

School Building Nearly Complete

Narbonne Structure Is About Ready for Occupancy

The work on Narbonne's new building is practically completed. The seats are yet to be installed, and there is some painting to be done. The new gymnasium, both boys' and girls', are great improvements over the old ones.

The girls' gym has 62 showers with separate dressing rooms and is exceedingly modern in construction. The girls' corrective room, which is spacious and up-to-date, besides being used for corrective classes, will be used as a recreation and social hall. An adjoining alcove may be used for cooking if desired.

Discontinue Use of Tents
The boys' gym, which is already finished, is much larger than the old one and has many new features. It contains two shower rooms, a supply and towel room, rooms for the coaches, and a large corrective room.

Many of the classes which are now taught in the main building will be transferred to the new wing when it is finished. The new building will also take over the classes which are now taught in the tents. Three of the bungalows which are now in use will be kept and two will be sent to San Pedro high school.

Citrus Loss From Cold Estimated

Valencia Growers Hardest Hit By Frost Wave

California citrus growers, principal victims of the most severe cold wave the state has experienced since 1913, will market approximately 11,582,000 fewer boxes of fruit this year than they did in 1936, it was indicated this week.

Best available estimates gathered by the federal state crop reporting service, as of Feb. 1, indicate intense January cold will reduce California's multi-million dollar crop by 16,792,000 boxes.

Valencia orange growers, reports indicated, were hit hardest. Damage was more widespread because none of the valencia crop had been harvested when the freezing weather set in. It was estimated cold ruined 9,800,000 boxes of valencias. Navels and miscellaneous varieties suffered to the extent of 3,982,000 boxes, surveys show, even though 47 percent of the crop was harvested when the cold wave struck.

Lemon growers, who had harvested approximately one-fifth of the year's production, probably will lose 2,484,000 boxes, leaving a current crop forecast of 5,832,000 boxes.

Frost losses are expected to cut the grapefruit crop in half, with 1,066,000 boxes ruined and the marketable crop totalling 1,287,000 boxes.

Chamber Secretary Named Associate Editor of Mag

Secretary L. J. Gilmeister of the Chamber of Commerce was named associate editor of the "Bulletin," publication of the California Association of Commercial Secretaries at the annual convention this week in Stockton. He was unable to attend the state meeting.

Gilmeister will serve with Greenville Browning of Hayward in directing the monthly magazine, whose editor is Loran C. Vanderlip of Coalinda. George Larson, West Los Angeles Chamber secretary, was chosen secretary of the state organization and Dan Holland of Compton was elected second vice president. Both are active in Harbor District Chamber of Commerce affairs.

Poolhall Limit Will Not Be Stretched

Because Torrance has reached its limit of three poolhalls, applications for licenses to conduct such establishments by Thomas Ford and Bert M. Sharon were tabled by the city council at its adjourned meeting Monday night.

In filing the applications, the council noted that no new poolhall licenses would be granted here until the surrender of one or more of the present licenses.

Longevity Credited to Work
WOLCOTT, N. Y. (U.P.)—Abijah Vought boasts 92 years of health without a drop of medicine.

If threads of spark plugs are coated with graphite grease they will be easy to remove the next time it's done.

Remember the Maine?

It Happened 39 Years Ago This Month

Thirty-nine years ago this month the nation was shocked by the news that the U.S.S. Maine had blown up in Havana harbor while on a friendly visit to Cuba. Two hundred and fifty-four lives were snuffed out in the first blast. Thirteen others died later of their wounds. Eighty-four shell-shocked, nervous wrecked men survived the catastrophe, none of whom ever fully recovered from the dreadful horror of that tragic moment.

The explosion occurred about 9:40 o'clock on the night of Feb. 15, shortly after a young marine trumpeter had blown "Taps." A moment before the tragedy Captain Charles D. Sigbee, who was writing at his desk in his cabin, laid down his pen to listen to the notes of the bugle which, he afterwards said, "were singularly beautiful in the oppressive stillness of the night."

Following the blast the whole forward part of the ship catapulted upward in a searing flame, amid the crash of falling beams and twisted bits of

debris, and the sound of shattered bodies as they fell into the sea.

Blast Still Mystery
In the confusion that followed discipline was superb. Every able-bodied member of the crew did his part in rescuing those not fatally injured, even though threatening flames and minor explosions still harassed the vessel.

There were many individual acts of heroism, among them that of Private William Anthony, of the U. S. Marines who made his way thru the inky darkness of the sinking vessel to inform Captain Sigbee of the extent of the disaster. He was highly commended by both the captain and the navy department.

The cause of the explosion is still more or less of a mystery. It destroyed a warcraft which, at that time, was the pride of the navy. It aroused public sentiment to the boiling point, and prompted millions of voices to raise the battle-cry of the Spanish-American war. Remember the Maine!

Crossing Guards Continue In Service



Contrary to rumors, the WPA school crossing guards assigned to the sheriff's department are continuing their service. This is evidenced by the above picture which shows a crossing guard, one of 610 WPA guards, escorting a group of children in safety at Melrose avenue and La Cienega boulevard. If worried parents don't believe crossing guards are active, Sheriff Eugene W. Biscailuz invites them to call the personnel bureau of his department and tell their story. The sheriff said he is making every effort to provide protection for school children.

Better Housing Bureau Stresses FHA Advantages

The Los Angeles county better housing program is making every effort to bring the Federal Housing Act to the attention of those people who, at the present time or in the near future, may become interested in owning their own home. Under this act there is a plan whereby persons steadily employed or having an assured income are able to finance the construction of a home to suit their own needs and requirements, or to purchase a home already constructed which they deem satisfactory to their present needs; or where they already own a home, to refinance the present mortgage.

One can take advantage of any of the conditions set forth above with the establishment of an equity as low as 20 percent of the appraised valuation. Under the National Housing Act there has been established a low rate of interest, long terms and a liberal financing plan. You are invited to call at the local office located at the Chamber of Commerce any day except Saturday, between the hours of 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., where you can secure pamphlets, booklets, literature and personal information as to the benefits and advantages of this act.

CAR JIMMIED

E. L. Hedlund of the Brighton hotel reported to police Friday that his car door had been jimmied and a spare wheel and tire taken from the machine sometime Thursday night.

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Proposed Round-the-World Flight



Shown by the heavy line on this map is the 27,000-mile route which Amelia Earhart, conqueror of both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, is now planning. She will take a navigator but will fly her plane herself, keeping it charted as near the equator as possible.

Million a Month Paid Aged, Blind, Needy in County

More Than 35,000 Receive State Aid and Count Is Increasing

Residents in Torrance, Lomita and other sections of Los Angeles county, who are either aged, blind or dependent, now receive a total of nearly \$1,000,000 a month collectively, according to the department of charities report this week to the state department of social welfare.

During January, the number of new applications for state aid exceeded 1,000. Not all out many of these probably will be found eligible for assistance. Today, more than 35,000 persons in the county are receiving what is commonly known as state aid for the aged, the blind and dependent children; the county charities department report stated.

Six months ago, the total was 26,928. The increase of approximately 31 percent during the half-year period is largely due to liberalization of the state aid requirements.

Aged aid cases increased from 17,573 on Sept. 1, 1936, to 25,030 on last Feb. 1. Dependent children increased from 6,933 to 7,696 during the period, while blind aid cases increased from 2,422 to 2,478. The actual total paid out to state aid cases of the three classifications last month was shown to be \$997,135, and the \$1,000,000 mark soon will be exceeded, it was indicated.

Rotary Prexy May Get "Law" After Absent Members

Following up his threat of last week to send collect telegrams to absent members, President Charles V. Jones of the Rotary Club this week announced intentions of calling in the sheriff's office to help him round up absentees.

At the same time, Jones reported that the program at tonight's dinner session will be featured by the presentation of a sound motion picture entitled "The First 20 Million Years in 20 Minutes."

This will be screened by a Mr. Knudsen of the public education bureau of the Southern California Gas Company—and will be "an authentic picture of Southern California, ancient and modern."

COUNCIL MEETS TODAY

Councilman George V. Powell was missing at the adjourned meeting of the city council Monday night. At the conclusion of the civic business session, the council voted to adjourn until this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

Peace Officers Assemble Here Monday Night

An allocation of \$50 was made by the city council Monday night toward the expense of entertaining the Peace Officers' association Monday night at the Hollywood Riviera clubhouse. Torrance officers will be host to the group at this regular annual event.

The dinner meeting, which is to start at 7 o'clock, will open to the public. Capt. Clem Peoples, county jailer, will provide the entertainment and the principal speaker will be Assemblyman Ben Rosenthal, of Los Angeles.

Townsend Club Activities

As Reported By Beth Paige

Last Thursday evening the president and treasurer both were kept home by illness. However, we have a most capable secretary who filled all three positions most acceptably in an emergency. But said secretary, Mrs. Laura Davis, headed the procession taking the whole meeting to the home of the very much surprised and amused president, Mrs. Minnie Collier, who begins to believe now that the Townsend members really are solicitous about her health.

Several club evenings have seen the stereotyped state of exchange way to informal chats and exchanges of ideas "for the good of the order." Those ideas will soon be given concrete form. Watch your Torrance Herald Townsend items for further announcement and details of a big mass meeting which is now being planned for all citizens at the elementary school auditorium, on Feb. 27, at 7:45 p. m.

There is to be a good program in which a harp soloist will take a prominent part, vocal and piano solos, group singing, and, best of all, a speaker of wide renown, a man who was an attaché of the White House during Ex-President Woodrow Wilson's administration and a trusted emissary in the diplomatic service at that time. All professional and business men will want to hear him as his message is to them, especially.

GET UP NIGHTS DUE TO BLADDER IRRITATION?

It's not normal. It's nature's "Danger Signal." Make this 25c test. Use buchu leaves, juniper oil, and 6 other drugs, made into little green tablets called Bukets. Flush out excess acids and impurities. Excess acids can cause irritation resulting in getting up nights, scanty flow, frequent desire, burning, backache, and leg pains. Just say Bukets to your druggist. In four days if not pleased your 25c will be refunded. Doley Drug Co.—adv.

Flipping The Herald Files Backward...

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Sam Levy Appointed Dealer for General Electric Appliances

Appointment of the Sam Levy Department Store as authorized dealer in Torrance for General Electric appliances was made today. A large section of the recently enlarged department store has been given over to a comprehensive display of the various General Electric appliances.

Among the famous G-E products which are now on display at Sam Levy's are: refrigerators, ranges, washing machines, ironers, and a full line of smaller appliances, including the new X-Ray and Infra-Red lamps for electro therapy treatments.

Opening Specials
"We selected the celebrated General Electric line because of its proven dependability and satisfactory service to over 60,000 Southern California users," said Mr. Levy. A number of announcement specials are featured in the advertisement printed on the back page of this issue.

As an added treat for the ladies, Sam Levy is offering the famous 140-page General Electric New Art Recipe Book, usually sold at one dollar a copy for ten cents. This beautiful book, which is fully illustrated in color, contains recipes, menus, shopping hints, party ideas, and a wealth of information for the modern homemaker. It's up-to-the-minute, attractive, spiral bound to make it lie flat when opened to any page.

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