

Civic Leaders Seek End of Strike

Postal Service Extension May Benefit City

As result of a final inspection lasting two days of last week by a postal inspector, an extension of postal service to homes is anticipated here in the near future by Postmaster C. Earl Conner. Started several months ago at the request of many residents and on his own initiative in regard to several localities, Postmaster Conner urged the extension for two reasons.

"First I want the enlarged delivery service because our territory is far advanced from population when the last inspection was made some years ago. There are a number of districts within the city limits which now reach the requirements of the Postoffice department with regard to residential delivery service," he said.

"Second, I would like to see the Torrance postoffice become a first-class institution. We are rapidly approaching the minimum requirements for this advancement and I believe that by extending our delivery service we can gain the extra business that will put us over the top within a few months," Conner pointed out.

The postal inspector who surveyed plans indicated that the extension of service will probably receive favorable consideration by department authorities in Washington, D. C. However, until final action is taken to the request, Postmaster Conner said that he is not in a position to announce the extent of the enlarged service.

One improvement he did announce, however, was that a mounted carrier, operating a delivery truck, will probably be used to carry the mail to outlying parts of the city which now have no regular carrier service.

Candidates for Legion Named

A complete slate of candidates, headed by Grant Barkdull, unopposed, for commander, was presented to members of Bert S. Crossland post, American Legion, Tuesday night by the nominating committee. The election will be held July 6, according to Thomas T. Babbitt, adjutant. During the session, the post advanced plans for its fireworks sale from five booths located throughout the city for the Fourth of July.

Others nominated for officers were: For first vice-commander, Tom Babbitt, Charles Myers and George Thompson; for second vice-commander, Dewey Goodard; for chaplain, Jim Wilkes; for finance officer, Charles Myers; for sergeant-at-arms, B. F. Peterson; for executive board, W. H. Stanger, Pat Boyle, Lyle Doan, Jim Burchett and Jim Wilkes; for service officer, Miller Bailey, Alex McPhail and D. A. Murphy; for historian, Louis Deininger; and for delegate to the state convention, Charles Smith, Jim Wilkes, Otto Modglin, Pat Boyle and Grant Barkdull.

Here's One Time That Father Gets a 'Pocketbook Break'

Oh! To be the father of quintuplets in Torrance next Sunday!

If Olivia Dionne, parent of Canada's famed Quints, lived here he would be able to buy himself a Father's Day gift in 14 stores and walk out without paying for it.

Because those stores have decided that fathers deserve a break at last and they are advertising on a full page in today's Herald a list of discounts ranging from five per-

School Term Draws to Close GRADUATION, PROMOTION EVENTS TOLD

Students and Teachers Busy Ending Session

Names of all students graduating or being promoted in Torrance and Lomita schools may be found on Page 3-A of this issue.

These are hectic days for students and teachers alike in all schools. The end of the term is just one week off and, in addition to regular classroom work, graduates and pupils who will advance from the sixth grade to junior high and from junior high to senior institutions are engaged in a maze of plans and arrangements for the final days' events.

At Torrance high and Narbonne high schools, senior students are busy bringing their secondary educational careers to a close. Final examinations are in progress and the entire school system is gathering up loose ends preparatory to summer vacation period.

Introducing the series of graduation events will be the Baccalaureate service to be held for local high school graduates Sunday evening, at 8 o'clock in the Civic Auditorium. A song service will open this program and Rev. C. M. Northrup will give the invocation. The Madrigal singers will present several numbers and Rev. E. W. Matz is to give the Scripture lesson. Rev. George Elder will speak on "Work Your Own Garden" and pronounce the benediction. All relatives and friends of the graduates are invited to attend and most of the local churches are cooperating in the program.

Ninth Grades to Advance Eighty-two members of the ninth grade class who are expected to advance to senior high school standing here will receive their certificates at 1:35 o'clock, Wednesday, June 23, in the high school library. Narbonne Junior high school's 116 students will be promoted to the senior institution at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, June 24.

The program for the Torrance commencement exercises, to be held at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening, June 24, in the Civic Auditorium, has not been completed yet, according to Principal Thomas Elson. It will include talks by students and musical numbers by the Madrigal singers and senior soloists and George W. McDill, member of the Los Angeles board of education, will present the diplomas to 50 seniors.

62 Graduates at Lomita Honor students here are Laura May Hyde and Tsuyoko Fukai, Ephraims; and Jack Isaacs and Mary Hickey, life membership in the California Scholastic Federation. Fifty students will graduate from Torrance high.

A student program will honor the 62 Narbonne high school graduates Thursday evening, June 24, at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium. Mrs. Marguerite Clark, member of the Los Angeles board of education, will award the diplomas after Miss

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Graduations . . . At a Glance

TORRANCE HIGH school graduates 50 in summer class 1937 at 7:30 p. m., Thursday, June 24, at the Civic Auditorium. Student program with George W. McDill, member of the Los Angeles board of education, presenting the diplomas.

TORRANCE JUNIOR high school advances 116 students at 2:30 p. m., Wednesday, June 23, at the high school library. Student program and Principal Thomas Elson will issue the certificates.

NARBONNE HIGH school at Lomita graduates 62 in summer class of 1937 at 8 p. m., Thursday, June 24, at school auditorium. Mrs. Marguerite Clark, member of the Los Angeles board of education, will be principal speaker and will present diplomas.

NARBONNE JUNIOR high school will advance 116 students at student program to be held at 2:30 p. m., Thursday, June 24, at the school auditorium. Student program and Miss Clementina de Forest Griffin, principal, will present the certificates.

ORANGE STREET school in Lomita will advance 41 boys and girls to junior high school Thursday morning, 10:30 o'clock, June 24. Program includes presentation of class gift, puppet show, luncheon and games, according to Miss Hilda Jellison, principal.

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TORRANCE ELEMEN-TARY schools promotes 56 A-6 students to Junior high Friday afternoon, June 26, at 1 o'clock, during a student program of songs, dances and recitations.

FERN AVENUE school sends its largest A-6 class—30 boys and girls—to Junior high Tuesday afternoon, June 22, at 2 o'clock. Closing exercises will be held in the Kindergarten in connection with the regular weekly assembly period.

LOMITA ELEMENTARY school advances 34 children to Narbonne Junior high Friday morning, June 25. Tomorrow afternoon, June 18, the A-6 class will present an original Indian play "The Captive Maid," songs and dances, in the Kindergarten building.

WALTERIA school will send 10 students to Junior high Friday, June 25. No special closing program is planned.

Veteran Steel Worker Ends Life At Home

Despondency caused by grief over the recent death of a sister is believed to have led Versie Householder, assistant superintendent of the open hearth mill at the Columbia Steel plant, to take his own life early Tuesday morning at his home in Huntington Park.

Mr. Householder was on sick leave from his work here, attempting to regain a grip on himself. He had been morose and nervous ever since his sister passed away, friends here said. He was married but did not have any children.

A former resident of Torrance, he was a member of the Masonic lodge here and had a great many friends throughout the city who regret his untimely act. Death was caused by gun-shot wounds.

Filipino Bound Over for Gun Play On Ranch

An argument with five fellow farm laborers in Lomita which led to a shooting fray in which none of his intended victims were hit caused Frank S. Arturo, 31-year-old Filipino, to be bound over to Superior court for trial Tuesday by City Judge Robert Lessing. Arturo climaxed the argument on June 9 by rushing to his quarters for an automatic pistol. He is alleged to have fired five shots at fellow-workers but missed each of them. Local police arrested him for assault with a deadly weapon and carrying a concealed pistol. Arturo, who lived at 24625 Moon street, was removed to the county jail to await trial Tuesday after his preliminary hearing here.

SAVE STATE FUNDS Compulsory retirement for state employees has saved the state more than half a million dollars in salaries in the last four years.

Statue to Honor Cow WOODSTOCK, Ont. (U.P.)—A five-ton statue is being erected on a farm here in honor of a cow.

Torrance Low In Unpaid Tax Delinquency

Unpaid taxes in the city of Torrance this year amount to but 6.1 percent of the levy for the current year, as compared with 7 percent last year, according to figures compiled this week by the county auditor's office, on the basis of tax collections received by County Tax Collector H. L. Byram.

In the Los Angeles city high school district, unpaid taxes amount to but 5.51 percent this year, as compared with 6.66 percent a year ago, and 10.24 percent two years ago. In the Los Angeles city elementary district, the tax delinquency this year amounts to but 5.35 percent this year, as compared with 6.41 percent last year, and 10.1 percent two years ago.

Other Cities Higher Torrance has the municipal improvement districts or any city acquisition and improvement districts, as have a number of other cities, particularly Hawthorne on the north, where 18.01 percent of this year's municipal levy was unpaid. In Gardena, sister city on the north, 9.84 percent of this year's tax levy was unpaid. In Redondo Beach, this year's tax delinquency is given as 7.27 percent, showing Torrance to be in a more favorable position than any of them. In Inglewood, farther to the north, the unpaid municipal taxes amounted to 8.62 percent this year. Long Beach, second largest city in the county, collected all but 5.6 percent of its levy this year. Compton, to the northeast, reported 11.22 percent unpaid.

Hermosa Beach reported 8.12 percent of its levy unpaid this year, while Manhattan Beach reported 9.2 percent unpaid. El Segundo, where the Standard Oil company has its huge refinery and pays the bulk of its taxes December, collected all but 1.01 percent of the levy for the current year.

NORTH TORRANCE MEETING The North Torrance Improvement association will meet Friday evening for discussion of topics of interest to the district, according to Mrs. Lela Gonner, secretary.

Subscriber's \$200 Cash Award to be Given Saturday, 2 P. M.

If you haven't already deposited your tickets for The Torrance Herald's Subscriber's \$200 Cash Award, please do so at once. Award will be made at 2 p. m. Saturday, in front of The Herald building, 1336 El Prado. Tickets may be deposited at any hour, day or night, prior to 2 p. m. Saturday.

Rabies Case Depends on Angeleno's Information

Perhaps one or more human lives may be saved if Frank Busanovich, who formerly lived at 740 Crocker street, Los Angeles, will get in touch with Dr. H. C. Smiley at the Torrance unit of the county health department.

A dog whose license is registered to Busanovich was shot and killed by deputy sheriffs in front of 4447 West 169th street, Lawndale, on June 11. Investigation and research developed that the animal, a small brown female terrier, was afflicted with rabies.

Health officials want to find out from Busanovich if the dog had contact with human beings and who they are. The animal is believed to have bitten several other dogs and anyone knowing such attacks or acquainted with Busanovich (whose present address is unknown) is urged to contact Dr. Smiley at the county health center here at once.

The deputy county health officer in charge of this district said this week that the threat of rabies-epidemic, which has been hovering over the beach cities for several months has not abated "in the least degree." The danger of wholesale deaths from this dread disease continuing "and will as long as dogs are allowed to stray the streets at will," Dr. Smiley said. He asks that every family owning a dog, keep it confined to the yard or wear a muzzle when taken outside.

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City Supports Expo Effort

Indicating that Torrance is supporting the Los Angeles harbor district's movement to bring the proposed trade and industrial exposition to this part of the city, four local residents attended another of the preliminary expo meetings held Monday night in Los Angeles City, Councilman Buyer's office.

James Hitchcock, William H. Stanger, DeKalb Spurlin and L. J. Gilmeister represented this city at the session of the general harbor district committee for the exposition. Judge Benjamin F. Brown of Hawthorne is president of the group. Plans were made for a mass meeting and barbecue Sunday, June 27, in Wilmington, when the public will be invited to participate in the effort to bring the 1938 event to south Los Angeles.

Steel Union Re-elects All Officers

At a meeting Tuesday night of the Columbia Steel lodge of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, C. I. O. affiliate, President Carl Steele was re-elected with the other officers who were named to head the organization when it was chartered here a few months ago.

Those who were re-instated included Jim McManis, vice-president; Harry Minor, financial secretary; Owen Webster, treasurer; Kenneth Baigh, Journal agent; Joe Holland, guide, and Edgar Fleming, guard.

May Keep Library At School Open With Playground Efforts are being made by Mrs. C. M. Vans, principal of the Fern Avenue school, to furnish library service at the institution during the summer vacation period. If a W. P. A. worker can be obtained to operate the school library it will be kept open for the benefit of the children.

All arrangements are complete for the operation of the summer playground from 10 to 12 noon and from 1 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon five days a week. Handicraft work and games will be directed by Mr. Eno, an experienced playground supervisor. Parents are invited to send their children to the Fern Avenue playground every day in the week except Saturdays and Sundays.

Conference Urged Here; Unions Call Mass Meet, Parade

First attempt to bring a settlement by mediation of the 20-day-old strike called by C. I. O. laundry workers against the Torrance Laundry and Dry Cleaning company was to be made this afternoon. William Rojo, president of the laundry firm, said that he was willing to participate in the session and leaders of the striking employees have likewise indicated they will be present. The time and place of the session could not be learned at press-time.

Tolson acted, he said, "for the best interests of the entire city." He declared that he was not urging the arbitration plan "just as mayor or a business man but simply as a citizen to end a situation which has become increasingly dangerous to our city." The location of the conference will probably be at the city hall. A representative of The Herald has been invited to "sit-in" as an observer.

Efforts to seek a solution of the laundry strike were intensified late this week when it became known that the strikers were calling a "mass meeting" for 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Members of C. I. O. unions from many other cities have been invited to attend this gathering, which will be held in the old Legion hall on Border avenue. Following the meeting, the strike leaders here have planned a parade thru the business district. They were busy canvassing the business houses yesterday and today to urge them to close from 4 to 4:30 o'clock. A benefit dance for the striking laundry workers will be held in the Civic Auditorium Saturday night starting at 8 o'clock.

Six Cited for Contempt Earlier in the week, two representatives of the striking workers, Ethel Kirk and Elizabeth Holmes, gave The Herald a statement which declared, in part, the laundry employees were "striking for a decent living and the freedom of collective bargaining" and asserted that "we will win the fight if we have to walk this picket line until next year." The statement in full appears later in this account.

Reverberations of the labor trouble were heard this week in Superior court when Judge Emmett Wilson denied a motion to dissolve the temporary restraining order on the C. I. O. unions and decided the preliminary injunction obtained by the laundry company was to remain in effect until the case is heard on its merits. This will be a month or two hence, it was learned.

Judge Wilson also cited six members of the United Laundry Workers' Union who are alleged to have violated the "peaceful picketing" provisions of his restraining order for contempt of court. They will appear next Monday, June 21, to answer the charges.

Guard Wounds Attacker First major display of violence flared Tuesday morning (Continued on Page 8-A)

CHANGE LEADERS . . . Mike Schulman replaced Frank Huff as organizer for the United Laundry Workers, chartered by C. I. O. at the strike area early (Continued on Page 4-A)

Grass Blazes Cause Appeal for Public Caution

Two fires, one at 2:46 and the other at 2:50 o'clock Monday afternoon kept the firemen operating out of central station on the jump. The first blaze was that of an awning on the Border street side of the Torrance Laundry company. It is believed by firemen that a carelessly tossed cigarette stub caused this fire which did approximately \$50 damage.

The second fire was at Date street and Torrance boulevard where a brush blaze was extinguished without any property damage. Because the central station force and the sub-station at Walteria has been responding to an unusually large number of grass-fire calls, Fire Chief A. B. Stevenson asked The Herald today to make the following statement for him:

"Parents should exercise great caution to prevent children from gaining access to the family match-boxes. The fire last Thursday afternoon at Carson and Cedar streets which destroyed a number of fine trees was caused by a youngster playing with matches."

"I also urge all residents to observe the burning laws. Trash and rubbish should be burned in Torrance—and that includes Walteria—from sun-up to 10 o'clock in the morning. The afternoon burning hours are from 4:30 to sun-down, but no outside fires, no matter how small, should be started if there is a wind blowing. It is a good plan to do all your burning of papers and rubbish in the morning when there is no wind."

"The fire department would appreciate this cooperation at least until we have completed burning off the vacant lots. We are clearing the weeds from unimproved property as fast as we can because we well know the danger that dry grass and weeds have for surrounding property."