Ask New Bids On City Bldg.

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mation of the cost of equipment, and (2) that prices have advanced upon the special (i.e. steel) type of construction and competition is somewhat limited.

He found that "it would seem that the new administration building should not cost greatly more, exclusive of equipment, than the average unit cost of the library ($5.38 per square foot) and city hall ($4.17) or $5 per square foot." The lowest bid price, as revealed last week was $7.19 per square foot.

The final plans for the structure, 3,004 square feet in size, were estimated for construction by the architect at $4.97 per square foot or $17,064.88. The lowest bid last week, with equipment, was $23,350 or $7.77 per square foot or $21,615, excluding equipment, which amounted to $7.19 per square foot, Eisen's letter stated.

Council members asserted they did not favor a cheaper type of construction and that the new building should be equal to the present civic center structures which are built to withstand any emergency such as earthquakes. They instructed City Engineer Frank R. Leonard to contact the architect at once to get the new plans and specifications, which would eliminate a locker room, considerable plumbing, plastering and exterior finish work in the rear, drafted immediately.

PROSPERITY NOTE

Another indication of increased prosperity of California farmers: Sales of commercial fertilizers last year increased 18 percent.

Your rent money will buy a home.

Lomita Vets Sponsor Boy Scout Troop

Lomita's Boy Scout Troop No. 215 is now being sponsored by the V.F.W. post of that community, according to Wallace Welch, Scout commissioner, who announces the appointment of three troop committeemen, Norman Gardiner, Hugo Schmidt, and William Straub. George G. Key will be scoutmaster.

Plans are being perfected for the formation of a Walteria troop under the sponsorship of the fire station. Fire Chief A. D. Stevenson of Torrance has offered full cooperation and the use of the Walteria station as a meeting place. Neil Whitney is named as tentative scoutmaster. Two troops are now functioning under the guidance of the Lomita commissioner.

SUPPER BRIDGE PLANNED FOR JAN. 22

Members of St. Cecelia Guild of St. Andrew's Episcopal church announce a supper bridge to be held in the Guild hall on Engracia avenue, Friday, Jan. 22, at 6:30 p. m. They invite the public. Reservations are limited, so those wishing to attend are asked to reserve tables at once. Phone 642 or 21-R. Plans for the affair were completed at the guild meeting held Wednesday in the home of Mrs. J. W. Post, 1541 Post avenue.

NONAGENARIAN BETTER

Seriously ill for the past 10 days, Job Paddock, 90-year-old Lomita pioneer, is reported somewhat improved today at his home. He was very low last Sunday night and although not yet out of danger, is believed to have a good chance for ultimate recovery.

INFANT IS PATIENT

Baby Joseph Edwards, who was born at Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital 16 days ago to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Edwards, 2271 Torrance boulevard, re-entered the institution Jan. 10 for medical treatment. He is reported making good progress now.

Cane Growing Spans Century

HONOLULU (U. P.)—America's principal sugar cane industry is beginning the second century of its existence. It was started on the Island of Koloa, in the Territory of Hawaii, in 1835.

Colden at the Capitol

By
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Jan. 9, 1937.

The big event of the first week of Congress was the message of President Roosevelt. His bold discussion of the Supreme Court was one of the outstanding surprises of his career. The President did not mention the Supreme Court specifically but the purport of his remarks hit the mark with a bang. To me, the most significant statement in the President's message was: "The statute of NRA has been outlawed. The problems have not. They are still with us." That brief statement summed up the entire issue in potent words.

The President was escorted to the speaker's rostrum by the usual formal committee but he leaned on the arm of his stalwart son James, as he moved up the ramp provided for the purpose. In four years the President has aged considerably and the bald spot on his forehead has expanded. While he was delivering his message, Mrs. Roosevelt sat in the gallery and listened intently, not wandering in her interest for a moment.

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MARCHING FORWARD

Certain features of the President's message received warm response from the hearts of the progressive members of Congress. The President's reference to the need of modern housing, the necessity of improving the Social Security Act, the prevention of unemployment, decent conditions and adequate pay for labor, and a just return for agriculture, indicated that his program will be to march forward and that there will be no retreat in progressive and forward-looking legislation.

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THREE SESSIONS

During the first week of Congress there were three meetings: The opening day, Tuesday, Jan. 5, the members took the oath of office and then proceeded to the election of officers for the present Congress.

On Wednesday, Jan. 6, Congress met for the purpose of hearing the President's message. Along with the members of the House, the Senators and the Cabinet sat in the chamber of the House and John N. Garner, vice president, presided. Preceding the President's message, the House and Senate in joint session counted the electoral votes and, sure enough, President Roosevelt and Vice President Garner were re-elected by 523 votes and 8 were recorded for the Republican candidates, Landon and Knox. When the votes of Maine and Vermont were announced the Democrats gave some rousing, razzing cheers, while the Republican side merely grinned and took it.

The third session of the House was held Friday, for the purpose of hearing the President's message on the budget. This time the message was read by the Clerk of the House. That part of the President's message that proposed the continuation of the Civilian Conservation Corps received loud applause. Of the number of experiments initiated by the New Deal, the C.C.C. appears to be the most popular.

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VITAL ELECTIONS

The South is in the saddle in Congress. John Nance Garner of Texas rules the Senate and Joe Robinson of Arkansas is floor leader. In the House, William B. Bankhead of Alabama was elected speaker by unanimous vote of the majority; Sam Rayburn of Texas was elected floor leader, and Robert L. Doughton of North Carolina was made chairman of the caucus.

In the Democratic caucus there was a sharp contest between John O'Connor of New York and Sam Rayburn of Texas for floor leader. The rivalry for this position is because it affords a stepping stone to the speakership, and it is now in the cards that if and when William B. Bankhead retires from the speakership that Rayburn will be an aspirant for this honor. John O'Connor of New York, the Tammany leader, had surprising support from outstanding Democrats scattered throughout the north, the south and the west. Supporters of O'Connor suggested that his election would eliminate sectionalism and that the southern members already occupied most of the important positions in Congress.

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HEADS RETAINED

The implication was that O'Connor should be elected floor leader from the North to balance the selection of William B. Bankhead of Alabama and the South, but one of Rayburn's friends in a speech before the caucus called attention to the fact that New York is already well represented in the federal government, since the President, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Labor, and the Postmaster General, were all from New York. While the battle between O'Connor and Rayburn was a hot one, it was good-natured and John O'Connor swung his supporters in line with one of his fervent speeches for the united support of his late opponent, Sam Rayburn.

Congressman Ed Taylor of Colorado, one of the oldest members of the House, presided over the caucus and handed his gavel to Robert Doughton, the newly elected chairman. Taylor, in his remarks in the caucus, called the attention of those present to the fact that the Democratic party now has its largest membership in Congress in the history of the country. The membership of the House now contains 333 Democrats, 88 Republicans, 13 Farmer-Laborites and Progressives, and there is one vacancy caused by death.

SHERFEYS MOTORING TO IDAHO FOR VISIT

Equipped with a good supply of warm clothing and several blankets, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sherfey left today by motor for Buell, Idaho, where they will visit with Sherfey's parents. While in the northern state, Sherfey, who has been assisting at Stone and Myers mortuary, will take the state mortuary board examinations at Boise. His parents have never met their daughter-in-law. The Sherfeys plan to return in about two weeks.

WORKER INJURED

While working at the Hunt Oil company well at Sepulveda and Hawthorne boulevards Tuesday night, Pat Gallagher, 718 Narbonne avenue, suffered a crushed foot when a heavy pipe fell on it. He is receiving treatment at Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital and is reported doing well.

FARSIGHTED AT BIRTH

About 75 percent of people are farsighted at birth—25 percent have either normal vision or are nearsighted.

Rubbish Tossing May Be Curbed By County Action

Los Angeles county officials were asked this wek to take steps to prohibit the throwing of discarded bottles and tin cans and other refuse from vehicles along the public highways and in public parks.

The request came from the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce, in a resolution which pointed out that the practice was not only annoying to property owners in many instances, but also dangerous.

Cooperation of all cities, the county and the state in passing a measure to check the practice was recommended to the supervisors. The supervisors could make such a regulation pertaining to highways in unincorporated sections, according to county attorneys.

Boy Only Slightly Hurt In Cliff Fall At Torrance Beach

Altho he struck the sharp sides of a 100-foot cliff twice during his fall and landed on the rocks in the ocean, 13-year-old Elmer Rohr, 234 South Irena street, Redondo Beach, suffered only minor cuts and bruises as result of his Sunday afternoon plunge at Torrance beach.

He was rescued at the foot of the cliff by Sergeant Ernest H. Ashton and Redondo Officer Otis Alfred and taken to his home by Charles Myers of this city. The boy said he accidentally fell from the cliff.

Lemons Size of Grapefruit

MEDINA, N. Y. (U.P.)—A lemon the size of a grapefruit, which yields a tumbler full of juice, is the masterpiece of Frank Messino, amateur naturalist.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LECTURE MONDAY

Paul Stark Seeley, C. S. B., of Portland, Ore., will deliver a lecture on Christian Science at the Torrance civic auditorium on Monday, Jan. 25, at 8 p. m., under the auspices of the Torrance church. The public is invited to attend and no admission charge will be made.

Your rent money will buy a home.

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