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## WATER SYSTEM TO BE COMPLETED AT ONCE

### Federal Assistance In Erecting Public Buildings Assured

#### SEPTEMBER 27 IS DATE SET FOR HOLDING BOND ELECTION

Three Proposals Involving Issuance of Bonds Totalling \$85,000 Will Be Placed On Ballot

Voters in Torrance will cast their ballots on September 27, for or against the issuance of bonds for the construction of a city hall and jail, library building and municipal auditorium, according to the terms of an ordinance which was passed on first reading Tuesday night. Final adoption of the ordinance will be made at an adjourned regular meeting of the council, called for 4:50 p. m. Tuesday, September 3.

#### Waidelich Transferred As Principal

Arthur G. Waidelich, principal of the Torrance high school for the past three years, has been transferred to the Alexander Hamilton high school, located on the west side in Los Angeles, and will assume control there with the opening of the semester. Thomas Hughes Elson, who has been principal at Alexander Hamilton, will take Mr. Waidelich's place in Torrance.

Possibly other changes in personnel will be made at the local school on September 10, but they have not as yet been announced.

The news of Mr. Waidelich's transfer, while it is a promotion for him and so a matter of congratulation, is received in this city with deep regret. He has allied himself with the civic interests of the community and taken a great deal of interest in the community activities and problems, making his influence felt in many ways, although for excellent reasons he was not a resident here but had continued to maintain his home in Glendale.

Mr. Waidelich, as head of the high school, did a great deal to establish a fine school spirit and sense of responsibility among the students, and his removal from this city is much to be regretted.

Mr. Elson, the new principal, is not an entire stranger to this community, as about 16 years ago he was principal of the combined grammar and high schools, preceding Mr. Barnett. Many of the older residents remember him and are pleased to learn that he is returning.

#### ROOSEVELT CLUB to be organized HERE SHORTLY

Preliminary steps in the organization of an "On to Roosevelt Club" were discussed yesterday by a group of local supporters of the President. The meeting was held in the offices of City Judge Robert Lessing and a number of leading Democrats in Torrance attended. However, it is planned to open the membership in the club to all Roosevelt supporters, regardless of factional or partisan faiths. Another meeting is to be called shortly to which the public will be invited.

#### Former Resident Passes Away

Mrs. Emma Crosby, who until two years ago resided in Torrance at 1147 Fourth avenue, passed away Tuesday at the Pacific Home for the Aged, 1055 North Kingsley Drive, Los Angeles. Mrs. Crosby had been in failing health for some time.

Prior to her removal to Los Angeles she had resided in Torrance for 12 years. Funeral services were private, held at Inglewood Park cemetery at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Mrs. Crosby is survived by a niece, Mrs. Olsen, of Los Angeles, and a cousin, Mrs. L. H. Deininger, of this city.

#### Around the Council Table

For the first time in the history of the city council there were no written communications to be presented at the meeting held Tuesday night. As a rule there are from one to a dozen to be given attention before the council can take up regular business.

Action was taken to vacate a strip of land along the old highway in Waverly which had been dedicated for street widening purposes. A change in routing of the new state highway made the dedication unnecessary and the property was returned to its owner, J. W. Venable.

Councilman W. H. Tolson, head of the parks department, reported that since all SERRA workers had been removed from the payroll under that department and had been returned to direct relief rolls, the playground work is now dependent on the good will of these employees, who have continued to give their services free in order to keep it going. C. A. McNew and Thomas Hood have been delegated to outline a program for the work, with the minimum and maximum number of workers required, to be presented to the proper authorities under the new federal set-up, and it is expected that suitable arrangements will be made later to return these playground workers to their jobs at regular rates of pay.

Councilman Tolson also reported that the pergola for picnic use at the park had been completed with the exception of painting. The pergola consists of a rock wall surmounted by windows, and covered with a roof, which will give shelter from the prevailing winds. It makes a handsome addition to the park facilities.

An appropriation of not to exceed \$200 to be deposited with the superior court in a condemnation suit involving the DeMuth property on Hawthorne boulevard, was sanctioned Tuesday night. The exact sum due will be fixed by appraisers. The city will be reimbursed out of state highway funds, but it was necessary at this time to advance the money so that the widening of Hawthorne boulevard might proceed.

The city authorized the payment of not to exceed \$100 to Noble Codema for damage to crops along Hawthorne boulevard, which covers payment for 2,400 strawberry plants. This sum will also be returned from the state highway funds.

#### Torrance Is Host At Delightful Party

Torrance played host to the Police and Firemen's Protective Association of Southern California at Hollywood Riviera Monday night, where 85 members and guests enjoyed a delightful evening. Entertainment was supplied by the Helen Fernandez troupe of singers and dancers, and by Vince Barnett, movie star, who regaled the assembly with humorous stories.

Among the Torrance contingent who attended were Councilman and Mrs. W. H. Stanger, Councilman and Mrs. J. E. Hitchcock, Police Chief G. M. Calder, Captain and Mrs. John Stroh, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McMasters, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Gilmester, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Buxton, Judge and Mrs. Robert F. Lessing and DeKalb Spurlin.

The next monthly meeting of the association will be held at the Cotton Club in Culver City.

ARIZONA VISITORS Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Bell, 1544 Marcella avenue, had as their house guests for several days this week, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lyle and their daughter, Miss Nellie, of Arizona. Miss Lyle attended University of California at Los Angeles with Miss Muriel Bell.

#### STATE WPA OFFICERS ENDORSE ALL 3 CITY BUILDING PROJECTS

Approval and recommendation that the federal government contribute 45 percent of the cost of materials and labor to be used in construction of the proposed new Torrance city hall, library and auditorium buildings has been given by state WPA officials at Los Angeles and the applications are now in Washington, it was learned yesterday by F. R. Leonard, city engineer. Such action by the state WPA office is considered as almost certain assurance that the grant will be made by Washington officials.

With federal money forthcoming for almost half the cost of the local public buildings, all that remains to be accomplished is to receive an affirmative vote at the bond election on September 27 to cover the city's portion of the cost, estimated at \$85,000, which reduced to the individual home owner amounts to \$1.00 to \$2.00 per year depending on the assessed valuation of his home.

President Roosevelt served notice this week that all applications for grants under the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1935 must be in Washington not later than September 7, which according to Los Angeles WPA officials means that the final date for filing in the state office will be 5 p. m., September 4. The President also stipulated that all applicants receiving funds must be prepared to ask for bids for construction work or begin operations by force account on or before October 22, and where projects are to be awarded and signed on or before December 15.

Thus it can be readily realized that if Torrance voters approve the bond issue on September 27, that actual construction of the three local building projects will be under way before Christmas.

#### VAST BENEFITS OF BARGE CANAL TOLD BY ANDREANI

Former Harbor Commissioner in Talk to Rotary Club Outlines Advantages to Local Industrial Growth

Much interesting information concerning world ports and the important part they have played in the development of industry with particular emphasis on the vast opportunities that await Torrance and nearby communities by the extension of Los Angeles harbor by ship channel and barge canals was given to members of the Torrance Rotary Club last Thursday by F. M. Andreani, former harbor commissioner. Mr. Andreani has been studying harbor development for nearly a quarter of a century, and it was at his suggestion that the Torrance city council last week agreed to sponsor a WPA study project of the proposed plan to connect Torrance industrial plants with the harbor through the construction of barge canals. Excerpts from Mr. Andreani's talk follow:

"Economic future of Southern California depends upon industrial expansion. . . In Southern California we intensely developed transportation, maritime, mineral and agricultural activities, and by that very progress we have assured for this locality the advantages of abundant and inexpensive water, fuel, electricity and unexcelled highways. We have laid a perfect foundation for an industrial empire save and except an adequate, modern and economic industrial harbor. . . We are becoming an industrial nation. . . Up to 1905 manufactured products were 30 percent of our total exports. They are now 80 percent. On the New York barge canal system in 1910 manufactured articles constituted one-fifteenth of the tonnage; in 1927 they became one-fourth, and in 1933 they were two-thirds. And the trend of trade and progress is in our favor. Business is moving to the Pacific. Before the war Europe took 63 percent of our . . .

Building permits this month totaled \$14,475 as against \$59,500 for August, 1934. The high figure of last year included permit for rehabilitation of the high school. This month's figures include \$1,700 for a laboratory building at the Columbia Steel Company, \$6,150 for addition to the office building at the National Supply Company, and \$2,550 for a dairy building in the McDonald tract. Total permits for the year to date are \$164,250 as against \$129,522 for the same period in 1934.

#### PAGENT DATE POSTPONEMENT IS POPULAR

According to the general opinion of the committee in charge of the Torrance Pageant of Progress was wise in postponing the dates to September 5, 7 and 8, instead of holding the affair as originally planned a week previous. So many other communities are holding Labor Day celebrations, that undoubtedly much interest would have been diverted from the local affair.

Joe Bren, of the Thomas Lee Artists Bureau, who is in charge of the entertainment, is making his headquarters in Torrance, working with the local committees to make the affair a success.

"With the excellent program entertainment that I am sure will be the ideal location for such an event, I am sure that the merchants, clubs and fraternal organizations who intend to exhibit in the Pageant of Progress, as well as all who attend, will be highly pleased and genuinely entertained every moment of the time."

Many interesting exhibits will be offered, such as booths arranged around the inside of the ball park fence. In the center of the field will be rides and games. A large stage will be erected in the center of the diamond where the professional acts of vaudeville will be shown, every afternoon and evening.

A new sensational novelty, a scooter race with 12 beautiful girls as jockeys, will afford fun and excitement. A public wedding will be solemnized on the final evening of the three-day pageant. Contest for the honor of reigning as queen over the pageant has narrowed down this week to two contestants, with the withdrawal of Miss Jeanette Mikelson. Whose father is seriously ill. The others who are candidates for this recognition, Miss Artis Miller and Miss Zona Harris, are going strong in the popularity contest. Votes for the candidates may be obtained from the merchants and the final decision will be announced September 5.

#### DEMOCRATIC Voters Alliance MEETS TUESDAY

Thirty members of the Democratic Voters Alliance, who met Tuesday evening at the home of E. H. Barlow, 1450 24th street, heard Assemblyman Lee E. Geyer of the 68th district make an informal but interesting talk, reviewing the work that this organization is doing in this section. Dr. Harry Bunkers, of San Pedro, president, conducted the meeting at which various communities were represented.

Other officers are Edgar H. Barlow, Torrance, first vice president; John L. Finn, Harbor City, second vice president; Charles B. Reigel, Wilmington, third vice president; Haskell Tidwell, San Pedro, secretary; Henry H. Craig, San Pedro, treasurer.

Steps were taken at this meeting to organize a new club in Torrance, with Mrs. Sally West as chairman. Those who attended the meeting Tuesday night were Dr. and Mrs. Harry Bunkers, Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Craig, of San Pedro; Assemblyman and Mrs. Lee E. Geyer, Mr. and Mrs. David G. Shrader, of Gardena; Coy T. Farfuhar, of Lomita; Jack L. Finn, Harbor City; Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Krowow, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lessing, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Babcock, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. West, William J. Morgan, Mrs. Anne Bozeman, Mrs. Margaret Fordice, Dr. C. L. Ingold and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Barlow, of Torrance.

Refreshments of cake and coffee were served at the close. BIRTHDAYS OF FAMOUS MEN Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, author, was born August 29, 1809.

#### CONSENT TO BEGIN WORK ON ENTIRE WATER SYSTEM GIVEN

PWA Officials Agree to Request of City to Rush All Units In Entire Water Program; Will Mean "Better and Cheaper Water" Sooner

Permission to proceed immediately with plans for the construction of a huge low-level reservoir, water treatment plant, laying of pipelines and all other units in the comprehensive water development and purification system of the municipal water system was received yesterday from PWA officials at Washington and relayed through state PWA officers to City Engineer F. R. Leonard, manager of the municipal water department.

#### Budget For This Year Adopted

Budgeted expenses for the city of Torrance during the present fiscal year will total \$122,423.00 under the budget adopted at the meeting of the city council held Tuesday evening. In addition to this sum, there is set up for a sinking fund for bonds authorized in 1932, the sum of \$3,318.00, and for library purposes the sum of \$10,315.00, making a grand total of \$137,156.00.

Funds out of the sum set aside for general expenses include items as follows: General government, including salaries, election expense, repair of buildings and other items, \$19,935.00; protection to life and property, which includes police and fire protection, street lights, compensation insurance and first aid, \$56,750.00; health and sanitation including garbage disposal, sewer maintenance, and health officer, \$5,800.00; street department expense, \$31,720.00; park department, including parks, music and Chamber of Commerce fund, \$23,300.00; miscellaneous expense for equipment, and other items, including an unallocated fund to take care of contingencies, \$35,618.00.

Taxes to be raised under the rates established recently will total under the general fund, \$44,198.00; advertising fund (10 cent tax) \$18,025.00; sinking fund for 1922 bonds, \$3,318.00; library, \$10,315.00; making a total of \$127,656.00, to which will be added miscellaneous income derived from business licenses, fines, permits and franchise earnings, amounting to \$10,200.00.

Assessed valuation for the various districts is District No. 1, including the original Torrance Tract, \$7,835,795.00; District No. 2, including the annexed portions, \$10,189,045; municipal water district No. 1, \$7,744,015.00; and library district which includes the whole city, \$18,024,830.00.

#### MOOSE WOMEN organize lodge IN TORRANCE

Friday night, August 30, at the Torrance Woman's Club clubhouse, a chapter of the Woman of the Moose is to be instituted. This will be an auxiliary to the Torrance Moose lodge.

#### MANY PROJECTS will be started IN SEPTEMBER

Certification of 255 clients of the County Relief Administration residing in Torrance has been virtually completed, and their cases ready to be turned over to the Works Progress Administration, it was stated today. The survey of relief clients in 44 incorporated communities of the county by LACRA has been taken in preparation for the time when WPA will begin to operate work projects of various types.

#### Fire Hydrants In McDonald Tract

Six new fire hydrants have been installed in the McDonald Tract and are now ready for use in emergencies. This takes care of a situation which has been a disadvantage to property owners in that section, and has already had gratifying results in the reduction of fire insurance rates to at least one man there.

ATTEND FAIR Mrs. Grace Granger and daughters Ruth and Frances, of Marina avenue, were week-end visitors at the San Diego fair.