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PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS APPROVED FOR 4 BUILDINGS

City Ready to Advertise For Bids On City Hall, Library, Auditorium, As Soon As PWA Grant Is Received; Word Expected From Washington Shortly

It will be the last of this week or the first of next before Torrance city officials will know whether they will receive the \$52,500 grant from the PWA necessary to construct the new city hall, library and auditorium. Delay in arrival of the report of State Engineer A. D. Wilder in Washington is given as the cause, according to the county counsel's office.

Deputy County Counsel William B. McKesson wired Los Angeles county officials following his arrival in Washington this week that Engineer Wilder's report probably would not arrive until the end of this week. Wilder's report, the contents of which he was not permitted to divulge, contains the list of applications that he is recommending for cancellation because of the inability of the sponsors to raise their portion of the funds. McKesson and James L. Beebe, bond expert, are in Washington to make a personal plea on behalf of the cities of Torrance and El Monte as well as school districts in Pomona, Whittier and Beverly Hills to have the cancelled funds re-allocated to these smaller municipalities and school districts, all of whom have their projects fully financed and ready to begin work as soon as the PWA grants are forthcoming.

Plans Approved
In the meantime, Torrance city officials are pushing forward their plans to begin work as soon as the federal funds are available. Approval of plans and specifications for the new city hall and jail, public library, and municipal auditorium was voted yesterday afternoon when the city council met with P. A. Eisen, architect. The city is now ready to advertise for construction bids as soon as the federal funds are assured.

Perfected plans, as approved by the city council yesterday, call for utilizing a 50-foot lot on El Prado adjoining the city hall site, in order to permit the construction of garages and parking facilities for the city hall and jail attaches. Authority to purchase the lot from Dr. Barlow at a stipulated price of \$3,000 was voted Tuesday evening by the city council.

YOUNG MOTHER succumbs after OPERATION

Death claimed a young mother, who leaves two infant children bereft of her care, in the passing of Mrs. Trixie E. Gaffney, 21 years old, who died Thursday, October 17, at a Whittier hospital following a Caesarian operation. The child, a girl, is doing well and will be brought to the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Rowell, 1348 Carson street, in about two weeks.

Mrs. Gaffney leaves besides this daughter, a young son, aged 16 months; her husband, Daniel P. Gaffney; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Rowell; two sisters, Evelyn and Virginia Rowell, and two brothers, Edwin and Guy Rowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaffney resided in Whittier, where rosary was said at 8 o'clock Sunday evening, and funeral services were held from the Catholic church Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Interment was made at Calvary.

Gardena Man Takes Merrill's Place

Albert E. Guenzler, formerly of the Gardena high school, has been engaged to take over the work of the late S. E. Merrill, agriculture instructor at the Torrance high school, whose tragic death on October 13 ended his long and successful career here. Mr. Guenzler has been in charge of this work at Gardena and comes highly recommended. He is now in charge of the work here.

City Engineer Offers New Plan For Cabrillo

State Gasoline Tax Money May Be Used To Complete Paving

Since the WPA project involving the improvement of Cabrillo avenue north of Carson street has not yet cleared the Los Angeles offices, City Engineer Frank Leonard presented an alternative proposal to the city council which will bring about an early completion of this long delayed job.

Mr. Leonard suggested that since the city has been allocated \$3,865 in gasoline tax funds by the state department for use on the city streets, that the council authorize the use of this sum in paving the 16-foot strip on the west side of Cabrillo in the business district. Supervisor John Quinn will be asked to secure the appropriation of \$2,000 in county funds, out of the \$5,000 which he pledged some time ago for the completion of the Cabrillo avenue-Eshelman project, and the city will be called upon to pay the cost of supervising the work, estimated at \$153, making a total of \$5,153 to be spent for widening the pavement and constructing a curbing along the P. E. right of way as far south as Carson street.

The proposal met with the approval of council members, as it offers an immediate solution of the problem which has vexed the community for so many years. A resolution was adopted authorizing the filing of this project with the state department of public works.

H. W. Roberts, Cabrillo avenue property owner, urged the council to take up with the P. E. railway company at once, the matter of securing a 16-foot right of way south of Carson street, so that this section of the avenue may be improved in the same manner that the northern section will be improved. Members of the council indicated the widening south of Carson street would be taken up with P. E. officials as soon as the section north of Carson is under way.

Every effort will be made to push through the new plan so that the job can be completed as early as possible.

Mr. Leonard also reported that the necessary papers on the Vista Highlands sewer project, the tennis courts and the fence along the Santa Fe right of way at the park have been forwarded to the WPA headquarters in Los Angeles and that the papers covering the South Torrance sewer project will be ready in a few days.

BENEFIT BALL to be given for SUFFERER

Beverly B. Smith, chairman in Torrance for the President's Birthday Ball association, and his staff are making arrangements for a benefit ball to be held soon for the purpose of raising funds to carry on the work undertaken by this association in providing treatment for a Harbor City victim of infantile paralysis.

The case was undertaken soon after the President's ball last January, and the invalid, a working man who has been disabled by the disease, has been provided with medical treatment and correctional appliances, at the expense of the association. He is making excellent improvement, but is still in need of care. The funds derived from the sale of tickets to the President's ball last winter have been exhausted, and an additional sum of \$75, borrowed from the association at San Pedro has also been used up. The benefit ball, it is hoped, will provide enough money to continue with the work until the Harbor City man is able to dispense with medical care.

As yet arrangements are not complete, but the date and place of the affair will be announced later.

Eight Parcels Offered Council Receives Bids On Prospective Sites For Library and Auditorium

Bids covering eight parcels of property in the section approved by the Committee of 40 for a civic center, were submitted to the city council Tuesday night. The following is the list of bidders and the description of the property.

Samuel Aldin, lots 19 and 20 in block 6; price \$4,750. Located on the east side of Marcella avenue, opposite the post office, and measuring 68x140 feet, on the alley corner.

Louis and Bella Gold, Taback, lot 23, block 6; price \$1,600. Located on Marcella avenue adjoining the Parks building.

Torrance Development Company, lots 28, 29, 30 and 31, block 8; \$4,850; east side of Post avenue; 120x155 feet.

Torrance Investment Company, lots 2 and 3, block 15; price \$9,000. Southwest corner of Marcella and Cravens avenue, adjoining the present city hall; 95x156.52 feet.

Torrance Investment Company, lot 24, block 7; \$10,000. Northeast corner El Prado and Cravens, opposite park; 65x130 feet.

Torrance Investment Company, lots 17, 18, 19 and 20; block 8; \$8,000. Northwest corner El Prado and Cravens; 130x155 feet.

Torrance Investment Company, lots 4, 5 and 6, block 14; \$15,000. Southwest corner of El Prado and Cravens overlooking the park; 125x156.32 feet.

Torrance Investment Company, lots 1 and 2, block 16; \$7,500. Southeast corner of Marcella avenue and Cravens; 80x136.52 feet.

No action was taken by the council to select sites for the two buildings for which sites will be required, the auditorium and the library, but the bids were placed on the active file until such time as the council receives assurances that federal funds will be allocated for carrying out the projects and the bonds are sold.

An ordinance authorizing the issuance of bonds for the three projects was passed on final reading at this meeting, and the bonds will be prepared and offered for sale at an early date.

Directors of County Sanitation Districts Will Meet In Torrance

Directors of the county sanitation districts will hold their November meeting at the Torrance city hall, after which they will view first hand the construction work on the \$2,750,000 White Point outfall sewer project through the Palos Verdes hills.

Today, workmen are tunneling through the hills at the rate of about 85 feet a day, from the north and south ends. This week there was nearing completion an adit shaft, which will permit construction work to be started near the center of the long tunnel section, from which other tunnel crews will work toward either end from the middle, so to speak.

From the north end, the United Concrete Pipe Company of Torrance had completed approximately 80 percent of the open conduit between the disposal plant and the mouth of the tunnel, some 960 feet, at the middle of the week. Backfilling on the completed portion of this contract was started this week. The United Company also had approximately 1,880 feet of tunneling work completed, at the rate of about 50 feet daily.

At the south end of the hills, Shofner and Gordon and Hinman Brothers had completed about 210 feet of tunnel, at the rate of 15 feet a day. Progress is slower there due to rock formations, which requires blasting. Between the north and the south tunnel portals is some 31,000 feet of tunnel, of which less than 2,000 feet has been completed to date on the two contracts. Work is being pushed 24 hours a day now, however, by three eight-hour crews.

On the ocean link, about 30 percent of the excavation has

Old Time Ranch In Foothills Changes Hands

Williams Property South of Lomita Will Become a Haven For "Dudes"

Old time residents of Lomita learned this week with regret of the departure of Mrs. Carrie Williams, widow of the late Albert Williams, who has gone to take up ranching in Mint Canyon near Saugus.

The Williams family came to Lomita from Arkansas 23 years ago and was one of the first to take up a ranch in the Palos Verdes foothills at the south end of Lomita. They carried on an extensive hay and grain raising business there until the present time when Mrs. Williams disposed of her interests. The old ranch, which was known far and wide because of the unlimited hospitality and neighborliness of its owners, will be turned into a dude ranch.

The Williams ranch is the last of the old-time ranches maintained in that section and the change in ownership and purpose of the ranch complete the alteration of the picture in Lomita which was once the location of numerous extensive farming interests, among them the old Narbonne ranch, the Chapman ranch, and others. While truck gardening and farming is still carried on there on a large scale by Japanese, the old time families have one by one taken themselves from the scene, and the old pioneer days in Lomita have vanished.

BIDS OPENED for paving Lomita BOULEVARD

A low bid of \$4,271.61 was obtained this week by the board of supervisors on the proposal to pave Lomita boulevard east and west of Narbonne avenue for approximately 800 feet.

Kovacevich and Price, Inc., were the low bidders. Two other bids were received, both being practically identical. The Griffith Company submitted a bid of \$5,353, and J. L. McClain bid \$5,359.07.

All bids were referred to George Jones, county road commissioner, for checking, and Jones expects to make his recommendation for award of the contract possibly late this week. If the board meets, or not later than next Monday.

Work probably will start within two weeks, although the contractor will begin moving his equipment to the job next week.

REQUEST beautification of BOULEVARD

Request that the city council take action to beautify the parkway along Torrance boulevard with flowers and shrubs, in order to carry out the agreement with the Pacific Electric Railway, made at the time the land was turned over to the city, was forwarded to that body by the Chamber of Commerce, following a meeting of the board of directors held last Monday. The central parkway along the boulevard has been graded and a number of fine trees and palms have been planted there but the flowers and shrubs are lacking. While a great improvement in the appearance of the street has been made, further improvement is necessary to present the most attractive view.

In its letter to the council the Chamber asked that due consideration be given to the merchants along this avenue in providing parking space in the center of the street, which the chamber suggests should be graveled at the points where parking is permitted.

FAMOUS HISTORICAL EVENTS
Daniel Webster, statesman, died October 24, 1852. Patent on friction matches granted to Alonzo D. Phillips, 1836.

Property Gone From Home Of Recluse

Jesse Courtney, caretaker of the property at 1821 Via Visalla, Palos Verdes Estates, reported to sheriff's deputies of sub-station No. 3, the disappearance of two electric motors from the pumproom in the basement of the house, at a date unknown. Courtney stated that he visited the house on August 23, when he believes the motors were in place. When he returned on October 15 they were gone.

The property is the former home of Miss Margaret Keith, eccentric recluse, who committed suicide in her Beverly Hills home several years ago. It is now owned by Miss Keith's nephew, Albert C. Allen, of Central Point, Oregon.

Suspicion rests upon a young man who came to Courtney in August with recommendations from the secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Los Angeles, and also from a clerk in the postoffice at Palos Verdes Estates, according to the report made at the sub-station. The young man was said to be a scenario writer, but "without visible means of support" and was permitted to use the garage at the Keith house as living quarters. The garage was kept locked but the young man was said to have had a key. He left there October 5.

In addition to the motors, a tire was taken from the spare carrier on an old Marmon car stored in the garage. The tube was removed, inflated and put back on the carrier and carefully covered with the tire cover. As the tires on the Marmon were the same size as those on a car used by the suspect, suspicion was directed towards him.

Young People Sign Up Here For NYA Work

Three-fourths of Required Number Already Listed At Local Office

Following the announcement last week that the city of Torrance is seeking to establish a National Youth Administration project in this community, about 30 young people signed up at headquarters maintained in the office of Judge Robert F. Lessing. This is a gratifying number, but more are needed to put the project over successfully, and those who are eligible young men and women, unemployed, between the ages of 17 and 25, are requested to call there for registration.

In the meantime the necessary steps are being taken to get the project started, and it is believed that by the time it has cleared through the Los Angeles and Washington offices enough young people will have signed up to make the required number.

Blank forms to be filled out by the applicants were received here Tuesday. These must be returned to the NYA department and checked. Probably 30 days will elapse before the first work orders are sent out.

The work will be varied in character, from manual to mental, or skilled, labor. The rate of pay will be \$19 for unskilled labor, \$22 for semi-skilled and \$25 for those handling the high or type of jobs. Forty hours of work per month will be required. This can be worked off in one week or spread over the month, preferably the former.

Projects planned by the city include office work in the city engineer's office, police station, city judge's office, work in the parks and at various other jobs, depending on the qualifications of those who apply. An effort will be made to place each one in the line of work he or she is trained for, and the projects to be lined up will depend on the type of applicants, who must be worthy and in need of employment.

MAN DIES OF BURNS FROM FLAMING GAS

Employee of Roscoe Moss Company Loses Life In Auto Collision

An inquest held Tuesday morning to inquire into the circumstances of the death of Austin Frederick Evans, 31, who was burned to death in an automobile accident last Friday night, resulted in a verdict of unavoidable accident.

Evans was a passenger with Harold P. McConnell, residing at the Brighton Hotel, when the car collided with another parked at the side of Narbonne avenue, near 240th street. The gasoline tank of the parked car exploded, and Evans, who it is believed had attempted to jump when he saw a collision was about to occur was showered with the burning fluid. He was taken to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital, where he died several hours later.

McConnell received lacerations in both wrists, a cut on the nose, and was thought to have a fractured rib.

Evans had resided at 2007 South Grand avenue, Los Angeles, until last week when he moved to the Brighton hotel to be near his work, and had been there three days. He was employed by the Roscoe Moss Company which is in charge of drilling operations for the city of Torrance in the completion of its water wells.

Immediately after the conclusion of the inquest, held at Stone & Myers chapel, funeral services for the deceased were conducted by Rev. Carl Allen, of the Methodist church. Interment was made at Inglewood Park cemetery. Evans' brother, Theodore, of Houston, Texas, came to Torrance to take charge of the arrangements. Evans also leaves a mother, Mrs. Virginia Evans, and a sister in Purdue, Texas.

Fred Wertzall, 3048 23rd street, and John W. Anderson, 3150 23rd street, Torrance, who were occupants of the parked car were also slightly injured by the collision. They reported to deputies of sub-station No. 3 that they had pulled off the highway to allow a hot brake band to cool, when the car driven by McConnell crashed into them. McConnell stated that the car was the property of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Lillian Kibbe, of Goleta, and that he had driven to Los Angeles some time ago to look for work. At the time of the crash he had been blinded by the lights of an approaching car and when he could see, found the parked car a few feet away. The impact swerved his car off the road into a field.

ROOSEVELT CLUB plans big rally IN NOVEMBER

November 6 is the date definitely set for the big rally to be held by the On-With-Roosevelt Club. Congressman Charles J. Golden accepted an invitation this morning to speak at the rally and also stated that he would endeavor to bring with him another prominent federal official who will address the gathering.

The rally will be held in the justice court rooms in order to accommodate a larger crowd. Postmaster C. Earl Conner is arranging for other entertainment and other speakers for the occasion. Complete details of the program will be announced later.

Local officers of the On-With-Roosevelt Club also wish to urge local residents to attend the big meeting to be held at the Olympic auditorium in Los Angeles on October 28, which will be addressed by Rexford Tugwell, close associate of President Roosevelt.