

Library Assessment Met By City But No Furniture Is Bought

The regular semi-annual library assessment of \$3,300 was paid by action of the city council Tuesday night. Mayor W. H. Stanger, reporting for the library board, said that body approved settlement of the bill tendered by the county library for services to Dec. 31.

Also by recommendation of the library board, the council voted to pay \$6 for installing two light outlets in the reading room but held that the city's contract with the county library did not include purchasing new furniture to accommodate the U. S. government documents that the reading center is now obtaining through the courtesy of Rep. Charles J. Colden. The matter of buying such furniture was referred to the county librarian.

FOURTH TERM BEGINS

William A. Johnstone of San Dimas is serving for the fourth time as the chairman of the county civil service commission, following his reelection at the last meeting of the board.

LICENSE LAW IS REPEALED

Torrance no longer has an ordinance licensing slot machines and pin-ball games.

The existing measure was repealed Tuesday night because all such machines are now banned by county-wide action.

POULTRY THEFTS CONTINUE HERE

The wave of poultry thefts, which began shortly before the holidays and which was expected to diminish following the advent of the new year, has continued and the latest victim was a Mrs. Nelson of 3150 230th street, who lost a large turkey last Thursday night and nine other birds and some ducks earlier last week, according to police.

She told investigating officers that another family in her neighborhood had lost a considerable number of birds, this being reported to deputy sheriffs in Lomita.

Blind Driver to Show Uncanny Skill Here Saturday

Billy Russell, who has interested thousands in many eastern and western cities with a freak developed faculty that seemingly offsets the loss of sight, is to appear in Torrance Saturday afternoon to drive a 1937 Pontiac car while completely blindfolded.

He promises to duplicate locally the same blindfolded auto drive enigma mentioned in many national magazines—driving through traffic sight-sealed yet precisioned from years of many tests. Russell will demonstrate about 30 minutes—his desired maximum of endurance.

The demonstration and blindfolding will take place promptly at 3 p. m., from in front of the National Home Appliance company, 1318 Sartori. Here Russell will first place hospital adhesive tape directly over his eyes, blocking all light seepage before a local witness blindfolds him in addition with a heavy bandage to be publicly inspected. This will encwrap his entire face.

Somewhat a mystery indeed—Russell will then sail forth on his septic-defying drive "in the dark"—obeying all traffic rules enroute.

Russell states only fine stock features will be on the car and that he will ride alone. This beautiful model will be loaned for the event by Earl H. Forbes, local Pontiac dealer, who is confident that the physical driving of Russell's test will be aided by new Pontiac advancements in traffic control and ease of handling.

In offsetting the strain caused by this type of work, Russell states he finds chiropractic and rest invaluable. Dr. H. G. Mitts, chiropractor, is co-operating at the driver's request by making adjustment possible locally at the finish of his nerve-wracking trip.

Immediately after the blindfolding Saturday, Russell will enter the National Home Appliance store to operate one of the 1937 Zenith radios, now on display. Then, after tuning this sensational long-distance radio with the simplicity of their "lightning station finder," the exciting trip will begin.

With triple-sealed hydraulic brakes on the new Pontiac responding instantly to need from a seemingly incredible guidance, he will drive through the main district then to the

Doesn't Need Eyes



BILLY RUSSELL

Nationally known "blind" driver, who will drive through the streets of Torrance Saturday afternoon, completely blindfolded. His drive will begin at 3 p. m., in front of the National Home Appliance company, 1318 Sartori, and he will drive a new 1937 Pontiac from the show rooms of Earl H. Forbes. Local witnesses will inspect his eye bandages to make sure Russell is totally blinded and unable to see even a peep of light.

Smith Super-Service station, 2172 Torrance blvd. Here he will make a one-time attempt to drive on the hydraulic lift of their scientific mobilization department. After driving too between the many assorted gasoline pumps, Russell will terminate his demonstration at the sales-rooms of the Earl H. Forbes, 1528 Cravens ave., turning the Pontiac—still beautiful. Here bandages and adhesive tape will be removed for public re-inspection and Russell will talk on his freak development of a natural faculty to offset the loss of sight.

BUILDING TOTAL RAISED \$5,150

Building permits issued this week by City Engineer Frank R. Leonard totaled \$5,150. A frame derrick, valued at \$5,000, is being erected by the Sawyer Oil company, Long Beach, at 22631 Hawthorne boulevard. The installation of a skylight in Dr. C. L. Ingold's quarters at 1409 Marcelina avenue cost \$100 and a 250-gallon gasoline tank, valued at \$50, was installed at Whitey's Welding Company, 1825 West 213th street.

Ornamental Light Damage Reported

Since July 1, 20 bowls and six light canopies have been broken on ornamental street lights here, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett reported to police yesterday. The damage amounted to \$138, he said. Police Chief G. M. Calder reiterated his instructions to officers to "watch out for BB guns and when you see an air rifle in use, bring it in." Air guns are banned in Torrance.

BUMPER CROPS

Production in California of major field crops jumped substantially from every viewpoint during 1936.

The "Blindfolded Driver" Says:

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DR. H. G. MITTS

CHIROPRACTOR

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Phone 377

TORRANCE HIGH LIGHTS . . . by

Vida Jones

Teachers Form Library . . .

In order that all teachers may have access to the latest books and pamphlets on subjects relative to their profession, a faculty professional library has been started. By means of donations five books have been purchased. Donations will be called for once a year and it is hoped that the library will soon grow to large proportions.

Circus Theme For Dinner . . .

The girls athletic association plans its annual mother-and-daughter banquet for Wednesday, Jan. 20. The girls have chosen a circus theme which will be carried out in the decorations and the program. Presentation of letters and stars will climax the evening.

Talks Feature Forum . . .

At the Torrance Forum's monthly meeting Tuesday evening, many of the members made known their decisions to enroll in the new public speaking class under the instruction of Mrs. Lois Engel. Features of the meeting were talks by Miss Mrs. Lois Engel, Miss Chase spoke of her trip to Mexico and illustrated her talk with many hand-made Mexican articles while Mrs. Engel told interesting facts about Rainier and Yellowstone national parks.

Salute to Casey . . .

Best wishes of all his students and friends at Torrance go with R. J. Casey to his new position at Frank Wiggins Trade School. The former woodshop instructor has been appointed acting vice-principal there.

"Visual Aid" Available . . .

Torrance high is entitled to borrow motion picture films on a variety of subjects from the board of education. Films or "visual aids" can be obtained on such subjects as geography, travel, history, economics, civics, home economics, industries, industries, safety, science, transportation, and communication. The loan period is one week. This gives the teacher an opportunity to preview the film and to present it as an intensive part of classroom study.

Six Banquet-bound . . .

Six delegates from Torrance high will attend the Scholarship Society's district banquet at Venice high tomorrow night. The invitation, written in Japanese, was deciphered for the society by Tsyoko Fukai, who also translated their response into Japanese.

Local Family Hurt In Arizona Accident

In trying to avoid being struck by a supposedly drunken driver, H. C. Curley of 819 Portola avenue and his family in their new Terraplane sedan skidded off a road near Denton, Ariz., Jan. 6. Mrs. Curley suffered a broken jaw and her face and head was badly cut and bruised; Curley received a severe leg wound and their two children were cut and bruised.

The Torrance family was picked up and rushed to the Denton hospital by the sister of Arizona's governor who was following their car. The driver who forced the Curleys into the skid on the icy road did not stop, according to the local resident who brought his family home late last week. Curley tried to dodge the oncoming machine and his new car skidded down a 15-foot embankment.

C. C. Advertising Bill, \$565, Paid

An appropriation of \$565 to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce to pay two display advertising bills was made by the city council Tuesday night at the chamber's request. The Torrance advertisement in the Los Angeles Times' mid-winter edition cost \$450 and the one appearing in the New Year edition of the Long Beach Press-Telegram cost \$115. The appropriation was charged to the chamber's contract with the city.

Old Coins on Display at Howard's Linked to History's Pages, People

About the Owner and His Coins . . .

Alden W. Smith, owner of the extensive coin collection now on view at his Howard's Jewelry store, obtained the money pieces from the estate of an old German who died in 1903 in San Francisco. The original owner, Smith says, started the collection in the old country when he was a boy of eight. The Torrance resident bought the silver and gold pieces in 1932.

Most of the coins are of silver, many evidently being composed of baser metal. The gold pieces are English and Canadian—Smith having turned in his American gold coins when the government called them in. Included in the display are several memorial medals of ancient vintage.

Smith declares the collection of individual pieces are not for sale; that he has refused offers for some of the coins that ran into three figures. Though not a numismatist, he nevertheless takes a keen interest in old money and has made some study of the background of his coins.

owned by Alden Smith was being fingered at that time probably by men more interested in fomenting the French Revolution.

One of the best-preserved bits of silver in the local optometrist's collection is a deeply engraved coin made during the reign of Ludwig Maximilian of the Republic of Venice, 1789. History says the peace treaty ending the American Revolutionary war had been signed just six years before that piece appeared—but General Washington was not to order cessation of hostilities with the British until three years later. Ludwig's wrath-edged medium of exchange, not milled as coins are today, was going into circulation when only nine of the United States had ratified the Constitution and Washington was serving his first year as first President.

Strife in Spain Numismatists who have seen Smith's collection, assert that his finest piece, so far as coin art is concerned, is the King Maximilian Joseph of Bavaria's

memorial coin to the Charta Magna. Its die is especially deep cut. This was issued in 1818 when Andrew Jackson was founding the Democratic party of today and ending his first term as President. Illinois was the newest state in the Union, and Napoleon, stormy petrel of Europe, had been in his grave only three years.

The blocked edge of the Ferdinand VII, King of Spain, minted in 1821, deserves attention from old-coin collectors. That piece came out while Spain was in the throes of a sanguinary revolution that pitted beside the present strife in that once-great nation, Daniel Webster and Calhoun and Clay were speaking the voice of America and Florida was to be ceded by Spain to the United States in the following year. But the Monroe Doctrine was not to be propounded for the peace and security of the western hemisphere until two more years were to pass.

Cover Wide Range

These old coins and many others, tarnished, battered and crude, bright, sharp and delicately lined by later craftsmen, are on view the remainder of this week at Howard's. They include many whose value can only be determined by the desire of collectors and the limit of their purses.

They range from Norwegian ducats to the Bay Bridge issue of half-dollar pieces which are already climbing in value far above their original quotation of 65 cents.

Petty Thieves Active In Local Oil Field

Someone is causing operators of oil wells on 233rd street and Pennsylvania avenue considerable loss nights, by stealing fuses and cutting off the power at the pumps, local police were informed Sunday night by Harry Rogers. Night patrol officers have been ordered by Police Chief G. M. Calder to keep a sharp lookout for prowlers in that district.

Pegors told police that until new and stronger locks were put on the well buildings, the petty thieves were breaking the old locks and stealing gasoline. Unable now to gain admittance to the sheds, the marauders are making off with the large motor fuses, thus crippling the pumps.

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Mortuary

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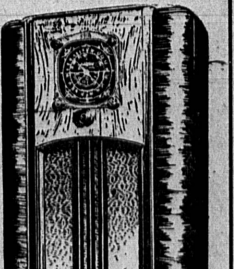
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