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List of Flood Zones Will Be Future Guide

A list of the areas subject to inundation in Los Angeles county will be furnished to the state real estate department by the flood control district, at request of the board of supervisors.

J. Mortimer Clark, state real estate commissioner, wrote to Chief Engineer C. H. Howell late last week for the information, upon the recent suggestion of the supervisors.

It was New Year's morning, 1934, that the flood waters rushed down out of the mountains above La Crescenta and Montrose and swept across the low areas taking a toll of human life and property destruction. This is more than three years since the flood.

Land Under Ocean
As soon as the flood control district supplies the information to the state, the state will then know "officially" where the dangerous areas are. The commissioner is declared by county officials to be the only officer with power to regulate the use of this low-lying land, and even his power is limited.

County regional planning officials say the only thing they can do in event a subdivision is proposed in the bed of an undedicated swamp is to stamp across it "Subject to inundation." The owner of the land cannot be prohibited from selling it if there is a buyer.

The county counsel advised the commission recently that as an extreme case the owner of a tract of land lying under the ocean could not be prevented from recording it, if he could prove title.

THS to Get New Teachers

This was a busy week for Principal Thomas Elson at the high school. In addition to a curtailed schedule of classes because of the Memorial Day holiday Monday and his regular duties, the head of the institution was interviewing applicants for teaching positions next fall.

"We will be entitled to three new instructors at the beginning of the 1937-38 term," he said. "This is because our enrollment is increasing and our present faculty of 38 will not be able to handle the number of students we expect to enroll next fall."

"I am interviewing candidates and will endeavor to select those residing in or near Torrance who appear to be best fitted by reason of their ages, previous teaching records and scholastic attainments. The new instructors will be given classes in commercial subjects, English and girls' physical education work," Elson said.

Rain Total Here 21.68 Inches

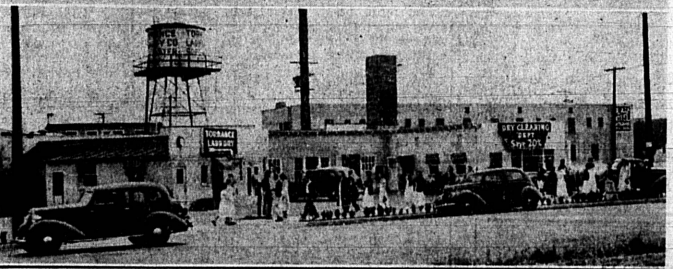
Sunday morning's rain added 20 of an inch to make the season's total here 21.68 inches to date, according to records at the high school where weather observations are taken. Last year at this time only 10.32 inches of rain was recorded here and the season to June 23 was 10.57 inches.

Gum Dab Count Per Block Asked by N.Y. Association

County Sanitation District officials blinked their eyes today upon receiving the most unusual request for information that they can recall. In all seriousness the request from the Clean Sidewalks Association of New York City, asked that an engineer be assigned to "count the gum dabs on two or three blocks of the crowded Los Angeles shopping district and send us the average number of pieces per block."

The problem of the Clean Sidewalks Association, set forth on its own letterhead, is this: "In the pursuit of our campaign to keep the sidewalks clean—we have found

HOW A PICKET LINE IS BORN



Strike pictures with their attendant side-lights such as "sit-downs," marching men and women, display of signs and placards and close-ups of leaders of rival factions have become commonplace in U. S. newspapers. But The Herald depicts (above) for the first time in any paper, a photo history in three chapters of how a picket line is born.

In the top picture, you see a Torrance Laundry worker striding across Border avenue from the plant—the first one to leave her post at 2:30 p. m. last Friday. The distance between her and The Herald's photographer was too great to record the determination on her face as she

led the dissatisfied workers out of the laundry. The center photo shows the next stage, a few minutes later when 15 other women employees joined the first striker for a huddle under a pepper tree on Border avenue. Here they received instructions to form a picket line about the Border and Carson street front of the plant.

Below is the line, now established but minus the C. I. O. arm-bands and placards which arrived a few minutes later. At its most populous stage the picket line numbered about 45 men and women. The Carson street route was most favored, the Border side not having the attraction of as many passers-by as the Carson street traffic.

Local Publication of Election Data Is Assured

The official list of election boards and polling places for this community at future general and special county elections will be published locally hereafter instead of in an obscure downtown Los Angeles legal publication, as the result of a bill signed by Governor Merriam.

The legislative bill was sponsored by county newspapers and the Los Angeles Newspaper Service Bureau. It will become effective in 90 days and will be effective at the next election, which is some time off, unless a special election should be called.

Steel Arrives for Building

The steel for the framework and foundation having arrived, work on the construction of the new Civic Administration building adjoining the Civic Auditorium on 21 Prado was resumed this week.

Erection of the structure was halted for several weeks following the laying of the cement foundation walls when the steel had to be especially fabricated for the job. Now that this material is on the site no more interruptions are expected, according to the contractor, Elser Wickholm, Ltd.

When completed, the \$17,940 building will house the Chamber of Commerce offices and other quarters for public use. It will follow the same exterior design as other public buildings in the civic center.

Motor Failure Shuts Down Sheet Mill

Because of motor failure Monday morning the sheet mill at the Columbia Steel plant was closed this week. Work is expected to be resumed next Monday morning, according to Superintendent E. M. Barber.

The motor is being re-wound for service. This was the first breakdown of major importance in the sheet mill in more than a year.

Delinquent Tax List Published

With this issue The Herald begins the legal publication of the delinquent tax list for taxes levied in 1936 for the fiscal year 1936-37. Those interested in obtaining information from the listings should refer to the alphabetical index at the end of the list. The numbers following the names correspond with the numbers in the delinquent list.

Partial Eclipse of Sun June 8

When the light in the sky takes on an eerie aspect and queer shadows dance across the ground next Tuesday, June 8, it will not be the end of the world nor the millennium but simply an eclipse of the sun when it plays hide-and-seek with the moon. Described as the greatest spectacle known to man with few phenomena of the sky of equal scientific value, the partial eclipse will take place here about 1 p. m. on the above date. Unfortunately, Torrance will be far north of the path of totality. Scientists declare that if one could be at the right place on the Pacific ocean or high up in the Andes in Peru he would observe one of the finest total eclipses the world has seen for more than seven centuries. During this time the corona—that mysterious outer atmosphere of the sun—would flash radiantly

Building Largest Here in Six Years

New construction here during May, amounting to \$204,615, advanced the year's total in building here to \$803,335, more than any other first five-month period since 1933. The month's total was higher than any other May for the past six years.

Building during May, 1937, amounted to but \$12,900, while the total for the first five months of last year was but \$201,709. Permits were issued last month for 11 residences, totaling \$20,600; six garages, \$12,500; three alterations and repair jobs, \$600; two factories and industrial office buildings, \$6,150; two oil derricks, \$10,000; the Civic Administration building, \$17,700; five huge gasoline storage tanks at the General Petroleum Corporation's refinery plant, \$146,100, and one Neon sign, \$125.

The comparative building totals are:

Year	May	Total for Year
1932	\$86,800	\$96,385
1933	4,575	591,745
1934	16,920	38,227
1935	20,175	128,803
1936	12,900	201,709
1937	204,615	303,335

New Well at Alondra Park Said Necessary

Appropriation of an additional \$500 to complete the drilling of a new water well at Alondra Park was approved this week by the board of supervisors at the request of the forester and fire warden's department.

The old well became sanded and cannot be cleaned out, it was explained, and the only other source of supply is a two-inch commercial pipeline, which is not adequate and too expensive.

Trees set out in the park now are suffering from lack of water, according to Spence Turner, county forester and fire warden. The county mechanical department is prepared to drill a new well, at an estimated cost of \$2,580, but only \$1,800 was set up in the budget for that purpose this year, it was stated.

WPA Workers May Get SS Numbers

An opportunity was given all Works Progress Administration workers to register for Social Security numbers beginning this week. Registration of WPA workers is being carried on throughout the nation because in many instances employers might hesitate to hire relief workers whom they would have to assist in securing account cards, it was explained.

WPA workers will not be assessed a levy as long as they are on work relief rolls, as such levy would begin only when the workers returned to private employment.

Laundry Strike Brings on Series of Labor Events; Injunction is Sought

C.I.O. Men to Spurn A.F.L. Picket Lines

Retail grocery store owners and employees who have been "propositioned" by A. F. of L. union representatives during the past week or so were advised this week by local C. I. O. leaders, that members of John L. Lewis labor organizations would completely disregard any picket lines thrown out by rival A. F. of L. factions.

"We have been informed not to pay any attention to A. F. of L. picket lines," President Charles D. Steele of Torrance lodge No. 1414, Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, informed The Herald Tuesday. "The attempt of A. F. of L. to enter Torrance with a plan for 'unionizing' local stores upon payment of an exorbitant fee for the privilege is nothing less than a racket. Members of the C. I. O. in Torrance, will pass thru A. F. of L. picket lines at will, and they have been asked to disregard any attempt by the A. F. of L. to coerce local merchants into paying \$100 for 'joining up,'" Steele said.

Council Considers Gas Tax Change; No Law Report

At an adjourned meeting, held Tuesday afternoon, members of the city council devoted the whole session to consideration of a proposed change in the distribution of gasoline tax funds to cities.

Councilman George V. Powell was absent, no discussion was held of the petition asking the adoption of an anti-picketing ordinance, submitted by 17 business people last week. Powell is chairman of the ordinance committee, and a report from him is necessary to bring the matter to the attention of the council again.

The city board decided to wait a report from the League of California Municipalities and Supervisor Leland H. Ford's opinion of the proposed change of the gasoline tax allocation before going on record for or against the measure.

It was brought out that Torrance has received an equitable portion of the funds in the past and that the contemplated change would probably not increase the revenue this city receives from that source of taxation.

Three Local Students Graduate Saturday From U. S. C.

Three Torrance students, Pete S. Zamperini, Bachelor of Science in Education; George G. Lancaster, Bachelor of Arts, and Rudolph K. Huber, Bachelor of Foreign Service, will be among the 1600 students to receive degrees from the University of Southern California at the school's 54th annual commencement exercises in the Los Angeles coliseum, Saturday, June 5.

Band Attends Rites on Memorial Monday

The Torrance municipal band participated in the Memorial exercises at Roosevelt Memorial park last Monday and Commander Pat Boyle of Bert S. Crossland post, American Legion, occupied one of the seats of honor on the speaking platform.

A.F.L. ATTEMPT TO UNIONIZE STORES OPPOSED BY C.I.O.

Since last Friday afternoon when 24 out of the 84 people employed at the Torrance Laundry and Dry Cleaning company plant on Carson street walked out and instituted a C. I. O. picket line, developments on the local labor front followed thick and fast. These were some of the outstanding points of interest:

1—The laundry plant closed Saturday morning but Co-Owner Manager William Rojo declares he is "open for business" and that other laundries are taking care of his work for him.

2—A proposed contract was submitted Sunday to Rojo by the United Laundry Workers Union, a C. I. O. affiliate.

3—The laundryman offered on Monday to negotiate with laundry-worker unions affiliated not with the Committee for Industrial Organization but with the American Federation of Labor. Rojo said: "I have offered to arbitrate with A. F. of L. The C. I. O. contract lies my hands—all I can do under that is to pay the bills."

4—Efforts of A. F. of L. organizers to unionize—under the William I. Green banner—local grocery stores, a plan whereby local store owners were asked to contribute from \$25 to \$100 for the privilege of making their stores union, apparently was stalemated. A. F. of L. organizers were active here, it is understood, the early part of the week but for the past two days local store owners say that they have not been in contact with them.

5—Most of the local business people who signed a petition which asked the city council on May 25 to pass an "anti-picketing" ordinance, signed another statement this week which rescinded their action. This statement, although seen by a representative of The Herald, has not been submitted to the council nor was H. M. Bailey, groceryman at Cravens and Post avenue, who headed the list of signatures on both papers, willing to have The Herald publish its full contents.

6—A petition for a permanent injunction against picketing and molesting its plant here and locations in other nearby cities was filed in Superior Court Tuesday by the laundry company. Hearing on the application was set for June 11. A temporary restraining order was granted.

7—Announcement by Charles D. Steele, president of the local lodge, No. 1414, of Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and

Tin Workers, C. I. O. union at the Columbia Steel plant, that he had received instructions to advise his members to disregard any picket lines thrown out by A. F. of L. unions around local stores.

As strikes go, the laundry disruption has been comparatively peaceful, only minor disturbances being observed. This is perhaps due to the orderliness of the picket line and the presence of about 10 private detectives, engaged by Manager Rojo to guard his property. Local police have been on the scene but no reports have been made by the officers of any unusual strike or strike-breaking activity.

Rojo, who says he hasn't slept for "two or three nights," told The Herald that he informed his workers only a few hours before the strike started that they were free to join any labor group they wished. He had previously discharged six employees for various reasons, one of which he says was "agitating" while on duty.

The contract submitted to him Sunday by the United Laundry Workers union, a C. I. O. affiliate, contained the following points: (1) All discharged employees shall be re-employed to former positions without discrimination at the same wage scale; (2) recognition of the union as the "sole collective bargaining agency" for all employees; (3)—a wage scale of \$16 per week for all employees and an eight-hour day with overtime at the rate of time and one-half; and

(4) Any employee working two hours or less shall receive a half-day's pay and all holidays and Sundays will be worked at the time and one-half rate; (5) a noon hour for lunch between 12 and 1 o'clock; (6) no suspension of work in event of local trouble of any kind until all methods toward an amicable settlement are exhausted; (7) a grievance committee to be appointed from the workers; (8) no employee shall be laid off more than three days of one week and seniority shall prevail; and

(9) That the laundry firm shall continue to make reason-

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\$200 Cash Gift Going to Some Herald Subscriber

On April 16 The Herald announced a subscription building campaign in order to get new subscriptions and renew present subscribers. At the same time this campaign offered spare-time employment for local people, an opportunity for these people to earn money.

The Herald appreciates the support this campaign has had during the past six weeks, support coming from present subscribers who have renewed their Herald subscription and that given by those who were not subscribers. It is the belief that the people of Torrance appreciate the type of newspaper The Herald is turning out. Yet it is puzzling why so many present subscribers whose subscriptions are past due for renewing have not placed their order with one of the campaign workers.

The campaign is about to close and it is the desire of The Herald to have all subscriptions paid in advance by the concluding date of the campaign. All subscriptions must be paid in advance. Please do not delay in renewing your subscription. DO IT TODAY.

Standings Are Close
Subscribers and non-subscribers will be given tickets for the Subscribers' \$200 Cash Gift. On June 19 someone who either subscribed or renewed their subscription will receive this \$200 cash gift.

Every worker who is trying for a bonus check will have to get down to business during the remaining days of the campaign. Standings for the five bonus checks are very close. Real effort is necessary on the part of workers to maintain a bonus check position. Do not forget that extension subscriptions and extension points are going to play a very important part in this effort.

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	2,876,300
Mrs. Cora Selby	2,885,200
Mrs. E. G. Rowell	2,891,600
Mrs. Karmee Dolley	2,887,500
Mrs. Emma Quaglin	2,890,600
Mrs. Jack Price	2,871,700
Mrs. Jack Murray	2,881,200
Mrs. Marguerite Kelsey	2,885,200
P. W. Giddings	2,866,500