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City Council to Lower Water Rates

Mayor and Clerk Audit Bonus Check Books; Name Winners

Mrs. Murray Gets \$500; Mrs. Kelsey Is Awarded \$200

After making an exhaustive survey of the records kept on The Herald's Bonus Check subscription campaign during the nine weeks that saw the addition of many new members to this newspaper's circulation family, Mayor William H. Tolson and City Clerk A. H. Bartlett announced the Bonus Check winners Saturday. They were:

Mrs. Jack Murray, who received the \$500 check, had 21,561,400 points; Mrs. Margaret Kelsey, winner of the \$200 check, amassed 19,937,700 points; Mrs. Kurnee Dolley, awarded the \$100 check, was credited with 15,394,900; Mrs. Emma Quaglin, who had 10,628,500, and Mrs. Cora Selby, 6,027,200, were each awarded \$50.

The two official judges issued a signed statement which read: "We commend The Torrance Herald and the campaign management on the businesslike manner employed in the conducting of this campaign and it is our belief the campaign was conducted on a fair, impartial and honorable basis from start to finish."

All Gain Commissions
Other finalists in the campaign, Mrs. Mae Richardson, Mrs. E. G. Rowell, Mrs. Jack Price, P. W. Giddings and Mrs. J. H. Milburn, received substantial checks each week during the subscription drive for their efforts in gaining new or renewal subscribers to The Herald.

Winners of the Bonus Checks have asked this newspaper to extend their thanks and appreciation to all who assisted them in gaining the awards. They also expressed their appreciation and loyalty to The Herald for the opportunity of making extra money during their spare time.

The Herald, not to be outdone in courtesy, has made known its gratitude to the workers and to the new and renewed members of its "family" who will receive this newspaper into their homes from now on. It will be The Herald's pleasure to continue the publication of a weekly newspaper, devoted to Torrance and the surrounding district, that will be welcomed by every member of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Shotts, who conducted the Bonus Check Campaign, have gone to Huntington Beach where they started a similar subscription drive for the newspaper in that and several other beach cities. During their nine-weeks' stay here they made many friends and The Herald wishes them continued success in their splendid work of building circulation for California newspapers under the supervision of the California Newspaper Publishers' Association.

Public hearings will be held, affording all citizens and community groups an opportunity to be heard, the committee announced. It recently voted to adopt a program under which

Veteran Mail Carrier Awarded \$200 Herald Subscriber Gift

"It could not have gone to a more deserving person!"

This was the consensus of comments heard by The Herald after little Patty Sue Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cal Allen, drew the slip Saturday afternoon that entitled Ted Wertz, veteran mail-carrier and "foster-father" of many a Torrance boy, to the \$200 Subscriber's Cash award given by this newspaper in conjunction with its Bonus Check Subscription campaign.

Wertz was not among the crowd that gathered in front of The Herald building to witness the breaking of the seals on the coupon box by Editor-Publisher Grover C. Whyte and the little girl's blindfolded selection of the lucky bit of paste-board that had the mailman's name on it.

Friends advised him of his good fortune before he could be notified by The Herald and the soon appeared his kindly face wreathed in smiles, to claim the award. Asked to pose for a picture, he said he wanted to get his uniform coat and cap before being "shot."

Wertz has a host of friends here who echo the opinion that he eminently deserves this gift to his personal treasury. Throughout the years he has been here and those years are nearly 20. Wertz has been the confident and advisor to a large group of boys many of whom are now grown but who still cherish memories of the helping hands given them by Ted Wertz and his wife who passed away several months ago.

"This has been a great day," the winner of the \$200 cash award said when presented his check by Whyte. "A few minutes ago I heard Louie Zamperini win the two-mile race at Princeton over my radio. That was a thrill which only The Herald's award could match. I've watched Louie's career, with great interest and I wish him continued success."

"That gift will clean up all my outstanding debts except current bills," he said. "As most of my friends know I've had some difficult set-backs but now I believe we are thru the worst of it. My creditors have been most kind and now I'm going to see that they gain as I from The Herald's award."

The oldest mail-carrier in post of service here, Wertz has served the postoffice department since Jan. 24, 1924 and has been delivering mail, rain or shine, here since January, 1918. He will be eligible to retire in about five years.

TO REPRESENT THE CITY
Mayor William H. Tolson was authorized by the city council Tuesday night to represent Torrance at all meetings of the South Los Angeles Exposition committee which is seeking the 1940 trade fair for the harbor district.

It will first consult with exposition experts, engineers, architects, transportation men and technical advisers as to the type of location necessary for the trade fair.

The Citizens' committee of the city is not to be confused with the South Los Angeles exposition committee, seeking to locate the fair somewhere south of Manchester avenue or near the harbor. It is reminded by Judge Benjamin F. Brown of the latter organization. This group, composed of civic leaders from all over the harbor district, has proposed numerous sites, including Keystone Nigger

Frees Him from Debt



TED WERTZ wins with Zamperini

Steel Executive Chamber Head

Elected a director June 7, E. M. Barber, general superintendent of the Columbia Steel plant here, was chosen president of the Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the new directorate Monday. He succeeds J. W. McQuaid as leader of the civic association and will begin his duties at the first meeting next month.

McQuaid retires next month after a most successful year during which the chamber increased its membership and participated in several notable community events. President-elect Barber said that he would try to continue the progress made here toward civic interest and would announce definite plans at the first session of the 1937-38 term.

Other officers chosen this week were Earl Brunner, first vice-president; DeKalb Spurlin, second vice-president; Sherwood McIntyre, treasurer, and L. J. Gilmeister, retained as managing secretary. Other directors are McQuaid, Fred Isaacs, Alden W. Smith, R. R. Smith and Sam Levy.

One new member was enrolled in the chamber—the White Welding Service company, L. Dillinger, owner, at 1825 213th street.

DIM YOUR LIGHTS
California's highway patrol officials urge dimming of headlights as a courtesy to other motorists and as a means of avoiding accidents.

SPECIAL MEETING
The next meeting of the city council will be held Tuesday night, June 29, at the city hall.

Four Strikers Fined for Court Contempt

Fines totaling \$160 must be paid by four former employees of the Torrance Laundry because they overstepped their picketing limitations in violating a restraining order, according to the judgment of Superior Judge W. Turney Fox, returned at the conclusion of a day and a half of testimony Tuesday noon.

Stay of execution was granted until this afternoon when the fines must either be paid or the defendants will be committed to the county jail to serve one day for each \$2 of the fine unpaid.

Emma Allgood was found guilty of contempt and fined \$20. Eva Rosenan and Frieda Evans were found guilty of a joint offense against Mrs. Eleanor Jurkovich, Lydia K. Brown and Nelle Lewis and fined \$50 each. Eva Rosenan

also was found guilty of contempt individually, and fined another \$20 on that count.

Virgil Shinn, in his early 20s, was the fourth person found guilty and he was fined \$20 also. Archie Snow, who accompanied Shinn in a car that trailed a laundry truck, was freed because it was established that Shinn, according to testimony, got out and endeavored to influence agencies not to send laundry or cleaning to the Torrance plant.

All four of the defendants sentenced were ordered to return to court at 4:30 p. m. Thursday and pay their fines. It is understood that the fines will be paid out of the "strike relief" fund raised here as result of a dance Saturday night, when more than \$500 was obtained from the sale of tickets.

Rally, Parade and Dance Reveal C.I.O.'s Solidarity

Organized C. I. O. labor in Torrance, assisted by a number of local unions from outside the city held its first mass demonstration here Saturday afternoon when a parade thru the business district followed a meeting in the field near the corner of Carson and Artisan streets.

Both the procession, in which some 550 men and women marched, and the assembly were orderly.

Pat Comore, assistant to William Dalrymple, S. W. O. C. organizer for this state, was in charge of the meeting. He announced the session as a "protest against the use of the courts to smash strikes," but this subject was lost in the talks made by eight speakers.

The parade was led by a group of striking laundry workers in uniform and about 30 cars brought up the rear.

One of the largest crowds ever to attend a dance in the Civic Auditorium participated in a "strike benefit" there Saturday night. The proceeds were to be used for relief of the laundry workers who have been on the outs with the management since May 28. Despite the large attendance, there were no disturbances at the dance, police reported.

Crowd Good-Natured
Preceding the move from in front of the Torrance Laundry to the field for the afternoon meeting, the crowd was organized into the largest picket line yet to surround the strike-bound plant. A public address system was used to carry the talks of the speakers to the crowd.

Those who addressed the assembly were: Bernice Dodson, laundry worker; Ken Hunter, S. W. O. C. organizer; Lee Guyer, Gardena high school instructor and president of Los Angeles Teachers' local union No. 430; Jim Howerton, Longshoremen's association of San Pedro; Carl Steele, president of the Columbia-Steel C. I. O. lodge; E. A. Cope, general organizer for dairy workers; George Robertson, of Akron, O., organizer for the rubber workers, and C. M. Fencer, secretary of the International Longshoremen's association.

The parade disbanded in the vicinity of the laundry after the marchers again staged a mass picketing of the Carson street plant. Altho Co-Owner William Rojo was roundly booed whenever he appeared in front of his concern, the crowd was a good-natured one and at no time was there any indication of any disturbance. Five or six local police officers were at the scene but they gave their attention to directing traffic on the street.

Quotations From Talks
The speakers covered a number of topics and pledged the striking laundry workers support of their various organizations. The main points covered by each were:

Bernice Dodson: "The reason for the laundry strike is because six of us were discharged (Continued on Page 6-A)

Bond Redemption Charge to be Fixed on Real Property

STREET CAR PROTESTED

Just what will be done by the city council about the presence of a street car located off the alley in the 800 block on Madrid avenue cannot be known until after next month but residents in the vicinity of the alleged unsightly addition are protesting its location.

Nicholas Gallucci, who lives at 817 Madrid, wrote a letter of objection to the council which was read Tuesday night and City Engineer Frank R. Leonard said he had heard other protests. Leonard reported that the car had been moved on the property without a moving or building permit being issued from his office.

Owner Summoned
"When I went to notify the owner that such permits were necessary I was informed he was in San Francisco until after July," the engineer said. The street car is resting near the alley north of Sierra street and next to Madrid on the rear of a lot.

The council instructed Leonard to notify the owner to meet with the civic board to discuss the matter, Councilman Tom McGuire and George Powell, dissenting from this because they insisted the car should be moved off at once.

Suicide Theory Is Disproven

An autopsy performed on the body of the late Mrs. Madeline Bolman, 60, of 24708 Cypress street, Lomita, established that she had not taken her life as first believed and that The Herald reported in its last issue. The result of the investigation was not learned until after publication time. Mrs. Bolman succumbed to cerebral hemorrhage, the county coroner's office reported.

The taint of iodine or some other dark fluid about her mouth when she was found by Mrs. Laura Patton, with whom she lived, led investigating officers to believe that Mrs. Bolman might have attempted suicide. Subsequent investigation disproved this. Mrs. Bolman had no survivors. The funeral was held Friday afternoon at Stone and Myers chapel with Rev. John E. Orr of Lomita officiating. Interment was at Inglewood cemetery.

SEEK LOWER RATE
City Engineer Frank R. Leonard and O. Butterfield, city electrician, will attend a meeting in El Segundo Friday night when a plan to obtain a reduction in street lighting costs from the Southern California Edison company will be considered.

Pickets Are Picketed
But when he was asked to restate all striking workers—and within a day or two after the pickets were withdrawn—he refused. He offered to re-hire all but three with the provision "as needed." The three, two women and a young man, he declared he would not employ again.

Recognition of the C. I. O. union as the bargaining agency for the workers was barely touched upon at the session but Rojo indicated that he would agree to that point. When the matter of "closed shop" was broached, this proved another stumbling block. However, this point of the dispute can possibly be settled inasmuch as other C. I. O. unions here, such as the Columbia Steel, National Supply, International Derrick and Equipment, are not "closed shops."

The only unusual occurrence on the picket line happened yes (Continued on Page 6-A)

ROTARY TO HEAR JUDGE

President Charles V. Jones will present that fascinating and witty speaker, Judge LeRoy Dawson.



JUDGE LEROY DAWSON sees a parade every day

Dawson, of the Los Angeles Municipal court at Rotary club meeting tonight in the Legion clubhouse. Judge Dawson has no equal in presenting glimpses of the daily parade of traffic law violators as viewed from the prominence of his place on the bench.

Members of the club are planning a July 4th week-end celebration and the annual "demonstration party" at Carl Patton's ranch home near Hemet. At that time President Jones will surrender the gavel to Grover C. Whyte, president-elect, who will direct his first regular meeting July 8.

Sewer Connection Work Authorized

Bids are to be opened June 30 by the county sanitation districts' board of directors for alterations to the joint disposal plant at Lomita boulevard and Figueroa street, according to A. K. Warren, chief engineer. The work involves construction of 148 feet of eight-foot concrete conduit, construction of a reinforced concrete surge and transition chamber and construction of 332 feet of six-foot reinforced concrete conduit. All work will be supervised by the Federal Emergency Public Works Administration, federal funds having been allotted to assist in the construction, according to Warren.

Torrance and a score or more of other communities are served by the county sanitation districts. The alterations to the disposal plant will connect the plant with the new White Point outfall, which now is nearing completion. The submerged section, extending 5,000 feet into the ocean off White Point, was accepted by the directors several weeks ago.

To Hold Meeting
Leonard insists that the only way of bringing water to North Torrance is by the creation of a water district among those who want the service. But the city cannot form such a district, it must be done by those interested. And unless the North Torrance demand is met and soon, other city areas as yet unserved by city mains will begin to arise a saving of \$11.44.

Leonard informed the council, a group in the extreme northwest corner of the city are seeking water, miles from any existing source.

Consumers Will Get Net Saving of \$8,000 Year

Culminating several months of study, a major reduction in domestic water rates and adoption of a new method of redeeming the water bond issue is to be adopted by the city council next Tuesday night. The Herald learned exclusively this week.

The reduction, which will amount to about \$8,000 in water costs for consumers in District No. 1, will be made possible by the making the bond retirement costs a levy on real property within the district.

This increase in taxes will be more than off-set by the lower water costs to property owners who have improved their holdings here with homes and other buildings connected with the city water system, according to Councilman Robert L. Deininger, chairman of the city water committee.

Final Survey Friday
"We anticipate a possible net saving to property owners paying water bills of between \$5 and \$7 a year," he told The Herald.

The bond interest charges will continue to be paid from the water revenue, under the new plan. The tax charge for redemption of the bonds is expected to raise approximately \$10,000 a year, according to Deininger.

Until the water committee's figures have been audited by C. J. Rambo, city auditor, for a final check-up no authoritative quotations on the savings can be made. The councilman explained Rambo is to make this last investigation Friday and have the whole plan perfected for councilman action on the following Tuesday night.

Cites Saving Examples
However, Deininger revealed that the new water charge will be based on an increased amount of water for a minimum cost. Instead of paying \$1.10 for the first 500 cubic feet minimum, domestic consumers in Torrance will receive 1,000 cubic feet for \$1.25.

Deininger cited the following examples of how the reduction would work out: Where one consumer paid \$44.14 last year for water at the present rate, he would pay but \$32.70 under the new rates—a saving of \$11.44. The increases in his taxes to (Continued on Page 2-A)

Graduation Tonight . . .

For complete details about the Torrance high school commencement exercises tonight at the Civic Auditorium and pictures of all graduates, see page 6-A of this issue.

"Angel" May Solve North Torrance Water Problem

If the North Torrance area now seeking water service from the city can succeed in interesting an "angel" in putting in the cost of water mains, the whole troublesome problem of water facilities in that district may be solved. Such a beneficial person has been discovered, a North Torrance woman resident told the council Tuesday night.

City Engineer Frank R. Leonard who has been visioning a staggering expense of \$82,000 for the city—if the whole McDonald Tract pressed for city water—welcomed this report and urged the North Torrance folks to meet with their patron at once.

Because the whole subject of water service in the territory to the north is complicated by the presence of the Moneta Mutual

Water company on the ground and serving part of the area, a person who would advance the \$3,000 deemed necessary to install mains on Arlington avenue in the vicinity of 150th street could save the city and the residents wanting water considerable expense.

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