

Thousands Cheer as First Ship Arrives Here Today Via Barge Canal



Rowboat Conflicts With U. S. Fleet At Local Port

There will be a meeting of the Torrance Harbor board tomorrow afternoon at headquarters in Torrance Beach to decide whether or not the U. S. Fleet will be invited to dock at the local port during the month of April. The Sea Scouts of North Torrance have already applied for permission to anchor their rowboat there and it is feared that considerable confusion might result if both units were admitted to the harbor.

Western Ave. Extended

Opening of the double-barreled 210-foot Western avenue extension from 190th street to the San Pedro breakwater was the signal for a series of major celebrations all along the route by residents of each block yesterday.

As President Bill Shawger's car sped down the glass-paved highway, in which the pictures of prominent Torrance residents are etched in color, the inhabitants turned out to wave a medley of American flags and the city's colors—black and blue—and fall in behind the procession.

Reaching the breakwater, all of the marchers swung past the reviewing stand and unfortunately continued on into the ocean. Late reports indicate that none have returned so it is presumed that they are still extending Western to its logical terminus—Kobe, Japan.

NEW ZOO ADDITION

Bring the kiddies to the city park zoo to see the ring-tailed whoopsnydear that was recently added to the collection of unfamiliar animals there.

FINANCIAL REPORT

It cost \$213.75 to put out this special edition. That's a lot of money even on April 1st.

NEW SPORTS

Authorities at Torrance high school are considering awarding letters for ping-pong, tap dancing and lotto.

GRIEF-STRICKEN TEACHERS MOURN CHARTER'S DEFEAT

Greater love hath no man than—the affection Torrance school teachers have for the city charter which was defeated Tuesday for the third time amid scenes of desolation and gloom only produced by a major disaster. The pedagogues appeared the next day in their class rooms draped in the somber hues of mourning and the Los Angeles board of education issued quantities of crying towels to staunch the flow of steady tears.

The teachers had devoted months to a persistent and logical campaign to educate the voters of Torrance about the benefits of a local school district and the returns—13 for the charter and 8,542 against—proved a severe blow. Many have not yet recovered from the crushing of their hopes and were unable to attend the solemn memorial that was conducted in the janitor's office Wednesday by Prof. Guy L. Mowry.

Other residents of the city

took the defeat with wailing chins but they too, flew flags from half-mast and bitterly condemned the "stubborn 8,542 who crushed the charter." Ten minutes after the result of the election became known, the Los Angeles board of education met in special session, and after prayers, solemnly passed a resolution of condolence.

This statement sadly recounted the efforts of the school authorities to aid the secession of the city from their jurisdiction—and declared that, regardless of the reversal, they would continue to return the school taxes paid by Torrance to the school district.

Even this magnanimous gesture failed to stem the grief that welled from the hearts of school teachers here and they declared, between sobs, that they would pay a bonus of \$100 for the dispatch of every person who was found to have voted against the charter.

On Perilous Trip



Ready for his perilous ascent of the city water tower is Homer Hiccup, pictured above, as he was saying goodbye to friends. Twenty minutes later he radioed that he was still climbing but was bothered with a charlie-horse and did not know if he'd make it. Homer is still missing.

Chief Quitting Force to Take Barber Chair

Having become so proficient with his electric razor that he now requires but an hour and a quarter to complete a shave, Police Chief G. M. Calder declared today that he was resigning April 31 to enter the tonsorial business.

"What's the use of wasting a good barber in the police department?" he demanded. There being no answer he brushed aside interviewers and plunged into chapter five—"Rotary Mud Latest for Face Packs" of his text-book "Is a Barber Human?"

A MODERN CITY

Torrance has many diversified industries—including that of talking about one's neighbors.

Half Shots

By Bob Lewellen
New Sprint King Transfers to Torrance High School
New Coach Roy Cochran of Torrance high is wearing



BUNNY BUNGLE

... needs no tailwind, as he hits the tape in full stride.

ing a broad smile these days. Why? Well, to let the 'cat out of the bag' a recent transfer to the local school, Bunny Bungle, has bolstered the spirits of the track team this year. Coach recently informed this writer that Bungle will win the championship for his team in the Marine league finals.

Bunny Bungle entered the local school last week, a transfer from Roller high, Roller Skate, Georgia. While attending Roller high, Bungle won the national championship, by running the 100-yard dash in the fastest time of .05.6 seconds. A few days ago Bungle burned up the local cinder track, by loafing the century in .06 seconds flat, and is fast rounding into shape. Bungle also runs the fur-long in .15.1; the 440-yard dash in 30 seconds flat and when he gets the baton in the 4-man, mile relay, he really opens up.

Many college and university coaches of the coast are spending their spare moments trying to pick the new Torrance sensation up for their school, believing that Bungle will someday strut the century in .04 seconds flat. But the boy is only 25 years of age, and has two more years of high school, before thinking of furthering his education. Local fans should attend all meets this year, and encourage this new find along the hard path of the manly art of running.

Great English Vessel Docks at Cabrillo Pier Wet But Safe

While thousands of shouting Harbor District residents watched in amazement, the first ship ever to steam up the completed Barge Canal from the blue Pacific to the lowering smokestacks of Torrance plowed majestically thru the waves of limpid brown water that lapped the shores of Wilmington, Harbor City and Lomita to dock at the Cabrillo Avenue Pier here this morning.

It was the Queen Mary from Southampton, Eng., loaded with passengers and concentrated Bromo Seltzer, a fabulous cargo that will be put to good use tomorrow when the day's celebration of a dream-come-true is over. As Dock Superintendent C. T. Rippey caught the rope a cocky Cockney seaman tossed him and made the vessel secure to the front door of the Village Winery, he shouted:

"The said it couldn't be done—but I did it!"

The Harbor Master was merely echoing the words of a silk-hatted group of frockcoated dignitaries, headed by Governor W. H. Stanger, who came here especially from the capitol at Gardena to witness the momentous event. It was Rippey, his once-golden locks a silvery white, who led the fight for the Barge Canal against terrific odds—and won!

No Kings Around Ship

Arriving off San Pedro at 8:10 this morning, the Queen Mary immediately began the ascent to this great city as soon as she passed quarantine. The inland voyage took but an hour and 10 minutes. It would have made the trip in an hour but Police Chief Charles (Chick) Curtiss halted the vessel when an over-exuberant Lomita resident began swimming in circles around the Queen Mary as it was passing 220th street. The swimmer was hauled out and the triumphant journey resumed.

A great crew of longshoremen, under the leadership of Boss Flora McDonald, swarmed aboard the British craft, and while the passengers were being decked with garlands of miniature boilers, steel plates, oil well equipment and abalone shells, began unloading the vessel. The passengers and crew were paraded up to the civic auditorium where school children surrounded them and, led by Principal Jim Wilkes, sang the Torrance song: "Barging Along the Barge Canal to El Prado Park and You." Mayor George N. Merston gave a speech of welcome, accompanying himself on the piccolo.

Photographers, news-reel cameramen and scores of reporters milled about the Queen Mary's passengers and crew obtaining eye-witness stories of the historic occasion. All interviewed declared that the trip up the Barge Canal was a delightful experience, and insisted that the ascent of the rapids at Harbor City was accomplished without incident.

The great celebration is continuing this afternoon and will be climaxed tonight with a grand ball in the telephone booth at the Dolley Drug store, where the Consolidated Lumber Company will serve wafers of compo-board and hot tar.

Work On Elevated Near Completion

Workmen engaged in filling in the Santa Fe "subway" along Madrid avenue are expected to make that rail line bisecting the city nothing but a memory within a week. The tracks are being raised to provide an elevated line 47 feet in the air along the same route that the grade followed.

Meanwhile, the city was proceeding with the extension of streets long stopped by the railroad and everything is fine and dandy.

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AUDO-SIGNS ELIMINATE LOST SOULS

Determined that the staggering number of residents or visitors in the area between Cedar and Madrona streets, south of Carson, who are daily found wandering like lost souls in that district must be correctly informed as to their streets, the city council this week ordered an ultra-modern set of street signs.

When these are installed and broadcasting, it is believed that no one can become lost in that residential area whose street signs have long been nonexistent. The new markers not only designate the street names but also, thru the aid of a photo-electric eye actually announce the titles, give the names of residents in the block and the correct Pacific Standard time.

Seek "Commercials"

The invention of Tom Waters, these audio signs are installed on regular street posts. Whenever a person approaches within the area covered by the photo-electric cell, the phonograph record concealed in the sign speaks: "This is the southwest corner of Juniper and Monterey avenues. Thru the courtesy of the city council the correct time is... and if you are looking for... (then follows the list of residents) you will find them in this block." The message closes with, "Good morning, or afternoon, or evening," according to the time of day.

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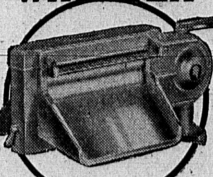
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