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TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1937

Chamber Election June 7; Three Posts Open

All members of the Chamber of Commerce have been notified by Secretary L. J. Gilmeister of the annual election on Monday, June 7, when three directors are to be chosen. Two of these will represent the industrial membership of the civic organization and one the general membership.

The candidates are: For industrial—E. M. Barber, superintendent of the Columbia Steel Company plant, who is now serving as second vice-president; J. E. Pooler of Pacific Perforators, Inc.; Fred Isaacs, General Petroleum company, an incumbent director; and Jack Barrington of the Barrington Welding Works; for general—Alden W. Smith, optometrist and jeweler, present vice-president, and Hillman R. Lee, manager of the J. C. Penney company store.

The polls will be open at the Chamber from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m., and all members are requested to cast their votes on the official ballots between those hours.

A nominating committee, composed of George Peckham, Harry Abramson, Dean Sears and William N. Nye presented the names of the candidates at a recent meeting of the Chamber. Accompanying the notice of the election was the following statement written by President J. W. McQuaid:

"Our public library is a collection of the best in the world of books, made available to the entire population, with easy facility at a minimum cost. If these same books were to be divided up and placed on the shelves in private homes, the same number of volumes and the same information would still be in existence, but they would no longer be available for general use. Accordingly, the public would suffer the loss of a valuable resource.

"Our Chamber of Commerce is, in a sense, a library of thoughts and abilities of the membership. This great resource is made available for public service through the committees of the Chamber. If it were not for our Chamber of Commerce, much of our best talent and ability would be limited to the small compass of the contacts of each individual, working independently.

"If you would like to attempt an estimate of the value of this facility in dollars, compare the expert services of the doctor, the lawyer or the architect. You will be amazed at the enormous total. If we were called on to pay for the services of individuals, working independently to perform the work of the Chamber of Commerce, it would bankrupt most of us. The fact is, 'You Can't Buy It!'"

Workers Should Get S. S. Cards

Chas. H. Cunningham, field representative of the Social Security Board at 1121 South Hill street, Los Angeles, today urged all eligible workers who have not yet applied for Social Security account numbers to do so promptly to expedite the setting up by June 30 of wage records for their participation in the Federal old-age program under the Social Security Act.

30 Years Bring No Change In Drainage Problem Off Ocean Ave.

"That section has always been a lake in rainy season and has been designated as such on government maps dating back as far as 30 years," City Engineer Frank R. Leonard told the city council in reply to a letter from an attorney representing a land-owner off Ocean avenue in the Meadow Park tract.

The fact that the city has no culvert or drain to carry the water from one side of the avenue to the other is no indication that the situation can be easily remedied, the engineer continued in answering a request of the attorney. The property owner, according to the lawyer's letter to the city council, has been barred from oil development because of the periodic inundations.

Walk Link for Lomita Authorized

Construction of a link between the existing sidewalks and the new one recently built on the west side of Narbonne avenue by the city of Torrance will be Lomita's share of the county's \$125,000 walk repair program that got under way this week, according to H. H. Halliday, secretary of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce.

Little hope is being entertained that the county will construct new sidewalks in other sections of the adjoining community, Halliday said. The county originally planned a \$315,000 county-wide project, with new construction in Lomita to have been a part of that program. Curtailment of Federal expenditures left the county to undertake the work on a smaller scale, pending the Federal grant, according to George Jones, county road commissioner for this district.

The sidewalk project in Lomita is expected to start within two or three weeks. It would extend into the business district the new walk built by Torrance to Lomita's north boundary line.

Water Survey In Progress

About 12 or 15 residents of North Torrance again attended city council meeting Tuesday night, continuing their vigilant interest in obtaining water for their domestic use.

A letter was read from Taylor and Taylor, consulting engineers, who were retained by the city two weeks ago to make a thorough survey of the district relative to the water problem. The engineering concern reported, under date of May 20, that the survey is under way and that it is expected to complete the assignment within 10 days.

Mayor William H. Tolson informed the delegation that the council will probably have the water report in time to act on its contents at the next meeting. An adjourned session was called for next Tuesday, June 1, at 4:45 p. m.

Needy Blind May Apply for Aid in City

Applications for assistance provided by the state law for the needy blind were being filed this week at the local branch office of the county charities department at 2300 Carson street.

In the past, these applications have been received in the 10 offices of the charities department's adult state aid division. Supl. Rex Thomson said: reorganizations of the department early this year have made possible this improved service for the needy blind of the county.

Revision in certain office procedures of this department is to become effective this week. The need for these changes has been noted in the five months that have elapsed since the reorganization took place. A result of the reorganization has been a net reduction of 230 employees.

In the News Picture of the Week



Top row: Vivian Sorenson, queen-empress of the Golden Gate Bridge Fiesta with a pseudo crown of used flashlight bulbs; Dorothy Nelson, entrant in the rodeo queen contest at Gilroy, Cal., in June; John Wilkinson, recently announced winner of the \$2000 Phelan traveling scholarship for artists. Second row: Left, Henle, brother of the famous skater, Sonja Henle, who is visiting in Southern California; Lieut. Leo P. Delasno, inventor of the acoustic altimeter, a device designed to prevent air crashes such as occurred this last winter; Eddie Lewis, bearded Texan, one of favored entrants in the 300-mile stock-car race at Oakland on May 30. Third row: Walter N. Frenzel, of the Grace Line's Santa Elena, who has picked up more stranded sailors and yachtsmen on the West Coast than any two other skippers during the last 15 years; Dan Farmer, athletic director at San Francisco State College, who will direct recreation leaders in a two-week course at Big Basin, Cal., June 7-15; Andy Devine emits a hearty laugh at a candid camera party, new-est West Coast crane.

Points Drop In Herald Campaign

Starting today the points in The Herald's Bonus Check campaign have decreased in value. From this date until June 5 the following points will be issued on both new and renewal subscriptions:

New Subscription Points	
1 Year	13,000
2 Years	49,000
3 Years	106,000
4 Years	205,000
5 Years	305,000
Renewal Subscription Points	
1 Year	3,000
2 Years	9,000
3 Years	26,000
4 Years	85,000
5 Years	145,000

All workers should keep in mind EXTENSION SUBSCRIPTION POINTS. Points will be issued on extension subscriptions according to the period in which the original subscription was turned in. This means that even the first period has passed, first period points can still be secured on second payment or extension subscriptions.

All workers striving for one of the first five Bonus Check positions have a real job on their hands to maintain their position. These positions are very close; in some instances it is only a matter of a few subscriptions between the workers. Every effort should be made to get extension subscriptions as well as new subscriptions during the second period.

The standing of The Herald's workers who are qualified to collect on renewal subscriptions as well as issue receipts for new subscriptions are as follows today:

Mrs. Mae Richardson	2,684,600
Mrs. Phoebe Milburn	2,680,500
Mrs. Cora Selby	2,680,500
Mrs. E. G. Rowell	2,677,800
Mrs. Karmee Dolley	2,698,400
Mrs. Emma Quaglin	2,672,300
Mrs. Jack Price	2,687,700
Mrs. Marguerite Kelsey	2,691,700
P. W. Giddings	2,661,900

G.P. Tank Addition Sends Building Total to \$157,675

Filing of plans and specifications for the addition of five huge steel tanks at the General Petroleum Corporation's refinery plant in North Torrance sent this week's building permit total soaring up to \$157,675, it was learned yesterday at the city engineer's office.

This construction total was the largest weekly figure recorded in several years here. The General Petroleum expansion program includes the installation of two 134,000-barrel tanks, costing \$116,100 and three 80,000-barrel tanks, costing \$30,000 to install.

Two frame oil derricks are being built at a cost of \$5,000 each. One is for the Loma Verde Oil company of Long Beach and is located at 22821 Hawthorne boulevard, while the other is for the B-C-L Oil company of South Pasadena, which is erecting a derrick at the southwest corner of the Dominguez 1,028-acre allotment east of Redondo road and north of Huntington street.

Other building permits were issued to: Harriet N. Swiney of Fresno for the construction of a four-room house at 1819 Greenwood avenue to cost \$1,000; Alfred Goudier who is building a double frame garage at 1507 G-f-a-m-e-r-c-y avenue for \$250; Stella Freligh of 1224 Cota avenue for an addition to a residence at 1224 Cota, \$175, and the Title Insurance and Trust company of Los Angeles which is building an office structure for the Loma Verde Oil company at 22841 Hawthorne boulevard for \$150.

Registration of warrants by Los Angeles county started Monday of this week as an emergency measure due to shortage of funds for the first time in 20 years, has disclosed that operating expenses of the county are more than \$100,000 daily.

Cravens Being Re-surfaced

Instead of waiting until the city's gasoline tax allocation arrives next fall to continue the second phase of the improvement project, Cravens avenue will be resurfaced at once, the city council decided Tuesday night. Councilman James Hitchcock pointed out that the fire department was being blocked out because of the laying of rock and oil between Marcella avenue and El Prado.

Business Group Would Outlaw Picketing Here

A communication, headed by H. M. Bailey, groceryman-at-Cravens and Post avenue, and signed by 16 other business people of this city expressing concern over "the danger of commotion and disturbance" and "intimidations practiced on us and our employes" in event labor picketing breaks out here, was read to the city council Tuesday night. The petition stated:

"Due to the many strikes, threats of strikes, other threats and intimidations practiced on us and our employes, the danger of commotion and disturbance, we respectfully request you to take such steps and pass such ordinances as will prevent 'picketing' so-called, and other disturbances arising or likely to arise therefrom. We also request that sufficient authority be given to the Torrance police department to enforce the observance of such ordinances."

C. I. O. Group Present Mayor William H. Tolson suggested that the request be referred to the police committee but Councilman George V. Powell declared that "because an ordinance is wanted it should be given to the ordinance committee for study and report."

The mayor changed his assignment and gave the letter to Powell, who is chairman of the ordinance committee.

A number of men in the audience appeared to be interested in this matter and when a group of them was questioned by a Herald representative, a spokesman identified his followers as members of the Committee for Industrial Organization but would make no further comment.

It was the consensus of opinion around the city hall that no action would be taken on the merchant's petition. A bill, which would prohibit the passage of municipal anti-picketing ordinances, is now before the State Legislature.

Scout Auxiliary Show Tonight

Under the auspices of Mothers' Auxiliary of Boy Scouts Troop No. 3, (now Troop No. 218), a gala vaudeville show will be staged free of charge in the Civic Auditorium tonight starting at 8:15 o'clock.

Arrangements have been completed with Federal Theatres of Los Angeles county for the appearance of Roy Meyer, noted magician whose baffling feats of magic will open the program. Other highlights of the Civic Auditorium show will include Ross and Howard, a pair of hilarious comedians in a "kid act" that has won laughs from Hollywood to Broadway.

A thrilling climax to the program will be furnished by Mike Deronda, well known "escape wizard" who has been known to free himself from handcuffs and strait-jackets with unbelievable ease.

Pat Kelley will be master-of-ceremonies, and Florence Munger, popular pianist, will provide musical accompaniment. Sam Levy will open the program by presenting Robert Lewellen, district scout chairman, past Scoutmaster of Troop No. 3. He will present a gift of Scout supplies and the balance of troop funds to the present Scoutmaster of Troop No. 218, Cecil Dow.

Daughter Born to Curtisses Today

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Curtiss of 1321 Encarnacion avenue this morning at Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital as result of a Caesarian section. Both mother and baby are reported making good progress. Mrs. Curtiss was formerly Katherine Burmaster and Curtiss is secretary of the Dominguez Land company.

Dogs Quarantined in Beach Cities to Curb Health Peril

Because of the unusual number of cases of persons being bitten by dogs suspected of rabies in the beach area of Redondo, Manhattan, Hermosa and Palos Verdes, Dr. H. C. Smiley, district health officer in charge of this district, clamped down a quarantine on those cities Tuesday.

Moore Sent to Prison on Morals Charge

Efforts to win probation for Edgar J. Moore, former bookkeeper for a local automobile agency, who admitted a morals offense involving a 10-year-old school girl, proved fruitless and he was sentenced recently to San Quentin. It was learned this week from the district attorney's office.

The 61-year-old accountant must serve one year in prison before his sentence is determined, according to reports. Moore was arrested here shortly after the authorities had learned of his molestation of the young girl on April 1. His wife and two adult sons attempted to gain probation for him but local authorities would not recommend leniency in the case, it is understood.

Walteria and No. Torrance to Get Libraries

Two branches of the Torrance public library are to be established at Walteria and North Torrance as soon as suitable quarters are found, it was revealed at city council meeting Tuesday night.

Mayor William H. Tolson reported that the library board met that afternoon and decided to recommend the expansion of library services, this to cost approximately \$1,320 or \$700 above last year's budget. However, the mayor pointed out that the library tax rate of six cents per \$100 assessed valuation would not be increased.

The total expense of maintaining the library and its two branches here would be \$7,350, he said. The county library will service the branches as it does the main book center on Post avenue. The city is required to furnish quarters for the branches and Mayor Tolson suggested that it might be possible to secure these without charge.

Move for Branch Court Okayed By Supervisors

Provision for a part-time clerk for the Torrance branch of the Inglewood township justice court, which is to be quartered in the city hall, was made this week by the board of supervisors.

Two part-time positions will be provided for clerks in the court, rather than one full-time position, according to a plan worked out by the Justice of the Peace Frank Carrell of Gardena.

The county board of supervisors recently voted to cancel the lease on quarters for the Torrance branch of the justice court, and the city will provide quarters in the city hall.

Harbor District Chambers Seek Site of L. A. Trade Exposition

If an annual trade exposition is to be held in the city of Los Angeles beginning in 1942, why not hold it in the Harbor district?

"We have received reports of several persons being bitten daily for the past several days in those cities and are taking this action to curb any outbreak of rabies, the most dread disease to affect a human being," he said. "Henceforth all peace officers are instructed to capture any dog found wandering on the streets."

The county health authority said that it would be a good idea if all Torrance residents would keep all dogs confined to home premises and put them on a leash when taken outside. He also recommended muzzles for pets in the interest of public safety.

Quick action on the part of the county health department is believed responsible for halting a wholesale epidemic of rabies which might have periled the lives of 37 Palos Verdes school children. Immediately following the death of a spaniel puppy in the Inglewood dog pound last Friday, the health authorities swung into action with Pasteur serum.

The animal was found to have died of rabies some 36 hours after it had bitten 37 children attending the Palos Verdes school. All the families were notified at once and the periodic injections of the life-saving fluid begun.

Today full recovery is expected for all of the youngsters, according to workers at the county health center here. The Pasteur treatment is being given each of them regularly by private physicians. Health authorities believe that there is no reason for any anxiety on the part of those bitten by the maddened animal since no case has ever developed after the Pasteur treatment has been administered in time.

Daily Injections Thirty-five families accepted the stern warning broadcast after the dog died. The remaining parents said their religious faith made it impossible for them to have their children treated.

Dr. R. W. Schaeffer, summoned by L. G. Hummel, school principal, cauterized wounds of the children who had been bitten, and began administering the Pasteur treatment. Anti-rabies injections are being given daily for 14 days to the children whose parents sanctioned the treatment.

Among the children, all of whom were in the fifth and sixth grades, who suffered serious bites were Marshall Stewart, 14 years of age; Patsy K. Page, 12; Suzanne Sadler, 10; Nobou Yasaki, 7, and Jean Gilmore, 7.

The Gilmore child's father, Edgar Gilmore, who appeared on the scene during the madness of the puppy, was also bitten.

Taken to Class Thursday morning a group of highway workmen passing the school put out the little spaniel, which ran to the school grounds. (Continued on Page 8A)

As compared with other world harbors "both in its tonnage and in the value of its imports and exports."

"As this organization views the matter, the principal objects of the annual trade exposition are to bring additional desirable industries into Southern California, thereby increasing our payrolls and promoting better business and prosperity," he said.

The Harbor District chambers' resolution asks the Power Bureau, which was authorized to name a committee of 15 to select a site, to place the exposition "somewhere in the Los Angeles-Long Beach Harbor district."