manager of the Torrance store, as well as other staff members of both the Torrance and Inglewood stores.

The purpose of the party, as explained by Mr. Koch, was to promote following among industrial executives and especially to stimulate interest in the hospital benefit ball which is to be held on February 22 at the Surf and Sand club at Hermosa Beach. And in both respects the party was a huge success.

One of the interesting events of the evening was the renewal of friendship between R. E. Cooper and Harry Higgins, who had not met since Mr. Higgins was employed by Mr. Cooper 21 years ago at the Spanish River Paper mill at Sault Ste Marie, Ontario. Mr. Cooper is now associated with the Hughes-Mitchell Process, Ltd., and Mr. Higgins is employed at the Columbia Steel mill.

Much Work Is Accomplished

Ladies Who Meet to Sew For Hospital Turn Out Many Articles. Eighteen ladies met at the St. Andrew's church guild hall Monday to sew for the hospital, and accomplished a valuable amount of work in a few hours. A large stock of handkerchiefs, binders, and other necessary linens were made and turned over to the superintendent, Miss Esther Z. Maxwell, at the end of the day.

Roosevelt Ball Nets \$84.00 Fund

Net proceeds from the President's birthday anniversary ball given in Torrance were announced today by Beverly B. Smith, general chairman, and A. H. Bartlett, treasurer, as \$84.00. Seventy percent of this amount, or \$58.80, will remain here for local rehabilitation of victims afflicted with infantile paralysis, and the balance of \$25.20 was forwarded today to Washington.

Plead Guilty to Passing Bad Coins

Having entered pleas of guilty in United States district court to charges of passing counterfeit money, James C. Frazee and Thomas J. Bryant will appear before Superior Judge Paul J. McCormick next Monday for sentence. Frazee, said to have been employed at a Torrance industrial plant, lives at North Redondo, and Bryant also is a resident of that city, according to police records. Each of the men entered pleas of guilty to each of two counts contained in the indictment, when they appeared before Judge McCormick on Monday.

Postmasters Meet In L. A. Friday

The Los Angeles County Postmasters Association, Maud Dawson Shea, Redondo Beach, president, will meet Friday, February 8, at the Hotel Rosslyn, Los Angeles, California. Following the dinner, speakers for the occasion will be Judge Ben B. Lindsey, Herbert C. Legg, chairman of the board of supervisors, and Larry E. Price, representing the veterans.

Townsend Pension Plan Explained

C. H. Moon, and other speakers, will address a public meeting at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening, February 14, at the M. E. church on the subject of the Townsend old age pension plan. The meeting will be free and all interested are invited to hear these men who will thoroughly explain the plan.

FEDERAL HOUSING SURVEY SHOWS POPULATION INCREASE

Total Number of Residents Here 7672, An Increase of 401 Over the Census Figures of 1930; Exceptional Percent of Regularly Employed

Figures released yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce, as compiled from the survey completed by the federal workers who made a house to house canvass in behalf of the Better Housing campaign, show a gratifying increase in the population of Torrance since the last federal census taken in 1930.

Child Burned While At Play Dies Saturday

Raquel Ayala, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Ayala, who reside at 1544 Carson street, passed away at the General hospital this week from burns received Saturday while the child was playing about a small bonfire. Her dress caught fire, causing severe burns on her arms and upper part of the body. She was given first aid at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital and returned to her home. Later she was taken to the county hospital in Los Angeles, where she passed away.

Two other small children were victims of fire and scalding water, dying on the same day that the Ayala child passed away. They were Clifford L. Harpin, two years old, of Montebello, and Rachael Guillen, age two and a half years, of Los Angeles.

High School Boy and Girl Win In National Contest

Eugene Stegemeyer, one of the recent graduates from Torrance high school, and Marcelle Crook, a student, were named as winners in a national contest which closed recently, sponsored by the General Mills Company.

The title of the winning paper was "Why Bread is Good to Eat Four Times a Day." In view of the fact that this contest was national in scope and the Torrance entrants were in competition with several million other young people, their success is noteworthy.

Some Housing Needed

Since the housing shortage in Torrance is acute, and promises to become more pressing, the Chamber of Commerce is preparing a preliminary plan for a building campaign, to induce those who own vacant residential lots to build on them at once. Those who do so, will probably find a ready rental or their houses, since there are tenants waiting for the opportunity to move into a new, modern home.

Hospital Board to Be Elected

Election of a board of directors and other officers of business will come before the meeting of the members of the Torrance Hospital Association, to be held at the Nurses Home, 1416 Cotia, Wednesday afternoon, February 13. The meeting will be called to order at 4 o'clock, and all members of the association are requested to be present.