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76-Day Laundry Strike Ends Here; Ten Re-Hired at Once

Civic Building Ready In Month For Occupancy

Within a month the new Civic Auditorium on El Prado should be complete and ready for occupancy by the Chamber of Commerce. Plasterers started this week to put on the finish coats inside the structure which follows the other city buildings in architectural style and conveniences.

President E. M. Barber was notified Monday by Secretary L. J. Gilmeister that the Bank of America had released the Chamber from its lease agreement for the present quarters at the corner of Marcellina and Cabrillo avenue. The lease was to have run until next April but the bank is now permitting the civic organization to rent the rooms from month to month until the new headquarters are ready for use.

Re-Locate Kitchen

Mayor W. H. Tolson intends to confer with directors of the Chamber in the near future to consider plans for a dedicated dinner to be held in the new building or in the Civic Auditorium to mark the opening of the structure. All kitchen equipment in the Auditorium has been dismantled, ready to move into the Administration building. The former kitchen will be remodeled to increase dressing room facilities for the Auditorium.

Construction work on the new building is far enough along now to show that the Administration center will be most attractive and convenient. In addition to a large foyer, decorated in cream, white and light green, there will be several private offices, a large assembly room, toilet facilities and kitchen where meals for 10 or 1,000 can be prepared.

THIEVES ROB 3 CARS HERE

Three motorists were victimized by thieves here last Friday.

Mary Sana, 1511 Amapola avenue, parked her machine near Sartori and Marcellina avenues Friday afternoon. When she returned from a shopping trip she found that the keys to the car, which she had placed in the glove compartment, were missing. No one but the thief can explain why the keys were taken and not the car.

Alonso T. Owen of Redondo Beach, parked his coupe in a vacant lot on Border avenue when he began his shift at the Columbia Steep plant Friday evening. Eight hours later he found someone had stolen the carburetor and generator from the machine.

An automobile, registered to Miss Gillson of South Pasadena was stolen Friday night and later found parked at 174th and Western with its left front tire missing.

Band to Play At L. A. Fair

Arrangements were completed this week by L. J. Gilmeister, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, for the appearance of the Torrance Municipal band at the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona, from 2 to 3:30 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, Sept. 19.

This period is regarded as one of the best "spots" on the fair program because the first Sunday the "largest and most beautiful fair in America" attracts its peak attendance. The exposition will open Sept. 17 and close Oct. 3.

Band director Charles Chaplin intends to rehearse his organization in a number of new selections for their Pomona presentation. The band will appear in uniform.

Scientists Make Lightning LONDON (U.P.)—British scientists are making "pea soup" fog and lightning at will at a postoffice research station.

New Drivers' Licenses Good For Four Years

Automobile drivers' licenses which are renewed after August 27 will be good for four, instead of two years, as a result of legislation approved at the last session.

There will be a new type of license, probably a photo-static copy of the application, reduced in size to that of the present license form.

Chauffeurs licenses will expire on March 31 each year, and their badges will be replaced by a certificate.

Minors 18 or over who have been married will not be required to obtain the signature of parents before obtaining a license.

Building Here in July Ranks Eighth

Topped by only seven other districts, this city's record building total for July is receiving due recognition in other Southern California cities this week. The following table shows the construction totals for the first 20 cities:

Los Angeles	\$4,460,785
Los Angeles County Unincorporated Area	1,452,845
West Los Angeles	858,102
Glendale	774,516
San Fernando Valley	771,717
Van Nuys	692,145
Culver City	672,267
Hollywood	634,850
Torrance	525,080
San Diego	525,080
Beverly Hills	475,705
Long Beach	438,176
Pasadena	379,413
North Hollywood	327,479
Fresno	257,239
Van Nuys	251,060
Santa Monica	235,537
Bakersfield	188,566
Alhambra	166,855
Burbank	165,090
Newport Beach	

City Restricts Trailer Camps

Torrance will not be known as a "trailer town" where traveling camp cars may be parked at any time.

An ordinance regulating trailer camp grounds was adopted for its first reading Tuesday night at city council meeting. Modeled after the Santa Monica statute, the new law provides that prospective operators of trailer camps within the city limits must apply direct to the council for the necessary permit.

The council will form a policy "for the public interest and welfare" to assure proper sanitation, drainage and space for the camps; and no permit will be issued for such locations which cannot provide at least 500 square feet of space for a minimum of 25 trailers.

Permits may be revoked at any time, under the proposed law, and trailers will not be allowed to park on vacant lots in the city. The ordinance, drafted by City Attorney C. T. Rippey, will be adopted at the next regular meeting of the council.

No Clues Yet to Hospital Robbery

An investigation of a robbery which netted the thief or thieves \$76 in cash and an expensive camera last Thursday night at Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital has failed so far to uncover any clues. The money was taken from workers' lockers and a drawer in the office of Miss Esther Z. Maxwell, superintendent. An orderly lost \$35 and the camera which he had borrowed from a friend, Mrs. Mary Conner had \$31 taken and \$10 in cash was stolen from the office drawer. The investigation is continuing, according to police.

Morals Trials for 3 Torrance Men Start Friday

First of three Torrance men to be tried in Superior court this month on morals charges involving minor girls will be 33-year-old Granville Hollingshead, whose court appearance is scheduled for tomorrow.

Hollingshead has been held in the county jail since his preliminary hearing before City Judge Robert Lessing July 7 because he was unable to furnish \$5,000 bail. He pleaded not guilty.

Next to enter Superior court will be Albert Jewell, 49, charged with five counts of a morals offense here last June 27. Jewell pleaded not guilty to the charges when he appeared before Superior Judge Thomas P. Ambrose late last week. His trial will be started August 23 in Department 42.

The third alleged morals offender, Ralph Daigh, 34-year-old WPA crossing guard who was arrested here July 3, will have his trial August 25 in Department 46. He has pleaded not guilty and has been held in the county jail in default of \$2,500 bail.

CRACKS TO BE FILLED

"Every little movement has a meaning all its own" and in the case of the city of Torrance that meaning affects some of the new civic buildings where a number of cracks have developed in the walls.

However, engineers connected with Super Concrete Emulsions, Ltd., believe that movement in the buildings has ceased now and the city could proceed to clean out the cracks, fill them up and then redecorate the walls.

This was the information given the city council Tuesday night in a letter from the crack-filling company. On the advice of R. A. Young, assistant city engineer, the council approved filling some of the cracks now for a six-months' demonstration. At the end of that time, if the renovation is successful the remainder of the building movement scars will be erased.

County School Budgets Show Large Increase

The budgets of practically every school district in the county show an increase for 1937-38, according to tabulations on file today in the office of A. R. Clifton, county schools superintendent, showing a grand total of \$69,280,000.

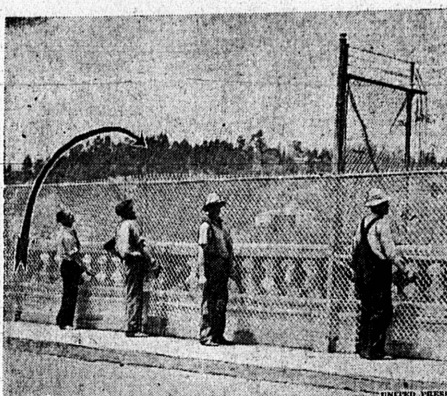
Total increase over last year is \$7,694,000, but some \$6,000,000 of this was for the Los Angeles city school district, which serves a number of cities adjacent to the city limits, and also some unincorporated areas. Last year's school budgets for the 140-odd districts totaled \$61,583,000.

Little interest was reported at most of the public budget hearings held August 2 throughout the county. The budgets were submitted to the county superintendent immediately after, and Clifton now is preparing to submit them to the board of supervisors by August 15.

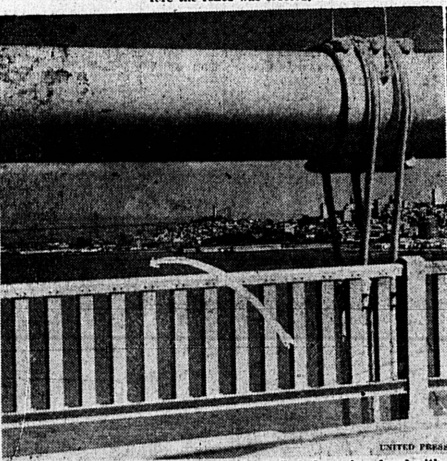
Fake Accidents To Be Exposed

Speaking on the subject that is front page news in Los Angeles these days, H. R. Thomas of the American Automobile Insurance company will discuss "Fake Auto Accidents" at Kiwanis club meeting next Monday night at Daniels cafe. Thomas, who is an adjuster for the insurance company, has had experiences with "made-to-order accidents." He will be presented by Howard Locke, well-known local insurance representative.

Two Problems in Bridge Suicides



PREVENTION—After many months' delay, authorities erect a 7½-foot woven wire fence on the sides of the famous Colorado-st bridge in Pasadena, Cal., in an attempt to prevent more would-be suicides from climbing the rail and leaping to their deaths on the floor of the Arroyo Seco below. More than 90 plunged to their death from this bridge before the fence was erected.



LATEST LURE—And now bridge officials find themselves faced with the problem of attempting to prevent suicides from the recently completed Golden Gate Span in San Francisco. The arrow above shows the path Harold Wobber, World War veteran, took when he recently became the first to leap over the unprotected railings of the bridge to his death in the swirling waters below.

School Tax Boosted 9 Cents This Year

Taxpayers in Torrance and other sections of the Los Angeles city school district will find their school taxes boosted to approximately \$1.69 per \$100 of assessed valuation this year, as compared with \$1.60 last year, officials estimated today.

The estimate was based on the \$39,730,000 school budget adopted by vote of five of the seven members of the board of education Monday night. Included in the total is nearly \$1,000,000 for retirement fund purposes.

Items in Budget
The new tax rate will be fixed definitely Sept. 1. When the total levy is computed on the various tax bills this fall, \$27,515,077 will go for salaries of teachers and other employees, \$6,066,000 for general maintenance operations and auxiliary agencies \$1,030,000 for administration costs, and \$6,066,000 for retirement funds, cash reserves, capital outlays and inter-district expenditures.

Teachers and other employees will be permitted to retire after 20 years of service, and applications will be passed upon by a seven-member board, a medical board and a legal advisor.

FLOOD CONTROL TAX STANDS AT 20 CENTS

Tax rate of the flood control district will stand at 20 cents per \$100 per assessed valuation if the board of supervisors does not transfer county drainage improvement districts to the flood control district, Chief Engineer C. H. Howell said today.

Howell submitted the proposed final budget of the district, calling for the 20-cent levy, on an assessed valuation of \$1,999,000,000, or approximately the

City Taxes and Water Charge On Land Fixed

Completing their work on the municipal budget for fiscal 1937-38, members of the city council adopted the ordinance fixing the tax rates for the first reading Tuesday night. The new levies will be \$1.10 per \$100 assessed valuation in District No. 1—a reduction of one cent from last year's tax and \$1.07 in District No. 2—the same as in fiscal 1936-37. The ordinance will become effective between its second reading and approval next Tuesday night.

At the same time, the council levied a tax of 55 cents per \$100 assessed valuation on \$1,790,460 worth of land within the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1. This is the first time in three years that a water assessment will be collected here. The tax will provide revenue to pay the interest on the water bonds, the water revenues having been adjusted to provide payment of the principal.

Tax Divisions Told

This tax, according to computations given the council late last June by Superintendent William H. Stanger of the municipal water system, will be more than offset in most cases by the reductions in water charges which became effective July 1.

The ordinance fixing the tax rates for the coming year sets forth that the assessed valuation in District No. 1 is \$5,728,980 and in District No. 2, \$10,228,535, making a total valuation for the entire city of \$18,957,515. This is \$695,200 more than the assessed valuations of Torrance for 1936-37.

The water district tax will be based on land valuations only. In 1933-34, the first year the city operated the municipal (Continued on Page 2-B)

Aged Redondoan Saved from Sump

Although his attorney believes Henry Oliver, 85, of Redondo Beach was thrown into an abandoned oil sump off Normandie and Ocean avenues Tuesday night, investigating officers assert that the aged man had lost his way and accidentally fell into the mire.

Oliver, who is described as being blind in one eye, would have perished if his faint cries had not been heard by some Japanese farmers in the vicinity. They had extricated him from the sump by the time deputy sheriffs, the Lomita Engine company No. 6, and Stone and Myers' ambulance arrived on the scene.

Oliver was taken to Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital for cleaning and medical attention. He was taken to his home by his attorney. Investigating officers discounted the lawyer's claim of foul play, claiming that Oliver told them he had become faint walking six miles from his home at 115 Diamond street and the next thing he knew he was hopelessly mired in the thick waste oil.

New Pension Plan For Teachers Is Adopted In L. A.

Teachers in the Los Angeles city school system with 20 or more years of service will be permitted to retire on a pension at the age of 60 years, with the approval of the board of education, according to decision of the board members at their last meeting. Nearly \$1,000,000 was set up in the school budget for the retirement plan.

A stipulated amount is to be taken out of each teacher's monthly check, and this will be put into the fund to be created by tax sources. The amount will be graduated according to the teacher's salary, and will govern the amount the teacher will receive upon retirement.

MEETING TODAY

An adjourned meeting of the city council was being held this afternoon at the city hall.

SETTLEMENT SAID SATISFACTORY TO FIRM, WORKERS

The strike at the Torrance Laundry and Dry Cleaning company came to an end shortly after 6 o'clock last night.

This morning, President William Rojo of the firm re-employed 10 of the women

One Month And Then—School Begins

One month from tomorrow and then—

School bells throughout Torrance, Lomita and other cities will ring again, calling boys and girls to the beginning of the 1937-38 terms.

Classes are to resume Monday morning, Sept. 13. Meanwhile, the younger generation is packing all the fun and frolic it can into the remaining four weeks of liberty.

LICENSE LAW IS AMENDED

Two subdivisions will be added to the Torrance city licensing ordinance No. 235 if the municipal council adopts ordinance No. 297 which was read for the first time Tuesday night.

The first provides for a license fee of \$5 per year for certain firms having only one employee. This is in line with recent requests made of the council for a reduction in the charges on small businesses.

The second change is for the collection of a \$120 fee yearly from persons or firms dealing exclusively in the sale of used cars. In addition to this license charge, such dealers must provide the city with a \$2,000 bond.

Effective In 30 days

City Attorney C. T. Rippey emphasized that this fee and bond will apply solely to individuals handling nothing but used cars or new automobiles, such as "caravan cars," sold at a discount.

It would not apply, he said, to persons or firms who have new car agencies in the city and who handle used machines as a sideline to their business. The amending ordinance would become effective 30 days after its final passage by the city council.

Glider Falls At Take-Off Near Here

Caught under a glider when it overturned after a take-off in the Palos Verdes Hills, Charles Patterson, 25, Inglewood, narrowly escaped possible death last Sunday.

A sudden gust of wind tipped the motorless plane on its side a few seconds after the take-off. One wing scraped on the ground and the craft overturned, landing upside down on top of an automobile trailer parked at the scene.

The pilot suffered only minor bruises and lacerations. The glider was badly damaged.

Pistoleer Shatters Targets With Great Gusto Here

"Gimme another thousand primers."
"Okay, Bill . . . by the way, you've used a lot of 'em in the past year."
"Yeah, I guess I have."
"Let's just look back thru the book and find out how many."

That conversation Monday morning at the police station between William H. Stanger, superintendent of the water department, who was purchasing the primer; for bullets he loads for himself, and Capt. John H. Stroh, president of the Torrance Pistol club, paved the way for a surprising discovery. This was:

That since July 5, 1936, Stanger has hurled no less than 4,266,000 grains of lead with the assistance of 83,700 grains of powder at targets on pistol range off Plaza del Amo.

Translated with the assistance of R. A. Young, assistant city engineer—into pounds that means "Bill" Stanger has fired 609.42 pounds of lead in 27,000 shots. He has used 11.9 pounds of powder to propel that amount of metal.

"Yeah, I guess I've shot a lot in the past year or so—but it's my only recreation and I certainly enjoy it," was Stanger's only comment when confronted with those figures.

Policy of Fairness

"Naturally, I'm glad the labor disturbance is over," William Rojo, president of the laundry and dry cleaning company, said today. "I have no desire now to recall the many unpleasant events of the past 10 weeks. Let's all of us try and forget them in working to build up the business to where it was at the onset of the strike."
"This can be done to the mutual satisfaction of everyone concerned. On our part we can provide more jobs, the workers can have steady, gainful (Continued on Page 2-A)