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\$80,000 Bixby Slough Drain Plan Under Study

Local Hospital Again on Approved List

In officially announcing the 1937 list of 2,621 approved hospitals, including Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital of this city, at the 20th annual Hospital Standardization conference, at Chicago Monday, Dr. George Crile, chairman of the board of regents, said:

"The 1937 Hospital Standardization survey concludes two decades of successful effort by the American College of Surgeons to assist the hospitals of the United States and Canada in rendering better care of the sick and injured. Today 2,621 hospitals are awarded full or provisional approval. At the end of the first field survey in 1918, only 89 hospitals were sufficiently well equipped, organized and administered to merit approval.

"The fact that one out of every 14 persons in the United States and Canada went to some hospital in 1936, with the probability that the same ratio will be maintained in 1937, suggests how important hospitals are to every community. At this rate, if we assume that different individuals each year enter hospitals, every 14 years the entire population of this country and Canada will pass through hospitals as patients. Even when it is granted that the same persons are likely to be patients several times during any 14-year period, it is evident that the proportion who will be hospitalized is astonishingly large.

10 Requirements Listed

"What constitutes a good hospital," Dr. Crile continued, "should therefore be understood by everybody. Through good hospital medical science is advanced, and constantly better chances of restoration to health afforded patients. Consequently the College regards the announcement of its approved list as a contribution to progress in health standards, evidencing as it does the hearty cooperation of the hospitals themselves in improving their ability to render efficient care."

The local hospital, which has capacity of 60 patients, has fulfilled the ten criteria observed in determining the rating of each hospital by the American College of Surgeons. These are:

Copper Theft Charged to Steel Worker

Theft of 470 pounds of copper from the Columbia Steel company was uncovered last Friday when Long Beach police traced the sale of metal to two local employees, Walter M. Sutton, 24, of 1016 Arlington avenue, was arrested a few hours later at his home by Motor Sergeant Ernest Ashton and Officer Perkins, who had a warrant, signed by Henry Lintott, assistant superintendent of the local plant, charging him with burglary.

The second man allegedly involved in the theft, Leslie Fredericks of 1346 1/2 Engracia avenue, was laid off work last Friday and he has not been located as yet. Fredericks is said to have been the driver of the truck who transported the copper to a Long Beach junk dealer and assertedly sold it instead of delivering the metal according to instructions.

No Search Started Yet

Sutton is said to have been Fredericks' helper on the truck and received part of the proceeds from the illegal sale. He is being held in the city jail in default of \$1,000 bail pending his preliminary hearing at 10 o'clock before Police Judge Robert Lessing.

Capt. John Stroh of the police department said yesterday that he is awaiting a conference with deputy district attorney assigned to prosecute Sutton to decide whether or not Fredericks will be sought for questioning. No search has been instituted as yet for that man, Stroh said.

Tax Rebate Claim Blanks Included With New Bills

Torrance taxpayers may file claims for refunds on their 1934-35 county and school district taxes this year by merely filling out a blank form that will be enclosed with each 1937-38 tax bill, thus obviating the necessity of standing in line at the Hall of Records as was the case a year ago.

Although county attorneys believe the disputed tax levies are legal, the board of supervisors decided that any taxpayer should be given the opportunity to file a claim if he wishes, just as was done last year by many citizens. Litigation over the 1933-34 levy now is in the State Supreme Court, but it may be a year or more before it will be decided, according to County Counsel Everett W. Mattson.

Additional "rebate" service is being extended local taxpayers by Alfred Borg, deputy county assessor, who is at the city hall from 9 to 4 daily for a week or two to assist anyone in making out a claim for the refund. He has complete information on this subject.

Columbia Plans Own Restaurant

Construction of a restaurant to provide modern dining facilities for Columbia Steel employees will soon be under way. An appropriation to erect a steel and plaster building on the company property was recently approved by the United States Steel Corporation for its subsidiary company.

The restaurant will accommodate 65 persons at one time and will be provided with a private dining room for company executives. Equipment including stoves, refrigerators, heating, ventilating and lighting fixtures will be of the latest design.

The company recommended the establishment of the new restaurant on company property that employees might avoid the danger of crossing through heavy traffic at meal times. When completed, the restaurant will be leased to an independent outside caterer.

Test to be Given for Head Crossing Guard on Nov. 3

Crossing guards throughout the county who are qualified by previous experience will be permitted to take the county civil service examination for selection of a superintendent, a position paying \$200 a month, Wednesday, Nov. 3, is the last day to file.

Applicants must have at least two years' experience in directing CWA, SERA or WPA projects employing at least 25 persons, and experience in supervising crossing-guard projects is desirable. Duties will be under the direction of the director of crossing guards.

The superintendent will be responsible for the selection of between 800 to 1,200 men for crossing-guard duty "and the investigation necessary to determine their fitness," it was stated. Extreme care now is being exercised in selection of these guards.

LUMBER ENROUTE

More than 80 carloads of lumber are enroute to storage yards for U. S. army engineers for flood control projects being undertaken this year, according to engineers in charge of storage yards.

Fighting Flames to Reach Victim in Train Crash



Members of the Turlock, Cal., fire department are shown spraying fire extinguishers on the cab of the overturned Southern Pacific flyer which struck a truck at Turlock, killing two occupants of the truck and the train fireman, Anell Ford. It is Ford's body which rescue crews are attempting to recover from the wreckage in the scene above.

Harry Beach Wins \$4,310 in Irish Sweepstakes

PREPARE NEW PLANS FOR AUDITORIUM

Further details of the new Torrance high school auditorium, which is to be started shortly after the first of the year south of the excavation where the razed auditorium stood, were mapped by Principal Thomas Elson in a conference with Wesley Eager, architect, this week.

Eager is making an entirely new set of plans for the building, which will cost about \$90,000. He had previously submitted plans and sketches for an auditorium to the board of education but these were dropped when new arrangement of assembly facilities and other building changes were adopted by the board recently.

Principal Elson is also endeavoring to get official sanction for the construction of a new girls' playground nearer the school buildings so that the girls will not have to go so far (to other end of the main playground) for their outdoor physical education training. Elson wants to locate the new field, which would be 150 to 270 feet in size, west of the new boys' gymnasium building. He said that the school board has included the cost of installing such a field in its budget and that the project has been approved by the superintendent's office.

IMPROVE SETTING

A cement curb along the alley and lawn and shrubbery are to be installed at the Administration building.

GOT \$3,320 FOR HALF OF TICKET

"Idaho" was just another horse in the 99th running of the Irish Sweepstakes at Newmarket, England, yesterday but his presence in the race meant \$4,310 to Harry Beach, cost clerk at the National Supply company, who lives at 1319 Arlington avenue.

He drew the American entry in the Cesarewitch stakes, according to a cable notification received here last Friday. That entitled him to \$1,320 even if the horse only limped the distance. But with this welcome news came word that if Beach wanted to sell a half interest in his Sweepstakes lottery ticket he should contact a New York sportsman.

This he did by telegram and was referred to the New York City attorney in San Francisco. Beach went north Saturday night and Sunday he sold half of his ducat for \$3,320 and got the money.

Yanks Collect Big Wad

\$800 coming to him from his share of the lucky bit of paper that he bought for \$2.50 last July after the salesman had made repeated attempts to dispose of it.

Not a single Los Angeles county ticket-holder in the Irish Sweepstakes held a ducat on the winning horse, Punch, or on the second and third horses in the English race. Thus none of the \$150,000, \$75,000 or \$50,000 prizes came to this county. (Continued on Page 2-A)

THREE TOPICS BEFORE CITY MERCHANTS

An important dinner-meeting of the Torrance Retail Merchants' association will be held tomorrow (Friday) evening at Daniels cafe, starting at 6:30 o'clock, according to President Alden W. Smith. Three vital matters of interest to every business man and woman in the city will be discussed and settled at this session. They are:

(1) Observance of the Armistice Day holiday, Thursday, Nov. 11. A number of inquiries concerning this closing, have been received at the Chamber of Commerce and Secretary L. J. Gilmeister has referred these to the Merchants' association. Arrangements whereby all firms except one drug store, cafes and service stations will close all day Nov. 11 has been suggested, with the service stations closing at 1 o'clock.

(2) Election of new officers for the association. Nominations will be made by those attending the meeting and a vote held at once.

(3) The Christmas decorations and special Yuletide merchandising events will be covered and agreed upon in order to give decorators ample time to work out their plans.

AMMUNITION GRANT

An appropriation of \$24 monthly to purchase ammunition for Torrance police officers' practice at the Pistol club range was voted by the city council Tuesday night at Mayor William H. Tolson's suggestion.

Fairless Succeeds Irvin as U. S. Steel Head

At a quarterly meeting of directors of the United States Steel corporation Tuesday, B. F. Fairless, president of Carnegie-Illinois Steel corporation was elected to succeed William A. Irvin, president of the corporation as of Jan. 1, 1938, Irvin being elected vice-president of the board effective Jan. 1. The board also declared a \$1 dividend on common stock.

Myron C. Taylor confirmed to the board his intentions, as previously stated to them, not to accept re-election as chairman at the time of its annual meeting April 4, 1938. Taylor will continue as a member of the board and of the finance committee.

Other Changes Made

It is planned that Edward R. Stettinius Jr., present chairman of the finance committee would succeed Taylor as chairman of the board on April 5 next, and that Ender M. Voorhees, now vice-chairman of the finance committee would then assume chairmanship of that committee.

J. L. Perry, now president of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad company will on Jan. 1, succeed Fairless as president of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel corporation and Robert Gregg, vice-president of the U. S. Steel corporation will become president of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad company.

Gang Guns Spit Death at 'Les' Bruneman

While Los Angeles authorities were reported seeking everything from "two Italian bookies" to "20 imported Chicago gangsters" for questioning in regard to his murder, George L. "Les" Bruneman's body was enroute to San Francisco today for interment. Bruneman, who recovered from gunshot wounds under heavy guard at Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital last July, was slain early Monday morning in a Los Angeles cafe by a pair of gunmen who also killed a bystander and wounded Miss Alice Ingram, 24, a nurse.

The coroner's jury investigating the double killing yesterday brought in a verdict that the killers were unknown after testimony had been taken from the nurse's sister, the proprietor of the cocktail bar-cafe, patrons present at the time and others.

Strong for Blondeville

Altho a woman claiming to be Bruneman's wife visited him several times while he was a patient in the hospital here after he was critically wounded in Redondo Beach July 19, his mother is reported to have told Coroner Frank Nance that her gambler-son was divorced some time ago.

At any rate, Bruneman, who figured largely in Los Angeles underworld circles, had a penchant for blonde girl-friends because he was with one, Patricia Eaton, when gunmen failed to "rub him out" at Redondo and another, his Los Angeles nurse, when he finally fell with 16 slugs in his body.

Torrance Engineer on Committee to Map Flood Control Effort

Determined efforts to work out a plan for draining Bixby Slough, north of Long Beach and immediately east of Lomita, at a cost of approximately \$80,000 are to be made by a committee of city, county, harbor and flood control officials, following an appearance before the board of supervisors Tuesday of F. M. Andreani, former Los Angeles harbor commissioner.

The committee, which is expected to hold its first meeting next week, is composed of City Engineer Lloyd Aldrich of Los Angeles, City Engineer, Frank Leonard of Torrance, County Surveyor Alfred Jones, Flood Control Engineer C. H. Howell, and Secretary George Cecil of the Los Angeles County Conservation association.

The Bixby Slough problem is entirely separate from the Nigger Slough problem, it was explained, and although Nigger Slough could be drained through Bixby Slough, engineers have estimated that it would cost some \$900,000 to excavate a channel between the two stagnant bodies of water.

1,000-Foot Canal Suggested

Andreani said he hoped to have the proper officials sponsor a WPA project to drain Bixby slough, if it could not be done as a flood control district project. It also has been suggested that the city of Los Angeles, the flood control district and the county share the cost.

As outlined to the board of supervisors by Andreani, a drainage canal to empty Bixby slough into the west basin of Los Angeles harbor would be approximately 4,000 feet long. He stated that owners of residential and industrial property alike were pleading that something be done before serious damage resulted from rains that could easily cause damage to highways amounting to more than the cost of the drainage canal.

Andreani emphasized that the slough was more than filled with water during the last rainy season and still has much water in it now at the beginning of another season. With no outlet, he declared, floods not only cover valuable lands but endanger north and south county highways. The water standing thru the summer, he said, was also a serious health menace.

CITY TO PLAN STREET WORK

No definite date has been set by the state division of highways for submission of a schedule of street improvements here to be financed by gasoline and motor license revenues due the city, some \$8,000, but City Engineer Frank R. Leonard asked the city council Tuesday night to furnish such a program as soon as possible.

He said that the state revenues will permit resurfacing and curbing of Torrance boulevard but probably not the full distance from Madrid avenue to the Pacific Electric station. Then there's the proposed improvement of Cabrillo avenue south of Carson street. This would cost about \$6,000 to pave an 11-foot strip, Leonard said. The council agreed to arrive at a definite street improvement program at the next meeting.

New Zoning Law Will Be Adopted Soon by Council

First move to adopt a new city zoning ordinance was made by the city council Tuesday night when City Engineer Frank R. Leonard and City Attorney C. T. Rippey were instructed to bring in a tentative report, ordinance and map at the next meeting, Nov. 9.

Leonard recalled to the council's attention that his proposed zoning map covering the entire city had recently been approved at a joint meeting of the city board and Chamber of Commerce directors. He said it would be difficult to describe all of the portions of the various zoning districts in the ordinance and proposed that the proposed statute refer to those districts on a zoning map which he will prepare.

Stroh Fails to Get His Council-Man Geo. Powell

A ten-minute recess was taken by the city council Tuesday night after Mayor William H. Tolson had called the meeting to order.

Councilman George V. Powell was absent and Captain John Stroh was asked to "round him up" during the recess. Stroh returned without his quarry because Powell was reported in Los Angeles and the meeting proceeded.

Indicating a keen interest in continued industrial expansion here, the Chamber of Commerce has received several letters during the past week from firms and individuals desiring up-to-date information on manufacturing facilities in Torrance.

T. R. Conway, industrial agent for the Santa Fe and R. D. Sangster, manager of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce industrial department, were among those asking for data, particularly about vacant industrial buildings which could be obtained and placed in use on short notice.

The writers stated that the shortage of such property was acute in Southern California and that Torrance holds many advantages for manufacturing concerns that other cities do not enjoy.

Petition Urges Work

A petition urging that flood control and drainage of Bixby Slough either by "fill" having a comprehensive study made by the county surveyor of the County Flood Control district, or both; (2) including proposed drainage among the 65 County Flood Control projects; (3) securing its undertaking as an independent WPA project under supervision of the county engineer; (4) sponsoring it as a WPA project under coordination of the County surveyor; (5) obtaining its accomplishment by any Federal relief agency, or (6) undertaking it in any expeditious and feasible manner in cooperation with the city of Los Angeles, was submitted to the supervisors. This was signed by Andreani, Rotary Materials Company, Ltd., Clark Iron Inc., W. I. Hollingsworth Company, Oakley Company, Bank of America and the Harbor City Chamber of Commerce.

The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce also endorsed the petition, according to a separate communication and S. V. Cortelyou, district engineer for the State Division of Highways gave his approval to the project in a letter dated Sept. 27.

Dist. P.T.A. Meet Called for Nov. 4

The next district meeting of the L. A. Tenth District California Congress of Parents and Teachers will be held Nov. 4 from 8 to 10 o'clock at Belmont high school, 1572 West Second street, Los Angeles. The theme will be "Understanding the Nature of Childhood and Youth."

KELLEY'S PIGEONS SHOW SPEED IN DISTANCE DASHES

Bird Racer Covers 175 Miles at Rate of 1,036 Yards Per Minute

E. F. Kelley's fellow-members in the Gardena Pigeon club have been beating a path to his lofts ever since one of his speedy homers soared the 175 miles from Tulare at an average speed of 1,036 yards per minute to come home 18 minutes faster than any other bird entered in the race by the Gardena organization.

There were 923 pigeons from 74 different lofts throughout Southern California entered in the Tulare "liberation" and Kelley's flier ranked 26th of that number. His lofts are located near his residence at the corner

of Figueroa and Sepulveda boulevards.

At the present time the local fancier is grooming a small dove-gray colored hen for the Merced race next Sunday. This bird was entered for this one race at the time it was hatched and now wears the distinguishing "concourse" band on its left leg in addition to the loft identification band on its right leg.

Make Training Flight

Kelley has enjoyed unusual success with his homers and now owns about 50 of them. His brother, E. B. Kelley of this city is also interested in pigeon

raising and one of his entries in the Tulare dash was second.

Shortly before that race E. F. Kelley had a hen-pigeon that placed second in a flight from Bakersfield, 115 miles from his loft.

Fastest Time of Year

Tuesday morning he welcomed home four racers which had been shipped to Saugus on the train for a 60-mile training flight. The birds were sent to that station with instructions for release at 8 a. m. The first pair entered the Kelley loft at 10:20 after circling it several times.

Last Sunday the pigeon-racer entered a hen in the Fresno race, a distance of 219 air miles. Ninety-eight lofts sent contestants and they were all liberated at 6:30 a. m. Kelley's entrant arrived in the home loft at 11:55, making an average time of 1,174 yards per minute, the fastest time any of his birds have made so far this year.

Only young birds are being entered in the fall and winter races, Kelley said. The older feathered fliers are used in the warmer days of spring and summer.