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Nat'l. Supply Workers Incorporating Union

County Budget Hearings Start Tuesday, Aug. 10

With public hearings on the new budget to open next Tuesday, August 10, copies of the new preliminary budget available today show that taxpayers will be asked to raise a total of \$43,679,000 for general county government, special county funds and special county district funds for 1937-38.

The grand total is \$8,000,000 more than the \$35,649,000 raised by taxation last year. Copies of the new budget now are available at the office of the board of supervisors at the Hall of Records.

Last year's preliminary budget was \$45,000,000, which was cut nearly \$10,000,000 to bring it down to the \$35,649,000 figure in the final budget. The final budget is adopted after the public hearings on the preliminary budget each year, and the new tax rate is set September 1.

Continue for 10 Days

Requirements for county salaries, topped by five \$10,000-a-year jobs, total \$20,847,000 in the preliminary budget as against only \$15,847,000 in the final budget last year. Supervisors propose to raise a total of \$529,000 for exploitation purposes this year, as compared with \$454,000 spent last year.

Requirements of the flood control district total \$3,237,000 this year, as compared with \$3,969,000 last year. This difference of some \$700,000 will be more than absorbed by the district if the supervisors vote to transfer county drainage improvement districts to the flood control district, however. This decision has not yet been made.

Budget hearings will continue for 10 days from August 10, and taxpayers and organizations are given the opportunity to express objections to any items in the budget at that time. The board has just finished sitting as a county board of equalization, to adjust valuations of the county assessor where it was decided changes should be made in favor of certain taxpayers.

Centinel Group Due Here Monday

To extend a personal invitation to all residents of this community to attend the annual Centinel Days celebration in Inglewood, a motorcade headed by Inglewood's mayor and city council with the president and other officials of the chamber of commerce, will visit here next Monday. In the party will be groups of gayly dressed entertainers to give a full taste of the good times in store.

Finsler's Comet Now Visible to Unaided Eye

Finsler's comet, newest celestial phenomenon, should be visible to the naked eye until August 15, according to an announcement by the Students' Observatory of the University of California.

The comet will be nearest the earth on August 9 at a distance of about 50,000,000 miles. It will be nearest the sun on August 15, at a distance of about 80,000,000 miles.

The spectacular visitor was discovered by Dr. P. Finsler at Zurich, Switzerland, on July 4. At that time it was visible in a small telescope. On August 1 the comet was in the polar constellation Camelopardalis, about midway between the bright stars Rigel and the pole star Polaris. The comet may be observed in the northeastern sky before dawn.

On August 8 the comet will be in Draco about two-thirds of the distance between the pole star and Delta Ursae Majoris (the star of the Big Dipper where the handle joins the bowl). The comet may be seen in the northwestern sky during the early evening hours and its brightness is about the same as Delta Ursae Majoris.

Slough Valuations Slightly Reduced

Claims of the Dominguez Estate company and Del Amo Estate that their holdings in the Nigger Slough area were "worthless" failed to win but slight reductions in their assessed valuations this week from the county board of equalization.

Four of the larger parcels in the Del Amo Estate, originally assessed at \$443,660, were reduced \$23,000 to \$420,660. Reductions were denied on two of the parcels, upon the county assessor's recommendation. Supervisor Leland M. Ford, in whose district the property is located, favored a sharper cut in the valuations, however.

Assessor Hopkins stated he had made a personal tour of the area and found the condition to be partially due to the fact that "someone had constructed a concrete fill in the drainage channel at 223rd street and Wilmington boulevard."

Desirable for Homes

City Engineer F. R. Leonard of Torrance, in answer to a request for a statement, pointed out the urgent need for relief in the slough area, and there also was a statement filed from the Torrance Investment company, stating that the area was desirable for laboring men's homes, if it was drained properly.

"Statements of H. H. Cotton, representing both estates, that the land is worthless cannot be considered," Hopkins stated. "It is the assessor's opinion that these lands do have a value and should be assessed as the flooding nuisance should be corrected and the cost is not prohibitive."

"Relief of this flood situation would be of general benefit to the county at large and the expense of relief should not all be charged against the few thousand acres that are flooded," Cotton stated. "The cost of the necessary bridges should not be charged to drainage but to highway construction. Hopkins said about 3,000 acres were flooded with the drainage from 67 square miles to the north and northwest."

Legion Launches New Officers

The largest turn-out of members yet to assemble for an American Legion post meeting gathered at the Bert S. Crossland clubhouse on Carson street Tuesday night to retire Commander Pat Boyle and welcome Commander-elect Grant Barkdull and their respective staffs.

Preceding the session a hearty ham-and-eggs dinner was served by a group of past-commanders of the local post. Charles Walters of Long Beach, commander-elect of the 19th district, who will be installed at the Stockton state convention next week, was installing officer.

The retiring head of the Torrance post opened the meeting and, thru the courtesy of Commander Barkdull, closed it for the last time as presiding officer. Boyle was presented with a past-commander's badge by James Burchett, former Junior member. Boyle's term of office auspiciously. It was announced by Adjutant Thomas Babbitt that 10 members had paid their 1938 dues already.

Names Committee Heads

With the Wilmington post installing team assisting the district commander, Barkdull and the following officers were installed: Charles Myers, first vice-commander; Dewey Goddard, second vice-commander; B. F. Peterson, sergeant-at-arms; James Wilkes, chaplain; Lyle Doan, finance officer; D. A. Murphy, service officer; Louis Deininger, historian; and Thomas Babbitt, adjutant. Members of the executive committee are Doan, William H. Stanger and George P. Thompson.

Barkdull announced the following committee assignments: George Thompson, membership for Lomita; Myers, membership for Begue, Sons of Legion; (Continued on Page 3A)

21 YEARS ON JOB



Sam Nourse, the benign gentleman on the right, came to the Torrance plant of the Columbia Steel company in February, 1916.

He was employed to build a board fence around what was then the Llewellyn Iron works.

The fence has gone but Sam remains as maintenance carpenter. He is the oldest employee from standpoint of service.

Shown with him is John Gallareto, the other member of the carpenter maintenance gang.

"The Steel Blade," monthly Columbia publication allowed The Herald the use of their picture today.

Only Few Minor Changes to be Made in School Budget

Minor changes in the budget of the Los Angeles city school district, which serves Torrance and a dozen adjacent cities and communities in addition to the city proper, are being made this week as result of a public hearing Monday night at Polytechnic high school.

A majority of those present at the public hearing appeared to favor the budget as submitted, school officials said. As a result, the total of \$40,905,000 is expected to stand, as there was no mass protest against any of the items in particular.

Several speakers objected to the district's new \$15,000,000 pay-as-you-go building program which is to be carried out over the next four years. Former Supervisor John R. Quinn was among those who spoke against the building program.

August 10 Deadline

Others included Anthony Pratt, secretary of the Municipal League of Los Angeles; Oscar Trippett, who said he represented the Los Angeles Junior chamber of commerce; Joseph Scott, J. W. Buzzell, Mrs. H. V. Davis and John A. Gaudin.

Accounting for the \$6,000,000 increase in the budget, Vierling Kersey, superintendent of schools, said that the building program, salary restorations for teachers, retirement provisions for teachers and non-certificated personnel, additional teachers and maintenance of new school plants accounted for the millions.

Ward, who is 27 years old, failed to make the boulevard stop on entering Torrance boulevard and after the crash, which turned over Miss Batsch's car three times, failed to stop and render aid or determine the extent of damages. He sped away down Hawthorne boulevard but the impact knocked one of his license plates from his car.

This furnished the only clew which led to Ward's arrest a few hours later. Miss Batsch was unhurt, police said, although the car she was driving, owned by her father, Otto Batsch, was badly wrecked. Cited into City Judge Robert Lessing's court Saturday, Ward pleaded guilty to the charge. Because "hit-and-run" is a misdemeanor where no person is injured, Judge Lessing fined him \$50 which was paid.

THREE HURT WHEN CAR HITS POLE

Three men, two of them sailors attached to the U. S. S. Lexington, were injured early Sunday morning at Hawthorne boulevard near the Santa Fe viaduct when J. E. Tobias, sailor of San Pedro, lost control of the car in which they were traveling north and the machine skidded into a telephone pole.

The driver suffered a bad cut on his head that required eight or nine stitches to close. His brother, F. J. Tobias of Los Angeles, and R. E. Hain, sailor, were cut and bruised, according to police reports.

G. P. Records 158 Leases This Week

A total of 158 leases were recorded this week at the county recorder's office by the General Petroleum Corporation for lots and parcels of land in the community area adjacent to the Los Angeles flood control channel and Seaside boulevard.

Total area leased was given as approximately 127 acres, and the leases are to run for 20 years.

Seven Laundry Strikers Fined Over \$600

Fines totaling more than \$600 were assessed against seven former employees of the Torrance laundry after they had been adjudged guilty in Los Angeles county superior court early this week of contempt of court.

In addition, two of the defendants, Virgil Shinn and Eva Rosenau, were given jail sentences to serve. Stay of execution was granted by Superior Judge Joseph W. Vickers until next Monday, August 9, for payment of fines and serving of the jail sentences imposed. Each defendant is to serve one day in jail for each \$5 of the fines remaining unpaid at that time.

Emma Allgood was the only one of the eight defendants who were cited who was found not guilty.

Violate Injunction

Gladys Brownlee was found guilty of contempt on July 8, 9 and 10, and fined \$50 on each count. It was alleged in all of the citations that the defendants had violated the provisions of the temporary injunction granted by Superior Judge Emmet H. Wilson several weeks ago, after a temporary restraining order had been granted.

Blanche Cunningham was found guilty of contempt on July 8, on the affidavit of Berice King, and fined \$50. She also was found guilty on contempt on July 8 on the affidavit of Nellie Lewis, and fined \$75 on this count.

Ethel Husbands was found guilty of contempt on July 8 and fined \$50, and also was found guilty of contempt of court, in connection with the trial, for which she was fined another \$25.

Two Get Jail Terms

Ethel Kirk was found guilty of contempt and fined \$50 and a \$20 suspended fine of June 25 was imposed in full by the court.

Eva Rosenau, in addition to (Continued on Page 5A)

Dairy Picketed by C. I. O. Here

Periodic picketing of the Colbrook dairy, one of Supervisor Roger Jessup's holdings, on Huntington avenue west of Hawthorne boulevard started Tuesday night when the dairy workers' union affiliated with the C. I. O., sought to enforce a contract with the dairy owner, Bernard Bunje, editor of the Rotary Rig.

Local officers and deputy sheriffs are patrolling the dairy to prevent any disturbance or damage. Jessup was at the plant Tuesday night to look over the situation but he offered no comment. There are about 25 men employed as feeders, milkers, canners and on other jobs at the Colbrook dairy.

Township Clerk Position Open

Saturday of this week, August 7, is the last day to file applications to take the examination to be given for assistant court clerk of the Inglewood township justice court. The job will be half time, and will pay \$57.50 per month upon appointment.

Only electors of Inglewood township (which includes Torrance and Lomita) may take the examination, which is to be given Monday, August 9, in Los Angeles. Applicants must be at least 21 years old, have a full high school course or its equivalent, and at least a year's recent office experience.

INDEPENDENT UNIT SEEKS SHARE OF RESPONSIBILITY

Taking its place in the vanguard of labor groups who realize their responsibility to employers and public alike, the Employees' Association of Workers of the National Supply company is completing legal arrangements to file incorporation papers. The documents, being prepared by officials of the independent union with the assistance of Kenneth Hughes, local attorney, will be dispatched to the Secretary of the State for review and granting of corporate powers.

Then the Employees' Association, which now has approximately 500 members on its rolls, will be in a position to negotiate with National Supply officials in a business-like manner on any problems of wages, hours or working conditions. Any agreements that may result from such negotiations would place as much responsibility on the incorporated Association as on the employing firm.

This was learned this week by The Herald from an exclusive interview with L. L. Babcock, chairman of the Association. Babcock's statements indicated that the independent union intends to consider its incorporation not only as a measure guaranteeing freedom from the stigma of "Company-controlled" but also as a means of assuring the public—as well as employers—that it is stabilized and trustworthy.

Raps C. I. O. 'Contracts'

"We have learned a great deal from the statements of the C. I. O. to develop class hatred and distrust," Babcock, who has been with the National Supply company for the past nine years, stated. "We know that nothing good can come of labor's attempt to dominate industry by the use of force. Labor must insist upon its rights but in a way that is economically sound and for the public's security."

"For that reason we have undertaken the expense of incorporating. Whatever contract we may want with our employers we want it to place the same responsibility on us as it does on the National Supply company," he continued. "Any other means to effect 'collective bargaining' is worthless. The C. I. O. has been signing 'contracts' that are not worth the paper they are written on because C. I. O. union groups lack corporate powers. If those contracts were individually signed by each and every C. I. O. member with his employer then they possibly would be valid. But such is not the case."

Babcock said that plans to incorporate were adopted shortly after the Employees' Association was founded last February. He declared that the election (Continued on Page 2A)

Record This Year

A year ago July building totaled only \$33,690 and the figure for the first seven months of 1936 was \$257,539. One hundred twenty-nine permits were issued by City Engineer Frank R. Leonard during the first seven months of this year as compared to 101 for the same period in 1936.

This year's construction record, by months, follows:

Month	Amount
January	\$41,030
February	11,845
March	24,155
April	21,690
May	204,615
June	16,585
July	634,950
TOTAL	\$954,870

Building permits issued during the past week were: S. Wada, construction of a barn at Strawberry street and "A" north avenue, \$100; Michael Strasser, five-room stucco residence and double-garage at 1004 Acaja, \$3,800.

G-Men Arrest Aged Walterian

Writing another chapter to the adventuresome career of Frank Mallo, who says he is 65 years old, Department of Justice agents arrested that Walterian last Thursday on a charge of making fraudulent statements in regard to his veteran's bonus "for the purpose of defrauding the government." When he was arraigned in Federal court this week, Mallo pleaded not guilty and his bail was reduced from \$1,500 to \$500. His trial will be set after Sept. 12 before Federal Judge McCormick. He is in the county jail.

Mallo has figured prominently in police records here for several years. He was formerly a mail-carrier for Walteria out of the Redondo Beach postoffice. On Oct. 9, 1931, he was taken to the county psychopathic ward for observation after an altercation with Walteria neighbors. After a few days he was released. At that time he gave his age as 60.

Clained Papers Stolen

On Nov. 19, 1931, he was seriously wounded by L. F. "Red" Osborne during a squabble over land boundaries. He recovered and Osborne was sentenced to a term in San Quentin, being released recently. Osborne (Continued on Page 2A)

Lomita Brothers Rob Japanese of \$90, Watch

Two brothers, 12 and 10 years of age, residing in Lomita were picked up in Redondo Beach late last Friday afternoon, a few hours after they allegedly took nearly \$90 in cash and a 17-jewel watch from the home of Tsutomu Mochezuki at Sepulveda and Susanna streets.

When observed flourishing considerable money at the beach city, officers there questioned them in regard to the robbery and they are said to have admitted the theft.

One of the boys had \$55.90 in cash and the watch in his pocket. He said they had buried the rest at home. Local officers then proceeded to the boys' residence and dug up \$24.17.

The money had been taken, Mochezuki reported, from a shoebox on the table of his home. The door to the Japanese man's place was open. The recovered money and watch were turned back to the owner and the boys were turned over to juvenile authorities.