

Lomita Pastor's Harp Invention Gets Recognition

Prepares to Manufacture Instrument for Retail Sales in S. C.

Preparations are being made by Rev. E. G. Masters to open a small factory on Narbonne avenue near Lomita boulevard for the manufacture of the "Monstrous Lever harp," a musical novelty invented by the Lomita minister. With patents pending on the harp, the inventor already has a number of orders to build the instrument for some time. These have come from variety stores where the instrument will retail for about 25 cents.

The single string on the instrument is connected with a lever which controls its tone. Even a novice can play a tune on it, Rev. Masters says. It is made of plywood. The Lomitan asserts that the novelty can be made in any size desired and reports that the owner of a mountain resort has ordered an elaborate one to be attached to a large oak tree which has grown into the shape of a lyre. Rev. Masters explains that present orders are from merchandise establishments which will try them out on the Southern California market and if they prove attractive, larger manufacturing quarters will be necessary to accommodate big production.

Anti-Speed Drive Netting Results

25 Cited to Court Within 3 Days, Mayor Says

Predicting a "court jam" if Motor Officer Ernest Ashton continues to cite speeders along Highway 101 at his present rate, Mayor W. H. Stanger reported to the city council Monday night that the campaign to halt the "race track" at the intersection of that highway and Sepulveda boulevard was proving a success.

"More than 25 arrests were made at that intersection in the past three days," Stanger said. "And the lowest speed at which the violators were traveling was 55 miles an hour."

Other members of the council suggested that City Judge Robert Lessing may be forced to hold night-court sessions if the drive on speeders at that intersection continues to result in the present high number of arrests. The campaign was launched last week to last one month while efforts are being made to install pedestrian safety signs on the state-controlled highway.

The state has consistently refused to recognize the danger to pedestrians, particularly children attending the Walteria school, and has turned thumbs down on all of the city's efforts over a long period to warn motorists to slow down to legal speed.

Colorado Water for Irrigation Talk Topic

Member cities of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, including Torrance, were advised this week that a discussion of Colorado river water for irrigating purposes would be a feature of the National Orange Show to be held in San Bernardino on Tuesday, Feb. 23.

Cecil W. Smith

Announces That He Has Resumed the Active Management of His Service Station which will hereafter be operated under the name of the

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NEW TAX VALIDATION BILL BEING DRAFTED

Seek to Stave Off \$3,000,000 Repayment By Upping Levy

Parley Over House Shortage Suggested

"Penny wise and pound foolish" are local factory workers who reside in nearby beach towns where rentals are perhaps a few dollars cheaper than here but who must expend more than any possible rent savings in their transportation costs, local realtors pointed out this week.

Mrs. Fanny King, long-time realtor here, said this week that she has received as many as 25 inquiries a day from family heads who desire housing accommodations here. Many of these are local employees who have grown tired of driving miles back and forth to their work here and have learned that it would be cheaper for them to live nearer their jobs.

A proposal for a meeting of local realtors, loan men and realtors for the purpose of instituting a building program to relieve the shortage of homes has been made by Mrs. King, who says: "We must not hide our heads in the sand like ostriches and ignore this desperate need for homes in Torrance."

Collision Fatal to Local Youth in Wilmington

A head-on collision on Wilmington boulevard near Lowen street in Wilmington Saturday night caused the death of Russell Javens, 21, of 1527 West 218th street, Monday morning.

His brother, Curran, 18, who was driving the car in which the victim was riding, was only slightly hurt. Russell Javens died in the county hospital from a fractured skull.

The other car involved in the collision was driven by Robert C. Anderson, 38, of Long Beach. He had his front teeth knocked out and was cut and bruised. Both drivers accused each other of driving on the wrong side of the boulevard in the rain and mud.

In the Seaside hospital, Long Beach, as result of the crash are Miss Mabel Wilshire, 26, Long Beach nurse, with face lacerations and shock; Alfred Morris, 16, who resided with the Javens brothers here, with lacerations, abrasions and possible internal injuries; and Miss Juanita Howard, 34, Long Beach stenographer, with a fractured hip, lacerations and possible other injuries.

The funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at Stone and Myers mortuary. Besides his parents, Russell Javens is survived by four brothers, Jack, Harold, Westley and Curnal, and two sisters, Bernice and Leola. The coroner's jury probing the accident yesterday in Los Angeles was unable to fix the blame for the crash and brought in an open verdict.

Building This Week Amounts to \$2,050

Building permits totaling \$2,050 were issued here this week. R. F. Geardt, of Bell, erected a moved-in house and single garage at 16941 Arlington street in North Torrance, the permit being for \$1,650. J. B. McCracken is building an addition to his home at 16222 Date avenue and weather-stripping the residence at a cost of \$200 and a roof repair job at 1424 Beech avenue is costing \$100.

Ten New Patients Enter Hospital for Treatment

New patients received at Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week include: Mrs. Helen Page, 1412 Cota avenue, who entered Wednesday for medical treatment; Mrs. Ruth E. Lubus, 2150 250th street, Lomita, Sunday for surgical attention; Ross Alexander, 78, of 915 Leland avenue, San Pedro, Wednesday for medical aid, and Mrs. Vilma May Bates, 1500 North Stanford street, Hermosa Beach, Tuesday for surgical treatment.

Miss Donna Berry, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Berry of 1009 Garnet street, Redondo, last Thursday for an appendectomy; Mrs. Hazel Harth, 1107 Portola avenue, Sunday, suffering from a heart attack and hemorrhage. She is reported much improved.

Robert Hill, 220 Emerald street, Redondo, Sunday for medical attention; Miss Hisako Maeno, 861 Camino Real, Hermosa Beach, last Thursday for appendectomy; Mrs. Martha McIntosh, 1614 Cedar street, Tuesday for medical attention, and Mrs. Lillian Samuel, 1940 West 233rd Place, Lomita, Tuesday for surgical treatment.

County officials have estimated that it would cost several hundred thousand dollars for the machinery to make the refund, due to bookkeeping, clerical and other expenses. This cost also would be reflected in the county tax levy should it be necessary to make the rebate.

Meanwhile, county attorneys have appealed the Los Angeles superior court decision of Judge Fletcher Brown direct to the state Supreme Court. Refund on part of the 1933-34 levy was ordered because the county auditor, like other county auditors in the state, did not use fractions of a cent and figured it instead as a flat rate of so many cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

A group of attorneys discovered this and have since been signing up large property owners on a 33 percent commission for any refund.

RAISE \$50 DONATION

Approximately \$50 was cleared from the 2030 club's bank account for the Red Cross flood relief fund, held at the civic auditorium last Saturday night. The club is completing the financial check-up and will present the donation next week.

SWITCH TO ELECTRIC COOKERY

*The oil lamp, the washboard, the hand-wound clock—by one they disappear from the American home, thanks to the miracle of modern electric equipment. *Today's big news is the advance of electric cookery. Hundreds of women right here in Southern California are buying electric ranges every week. They are convinced of the advantages of a cool, clean kitchen. They appreciate what it means to serve more delicious meals. And they can see the economy in this most modern cooking method. *If you want to keep your own home up-to-date, by all means consider an electric range now. Prices and terms are lower than ever before. The new models are more beautiful, more convenient than ever. See these new electric range models at your dealer today.



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Bond Retirement Offer Tabled

An offer to retire part of the outstanding \$123,000 Torrance Improvement District No. 1 four percent bonds, due in 1962-63 and 64 at a rate said to be about \$2 retired for \$1 paid now was filed by the city council Monday night. The offer came from the Pasadena Corporation and proposed that the city use \$14,000 of its unexpended reserve funds for such a retirement.

James, who is a Herald carrier boy, received cuts about his head and two cracked teeth when he was involved in an automobile accident at Hawthorne boulevard and 190th street last fall, according to the petition. George S. Benbo and Helen Benbo, owners of the second car involved in the accident, have offered \$500 in full settlement, but deny any liability, according to the petition.

Millions of quality oranges, lemons and grapefruit, hundreds of gorgeous Hollywood Fanchonettes who will perform their precision dances every afternoon and evening, 17 feature exhibits and a midway "fun zone" filled with every imaginable fun-provoking device are all features of the 27th National Orange show opening tonight in San Bernardino.

The photo shows Pauline Prior, "Queen of the Orange Show," about to bite into an orange given her by Harlene Wood, Hollywood screen star.

MILLER ADDS CEMENT WORK TO SERVICES

Trucking Firm Proprietor Was Formerly Paving Contractor in Detroit

Latest development in the building trades in Torrance is the announcement by John E. Miller, proprietor of the M & M Transfer, that he has purchased complete equipment for doing all types of cement work. A large size (full sack) Jaeger cement mixer, wheel barrows, and other machinery and tools necessary for doing any sized job have already arrived at the company's plant at 1011 Border avenue, which hereafter will be known as the M & M Trucking & Cement Company.

In engaging in the cement contracting business, Mr. Miller is returning to his old trade. Previous to coming to Torrance five years ago, Mr. Miller and Roy McCleod were associated in the paving business in Detroit, Michigan, for many years. Mr. McCleod will again assist Mr. Miller in the new cement work department here. Charles Ward, an experienced cement finisher, has also joined the company's staff of workers. "We intend to employ all Torrance men," said Mr. Miller, "and we are equipped to do first class work at reasonable prices and give prompt service. All our work will be guaranteed," he added.

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Final Tax Installment Drabbles In

Payments on second installment current taxes are coming in slowly, H. L. Byram, county tax collector reported this week. While slightly ahead of last year, payments are averaging between \$40,000 and \$50,000 daily. Second-half payments up to the middle of the week were approximately \$1,750,000, as compared with \$1,500,000 for the similar period of last year. Taxpayers have until April 20, or approximately two months to pay second installments without penalties. This year's levy is \$104,477,550, as compared with only \$97,389,863 last year. Collections are approximately two percent of last year.

RECORD EASEMENT
A resolution was adopted by the city council Monday night authorizing the recording of an easement to the Pacific Electric railway for a retaining wall at El Prado near Western avenue.

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