

# Last Session of Cooking School Begins at 1:30 Friday Afternoon

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## Giant Castings Are Made Here

Steel castings for the giant outlet works for San Gabriel dam No. 1, the largest outlet works in the world, are nearing completion at the Torrance plant of the Columbia Steel Company, it was disclosed this week.

The huge butterfly, and needle valves that comprise the outlet works will be actuated by shafts of nickel chrome alloy steel, those for the larger valves being 18 inches in diameter.

There are four of the large butterfly valves, two of these being 123 inches or more than 10 feet in inside diameter, and weighing 117,500 pounds each, or nearly 60 tons. A third valve will be 96 inches in diameter, weighing 67,400 pounds, and the other valve will be 51 inches in diameter, weighing 18,400 pounds.

Castings for the valve body were cast and heat treated in one piece and then separated in two halves for shipment and assembly. They are to be installed by the Consolidated Steel Corporation, and are to be delivered some time this week.

They must be transported to the dam site, seven miles north of Azusa, on giant trucks pulled by two rubber-tired tractors.

## Sneak Thieves Are Active Here

Sneak-thieves and burglars were active here during the past week according to police records. Three homes, an office and a school corridor were scenes of the thefts, which consisted of clothing, money and a typewriter.

Chief victim of the robbers was A. H. Silligo, who, together with his wife, lost \$17 in currency when a bold housebreaker lifted off Silligo's trousers and Mrs. Silligo's purse from their bedroom Friday night. The screen had been removed from an open window and a hoe, taken from the resident's garage at 1515 Amapola avenue, used to pole out the pants and pocketbook. Silligo found his trousers and personal papers scattered about on his front porch Saturday morning.

Mrs. A. J. Sutherland, teacher at the Torrance Elementary school, had her portable typewriter stolen Friday afternoon, she reported. The machine had been left in the school hall for a few minutes when it disappeared.

James H. Burchett evidently made enough noise waking up at 4:30 a. m. Saturday to frighten away the thieves who had broken into his house at 1411 Amapola avenue, he said in informing police of the attempted robbery. The intruders fled without taking anything.

Rufus Page cannot imagine what burglars would be wanting in his real estate office at 1722 Arlington avenue. He told police the building has been broken into twice in recent days but nothing has been taken either time.

A third house robbery was investigated by police this week but the victim's name was not released pending further investigation of the case.

## Civic Building Being Given Final Touches

Final touches are now being given the new Administration building adjoining the Civic Auditorium on El Prado which will house the Chamber of Commerce shortly after Oct. 6. That is the date when the city and P.W.A. financed structure is scheduled to turn it over to the city.

Directors of the chamber have set Oct. 19 or 20 as the tentative dates for the dedication dinner-program that will formally open the new building. The construction office was removed from in front of the Administration quarters last Friday, permitting residents to see the entrance for the first time.

## Final Decision Soon on Water for N. Torrance

Residents along 182nd street in North Torrance will soon have to make a final decision on whether or not they want a water district, costing an estimated \$8,250, created to provide them with water facilities.

The city council decided Tuesday night to continue the work of bringing about the creation of "Torrance Municipal Water District No. 2" to the point of calling a "protest meeting" when North Torrance people will have a final chance to endorse or reject the project.

City Engineer Frank Leonard and City Attorney C. T. Rippey were instructed to accumulate all necessary data in regard to the formation of the proposed district, find out if a ten-year bond issue of about \$8,000 would find a market and do everything possible to bring the months-long effort to a final decision.

Water Supply Assured

At the "protest meeting," residents in the proposed water district must decide once and for all whether or not they are willing to incur the assessments that are necessary to finance the water system. Mayor William H. Tolson pointed out that the city has gone to considerable expense already in attempting to solve the North Torrance water question but that the council was determined to "go to the end of the rope."

Lawrence Stephenson, secretary-manager of the Moneta Mutual Water company, in response to a question about the source of supply for the proposed system, assured the council that his firm would be glad to service the lines. He has been a resident of North Torrance since 1903 and expressed the hope that a water system satisfactory to residents along 182nd street could be installed.

## Smith Resigns From Board

Because he has moved out of the city limits to a new home in Rolling Hills, Alden W. Smith informed the city council by letter Tuesday night that he wished to resign immediately from the Civil Service board.

However, another letter, this one from J. O. Bishop, chairman of the board, requested the council not to appoint Smith's successor until after the regular civil service examinations in November. He stated that to name a new member of the board at this time would "im-pair the board's efficiency."

The council accepted Smith's resignation with regrets but made such acceptance effective on Dec. 1.

## City Buys Grand Piano for Aud

Taking advantage of an opportunity to acquire a slightly-used grand piano, the city council last week purchased a Kohler-Chase instrument for the Civic Auditorium. The piano, which is said to have an unusually good tone, will be used only for outstanding concert attractions.

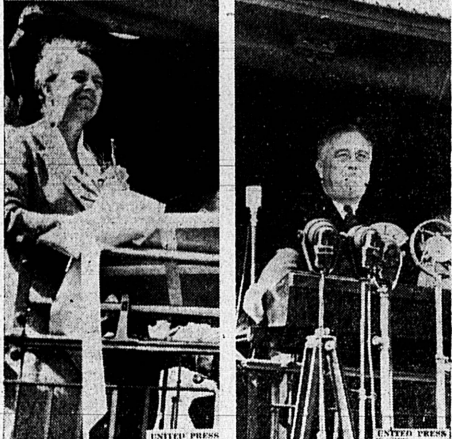
The upright, which was the first piano bought by the city, will be used by dance band groups and for practices in the future.

## Hazel Foster Hit By Car in L. A.

Miss Hazel Foster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton F. Foster of 911 Cota avenue, was bruised but not seriously injured yesterday morning when she was struck by an automobile at Sixth and Spring streets in Los Angeles. She was waiting for a street car to take her to her classes at Woodbury Business College when the accident occurred.

Miss Foster, who graduated from Torrance high school last spring, is making a rapid recovery at her home.

## Mr. and Mrs. F. D. R. on Western Tour



Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and President Roosevelt are shown above as their special train carrying them to Seattle stopped at Cheyenne, Wyo. They both spoke to assembled throngs of admirers through loud-speaker and radio hookups on the rear platform of the train.

## 21 Boys in Derby Finale Saturday

Before dark next Saturday two boys will have won the Senior and Junior titles of Harbor District Soap Box Derby champions.

The final dashes of the first annual Derby will begin at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the same location—the Sepulveda boulevard hill west of Hawthorne avenue—that was thronged by a crowd of nearly 1,000 men, women and children last Saturday when the preliminary races were held.

No ballast of any kind will be allowed in the cars used by the finalists. It was decided at a meeting of the general committee immediately after the community heats last Saturday. This means that no weights of any kind may be placed in the cars or attached to them. All parts of the speedy racers must have definite working use, the committee held.

That crowd caused local police and American Legionnaires no end of trouble because the spectators insisted on getting out into the "track" to the peril of themselves and the boys driving the speedy little cars. Fortunately there were no accidents on that score—missteps similar to the one that occurred in the first race of the Wilmington-San Pedro community elimination event at San Pedro on the same day.

Must Run Preliminaries

As a result of that accident—a boy was slightly hurt when he ran across the street and was struck by a Soap Box Derby car—San Pedro police informed the officials of the port cities event that they would no longer attempt to patrol the course and advised the cancellation of the races.

Consequently, the Wilmington and San Pedro boys seeking race honors will hold their preliminary dashes on the Sepulveda boulevard hill starting at 12 o'clock in order to determine the four entries in the Harbor District finals at 2 o'clock. There will be 21 boys in the

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## P. E. Offers Bus Substitute for Rail Service

DINNER-MEET TONITE

All tenants, property owners, residents and others interested in the improvement of Cabrillo avenue are invited to attend the dinner-meeting that will be held tonight (Thursday) at 6:30 o'clock at Daniels cafe. Those planning to join the 24 who have already signed their intention of participating in the session will also consider the P. E.'s proposed bus route plan should call Thompson, phone 592, at once and make reservations.

A proposed auxiliary bus route and schedule was submitted by the Pacific Electric Railway for the consideration of the transportation committees of the cities of Torrance, Gardena, Redondo Beach and Los Angeles last week after months of preparation on the part of the rail system.

Routing of "the contemplated motor coach line, as described by the Pacific Electric, would be: From the Olive street Los Angeles coach terminal via Olive street to Washington boulevard; to Flower, to Figueroa, to Imperial Highway to Vermont; to Gardena boulevard to Western avenue to Torrance boulevard, to Cabrillo avenue to Carson street to Torrance boulevard; to Pacific avenue to Diamond street, to Elena street in Redondo Beach.

In the event that the bus line is established, the P. E. proposes to abolish all street car service except two trains per day each way. There would be 10 buses

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## FIX FACULTY PROGRAM

Principal Thomas Elson of the high school this week announced the schedule of faculty meetings that will be followed this term. The high school teaching staff has been divided into four departmental groups. Each group will meet once a month on a Tuesday and an entire faculty will assemble for conference on the final Tuesday of each month.

The four groups are charged with supervision of curriculum, vocational guidance and counseling, student government and adjustment of "problem pupils."

## Kresse's Brother Dies in Milwaukee

Word was received this week by O. A. Kresse, superintendent of the open hearth department at the Columbia Steel plant, of the death of his brother, Arno Kresse in Milwaukee, Wis., Sunday night. Mr. Kresse, who had been suffering from a heart attack, a periodic affliction that he suffered since the World War. He was survived by his wife and a daughter in addition to his brother, who lives at 1443 El Prado.

Trees Mark Toledo's Century TOLEDO, (U.P.)—Permanent reminder of the city's celebration of its centennial this year will be thousands of trees to be planted this fall.

George V. Powell said: "It might be well for the city clerk to notify the Humane society that we want the contract we have with that organization in regard to animals, especially dogs, carried out."

"Many dogs are hanging around the schools now. It seems to me that the Humane society follows a practice of impounding only valuable-looking dogs and some of the big brutes that are running around at large without licenses or owners are allowed to roam at will," Powell said. "We want all unlicensed dogs picked up."

## Engineer Maps New Zoning Plan

A tentative city-wide zoning plan was submitted to the city council for study by City Engineer Frank R. Leonard Tuesday night. The plan will be considered jointly with directors of the Chamber of Commerce in the near future and its features may be enacted into a new zoning law.

Leonard explained that he had drafted the tentative plan after consulting with the larger property owners within the city, the Del Amo estate, Weston Ranch, Ellinwood estate, C. C. M. O., Standard Oil and General Petroleum, to learn their opinions on proper zoning of their holdings here.

"The Weston Ranch and Ellinwood property owners want their land off Highway 101 left unclassified and unrestricted as to development except bans on hog ranches, cement, brick-yards or other objectional industrial projects," he said.

Restricts Brickyards

"I have attempted to locate tentative residential and business sections with a view to future development of the city. Of course the council may change the zones at any time. In North Torrance I have provided for a residential district along 182nd street, 200 feet wide. In the rear of this area the property would be classed as industrial, which includes agricultural uses, permitting farming or oil development.

"All land zoned for industrial use should carry restrictions against its use for brickyards," Leonard continued. "However, this industry would be permitted, with the consent of the property owners, in the unrestricted areas."

Public Hearing Later

The downtown business and wholesale area remains unchanged but business enterprise would be permitted on Carson street west of Cedar avenue. After the zoning plan is studied by the council and chamber directors the next step would be to post all property in the city giving the date and time for a public hearing on the adoption of the zoning measure. At that time property owners could either endorse or object to the plan.

## Garbage Hauling Ban Hits Hogs

The climax in the city's attempt over a period of several years to ban hog-ranch operations within the municipal limits was reached Tuesday night when Police Chief G. M. Calder was instructed by Mayor William H. Tolson to inform hog-ranch owners that the city will "clamp down" its law against transportation of garbage or Oct. 1.

Tomorrow the recently-enacted law that gives the city the exclusive right to shuttle garbage trucks about the community goes into effect. Hog-ranch owners who have been feeding their swine garbage will find their source of feed supply shut off by this ordinance.

Operators of the ranches affected by the measure have had ample time to either move their animals or start feeding grain, all members of the council agree. They indicated that any infractions of the garbage transportation law will result in arrest.

## Service Club Asked to Marks City's Water Works

If the Kiwanis club accepts the invitation of Councilman James Hitchcock, the municipal water works off Torrance boulevard will be identified by an attractive roadside sign. Councilman Tom McGuire suggested the marker Tuesday night and Hitchcock asked Councilman Robert J. Deininger, president of the Kiwanis club, to have his organization do the job.

Deininger, in turn asked Kiwanians Leonard J. Young, as assistant city engineer, to paint the sign and William Garcoigne, street superintendent, to furnish the lumber and install it. Thus, it will be a city project after all.

## Royal Relics Lost

HONOLULU (U.P.)—The disappearance has just been discovered here of several silver compasses on which Hawaiian royalty for half a century took their Masonic oaths.