

## WILL YOU HELP?



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MASTER VERNON SANDSTROM

## Dance Tickets Assist Local Boy's Recovery

President Roosevelt and six-year-old Vernon Sandstrom of South Torrance have something in common. "He wears a brace just like I do—see!" Vernon says and holds up for your inspection one of his most cherished possessions—a newspaper picture of the President entering a Washington church on the arm of one of his sons, his leg brace clearly visible, clamped to his ankle.

Both the President and Vernon have been stricken by infantile paralysis and, like the

## Lessons Hold Lad's Interest

He wants to be a policeman when he grows up.

Santa Claus was very good to him—he got an electric train and, now that Father Albert Sandstrom is thru playing with it, is running it like a veteran railroad.

Shy, he doesn't talk much with strangers—like newspaper reporters—but once his interest is aroused he yells and shouts like any other boy.

—And how he can make his old wheelchair curvet, leap and turn on the proverbial dime! He gets over as there is free wheeling space.

That's Master Vernon Sandstrom, infantile paralysis victim and a real boy. He receives home instruction once a week from a teacher who then leaves a schedule of lessons which Mrs. Sandstrom works out with him. This instruction began last October and Vernon likes it very much—particularly drawing. He's also keen about his violin lessons which come once a week in Torrance.

He's a grand youngster and, because of the humanitarian purpose of the nation-wide President's Birthday Ball, coming on Jan. 29, he and many other children now afflicted or who may contract that dread disease, will some day take their place in this world—cured.

## Deputy Registrar at City Hall

Qualified electors residing in Torrance and vicinity may register now at the city clerk's office for the first vote event of the year—the municipal election on April 12. Mrs. Vernon Babcock, a deputy registrar, is there from 10 to 4:30 each day.

## "We've not given up efforts to improve Cabrillo avenue

BUT WE'RE CONSOLIDATING our position so that in the very near future we can go to Pacific Electric officials with a united front and demand definite action," declared John ("Jack") Miller of the M & M Transfer company who has been one of the leaders in the effort to obtain (1) removal of the center strip curbs bordering the P. E. right-of-way and the paving of that rail thoroughfare.

"I am confident that this improvement would increase business along Cabrillo 20 percent and would result in a substantial population increase. As it is now, our main business street looks like an iron cow-path," he continued. Several lots have been sold on Cabrillo recently and the new owners intend building on them—when the street is modernized, Miller said.

"We need the support of the general public. We have already received endorsement of our efforts from the city council, Kiwanis club and Chamber of Commerce. I will be glad to receive more letters in favor of the improvement and add them to the stack we are preparing for submission to the Pacific Electric."

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## Oil Scouts Throng South Torrance Field

## Work Starts on \$200,000 CBS-KNX Plant Here

\$40,000 Transmitter Building Will House Latest in Equipment

Construction of the world's most modern broadcasting transmitter station started today in Torrance!

The building permit for the \$40,000 structure which will house most of the \$200,000 worth of equipment to be located on a part of a 30-acre site at the northeast corner of 190th street and Hawthorne avenue was issued Tuesday by City Engineer Frank R. Leonard.

It sent the 1938 building permit total here soaring to \$1,792,950—and the year is but 20 days old!

### 490-Foot Tower

Engineer Leonard issued the permit to the contractor, William Simpson of Los Angeles, and the owners of the new station—the Vine Street Realty corporation of Hollywood which controls the Columbia Broadcasting company and radio station KNX's properties in Southern California.

Sheet after sheet of blueprint plans reveal that the transmitter structure will be one of the most interesting ever constructed. The equipment, which will fill CBS radio programs originating in Hollywood or "piped" to that radio-screen capital from other parts of the globe, will cost in excess of \$12,000, it was learned.

A 490-foot transmitter tower will add \$16,000 to the broadcasting firm's investment in Torrance. A great part of the equipment is being especially designed and built for the new outlet, it is understood, and for that reason no date has been set yet for the completion and operation of the transmitter headquarters.

### Provides Public View

Built of steel and reinforced concrete, the main structure's design, created by John and Donald B. Parkinson, architects, will embrace many novel construction features. Chief of these will be a circular room with a glass-enclosed gallery running around its circumference which will permit visitors to see all the transmitting equipment in the control room below them. This room will be 54 feet in diameter.

In addition to this part of the building, which will tower above a two-story wing, will be a basement in which will be located a large garage, storage and machinery rooms. The main office, tube and its circumference, will be held by the board of supervisors Feb. 8. The project, which is to be instituted under the County Improvement Act of 1921, includes construction of concrete sidewalks, curbs and gutters, to join the existing curbs and sidewalks. The cost is estimated at \$7,000 to be paid for by issuance of 10-year bonds.

Another New Derrick

Other building permits issued during the past week here went to: the Republic Supply company for a moved-in corrugated iron structure, 25 by 50 feet, at the northwest corner of Arlington and 190th street.

## TWO HEARINGS FACE COUNCIL

The city council is expected to clear its desks of routine civic business matters in short order next Tuesday night, Jan. 25, in order to conduct two public hearings. The first will be the final chance residents of North Torrance along Arlington avenue between 166th and 182nd streets will have to support or protest the installation of water facilities at a bond-issue cost of \$8,244.

At 8:30 the council is scheduled to hold the first of two hearings on the proposed new city-wide ordinance prepared by City Engineer Frank R. Leonard and City Attorney C. T. Rippy. A large master map of the city has been prepared, showing the various zones into which the municipality will be divided for business, residential, agricultural or industrial uses.

## Escaped Patton Inmate Nabbed Drunk In Auto

A routine check on police records after Bert Lee Wilson's arrest by Motor Officer Percy Bennett here Saturday night disclosed that the 50-year-old resident at 1323 Carson street was an escaped inmate of Patton insane asylum.

Within a few minutes after Wilson confirmed the fact that he had been committed to Patton and escaped from that institution last August, he was enroute to the psychopathic ward of the county hospital.

Driving the car, which Officer Bennett stopped just before it crashed into another machine which was driven by a woman, was Wilson's 36-year-old brother, James, who gave the same Carson street address. "They both were sloppy-eyed drunk," Bennett said. "They were weaving down the street quite unconcerned with the rest of the traffic."

James Wilson, hailed before City Judge Robert Lessing, was fined \$50 or 25 days in jail. He promptly applied for probation and Lessing will hear his plea tomorrow morning.

The former Patton inmate had been living at the Carson street residence for the past several months, working at odd jobs, according to police. He gave little evidence of being mentally unbalanced but, Officer Bennett reported, "plenty of being very, very drunk."

## RING BRANDS WALTERIAN

While changing a car battery, the pliers which William Coker, Walteria service station operator, were holding short-circuited across the terminals Monday. A ring on his finger came in contact with the pliers and turned red hot.

Before he could plunge his hand into water, Coker's finger was badly branded and his whole hand and arm began to swell. He was resting comfortably yesterday—but he's going to keep rings off his fingers when working in the future.

## ASSIGN TAX DEPUTY HERE

Arrangements were completed this week between the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and the Internal Revenue office of the Treasury department for the assignment of a deputy collector to this city to assist local residents in the preparation of their Federal income tax returns for 1937. The deputy will be at the chamber Feb. 9 and 10 for this gratis service.

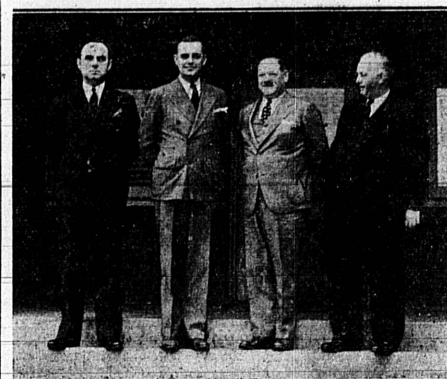
A corps of more than 100 deputy internal revenue collectors has been assembled to assist residents in this district to file income tax forms for 1937 by March 15. Income, social security, and various miscellaneous taxes all fall due within the next 60 days.

A branch office of the internal revenue service is located in the Federal building at Long Beach. Deputies are on hand there to give assistance to Federal income taxpayers in this vicinity.

## Bag of Pennies Stolen Here

A paper bag, containing 75 pennies, which was in a glass jar was stolen from a bookcase in Mrs. W. C. Alden's home, 1233 Arlington, some time Sunday night. Mrs. Alden discovered the theft Wednesday morning. Some more money in a bag among the books was untouched, she said. The burglars, two suspects, being investigated now by police, gained entrance by cutting a screen and raising an unlocked window.

## PLAN METAL CONGRESS



Left to right: A. G. Zima, Los Angeles; E. M. Barber, general superintendent of Columbia Steel; W. H. Eisenman, secretary of the American Society for Metals, of Cleveland, and John Disario of Torrance, general chairman of the Western Metal Congress and Exposition to be held in Los Angeles next March.

## Columbia Steel Men Assisting in Western Exposition Gathering

Further arrangements were made by John Disario, Columbia Steel metallurgist who is general chairman of the committee in charge of the Western Metal Congress and Exposition, Tuesday for the five-day event which will attract more than 3,000 leaders and technical men to Los Angeles March 21 to 25.

## Rotarians Hosts at Dinner-Dance Party Tonight

Reservation for 100 have been made for the dinner-dance of the Torrance Rotary club to be held this evening at Lakewood Golf club. Included in the large list of guests are many members of the Kiwanis club and their ladies.

Highlight of the evening's entertainment will be the R. Fraunfelder family who will present a program of songs and dances in their native Tyrolean costumes. The Fraunfelders appeared at the Pageant of Progress in Chicago, and later in San Diego. During the past summer they were featured artists at Yosemite National Park.

This evening's party is in charge of Past-President Charles V. Jones, John W. McMillan and Ray Casey. Dinner will be served promptly at 7:30 and dancing will begin at 9 o'clock.

## Valuable Books Stolen From Riviera Home

A literary burglar who scorns current fiction for valuable copies of classic literature made his appearance in Hollywood Riviera last Saturday afternoon.

Fourteen volumes of a 20-volume Charles Dickens' anniversary set, edition of Feb. 7, 1812, were stolen from Mrs. E. R. Carpenter's home at 624 Miramar street, between 4 and 5 o'clock, according to a report made to police here Sunday. The book thief or thieves broke a glass in the front door to gain entrance.

## Dr. Lancaster Heads Staff

Dr. J. S. Lancaster was elected president of the staff at Torrance Memorial hospital Tuesday noon when the regular monthly luncheon meeting was held. Dr. Ralph Rhind of Hermosa was named vice-president and Dr. E. G. Butts of Redondo, president last year, was chosen secretary. The physicians discussed plans for the annual Hospital Benefit ball which will be held late next month.

## Civic Groups in Joint Meet

A joint meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce and the Torrance Retail Merchants' association was held in the Administration building Monday to exchange viewpoints in regard to future promotional ideas and promote greater harmony among the two groups whose interests are allied.

## DOYLE JOINS QUEST

Their pockets bulging with blank lease forms and their fountain pens filled to capacity, oil lease agents are canvassing the South Torrance field with more diligence than magazine subscription solicitors—intent on signing up as much property as they can for greater exploration of the high-gravity deeper oil sands.

With more than 15 new and re-conditioned derricks the centers of activity at the present time and erection of two new rigs for first "grass-roots" penetration to ascertained rich 4,880 to 5050-foot depths, every indication points to an oil boom here which will rival 1923 production.

Engineers, riggers, drillers and other oil workers are thronging into the field and overflowing into Torrance, causing a keen demand for housing facilities. This new business, which will affect the city's mercantile life with increasing revenue is good news to real estate agents, merchants and professional people.

Thorough Test Awaited

Newest entrant in the field is Jack Doyle, well-known sportsman whose oil interests until now have chiefly been in the Kettleman and Ventura fields. He was scheduled to start a pair of new holes on 224th and 230th streets, west of Narbonne, today. Doyle, it is understood, has six or seven acres under lease at present and his scouts are seeking more.

Doyle, veteran observer of the oil industry, is rivaling Neil Anderson, former state oil umpire, for honors as the "biggest independent in the field."

It will be from 30 to 60 days before the South Torrance deeper sands will be thoroughly tested for their possibilities in future production but, meanwhile, there has been no let-up in deepening activity since the C. C. M. O. started the plunge for the lower sands with its No. 33.

Leases Reported Signed

Long-time Torrance residents, who have maintained their ownership of property in that area for many years, confident that their investments would some day prove profitable—are now watching with great interest the development of the deeper sands.

Among these are Sam Levy, George Neill, Mrs. George P. Shidler and a Mr. McCloud of Nebraska, who leased their two-acre holding on 229th to Doyle this week. Dr. J. S. Lancaster is reported to have leased his acre adjoining that combine's holdings on 230th to Doyle and A. Bond, well-known barber, signed over his acre (which he owned for 18 years) at 2224 230th to the same operator this week.

Wallace Post and Charles Houts, who have holdings on 229th street, have let out their property for oil exploration.

Three are Producing

Most of the leases signed this week, according to information received by The Herald, carry 30 to 60-day drilling clauses with a forfeiture of \$500 by the operator in event drilling is not under way within that time. Three deepened wells are producing at the present time in the South Torrance field: Main and Grubb's No. 1 at Pennsylvania and Sepulveda, the Four-Way Oil's hole at 232nd off Narbonne and the C. C. M. O.'s (Continued on Page 2-A)

## Scattergood Baines will pay tribute to Torrance

AND ITS RETAIL STOREKEEPERS Friday night, Jan. 21, at just one minute before 9:30 o'clock over the Columbia Broadcasting network, via station KNX. "We want this salute to be as fine as possible," wrote Baines, affable creature of fiction, to both The Herald and the chamber of commerce, "so I'm going to ask you to send us some information about your locality. . . . If you'll just tell us the things about your town you're proudest of, we'll see to it the rest of the radio audience hears about 'em, too!"

Promptly a sheaf of informative data was dispatched to Radio Actor Baines, enough to fill many minutes of time on the air. But he can edit it down and all Torrance listeners-in may hear what he says about their home town come Friday night, Jan. 21, at just one minute before 9:30 o'clock.