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Donahue to Coach Hamilton

The best coach Torrance high school ever had—Bernard J. (Bernie) Donahue—today confirmed reports that he had been transferred to Hamilton high school in Culver City and that he will take over his new duties there next Monday.

"I'm sorry to leave Torrance but this is a promotion I could not refuse," he told The Herald in a telephone interview from his home in Hermosa Beach. "I have thoroughly enjoyed working with boys here for more than four years and they have given me splendid support."

Donahue's successor has not been announced as yet by the department of physical education of the Los Angeles city school district. At Hamilton, the athletic mentor who raised Tartar teams out of the doldrums produced by years of low standings, will be in charge of baseball and football.

Came Here in 1933
His transfer is the first to be given any local instructor since the election of the board of freeholders who drafted the proposed city charter that was voted down March 16. Several other requests for changes in school positions were filed with the Los Angeles board of education during the past few months but none were granted on account of the uncertainty felt by the school authorities over the charter matter.

Donahue came here from Bret Harte junior high school in the spring of 1933 to assist Earl Fields, who was head coach at the high school then. He was one of Loyola University's outstanding athletes. In the five football seasons that he has coached Tartar eleven he consistently improved the standing and morale of the gridder. In fourth place at the end of his first football season, Donahue brought the Tartars to Marine League championships in 1934 and 1935 and put them in a tie for second place last fall.

Best of Luck, Bernie!
His track coaching has also increased Torrance prestige. During his second year here the Tartar tracksters won the Marine title, were runners-up in his third year and last year won the B championship. He coached basketball in 1933 and gave Torrance a third place in that sport. During his second and third years as baseball coach, the Tartar nines were runners-up for the title and last year, because of injuries, had to be content with fourth place.

Torrance sport fans will regret the departure of the popular Bernie who will wish him continued success in the field that he has proven his high capabilities.

where he has proven his high capabilities. Under his guidance Torrance youths developed greatly—not only physically but morally, and Donahue took great interest in all character-building work.

Bringing the annual spring vacation of one week to a close, all schools in Torrance and Lomita will resume classes Monday morning.

DRAIN "SHOWDOWN" SOUGHT

Keystoners Enlist District's Assistance

Plans for a "show-down session" with Supervisor Leland M. Ford and other county officials to effect the drainage of the Keystone bogs were made at a special meeting of the Keystone Improvement club, together with representatives of several other Harbor District civic organizations last Friday night.

It was the consensus of those present that no major project is needed to remedy the flood situation in that area, but draining being only a matter of the expenditure of a few thousand dollars. Figures prepared by Sam Saul, showing that the existing runoff channel could be made to serve its purpose for years to come, at a cost of about \$60,000 will be taken to the county supervisors.

The data will be given to the officials by a committee drawn

\$50,000 CAT



Ransford Chase, 95-year-old Civil War veteran of Los Angeles, is shown holding his cat, "Ginger," in whose name he bought a ticket on the Irish sweepstakes. "Ginger's" horse, Pucka Belle, came in third, bringing Chase and his wife \$50,000.

FLOOD WATERS STILL BLOCK TWO HIGHWAYS

Two major highways between Los Angeles and the harbor are still blocked by flood waters. Avalon boulevard in the Keystone area is flooded for the length of a mile and no relief is seen for weeks to come. Vermont avenue south of Roosevelt highway has not yet been opened to traffic, a low place being covered with water.

Members of the Keystone Improvement club are meeting with the county board of supervisors today in protest against the turning of sewage into a drainage canal in their district. The Keystone flood situation was to be aired in detail at this session.

City May Take Up Own Bonds

A second letter from the Pasadena Corporation, an investment concern, urging the city to take up the existing Torrance Municipal Improvement district No. 1, 20-year bonds and thus save approximately \$9,880 in interest, received the city council's attention Tuesday night.

Although the purchase of the securities might not be advisable at this time because the city may have to undertake considerable expense in connecting its water mains to the Metropolitan Aqueduct trunk line, the council believed the offer worthy of more than passing study. City Attorney C. T. Rippey was instructed to investigate the proposal, give an opinion on the legality of retiring the bonds in advance and report back to the council as soon as possible.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICES

Mark 16:1-3—And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?

ATOP PALOS VERDES HILL

Preceded by the impressive pilgrimage to the Cross, during which the early-rising congregation reads in unison passages from the Prophecy of Isaiah, the annual Easter sunrise service will be held at the top of the hill above La Venta Inn at the Palos Verdes Estates Sunday morning.

The pilgrimage will start at 5:45 o'clock from the hill on Via del Monte. Arriving at the Cross, the worshippers will hear the Gounod Sanctus, sung and the introductory verses from the Bible will be read. Congregational singing of the Easter hymn, "Christ Is Risen Today," precedes the anthem, "Unfold Ye Portals" and the Gospel lesson.

Mendelssohn's anthem, "Lift Thine Eyes" by the combined chorus and the hymn, "The Strife Is O'er" by the congregation will bring the service to an inspiring close with the reading of the prayer and response by the congregation. All are invited to attend this service overlooking the blue Pacific.

For information about the remaining Holy Week and Easter services in all Torrance churches See Page 7-B of this edition. This page also contains interesting Easter messages from nearly every local pastor.

ATOP NARBONNE HILL

At the foot of the large Cross on Narbonne hill, the traditional Lomita Easter sunrise service will be held Sunday morning starting at 5:45 o'clock. Boy Scout troop No. 215 will serve as guides and traffic directors and pastors of the community will conduct the rites.

Rev. John E. Orr will be in charge of the devotional and Rev. H. W. Tweedie, pastor of the Calvary Presbyterian church of Wilmington, is to deliver the Easter message. The Lomita male quartet and Young People's quartet of the Lomita Calvary church will sing under the direction of Charles Eade, who will also conduct the song service.

To open the sunrise observance, the Lomita Trumpeters will play a dawn salute. Revs. Shank, Rothgeb and Hall will also participate and all residents of Torrance, Lomita and surrounding areas are cordially invited to begin the great festival by attending the service, the closest dawn rites to be held here.

LIQUOR FEES ALLOCATED TO CITIES

Complete allocation of \$2,958,009.26 to cities and counties as their share of liquor license fees collected by the state during 1936 was announced this week by the board of equalization at Sacramento.

The allocation represents 50 percent of the total fees amounting to \$5,921,412.22, the state's share of which goes into the general fund.

The board previously had announced totals to be received by unincorporated areas and cities over 20,000 population. Today's announcement includes these allocations and the additional amounts granted all other cities in the state.

On the basis of actual licenses issued, Los Angeles county will receive a total of \$801,313.52, of which \$83,611 will go to the unincorporated areas and \$1,928.76 to Torrance.

Payments of the various allocations will be made in the near future, officials said.

No. Torrance Residents Ask Water Service

Indicating that the North Torrance sector is enjoying a sizable boom—and that more building would be accomplished there if adequate water facilities were obtainable, two residents of that district appeared at city council meeting Tuesday night to ask for water connections.

Mrs. Jake Dykeul, who has moved her Peter Pan dairy across the street to 17120 Arlington avenue, said that the Moneta Water Company had declined to provide service and suggested she see the council here. Mrs. R. F. Geardt, of Bell, who has erected two homes at 16941 and 16945 Arlington, said that she was given the same information.

City Engineer Frank R. Leonard informed the women that the city cannot provide mains in that area in competition with the franchise holder, the Moneta concern, but declared that there was no reason why they could not obtain service. He offered to contact the Moneta utility to find out the reason for not complying with the North Torrance residents' request.

BOAT IS STOLEN

Local police considered calling on the Coast Guard for assistance when K. Sawamura, a truck gardener on Highway 101 west of Hawthorne boulevard reported the theft of his 13-foot boat sometime late last week.

Nat'l. Supply, Ideco Grant Pay Increases

10-CENT BOOST

Effective tomorrow, a pay increase of 10 cents an hour has been granted by the International Derrick and Equipment Company, it was learned exclusively by The Herald today. The wage boost for men working on the hourly basis affects between 110 and 125 workers.

According to company officials, this is the second rate increase granted by the Ideco concern within the past few months. The current oil boom, not only in Southern California fields but throughout the Southwest, has contributed to Ideco's steadily increasing production schedule. The plant at 2410 Carson street presents a busy appearance and all indications point to continued capacity turn-out of Ideco products.

OPENING REVIVED

Opening of Normandie avenue southerly from Seventh street to the Los Angeles city limits was revived in the Los Angeles city council this week with an order to City Engineer Lloyd Aldrich to report on the present status of the entire Normandie avenue project.

Time Marches Rough-Shod Over Cherished Tradition

There is something vaguely disturbing about a classified advertisement that is appearing in this edition of The Herald... something that is just another sign of the "off with the old, on with the new" mode of life.

The ad reveals an opening for an experienced waitress but there is one specification that indicates that ham does not always go with eggs, that there are not necessarily a complement to tubes, that Amos might even exist without Andy.

Time was when you expected a Caucasian waitress to be a blonde. Rare indeed was the efficient member of that great sisterhood who was a brunette. You expected service from a light-haired (not always "light-headed") young woman just as you would anticipate a glass of water and a knife, fork and spoon. But it appears that those days are passing... The advertisement reveals that a new style in table attendants

AFFECTS 800

An increase in wages averaging eight and one-third percent, with no change in working hours, has been granted employees of the National Supply Company, second largest industrial plant in Torrance. The raise for the company's 800 employees was agreed upon after exhaustive studies were conducted recently following circulation of a petition requesting a wage increase.

Over 200 men have been added to the National Supply's payroll during the past three months, bringing the total workers to approximately 800. Despite overtime and Sunday work, the company has been unable to keep up with the deluge of orders resulting from increased oil production.

PLAN PUEBLO PARTY

With games starting at 1 o'clock, an Easter egg hunt, free refreshments and a gala dance at 8 o'clock, the Pueblo will be the scene of a gala Easter party Saturday. All residents of that district have been invited to participate in the festivities, which are being planned by the Recreation department.

is on the verge of sweeping Torrance. If this acquires following among cafe owners, the day of the blonde waitress is o'er... She of the golden tresses, shining bob or platinum locks is due for the oblivion of the dodo, the moustache cup and Cubec cigarettes.

What will become of all the reacquaintances of "I was out with a blonde waitress last night and..." How will that camaraderie of the way-side lunch counter exist without a "Blondie" bantering with customers over the counter? What will the makers of peroxide, Blondex and other nostrums calculated to increase the attraction of our Nordic cafe custodians do to pay their stockholders?

It's a sad thing to contemplate but the hand-writing is contained in this issue. The advertisement states specifically and decisively that brunettes only need apply for the job, blondes are not wanted.

HE RETIRED.



John H. Clarke, only living former member of the Supreme Court, is shown rehearsing his March 22 radio speech on the Supreme Court bill to retire justices at the age of 70. Judge Clark retired in 1922 and now lives in San Diego.

RELIEFERS JAM COURT, JUDGE CARRELL STATES

A remarkable revelation was made this week in Judge Frank Carrell's Gardena justice court this week as 13 cases were tried—all of a similar nature. The magistrate declared that all the defendants were either on relief or employed by the WPA, that all involved drunk or disturbance charges or both.

"Seventy-five percent of the cases tried in this court, at public expense, involve those on relief or relief work," Judge Carrell stated. "This is an unhealthy condition and offers no brilliant prospect for the future of the numerous offspring of these defendants."

Elderly Worker Killed By Auto

One of this city's best-known elderly workers, Sam Bucher, of 1917 Arlington avenue, became the third victim of a fatal automobile accident here this year shortly after midnight Tuesday, when he was struck and almost instantly killed by a car while crossing Arlington a few blocks from his home.

Mr. Bucher, who was 66 years old, was en route home from his work as night watchman at the city park. He was hit and dragged about 51 feet by a machine driven by Michael E. Scanlon, of 417 Narbonne avenue, according to police reports. Scanlon, who was accompanied by his wife, told the investigating officers he was traveling about 25 miles an hour and failed to see Mr. Bucher until he saw the victim running directly in front of his car.

Inquest Friday Morning
"And it was too late," Scanlon said. "I could not stop in time to avoid hitting him." Mr. Bucher, who was formerly a night watchman at the National Supply plant, was about 10 feet east of the west curb on Arlington avenue just north of the Lincoln avenue intersection when he was struck.

An inquest will be held at Stone and Myers chapel tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock, police said. Mr. Bucher is survived by his wife, Edith; three daughters, Charlotte, Margaret and Jean; and grandchildren, Virgil, James and Jessie Briener. He was a Mason and had a great many friends who are mourning his untimely death. Mr. Bucher, a native of Kansas, had lived here since 1913.

FRANCHISE PAID

A check for \$140.48 was banked by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett this week as the Pan-American Petroleum company paid the city for its pipeline franchise, the clerk reported to the city council Tuesday night.

TO HANG BANNER

Permission was given to the Kiwanis club by the city council Tuesday night to hang a banner advertising the club's show, "The Gay 90's" across Sartori avenue at Marcelina avenue.

NEW \$10,000 ASPHALT PLANT UNDER CONSTRUCTION HERE BY THREE-MAN FIRM

Three veteran asphalt makers are rushing the erection of a \$10,000 plant at the southeast corner of Lincoln and Border avenue in order to start production within 90 days, it was learned this week as they made public details of this city's newest industry.

Council Moves to Avert Plague of Mosquitoes

"If we don't do something right away we're going to be eaten alive this summer by mosquitoes from the rain-water lakes in the east and south parts of Torrance," Councilman Tom McGuire declared at Monday afternoon's city board session.

His warning was received with considerable interest by his fellow-councilmen who decided to take up the matter of mosquito-abatement immediately with the county board of health.

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett recalled that several years ago a similar infestation of mosquitoes was experienced here and the city, by arrangement with the board of health, eliminated the pests with liberal coatings of oil over every slough and drainage basin.

Building Takes \$13,100 Spurt

Building permits issued this week spurted to \$13,100 as result of four construction jobs being started in this city, according to records at City Engineer Frank R. Leonard's office.

Largest permit was \$7,000 for the erection of a new asphaltic plant in the southeast part of the city by G. A. Lund, O. M. Hunt and J. C. Siegel.

Erection of a \$3,500 duplex at the southwest corner of Torrance boulevard and Acacia street was started by A. W. Hookway, Pasadena resident, who has considerable property in this city. This structure will be a most welcome addition to the housing facilities here. Each side will contain a living room, bedroom, kitchen and bath and garage facilities will be erected on the property.

L. R. Bidwell is building a five-room home and double garage costing \$1,600, at 1308 Date avenue. The Firestone Tire and Rubber Company took out a building permit for a \$1,000 improvement of its service headquarters at the corner of Marcelina and Cravens avenues. This will include the construction of an attractive steel canopy and steel-building to house new departments.

LOMITA SEWER SAID 72 PERCENT COMPLETE

The Lomita sanitary sewer unit being installed by WPA funds was 72 percent completed this week, according to the county surveyor's office. Employment last week averaged 167 men, and it was estimated the total number of men on the job this week would be about the same, altho the weather was not favorable to ditch work. Total allocation for the project is \$97,000.

M'QUAID SAVES GIRL'S LIFE

Rescues Child from Pool of Rain Water

Because of J. W. (Jack) McQuaid's quick response and knowledge of resuscitation a little eight-year-old girl was saved from drowning in a pool of storm water here last Friday afternoon.

The child, Kathleen Kennedy, of 1347 23rd street fell in the pond back of the old glass factory building while playing with two other girls. McQuaid's rescue and revival of the girl was effected before other aid, medical and the fire department's pulmotor squad, arrived on the scene.

Little Kathleen was skipping about the edge of the pool, which was four or five feet deep, when she suddenly toppled into the water. Her companions ran to the D. & M. Machine Works at 2304 Artisan street

They are Otis M. Hunt and George L. Lund of Inglewood and John C. Siegel of Lomita.

The new plant will specialize in the manufacture of a high-grade roofing tar and will also turn out asphalt for paving. They expect to have their plant operating on regular schedule as soon as the equipment is installed.

The three partners leased one acre of land behind the city park from the Dominguez Land company and have arranged for additional space if they need it, according to Lund.

Use Local Crude

At the present time the three men are busily engaged in setting up an 8,000-gallon asphalt still, boiler, fractionating tower 22 feet high and three feet six inches in diameter, installing three 500-barrel and one 100-barrel corrugated steel tanks, a 1000-barrel capacity retort still, six steam pipes, a 12 by 16-foot office building and a 12 by 16 water cooling tower.

"We expect to obtain our raw crude from the Torrance field," Lund said this week. "Tests have proven that the local crude is the best asphaltic base for roofing tar. We can use Wilmington and Redondo extension oil altho that is more sandy."

Lund has had 20 years' experience in oil and asphaltic work, starting with the Standard Oil company and having worked for a number of other major producers in El Segundo and other fields. Hunt, who came here from Texas, has had about 16 years' experience in this work and Siegel, a graduate of Narbonne high school, started with the Pan-American Oil in Torrance in 1924.

Spring Receives Wet Introduction In Southland

Here it is spring again! But that vernal season's introduction in the Southland was none too pleasant. Arriving last Saturday, Miss Spring 1937 was greeted with a rain storm that added 77 of an inch to the season's total, within a few hours of her advent. Winter officially ended at 1:58 p. m. Saturday.

During the week, rains added 1.18 inches of moisture to make the season's total 20.90 inches today. Yesterday's storm totaled .36 of an inch.

Easter Egg Hunt At Park for Children

Children of Torrance are invited to join in the Easter egg hunt to be held in the city park, Saturday, March 27, at 1 o'clock. Children will be grouped according to ages and prizes will be awarded. There will be eight or ten prizes in all.

Horseshoe enthusiasts are urged to be at the park Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. The San Pedro league will be on hand for games.

Warnly Complimented

Running back to the pool, he saw the girl lying under the water. He grabbed a long pole and was successful on his second attempt in fishing the unconscious child out of the pool. Then McQuaid, who is president of the Chamber of Commerce, began applying first aid principles of resuscitation.

By the time a physician and the fire department squad arrived he had the little girl revived and conscious. She was removed to her home where it is reported that she suffered no ill effects from her accidental inversion.

McQuaid was warmly complimented by the firemen for his expert application of inhalation methods.