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BIG STEEL SIGNS C.I.O. CONTRACTS

As the John L. Lewis C. I. O. organization made its debut in Torrance last Sunday, when a mass meeting of factory workers was held in the Moose hall on Carson street, presidents of the five of the largest producing units of the great U. S. Steel Corporation were concluding final parleys with the Lewis group.

The result of those negotiations was revealed last night when it was announced that contracts were signed with the C. I. O. to set up machinery designed to insure industrial peace among the 160,000 workers in the five concerns for at least a year. The pacts supplemented the historic one of March 2 in which the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation recognized the right of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, a C. I. O. affiliate, to deal with the company for its members.

No Exclusive Rights
The contract which was signed last night in Pittsburgh, Pa., does not in any way conflict with the policy of the Columbia Steel Company as outlined by President Diehl on March 3, according to E. M. Barber, general superintendent of the steel plant here.

Columbia Steel, while willing to recognize any individuals or groups as the proper method for employees whom they represent, will not recognize any single organization or group as the exclusive bargaining agent for all employees, Diehl's statement pointed out.

"Under this policy the status of the Employees' Representation Plan is likewise unchanged," according to the Columbia executive. "It will continue as the spokesman for those of the employees who prefer that method of collective bargaining, which has proved so mutually satisfactory through its experience."

One of the five steelmasters to sign the contracts was A. N. Diehl, of San Francisco, president of the Columbia Steel Company of this city and Pittsburgh, Calif.

Second Session Planned
The Sunday mass meeting of workers here, which was attended not only by steel employees but those of the National Supply Company and other smaller firms in this city and elsewhere, was addressed by Ken Hunter and William Dalrymple, field workers for the C. I. O., who was learned. Only a general explanation of the aims of the

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Keystone Club and Chambers to Fight Flood

A delegation from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will respond to the invitation received from the Keystone Improvement club and attend the meeting called for tomorrow night at the Keystone hall, according to Secretary L. J. Gilmeister. Similar invitations were sent out this week by the Keystone group to Gardena, San Pedro, Redondo and Wilmington.

During the heavy rains of recent weeks, the area around Keystone has become flooded, causing several to leave their homes, their furniture taken out in boats. The water has formed a huge lake and trouble is reported by sewage blocking the outlet channel.

This has caused the formation of the Keystone Improvement club and this group has called several meetings prior to this time and are preparing plans to take care of the work of cleaning up the area around their homes.

Some discussion has been had concerning the dredging of Nigger Slough, the outlet that carries the water to the ocean, and claims are made that this can be done at a cost much lower than other plans suggested can be put through as a means of draining the territory.

L. A. Re-zones Shoestring Area Near Torrance

Re-zoning of the Los Angeles shoestring area at two spots, one of them adjacent to the Torrance city limits, was voted by the Los Angeles city council this week on recommendation of the city planning commission. The property was changed from a residential to an industrial zone, and embraces the area in which the Hughes-Mitchell Processes plant is located.

One section of the shoestring that was re-zoned for industrial use this week lies between Torrance boulevard and 190th street, a section about twice as long as the width of the shoestring addition. The other section re-zoned extends from Redondo Beach boulevard northerly to Rosecrans avenue, an area as wide as long.

According to Los Angeles city officials, there have been increasing numbers of inquiries lately regarding industrial sites.

Beloved Nurse Passes Away

A group of nurses from Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital, led by Miss Esther Z. Maxwell, superintendent, attended the funeral services Monday for the late Mrs. Mollie O'Neill, who served as night supervisor at the hospital here for three years following that institution's opening. Mrs. O'Neill succumbed Saturday at the Long Beach Community hospital following an acute heart attack. She had been suffering from angina for several years but had only been ill about two hours when she died.

A widow, Mrs. O'Neill was about 55 years of age. She was survived by a sister, Mrs. Mary Terhune and a niece, both of Long Beach. Following the service there was cremation and by her wish, Mrs. O'Neill's ashes were strewn on the ocean from the Long Beach pier.

Her devotion to her profession and kindly manner were Mrs. O'Neill's chief characteristics. She had a great many friends here who mourn her passing.

SHERIFF PUTS GAME CLOSING UP TO CITIES

City officials of every city in Los Angeles county were asked this week by Sheriff Eugene Escalante to file a letter with him by March 25 stating exactly what they propose to do with regard to closing up pinball games, marble and claw machines.

This notification was served upon the city officials at a special meeting Monday afternoon at the Los Angeles city hall, where peace officers and city attorneys were called together so that the sheriff could deliver a "cease gambling" ultimatum from Attorney General U. S. Webb.

Officials of cities which have licensed pinball, marble games or claw machines are liable to indictment, according to Webb's notification. This includes Alhambra, it was brought out at the meeting when City Attorney James E. Ogg of that city questioned legality of licensing pinball games. Alhambra, he stated, feels that pinball games are gambling per se and has licensed them at \$12 per year.

Will Be Confiscated
Answering Ogg, Deputy District Attorney Edwin Myers declared that under the ruling of Webb, the district attorney's office must attempt to obtain relief on indictments against officials licensing such games. Captain George Contreras, vice squad head, reported the attorney general during a Sacramento conference advised several of the machines, stating that so concerned, should repeal the ordinances. The City of Torrance repealed its licensing ordinance about two months ago, warning proprietors that machines will be confiscated if not removed in a certain length of time. Tango, and similar games are definitely "out," he declared.

OFF TO SPAN THE WORLD



COMPLETES FIRST LAP OF GLOBE-GIRDLING FLIGHT

HONOLULU, March 18. (U.P.)—Covering the 2,400 miles in less than 16 hours, Amelia Earhart Putnam, world's greatest woman flier, and her three air experts shown above landed at Wheeler Field at 8:25 this morning. Her elapsed time for the flight from Oakland airport was 15 hours, 47 minutes. She did not want to land before day-break but a strong tail wind carried her near the goal of her first stop so that she almost coasted her "flying laboratory" under the bright moon hundreds of miles out on the Pacific.

MRS. BINGHAM FOLLOWS HUSBAND TO HOSPITAL

Discovery by X-ray Tuesday that she was suffering from a fracture of the lumbar vertebra as result of the accident in which her husband received a broken neck, resulted in Mrs. R. A. Bingham of this city being placed in a plaster cast at once at Bellvue hospital, Los Angeles, it was learned yesterday.

Thus the blow-out which caused Dr. Bingham's car to crash some 70 miles west of Las Vegas on Feb. 21 increased its toll of spinal injuries to the popular young couple. Mrs. Bingham apparently was only out and bruised in the mishap which also injured Miss Beatrice Christensen of this city and Walter Schlick, a former resident who now lives in Alhambra.

Doctor is Recovering
Lately she had been suffering pain in her back and when she consulted a physician this week, the X-rays taken showed the cracked vertebra. It is reported that she must remain at Bellvue for some time. Meanwhile, Dr. Bingham, confined at the Good Samaritan hospital in Los Angeles is making a slow but steady recovery, friends say.

Movie Exhibit At Library for Brief Showing

Another "panel exhibit" of behind-the-camera scenes of notable motion picture productions is on view at the public library. This display covers the historical research, costuming, stage settings and location scenes for Cecil B. DeMille's "The Plainsman."

The exhibit treats the little-known but exhaustive studies of pioneer days of the wild west with the same interesting research that characterized the "panels" of "Anthony Adverse" and "Romeo and Juliet" which were shown at the library about a month ago.

Those interested in motion picture technique should see the display at the library at once.

Office Broadcast Sets Being Tested At City Hall

New Communication System May Replace Present Switchboard

"And all you do, gentlemen, is to push this button and talk—like this: Hello, hello...Hello? Hello?... Say, are you there?" Brum... Brum... Squawk... Then City Clerk A. H. Bartlett jiggled the knobs on a what appeared to be a miniature radio receiving set and soon he was conversing back and forth from his office with his secretary who was in City Engineer Francis R. Leonard's quarters for the demonstration.

No Re-alignment of Rails Planned By S. F. for City

Rumors that the Santa Fe Railroad was contemplating the re-alignment of its Santa Fe and Harbor Railway tracks in the northwest part of the city extending from Torrance boulevard were denied Tuesday by A. D. Stedman, chief clerk in the engineer's office at Los Angeles.

In a statement to the Herald, Stedman said that "there was nothing to any such reports." "We are only planning straight maintenance work on the tracks thru Torrance," he said. "I can understand how such reports grow from some work we may have done—such as changing the ties or bringing the roadbed up to the grade."

No Sub Division Decision
From U. T. Clotfelter, head of the Santa Fe Land and Improvement office, The Herald learned that no decision has yet been made in regard to subdividing the property owned by the Chanslor-Canfield-Midway Oil company north of Torrance boulevard and west of Crenshaw (Cedar avenue) boulevard.

"We have not yet decided what to do about the subdivision plan submitted by your City Engineer Frank R. Leonard," Clotfelter stated. "We probably will go along with the city of Torrance in any reasonable plan to open up some of that area for homesites but first all such matters must be referred to the head office in Chicago."

He indicated that the Los Angeles office had not yet advanced its study of Leonard's subdivision maps to the point where a recommendation could be sent east for final approval. The city engineer submitted his plan to Clotfelter and C. C. M. O. associates about two months ago, following a suggestion (approved by the council) from the Chamber of Commerce.

OSCAR BELL SUCCUMBS

Oscar H. Bell, father of Carleton B. Bell of this city, and a member of the first survey crew which laid out Torrance, passed away last Friday afternoon at his home in Pasadena. He was 78 years of age and had been in ill-health for several years. Following the funeral, Mrs. Dorothy Bernal of San Jose and Leslie Bell of Washington, D. C., brother and sister of the well-known local resident came here to visit for a week.

Leslie Bell flew to the coast from the nation's capital and when he and Carleton met it was the first time they had seen each other in more than 20 years. In 1916 the two brothers were united a short time before each joined the U. S. Army and went to France with the A. E. F.

Secret Servant to Address Rotary

Members of the Rotary club will have Arthur F. Grube, who is in charge of the U. S. Secret Service in the Los Angeles territory, as guest-speaker at their dinner-meeting tonight in the American Legion clubhouse. Grube is expected to give the service club an insight into the methods used by the government to detect and prevent such offenses as counterfeiting, smuggling and other crimes.

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Light Vote Downs Charter for Second Time; Schools' Control Was Sole Issue

HOW THE CHARTER LOST				
PRECINCTS	No. of Electors	VOTES CAST	YES	NO
Consolidated "A" 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	2665	936	317	618
Consolidated "B" Nos. 10 and 11	620	216	32	184
Consolidated "C" North Torrance	238	78	7	71
Consolidated "D" Welteria	298	81	22	59
TOTALS	3821	1311	378	932

Only 34 Percent of Electors Go to Polls

Another chapter in Torrance municipal history was written Tuesday and nine months' work on the part of 15 freeholders went for naught when the proposed city charter was voted down, 932 to 378. The special election marked the second time an attempt to lift the city out of the all-too-general sixth classification and establish a Torrance city school district failed at the hands of the voters.

Only 34 percent of the qualified electors X-ed the one proposition they were asked to decide at four polling places. There are 3,821 legal voters in Torrance—586 less than the number qualified to elect a president last November. Only 1,311 participated in the charter decision.

CHARTER AFTERTHOUGHTS AN EDITORIAL—By Grover C. Whyte

"Good morning! Is William Randolph Whyte in?" inquired a smiling caller at The Herald office the morning after the charter election. From which sly remark, we got a good chuckle.

Yes, we'll admit that we were as far out of line with popular sentiment on the charter question as Mr. Hearst was in the Roosevelt landslide. But unlike Hearst, we still think we were right and we don't intend to do an about-face and try to climb on board the Los Angeles school board bandwagon.

Right will prevail, and given all the facts we still believe the majority of Torrance voters will see the advantages of governing their municipal affairs without interference by the state legislature and likewise of operating their schools without dominance of the Los Angeles city board of education.

However, we have learned two important lessons:—First, the charter question will never be given a fair chance until the school question is settled;

Second, Torrance will never be able to withdraw from the L. A. city school district until it adopts the same type of campaign as has worked so successfully for the big city school politicians.

But until such time as the issues are revived, let us all forget our differences of opinion on these questions and work together on other civic matters for the common good.

In this connection, we would like to make one point very clear, particularly to those who voted against the charter-school issue:—No matter how vigorously The Herald may oppose the politics of the L. A. city school board, this newspaper will continue to give its whole-hearted support to local school activities and to co-operate with faculty, students, and the general public in creating a better understanding and fostering greater school loyalty. It was a source of much satisfaction that even during the heat of the recent pre-election campaign, the most pleasant relations were retained between the principals of Torrance schools and The Herald. We are confident that such friendly co-operation will continue as indeed the welfare of our boys and girls is infinitely more important than any civic or governmental problem.

TRIO HELD FOR PROBE OF LOMITAN'S DEATH TUESDAY

Two men and a woman are being held in the county jail pending the report of the autopsy surgeon as result of the death of Ward Wallace, 65, of 257th street, Lomita, Tuesday. He was found dead at his home and the arrest of the trio, one of the men being his nephew, followed

when it became known that he was with the group on a protracted drinking party in Wilmington.

According to the Bureau of Investigation's Deputy Sheriff Killian, the three, Mr. and Mrs. John Snooks, 1213 West Anaheim boulevard, Wilmington, and George Corrigan, of 253rd street and South Normandie avenue, Lomita, are held for suspicion of manslaughter.

"Wallace died as result of acute alcoholism, heart attack or injuries sustained during the drinking party," Killian said. "The autopsy was ordered to determine which. We have learned that he was with the Snooks and Corrigan most of the day but it is doubtful if there was any foul play leading to his death."

No funeral arrangements have been made, it was announced by A. M. Gamby, Lomita mortician, pending the outcome of the authorities' investigation.

Error Delays Count

Generally speaking, the election had but one issue to most voters—whether or not Torrance should create, operate and control its own school district. It was this issue that attracted the most comment and was the subject of the only two pre-election pamphlets issued. One of these was by an anonymous group intent on keeping this city's schools in the Los Angeles city district and the other was signed by a Citizens Committee interested in local school administration.

The sole issue was complemented with another single point of interest in the election itself. This was the typographical error in the book voters balloting at the civic auditorium signed. A number was repeated twice, thus throwing off the consecutive order of ballot numbers.

The election board at the auditorium was painstakingly going thru all names to obtain the correct order when, at the advice of City Clerk A. H. Bartlett and a representative of the printing company (not a local concern but one in Huntington Park), they discontinued that effort and settled down to the actual ballot count.

Retain Same Ratio
Two hours after the other three precincts had reported their results, the auditorium poll, which was the largest of all the consolidated precincts, became known—618 against the charter, 317 for its adoption.

The first charter election on April 11, 1932, resulted in the following decision: 1,346 against, 572 for the charter. The ratio of slightly less than two and one-half to one in that election was retained in Tuesday's vote. At the conclusion of the city council's canvass of the votes next Monday afternoon, the 1936-37 charter effort will officially come to a close.

G-MEN NAB GARDENER

Flanked by two deputy sheriffs, department of justice agents arrested Jose Novarro, 35, gardener at a Palos Verdes home, Tuesday on a felony warrant sent here from Kansas City, Mo.

Novarro is said to be wanted in that city in connection with the killing of one man and wounding of another during a recent hold-up. He was located by federal men operating from the Los Angeles bureau and following his arrest was lodged in the county jail.

The suspect was working at 424 Paso del Mar and he will be returned to Kansas City to face further investigation and possible trial.

EXTEND POSTAL SERVICE
The Lomita postoffice extended its rural delivery service into Rolling Hills Tuesday, master Paddock announced.