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Details of Bus Plan Awaited

Cabrillo Group is Interested in Street Work

With the formation last Thursday night of a "Torrance Improvement Association" whose chief interest will be to revive efforts for the paving of the Pacific Electric right-of-way down Cabrillo avenue and lowering of the tracks there, and attention of South Bay communities centered on the railway's suggested plan to reduce rail service and institute bus service between Los Angeles and Redondo, the stage was set this week for exhaustive survey of the P. E.'s proposition.

Twenty-two business men and property owners interested in Cabrillo avenue's center paving met at Daniels cafe a week ago to consider the railway's suggestion for reducing the number of passenger trains and putting busses in service for patrons in Los Angeles, Gardena, Torrance and Redondo Beach.

Ed Thompson, Chevrolet dealer, was named chairman, the only officer to be elected by the group. A suggestion that the railway be importuned to abandon its Cabrillo avenue line if the rail service is reduced and use the Border avenue single track received close attention at the meeting. It was decided that the group would meet again in the near future to plan some method of approaching the railway in regard to Cabrillo's improvement.

A meeting of representatives from Gardena, Torrance and Redondo Beach was to have been held in the beach city tonight with H. O. Marler of the Pacific Electric to hear further details of the railway's idea for improving transportation service. However, arrangements for this session were held up yesterday when it was learned that a number of men who are vitally interested in the proposition could not be present. A conference is to be arranged later for this purpose.

At that time Marler, it is understood, will be in a position to amplify the P. E.'s suggestion with statements about how the transportation service could be improved with busses and submit tentative plans and schedules for the combined rail-and-bus transportation.

The P. E. has asked interested communities to consider abolishing all street car service except two trains per day each way between Redondo Beach, via Torrance and Gardena, and Los Angeles. There would be 10 busses each way daily. Since the railway announced its idea, there have been some objections raised to the plan of substituting busses for street cars although the railway has promised to put some 30 or more new passenger busses of the latest type into the route.

Tag Your Dog! Catchers Active

All dogs in Torrance must have license tags attached to their collars or their owners run the risk of having them impounded and subject to penalties—and, if unclaimed within three days—the animals will be destroyed.

Police Chief G. M. Calder called attention of dog owners to the license ordinance this week as he heard reports from a representative of the South Bay Humane society that a drive on untaxed dogs was being made here. Owners who have paid license fees should see that the brass tags are attached to the dog's collar. A number of animals have been picked up so far this week around the school grounds.

ELECTED PRESIDENT
June Lindgren, an active member of both the G. A. A. and Science club, has been elected president of the Jane Adams, Narbonne's service club, consisting of 12 girls chosen for their high honor rating and for their leadership in school affairs.

T.H.S. Students' Hens Win Egg-Laying Contest at Fair

Future Farmers of Torrance high school are crowing lustily now about the prowess of their hens. The egg production contest at the Los Angeles county fair closed last Sunday night with the Torrance pen on top after leading the event all the way.

Wilbur Franklin and the other members of the local chapter of Future Farmers of America are justly proud of his ten Australorps. The final count of the 17-day contest was:

Torrance 149 eggs 88%

Ontario 145 eggs 85%
Norwalk 139 eggs 82%
But young Franklin was not the only Torrance winner. Marshall Condon points with no little pride to the showing of his Rhode Island Red pullets. Two of these were exhibited at the fair, one being awarded the blue ribbon for first place and the other placing fifth.

Nine boys in the Vocational Agricultural classes directed by Harry H. Stone are now carrying on poultry projects or are planning to start them before next spring.

Civil Service Exams for City Departments Nov. 6

Civil service tests for the Torrance police and fire departments will be held by the municipal civil service board Nov. 6, Leroy O. Stevens, secretary, announced yesterday. The tests will be held to obtain eligibility lists for future promotions and to fill possible vacancies.

Applications to take any of the tests must be filed by Oct. 27 and the proper application forms may be secured from the city clerk's office, Stevens said. Examinations will be given for

the positions of police captain, the salary ranging from \$160 to \$180 per month; police sergeant, salary from \$150 to \$170, and police patrolman, salary from \$135 to \$160.

The tests for the fire department will include fire department captain and engineer with salaries ranging from \$150 to \$170, and \$135 to \$160 per month, respectively. The written examination will be given at the city hall with a target range record required of police department applicants.

P. E. September Freight Traffic Less Than '36's Record Month

Altho the freight shipments handled by W. H. Bratton, local agent for the Pacific Electric railway, and his staff last month were considerably less than the record amount for September, 1936, the local freight traffic was about the same as that for the previous year.

Last month there were 565 carloads of freight received and forwarded from the Torrance station as compared to 721 in September, 1936. However, last year's figure included about 160

cars which were used to transport United Concrete Pipe company products to the Highway 101 road job.

"I believe the Torrance traffic was about the same last month as it was in 1936," Bratton said yesterday. "The difference between our 1937 and 1936 September figures is due entirely to shipments from Delanco, the United Concrete Pipe company's shipping point."

The figures for the past seven years follow:

| Sept. | Rec'd & Fwd. Carloads | Weight | Less than Carload Freight Shipments |
|-------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1937 | 565 | 52,755,000 lbs. | 430,000 lbs. |
| 1936 | 721 | 72,850,000 lbs. | 426,000 lbs. |
| 1935 | 445 | 40,700,000 lbs. | 197,000 lbs. |
| 1934 | 294 | 30,537,000 lbs. | 165,000 lbs. |
| 1933 | 391 | 43,500,000 lbs. | 84,000 lbs. |
| 1932 | 97 | 4,800,000 lbs. | 92,000 lbs. |
| 1931 | 217 | 17,730,000 lbs. | 82,000 lbs. |

TAXPAYERS' MONEY EARNS \$650,019 INTEREST IN 1936

Interest amounting to \$650,019 was earned on taxpayers' money on deposit in various banks by the Los Angeles county treasurer during the fiscal year 1936-37, County Treasurer H. L. Byram disclosed today in his annual report on file with the board of supervisors.

The county receives interest of two percent on time deposits, one percent on the bulk of the money on deposit, and one-half of one percent on active accounts.

Interest earned during the previous year was \$813,000, but \$5,000,000 of U. S. Treasury bonds were sold during the year, and there was a reduction of about \$1,000,000 in the amount of registered state warrants being held by the county.

Average daily cash balance of the county treasury last fiscal year ending June 30 was \$65,068,000, the largest for the past five years.

Treasurer Byram disclosed that the upward trend of bond prices raised the total value of the securities held by the county for its deposits of public funds to more than 16 percent above the amount of the deposits.

Finish Fight On Polio Planned

Los Angeles county hospital authorities are preparing to carry on extensive bacteriological laboratory investigations in a "fight to the finish" on poliomyelitis. An additional pathologist is to be employed. Duties of the new assistant will be to assist in pathological and bacteriological laboratory investigations of poliomyelitis, it is stated.

Flood Damage Claim Denied Outfall Sewer

Claim of Shoemaker and Gordon for \$32,000 damages resulting from the flooding of the first unit of the White Point joint outfall sewer project near Lomita boulevard was denied this week by the board of supervisors, on recommendation of the county counsel's office.

The contractors alleged that the county was negligent in permitting drainage facilities to become clogged, causing flood waters to back up, and enter the tunnel, delaying construction work and damaging equipment and materials. The flooding occurred Feb. 14, 1937.

Deep-Water Basin North of Harbor Held Unsound

Proposal to create a deep-water basin north of Harbor boulevard is "economically unsound, although physically feasible," according to a report filed with Mayor Frank L. Shaw this week by Arthur Eldridge, manager of the city's harbor department.

Estimated cost of the proposed inland basin was placed roughly at \$15,000. Eldridge was advised by Harbor Engineer E. C. Earle. Eldridge said he believed the city would have its hands full for the next few years in developing terminals on the tideland areas where a minimum outlay would be required.

New Civic Building Near Okay

Dedication Set for Oct. 20; Officials Make Inspection

Final inspection was made of the new Administration building adjoining the Civic Auditorium on El Prado yesterday by city officials, the contractor, Elser Wickholm, Ltd., architects Walker and Eisen, and PWA authorities. The splendid new building was thoroughly inspected and city officials indicated that it would be formally accepted by the city council next Tuesday night if the PWA authorities agree.

Only a few more "last-minute" touches remain to complete the building and its furnishings. The structure will be used principally to house the Chamber of Commerce and a large kitchen where food will be prepared for banquet gatherings in the Auditorium.

The first of these dinner-ceremonies will be the dedication ceremony, to be held Wednesday evening, Oct. 20, starting with a dinner at 7 o'clock, it was announced today by Chamber of Commerce and city officials. Two speakers have been obtained for the program—Prof. Frederick P. Woellner of the Department of Education, U. C. L. A., who will speak on "Money in the Bag" and Congressman Charles J. Cadden, who assisted the city in securing the WPA allocation for the building and other new civic structures here.

Tickets On Sale
Entertainment will be provided by the Torrance municipal band and Mme. Teala Billini, who will play several piano numbers on the recently-acquired grand piano. A dance may be held after the dinner-program in the auditorium altho this feature has not definitely been decided upon.

Tickets for the affair are now (Continued on Page 6-A)

Jury Trial Set for Oct. 14

Originally scheduled for Tuesday, the jury trial of Alizo Rivera on charges of being drunk in a car and suspicion of drunk driving has been set over until Oct. 14 by City Judge Robert Lessing. Summonses for jury duty are being prepared by Judge Lessing. Rivera, arrested a week ago with Ralph A. Asencio, pleaded not guilty at his arraignment and demanded a jury trial.

Bill Day New Editor of Columbia's 'Steel Blade'



William Day, better known by many a local resident as "Bill" Day, who recently was promoted employment agent in Columbia Steel's industrial relations department, will take over the editorship of The Steel Blade, monthly publication devoted to the interest of Columbia workers, next month. He succeeds George Halg in the Blade's editorial chair.

Day joined the Columbia Steel company 14 years ago during the construction of the blast furnace and coke plant at Provo, Utah. Three years later he came to the Torrance plant and was engaged in various departments of the main office. In 1928 he again journeyed north to the Pittsburgh plant during the construction of the tin mill there.

Impassive Idol



A piece of shrapnel has blown away most of the face of this centuries-old Chinese God but still he towers serene and unperturbed above scenes of warfare in the embattled Nanking district.

Luther L. Hyde Passes at 75

Another "grand old man of Torrance" came to the end of life's pathway Saturday night when Luther L. Hyde, a resident here for 17 years, passed away at Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital following a long illness. He was 75 years of age.

A Christian Science funeral service was held at Stone and Myers' chapel Monday afternoon, attended by his family and a large number of friends of many years. Cremation followed at Pacific Crest.

Mr. Hyde was the father of Carl L. Hyde, former secretary of the Chamber of Commerce here and now executive-secretary of the California Unemployment Reserves Commission. Accompanied by his wife and daughter, who now make their home with him in Sacramento, Carl came here for the funeral.

Another son, Parke S. Hyde of Los Angeles and a daughter, Mrs. Ruth L. Clough of Beverly Hills also survive. Mr. Hyde was employed by the Pacific Electric for a number of years until he retired. He lived at 1830 Cabrillo avenue.

Huge Mill Operating at Columbia

New Sheet Roller First of Three to be Installed

In operation since Sept. 27, the new three-high roughing mill which is the first of three mechanized mills to be installed in the Columbia Steel company's sheet mill under an improvement program for that department, is already proving its value.

According to E. M. Johnson, superintendent of the sheet mill, the massive machine's capacity is 75 gross tons per eight-hour shift and the local production is nearing that figure. For plants the size of the Torrance mill it is the most modern sheet rolling equipment available. General Superintendent E. M. Barber informed The Herald today.

The great mill went into production here just 17 days after it arrived. The mill and auxiliary equipment, weighing 160 tons, required five cars for shipment from where it was built in Pittsburgh, Pa. It was disassembled into hundreds of separate pieces which required the work of scores of men here to re-assemble.

Complete Program Jan. 1
This mill is the latest design of its type," Barber said. "It consists of a three roll high stand of rolls with motor operated screw-down, enclosed driving pinions, spindles and a middle roll balancing mechanism. Motor operated roller and catcher tables serve the mill and the roller table is automatically fed from the latest type of double compartment continuous pair furnaces, recently built in Warren, Ohio."

The mill will be used for roughing or breaking down sheet bars for finishing in the two new mechanized finishing mills. As this mill with its tables together with the heating furnace is electrically controlled and operated from a single control stand by the roller or operator, it involved the installation of a highly complicated system of control boards and several miles of wiring and conduit.

All of the work was carried on during the erecting of the mill, making the erection record of 17 days the more remarkable. According to Superintendent Barber, the entire improvement program recently launched at the Columbia Steel plant will be completed Jan. 1, 1938.

Want to Serve On Jury? See Judge Monroe

A new jury panel is now being formed for use in the Ingewood justice court at Ingewood, according to Judge A. F. Monroe, and all electors of Ingewood township (which includes Torrance and Lomita) qualified to serve as jurors and desiring to do so, should call at his chambers and register.

Only those accepted as jurors in a case are paid but these receive \$2 a day and mileage one way. The Ingewood justice court is located at 101½ Greville street, Ingewood.

Torrance Youth Hurt in Crash

Bob Edmunds, 19, of 1602 West 219th street, was slightly hurt in an automobile accident at street in Wilmington Sunday night, according to a report made to Wilmington police by Percy Thompson, 17, of 2634 Carson street, driver of one of the cars involved in the mishap.

Change Angle of Parking Zones

A crew of street painters, working under the direction of William Gascoigne, street superintendent, is engaged in changing the angle parking lines downtown from 45 degrees to about 35 degrees. Gascoigne said yesterday that the change is being made to make angle parking easier for motorists getting in and out of the lanes.

Depositors in Bank Closed in 1933 Will Get Cash Dividend

A ten percent cash dividend will be paid on Monday, Oct. 11, to depositors in the old First National Bank of Torrance, it was announced today by Attorney C. T. Rippey, chairman of the board of trustees appointed to liquidate the assets of the bank which was closed during the bank holiday in March, 1933. Other members of the trustee board are Sherwood McIntyre and Beverly B. Smith.

Postal Receipts Show Gain, Conner Says

If the Torrance postoffice only does as much business during the next three months as it did during the final quarter of 1936, it will break that year's all-time record. This became known today when Postmaster Earl Conner announced the comparative postal receipts for the first nine months of this year and last.

"We transacted \$9,055.56 worth of postal business during the September quarter," he said. "During the same period in 1936 our receipts totaled \$8,463.14, making our quarterly gain better than \$594."

Receipts to Oct. 1 this year have amounted to \$29,209.35. For the same nine-month period of 1936 they were \$25,328.99. The December quarter of 1936 brought \$10,751.35 worth of postal business to the Federal building here and the total for that year was \$35,980.23, Postmaster Conner said.

County Approves Acquisition of Lomita Park Site

Leaders of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce were looking forward to a conference with county park officials this week. The Lomitans received word late last week that their suggested park site had been approved and a move was under way to acquire the land.

The conference is expected to settle what type of equipment will be advisable for the improvement. Supervisor Leland Ford has instructed the county counsel to draw up papers for the acquisition of the land on North Eshelman avenue, it was learned. This site was officially approved by the chamber after a consideration two weeks ago of all possible locations for the park.

Agitation for a small park has long been one of the major objectives of the Lomita chamber, since the city has at present no public buildings or land available as a meeting place. The site covers more than six and a half acres as approved by county heads.

Rotarians Will Get First-Hand Talk On Orient

Bringing with him fresh first-hand knowledge of affairs in the Orient, from which he has just returned, H. R. Greatwood, an official of the Union Oil company, will address the Torrance Rotary club this evening.

Greatwood has been a resident of Manchuria for the past seven years and his impressions of the gigantic struggle that is now being waged in the Orient are sure to provide a most interesting program, according to William H. Stanger, program chairman of the club.

Friends to Honor Golden Saturday

A large delegation of Torrance friends of Congressman Charles J. Cadden will join hosts of other friends in the 17th Congressional district in honoring him at a gigantic homecoming banquet to be held in the Elks club at San Pedro Saturday, Oct. 9, at 7 p. m.

The affair is being held under the auspices of the Democratic Veterans' association of the 17th District.

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Approximately 2,000 depositors will participate in the dividend distribution, which totals \$12,289.60, according to Chairman Rippey.

A number of circumstances connected with the liquidation of the bank have caused unavoidable delays in making the first dividend payments, Rippey said. About \$18,000 had to be paid back to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, which held first claim on the assets of the bank, before any funds could be disbursed to depositors.

Secondly, most of the assets of the bank turned over to the trustees consisted of trust deeds and mortgages on real estate. Before any funds could be realized from these assets it was necessary to foreclose or secure assignments which necessarily took considerable time, Rippey explained.

However, the trustees still hold a considerable amount of improved property, which has been repaired or modernized and put in saleable condition. With the rising real estate market and increased activity in property sales, it is anticipated that much of the assets of the bank will be converted into cash in the near future, which funds will be available for further dividend payments, Rippey stated.

Bixby Slough Flood Study Endorsed

Endorsement of a proposal to make a comprehensive study of flood conditions and drainage of the Bixby Slough area north of San Pedro was forwarded to the board of supervisors last week by S.V. Cortelyou, engineer in charge of Division 7 of the state highway department.

Cortelyou stated he understood a request for such a survey was to be filed by the Oakley Company and others. The state department is interested in relief of flood water conditions in the slough because the alignment for Figueroa street, soon to be extended through to the harbor district, extends through the slough as do N and O streets.

The flood control district, at the direction of former Chief Engineer E. C. Eaton, made a comprehensive study several years ago, and recommended the drilling of shafts or wells into which to drain the water and thus permit it to sink into the ground, which it cannot do now.

HEADS J. G. A. A.

Betty Gibson will head Narbonne's Junior Girls' Athletic association this term, assisted by Gertrude Hill, vice-president; Ramona Barnett, secretary-treasurer, and Jane Hinson, point secretary.