

Five Street Jobs Abandoned Near City

FEDERAL AID HAS EFFECTED SOME, WHILE OTHERS FAILED

Proceedings started several years ago for the opening and improvement of streets in and around Torrance were abandoned this week by the board of supervisors on recommendation of County Surveyor Alfred Jones and Road Commissioner George Jones.

The proceedings, under various county acts, were ordered several years ago, but for one reason or another the contemplated improvements were not constructed according to the assessment district plan, it was explained by the two department heads.

Some have been effected under the PWA, SERA, CWA or WPA. Others have been dormant for several years, and should not be carried thru without a new petition from property owners, the letter to the supervisors stated.

One of the proceedings provided for the improvement of Wilmington street east of Torrance, by paving. Another contemplated the improvement of Western avenue in Strawberry Park, involving curbs, gutters, sewers and paving. A third proceeding would have provided sanitary sewers in Vermont avenue, but this was done by the WPA.

The WPA also constructed the second unit of the Lomita sewer system, at a saving of many thousands of dollars to local property owners, where the needy also benefited by being given work on the project.

A fifth project on the list in the Torrance district involved the improvement of Nance street, but deeds were obtained for the necessary right-of-way without using the proceedings and suit was abandoned last December, the county surveyor reported.

CITY REDUCES MUSIC FUND

\$75 Allocated for Next Symphony Concert

At their meeting on Jan. 12 members of the city council voted \$100 allocation to test public response to a proposed free concert by the Torrance Symphony orchestra. This was held Jan. 29 and attracted approximately 500 residents, many of whom were amazed at the excellent performance directed by George Mershon.

In a letter to the council this week by Scott R. Ludlow, one of the leading members of the Orchestra association, cited the advantages of a symphony to the city and urged the continued support of the council toward the four remaining concerts on the 1936-37 program.

The council voted an allocation of \$75 toward the next concert.

City High and Dry In S. C.

Week-end Flood

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large lakes from which hundreds of residents were evacuated in boats and on rafts. Countless autos were submerged up to their tops in mud and water.

But all through the rain and run-off, Torrance rested over the weekend, secure in the knowledge that when Monday came there would be no difficulty in going to work. And there was not. By dawn, the first week-day saw only a few puddles in the populated area and all traffic was open and dry.

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Joe Meets His Match



Speaking of big mouths, this picture snapped at the recent fourth annual Screen Actors' Guild ball in Los Angeles would indicate that Martha Raye, new screen comedy find, has what might be called an edge on Joe E. Brown, he of the expansive tooth display. But Miss Raye really took advantage of the situation. She opened her mouth up wide.

Eucalyptus Saplings Used At Steel Plant to "Pole" Metal

Steel mills in other parts of the country may use green elm, ash, oak or hickory saplings to "pole" or stir molten open hearth and Bessemer steel in order to reduce the carbon content but the Columbia Steel open hearth gets the same results with eucalyptus. Between 400 and 500 green eucalyptus saplings are used each month here to produce the violent boiling or agitation in the steel as the carbon in the wood and the oxygen in the metal react chemically.

DETOUR

Col'm Under Construction By BETSY BYRNES

George Washington (Inaugurated as President of the United States, Thursday, April 30, 1789.)

He was the first, the very first!

I think he must have murmured, bending low, Just to his secret self, with heart aglow, "I am the first, the very first!"

George Washington was a true patriot. One of the finest things to be said of any man is that he was a patriot. Why? Because patriotism implies so many things; not only love of country, but unselfish devotion to its well being.

QUESTIONS: We like to extol the virtues of George Washington, but very little is said or heard about his personal appearance. What color were his eyes and hair? What size shoe did he wear? How much did he weigh?

Here is a question the editor should be able to answer: When and where was the first California newspaper published?

One of the customers asked us this one: What was the original name of Los Angeles? We know the answer. Do you?

TODAY'S PROVERB

"Though old and wise Be still advised."

Which reminds us of another old proverb. It goes like this: "The best advice is—don't give any."

ANSWERS: George Washington was a tall man. His eyes were grey and his hair was light brown. He had large hands and feet. His shoes were size 13. His weight was 200 pounds.

The first newspaper in California was named the Californian. It was published by Robert Semple and William Colton at Monterey in 1846. Several years later it was merged with a San Francisco paper.

The original name of Los Angeles was (now take a deep breath, if you are reading aloud!)—Pueblo del Rio de Nuestra Senora La Reina de Los Angeles de Porciuncula!

ADIOS

"The longer on this earth we live

And weigh the various qualities of men . . .

The more we feel the high, stern-featured beauty

Of plain devotedness to duty." —Lowell.

Water Flow At Hunt Continues; Leases Granted

The Hunt No. 1 well at the corner of Sepulveda and Hawthorne boulevards continued to drain water this week after emptying twice. No indication has been given that this hole will come in soon, but Operator R. W. Collier is still confident that the water flow can be stopped.

Meanwhile, Swyer's well south of the Hunt was being drilled for a "real test" with new casing of the southwest field. It was learned this week that Dr. J. S. Lancaster has leased his acre of land in the vicinity of the Hunt No. 1 to Collier and associates—the lease including a four-month drilling clause. At the same time, it was reported that Sam Levy and associates have leased, with a 60-day drilling clause, their two-acre holding adjoining Dr. Lancaster's property to an oil company intending to explore that area more thoroughly.

RETURNS TO SCHOOL

Kenny Hull, who was injured Feb. 5 during a practice ball game with Washington, was back in school Monday.

LEADS NATION

California State employment service leads all similar agencies throughout the nation in the placement of workers.

Double Wedding Seen In Notices of Intention

It will be an even exchange of names when these two couples wed: Anthony Danna, 24, 210 West 118th street, and Mary Palozola, 18, 1334 Carson street, and Phillip Palozola, 21, brother of Mary, is united with Santian Danna, 19, sister of Anthony.

Other notices of intention to marry were filed this week by Ralph Bezerra, 24, 1100 El Prado, and Eileen M. Brennstahl, 23, 318 El Redondo street, Redondo Beach. Francis M. Laven, 22, U.S.S. Texas, and Bernice A. Gilbert, 17, 1016 Amapola avenue.

Store Manager Has Car Stolen From Parking Lot

When Arnold Berg, manager of the A. & P. store here, went to a Los Angeles parking lot Sunday to claim his car after an evening at the theatre, he found the lot office closed up for the night and his car missing.

He reported the theft of the machine at once to Los Angeles police but as yet has received no information leading to its recovery. The car was insured against theft but meanwhile Manager Berg is walking to and from work.

New L. A. School Superintendent Outlines Good Neighbor Policy

Stressing the responsibility shared by the board of education and by the superintendent for the welfare of the children in the schools, Vierling Kersey recently addressed his first remarks to the Los Angeles city board of education on the occasion of his first day in office as superintendent of schools.

"My first duty," stated Superintendent Kersey, "will be to consider the problem of preparing next year's budget. My time belongs to the board, and every hour of it is available. It shall be my purpose to increase understanding and support of the educational program both within the schools and in the community at large.

Urging a "good neighbor" policy, Superintendent Kersey declared the Los Angeles city schools must never become isolated, but should be a vital and integral part of the all forward progress in education.

Demanding Cooperation "The success of this school department is dependent upon the unity of purpose and the cooperation of all officials, departments, and teachers and employees of the Los Angeles city school system," said the new superintendent, "and this cooperation will be effective only as the standard for all decisions is the welfare of the educational program.

"The business administration of our schools, and the large building program now under way are important parts of our educational program. These important functions shall receive my earnest attention. It is my purpose to bring continuous interpretation of the schools of Los Angeles to the citizens and taxpayers who make them possible. In this I expect the cooperation of the members of this board, and of the members of the staff who administer the schools, as well as all those who

Budget His Problem



VIERLING KERSEY... his time is board's

are part of our great educational structure." Rising from the ranks in the Los Angeles city schools to a position as assistant superintendent, before assuming the post of state superintendent of public instruction, Kersey returns to an environment well-known to him, and he expressed his pleasure at renewing former associations.

VETERAN RETURNS

Appointment of Charles W. Paine as a member of the California state fair board returns the veteran—exposition official to the position he first held 36 years ago.

STREET WORK DIVIDED UP

City and Private Firm to Improve Narbonne

The contract for the paving, resurfacing, curbing and part of the grading on the Narbonne avenue improvement job from Sepulveda boulevard to 240th street was awarded to the George R. Curtiss company Monday night by the city council. This firm submitted the lowest bid, \$9,383, for the work last week.

At the recommendation of City Engineer R. Leonard all bids on the installation of a sidewalk on the west side of the street were rejected and the city will undertake this work at a cost of \$1,965, which Leonard said would be "more advantageous to the city."

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