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Stanger to Resign; Will Head Water Dept.

Chemists' Tests Prove City Water in Excellent Condition

ODOR WILL PASS, SAYS ENGINEER

There is no greater champion for the Torrance municipal water system than City Engineer Frank Leonard, who is its manager.

The utility is his "pet" and he who makes any disparaging remarks about the water or any part of the system is due to be showered with chemists' reports, Los Angeles county health department findings and voluminous data pertaining to aqua pura, its care and treatment.

A Herald reporter found that out this week. Hearing some comments about the sulphurous smell and remarks about water-hardness, this newshawk approached the city engineer in his office and said:

"Sulphur is healthful. What about our water smelling of sulphur?" and how about its hardness?"

The veteran city official lost no time in collecting a pile of statistical information that all but swamped the inquiring reporter. And when the haze of figures, chemical lingo, health surveys, decimal points and technical terms cleared away, Engineer Leonard clarified the water odor and hardness matter thusly:

"There may be some slight smell of sulphur in the water—but sulphur is healthful—it's good for you. Why, people pay hundreds of dollars to travel to sulphur baths and springs to bathe in it and drink it. The reason for the odor in our water now is because we have just finished painting the inside of the high pressure tank and while that job was going on we could not aerate the water as usual. But even this slight odor will pass away soon. Best in Southland."

"Now about hardness. Our last report from Smith-Emery company, chemists and engineers who make such surveys for many Southern California water outlets, shows that the hardness here was 8.85 grains per gallon. That's grains of calcium carbonate. Now take a look at this report, also from Smith-Emery. It shows the amount of hardness in other water outlets surrounding Torrance."

"Here's Inglewood—17.8 (Continued on Page 5-A)"

Service Club for Ex-Scouts Planned

All former Boy Scouts in this district who are 21 years of age or older are urged to attend a meeting in the American Legion clubhouse tonight at 8:15 o'clock. The purpose of the session is to form a local chapter of the Scouts' Service Club.

Donald Monroe, assistant executive of Los Angeles, will be the principal speaker and he will outline the objectives of this fast-growing national organization of adults who once were Boy Scouts.

150 Attend Peace Officers' Dinner Meeting

Approximately 150 police and other municipal officials gathered at the Hollywood Riviera clubhouse Monday night for a dinner-meeting of the Peace Officers' Civil Service association. Torrance police and city officials were hosts at the gathering with Police Chief G. M. Calder extending the visitors a warm welcome.

Harold B. Atkinson, president of the association, conducted a short business meeting following the dinner and then turned the entertainment program over to Capt. Clem Peoples, county jailer, who presented a diversified bill of exceptional floor show attractions. The Torrance delegation of 24 was the largest from any city so the monthly award of a silver trophy went to this city. The next meeting will be held at Sebastian's Cotton Club late in March.

Lomita P. O. Will Extend Route to Serve Rolling Hills

Beginning March 16, the Lomita postoffice will extend its rural route into Rolling Hills. Postmaster Birda Paddock announced yesterday. This extension followed receipt of a petition from residents and the Rolling Hills postoffice for the mail service. The route will also include the Palos Verdes CCC camp and will be the first time that postal delivery service has been made house-to-house in that residential area. Postmaster Paddock said that two more petitions for extension of mail delivery service have been signed by residents in the unincorporated territory.

700 Attend Dance

Benefiting Hospital; Net Proceeds Expected to Be Approximately \$600

Altho the proceeds from the third annual hospital ball, held Monday night at the Surf and Sand club in Hermosa Beach did not come up to the expectations of the sponsoring physicians and clubwomen who undertook the sale of the tickets, the affair was most enjoyable for more than 700 who attended.

The spacious beach club was thronged by dancers and spectators, some of whom enjoyed card games at one end of the ballroom. A seven-piece orchestra provided the music and all facilities of the club were open to the merry-makers. A large number of Redondo, Hermosa, Gardena and Lomita residents joined local citizens at the festivities.

R. B. "Bud" Freeman, of 1423 Acacia avenue, won the \$50 door prize, the presentation being made by Dr. J. S. Lancaster, assisted by Dr. Ernest Butts, of Redondo. The second award of \$25 went to Neal H. Anderson, of Los Angeles.

Captains Want Reports. All of the net proceeds of the ball will be turned over to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial

Assessors Start Rounds March 1

Annual Evaluation Survey to Take Three Months

Deputy county assessors will begin calling at every residence in this community beginning next Monday, March 1, it is announced by County Assessor Ed Hopkins, who is conducting a school for more than 400 deputies.

All of the deputies have been selected from civil service lists. They will assess the furniture in houses in residential areas, while another group of deputies assigned to assess personal property will begin work in the business districts, assessing the merchants' personal property.

Business property assessors arrive at their valuations after examination of the books, and these deputies are accountants. Work of assessing personal property will require some three months, Hopkins said. June 1 being fixed as the deadline for assessing of personal property.

LOWEST IN U. S. Lowest spot in Death Valley, and in the United States, is 279.8 feet below sea-level, not 310 feet as heretofore believed.

MAYORS—PRESENT & FUTURE



WILLIAM H. STANGER resigning



WILLIAM H. TOLSON advancing

Before tonight, Torrance will have a new mayor, the 11th in the city's history, according to reports received by The Herald today. He will be Councilman Tolson, who is scheduled to be elected Mayor Stanger's successor following that popular official's resignation at city council meeting late this afternoon.

Realtors Making Effort to Relieve Housing Shortage

Ten Torrance realtors meeting at the Chamber of Commerce last Friday night decided to make two outstanding contributions to the current effort to relieve the housing shortage problem which has long been an obstacle to the development of this city's home facilities.

Railroad Car Robbed Here

Several dozen pairs of canvas work gloves, consigned to the J. J. Newberry store here, were reported stolen from a merchandise car parked on the Santa Fe siding near the station between Sunday morning and Monday morning, according to police. The seals on the car were broken and its contents were ransacked. H. T. Savage, local agent, told investigating officers.

Chamber Leaders At L.A. Banquet

President J. W. McQuaid and Secretary L. J. Gilmeister of the Chamber of Commerce attended the annual banquet of the Los Angeles chamber at the Ambassador hotel Monday night. Attorney Byron C. Hanna was installed as president of the metropolitan organization. Gov. Frank F. Merriam spoke briefly and Dr. William B. Monroe, professor of History and Government at California Institute of Technology gave the principal address.

A gala entertainment program, headed by Ben Bernie and his orchestra and including a dramatic offering by the Gilmor Brown players was a feature of the large gathering of outstanding civic leaders of the Southland.

Demonstration Home Open for Inspection March 6

Delayed more than three weeks by periodic rain storms, The Herald's Demonstration Home at the corner of Beech and Sierra streets is now being rapidly completed and will be thrown open for public inspection Saturday morning, Mar. 6. Sparkling in its newness and completely furnished by local firms, the attractive five-room residence will be open to visitors for nine days, or thru Sunday, Mar. 14. Built with the assistance of an FHA Insured Mortgage loan, the Demonstration Home presents an investment of approximately \$3,500. The loan will run for 19 1/2 years and the monthly cost will be \$29.13, which includes payment on principal and interest, taxes and insurance. All residents and workers in this city and vicinity are cordially invited to inspect the all-Torrance-built home embodying the latest in comfortable, modest-priced living quarters. Remember the open-house period—from Saturday, Mar. 6, thru Sunday, Mar. 14.

Robt. J. Deininger to be Named on Council at Session Today

DR. BINGHAM SUFFERS BROKEN NECK IN CRASH; FIVE OTHERS ARE HURT

Altho he miraculously cheated death in a Nevada auto accident that also injured four other Torrance folk and a former resident, Dr. R. A. Bingham, prominent local dentist, must remain at the Good Samaritan hospital in Los Angeles for some time.

He suffered a broken neck in the crash that followed a blow-out of a rear tire 91 miles west of Las Vegas last Sunday afternoon.

The break is described as a "clean fracture" and Dr. Bingham is expected to make a complete recovery but only after he remains in bed for some time and then wears a special harness for a longer period. Others injured in the accident were Mrs. Bingham, Miss Beatrice Baker Smith, Miss Beatrice Christensen, all of this city, and Walter E. Schlick, former resident who now lives in Alhambra.

Car Swerves, Turns Over Mrs. Bingham, Miss Christensen and Schlick were hospitalized over night Sunday in Las Vegas. Mr. and Mrs. Smith, altho cut and bruised, did not need medical care after their injuries were dressed and remained at a Las Vegas hotel that night.

Early Monday the accident victims boarded the Union Pacific Challenger and returned to Los Angeles, Dr. Bingham being removed to the hospital in an ambulance. He is in considerable pain but otherwise in good spirits, according to Mrs. Bingham. The party had visited the Boulder canyon project and were en route to Beatty, Nev., via the Tonopah highway when the tire blew out, causing the car to swerve, turn over several times and end up in a ditch. Dr. Bingham was driving. (Continued on Page 5-A)

Parley On Pool Permit Ordered

Landlord Comes to Aid of Bert Sharon

Ired because he has been deprived of renting a main floor room to Bert Sharon for a pool and billiard hall, Henry C. Kline, owner of the Roi Tan hotel, addressed an indignant letter to the city council last Tuesday night. He said that the present holder of the pool hall license, now out of business, is "demanding a prohibitive price" for the permit, one of the limited three issued by the council.

Kline stated that he wanted to know "how a situation like this can exist under city laws" and that the room has always been used for a pool hall. Sharon formerly operated such an establishment here and desires to re-enter business, Kline, who has owned the Roi Tan for two months, said.

Skipper Rojo Cruises Rotarians to Avalon

This city's sea-going laundryman, Skipper William Rojo, was host to a party of seven other Torrance Rotarians last weekend when he sailed them to Catalina Island in his 40-foot yacht Tern. The group attended the charter-presentation ceremonies of the new Avalon club. Aboard Rojo's vessel were President Charlie Jones of the local club, Ray Young, H. E. Appenzeller, George Peckham, Sam Levy, Dave Roberts, Bernard Bunje, the skipper, his pilot and engineer.

Seriously Injured



DR. R. A. BINGHAM blow-out crash victim

City Tops Relief Quota 10 Times

Total Contribution Is \$2,004 Here Having exceeded its \$200 quota of contributions toward the American Red Cross flood disaster relief fund more than ten times, this city can take its place among the most generous communities of the nation.

Mrs. Flora McDonald, local Red Cross chairman, announced today that the total subscription for the aid of welfare of mid-continent flood victims is now \$2,004.24. During the past week, donations totalling \$19,500 were received as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Donor, Amount. Texaco employees \$12.00, Modern Woodmen \$750, Total \$19,500.

It is highly doubtful if any city in the United States topped its flood relief quota more than ten times. This week Inglewood claimed high credit for exceeding its quota six times. The Columbia Steel workers' benefit play, "The Harum Scaram," raised \$1,169.09 of the Torrance donations.

Citizens Nab Trio

After Auto Crashes in Lomita Area, Hold Them for Deputies

Two citizens, one a Lomitan and the other a resident of this city, exercised their legal rights and made two arrests for drunk driving over last weekend, according to reports at the Sheriff's station, No. 3. As a result of their actions, three persons made court appearances this week.

Alvin Richardson, 19, 24320 Lucille street, was taken in hand by sheriff's officers and later released on bail. He was held by John E. Keith, 24718 Narbonne avenue who placed him in custody early Sunday morning at 247th street. Keith declared that Richardson had been driving his small coupe about Lomita for nearly an hour and finally wrecked it. Richardson was booked at the Torrance jail and was later released on \$75 bail by order of the Gardena court. Clarence A. White, 2720 Carson street, arrested James A.

Board's Action This Afternoon is Herald 'Scoop'

Mayor William H. Stanger will resign as a member of the Torrance city council at a meeting of the council being held late this afternoon; and the council will immediately appoint Stanger to a newly created city position as manager of the municipal water department, The Herald learned today from an authoritative source.

Robert J. Deininger, former mayor and first city clerk, will be named to fill out the unexpired term of Stanger on the city council. Councilman William H. Tolson will be chosen mayor. It was also reliably reported.

Stanger's salary as manager of the water department will be \$250 per month and Deininger will draw the regular councilman's compensation of \$50 per month.

Made Splendid Record In resigning as head of the city's governing body, Mayor Stanger leaves an enviable record of achievement. As chairman of the council's police and fire committee, he has broadened the services of both the police and fire departments and increased their efficiency.

Fire substations have been built at Hollywood-Riviera and WALTERIA, adding greatly to the protection of these two sections of the city. Valuable contacts and co-operation have been established with the sheriff's office and other effective measures of crime prevention and control have been put into effect.

Other outstanding civic accomplishments during Mayor Stanger's term of office have been the construction of the civic center buildings, the paving of Cabrillo avenue, and the laying of sidewalks and widening of the pavement along Narbonne avenue in South Torrance.

Elected In 1934 Most of Mayor Stanger's 18 years in Torrance have been marked by exceptional civic interest. As an active member of the Masonic lodge he held office here for 14 years, eight of which were spent as secretary. A veteran of the World war, he is a member of the American Legion.

He was appointed city councilman Feb. 13, 1934, to fill a vacancy resulting from the resignation of Mayor C. Earl Conner. On April 9, 1934, he received a plurality in the city election and won a four-year term along with Councilmen Tolson and James E. Hitecock. (Continued on Page 8-A)

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Fairchild, fireman, second class, U. S. S. Idaho, and Miss Julia A. Baker, Los Angeles, Sunday night. White told officers when they arrived on the scene that Miss Baker had crashed her machine into his car when she tried to pass him on the right at the state highway and Narbonne avenue. Both were taken to the county jail, the woman being released on bail later and the sailor turned over to the navy shore patrol.

Sheriff's deputies exhausted their patience Saturday night when three longshoremen, allegedly intoxicated, promised several times that they would leave the vicinity of Lomita boulevard and Narbonne avenue. The oft-repeated promises were kept only when the officers removed the trio to the Torrance jail, according to Deputies Dawson and Storlie. All were later released by local police on their own recognizance.