

Cargo of Scrap Iron Meets Disaster



This scene shows where four gondola freight cars carrying 200 tons of scrap iron for Japan's war machine crumpled a pier at San Pedro harbor and plunged into the bay before they could be loaded aboard the Japanese freighter waiting for them. Harbor authorities are now attempting to recover the cars and metal.

DEADLINE FOR ELECTION REGISTRATION WEEK OFF

Those qualified to vote in the April 12 municipal election must be properly registered by midnight next Thursday, March 3, in order to cast ballots. Prospective candidates for elective offices—two city council positions, city clerk and city treasurer—have until 12 o'clock noon, March 12 to file their nomination petitions with City Clerk A. H. Bartlett. There are a number of deputy registrars operating in this city to give residents an opportunity of "signing up" to vote at the first 1938 election.

Ludlow Seeks Jack Murray Re-Election First to File

One-time city councilman and mayor, Scott R. Ludlow, this week announced his intention to seek re-election as city treasurer in the April municipal election. He filed his nomination petition with City Clerk A. H. Bartlett. Ludlow's civic service record dates back to 1932 when he was councilman, chairman of the Finance committee and later mayor several years. He was appointed city treasurer to fill the unexpired term of Harry Dolley.

Ludlow assisted in establishing and completing many of the work projects which Torrance developed with the assistance of the Federal government. Some of these were the municipal water works, new municipal buildings, sewing and veterans' relief projects and the new municipal park. His experience in working with the council on financial matters, adoption of economy measures, setting up the necessary reserves to carry the city, floating the various bond issues is Ludlow's claim to endorsement for the office he seeks next April. His treasury reports have been held to be exact and explicit in every detail, two factors which have afforded security and confidence in the city administrations of the past.

"I am running for this office with the sincere desire to serve citizens of Torrance efficiently and well. As in the past I will always work for the best interests of the whole city without any entangling alliances," Ludlow said. "I trust our qualified voters will see fit to return me to office."

New Building Totals \$10,200

Building permits issued during the past week amounted to \$10,200 in new construction, according to reports at the city engineer's office. Permits were granted:

Frank Schmidt for a five-room house and garage costing \$1,500 at 1918 Cabrillo; George Borce for a four-room frame house at 24410 Los Codona in Welteria, costing \$1,500; the Imperial Gypsum and Oil Corporation of Los Angeles for a wooden oil derrick at 2400 230th street, \$5,000, and to Mr. Bengel for a four-room frame stucco house and garage at 2220 Andreo avenue, \$2,200.

Newcomers Buy Court Here

R. E. Phillips, of Cleveland, Ohio, became the new owner by purchase last week of the Greenwood Terrace apartment court at 2164 Torrance boulevard. Phillips, with his wife, took possession of the court last Thursday, and is planning some improvements in the property. The young couple came to California a short time ago.

Rojo Residence Stripped of \$500 Loot

A series of housebreakings and robberies which have netted thieves several hundred dollars in loot here and in the Hollywood Riviera district during the past two weeks was climaxed last Friday by robbery of William H. Rojo, Jr.'s, home at 2268 Sonoma avenue.

Between 4:30 and 9:30 p. m., thieves ransacked the Rojo residence of jewelry, clothing and money amounting to more than \$500—most of which was covered by theft insurance. Dry Cleaner Rojo told police "They certainly 'cleaned' me out."

Included in the loot were a fur coat, valued at \$250; three men's suits (\$120), a lady's tailored suit, 20 shirts, 20 suits of men's underwear, an Illinois 17-jewel watch, lady's diamond ring, diamond necklace, a Masonic emblem, .32 calibre automatic, a bedspread, pair of house slippers, a child's bank containing about \$5, and \$8 in currency.

Reiterating Warning The housebreakers, believed by police to have known in advance of the Rojo belongings, broke a window in the kitchen, reached and unlatched the window to gain entrance. The robbery was discovered when Mr. and Mrs. Rojo returned home at 9:30 o'clock. There was evidence that one or more of the robbers wore soiled or greasy clothing.

Police Chief G. M. Calder again warns local residents to be certain all entrances to their homes are locked and to leave a light burning when absent any period of time. "A light will do more," he said, "to keep marauders away than any other precaution, unless thieves know the home is unoccupied."

Hospital Ball Proceeds 'Fair'

"Only fair" financially; "very successful" as an entertainment and "top notch" as a dance describes the annual Torrance Hospital benefit ball held last Saturday night for the first time in the Civic Auditorium. About 500 tickets to the Dr. J. S. Lancaster, member of the hospital's medical staff which sponsored the benefit. Approximately 300 attended.

"The benefit was not as profitable to the hospital as previous ones have been," he said, "but we were delighted with the cooperation we received from local residents. Nearly all of the tickets were sold to Torrance people, very few were bought by residents in other surrounding communities."

Outsiders Win Prizes Altho adjoining cities did not lend customary support to the benefit affair, residents of communities bordering Torrance were winners of the cash awards of \$25, \$15 and \$10, given as door prizes. The Auditorium was attractively decorated by members of the Woman's club.

That organization also had charge of the advance sale of tickets and the soft-drink and sandwich concession at the dance.

Dr. Lancaster said that no report could be given this week on the financial statement of the dance because of the number of returns had yet to be made on the advance sale of tickets. Expenses of the dance were less, he said, than last year when the Surf and Sand clubhouse at Hermosa Beach was rented for the ball at a high figure.

Student Dances Continue Friday

About 100 high school students attended the first of a series of regular Friday night dances in the Civic Auditorium last week. Another "student hop" will be held tomorrow night in the same location under the auspices of the Coordinating Council.

Trophies for the best waltzes and swing dancers are being offered each week and the contest last Friday night was a feature of the festivities.

Scouts Revel in Snow Sports

Boy Scout Troop No. 218 enjoyed a snow trip last weekend, traveling to Jackson Lake. Boy Scout camp thru the cooperation of its Rotary club sponsors. Cars to transport the group of 22 to the snow were furnished by Harvel Guttenfelder, Fay Parks and Les Prince. Two full days of winter sports kept the Scouts busy.

Mattoon Quits On March 10

Resignation of County Counsel Everett W. Mattoon, author of the repealed Mattoon Act, will become effective March 10. Mattoon, whose resignation was promoted by an investigation into the circumstances of a Santa Monica traffic accident in which one man was seriously hurt, has been county counsel for over 10 years.

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Deep Sand Test Draws More Operators

Anderson Brings in No. 2; Others Due to Go on the Pump

The list of oil operators working in the South Torrance field was increased materially during the past week as still greater exploration of the deep sand oil strata was begun at many different locations.

At the same time Neal Anderson brought in his No. 2

in deep-sand on Sepulveda off Narbonne. This well is doing 198 barrels of 27 gravity cutting 10 percent and cleaning up. It is reported. The well was down to 5,051 feet and an oil zone between 4,896 and 5,044 feet is open.

M. & M. Oil company expects to put its deepened well on the pump in a few days and Everett Grubbs has cleaned up his No. 2 hole. He has been shifting his tanks during the past week, thus effectively blocking all estimates to his actual production.

The fact that Kelly-O'Brien's Emerald Oil No. 1 is still wet at 5,120 feet is causing operators in the east side of the field some worry. This well is the first unsuccessful deep sand test in the district and it has continued to yield mostly water on pumping tests. Re-plugged twice or three times, the Emerald is now being treated to a special cementing job in the hope that this will prove effective in getting a shut-off.

Incidentally he was leaving them all gifts of free pastries as his method of celebrating the success of Fisher and Johnson in bringing in a producing deep-sand well on Watkins' acre at 233rd and Eschelman late yesterday afternoon. Owner of the property since 1921, Bread Salesman Watkins has yet to learned definitely the amount of production at "his well."

"I've heard it was 400 barrels—but that seems too good to be true," he told a Herald reporter who chased him over the city this afternoon to get an interview. It appears, on checking with reliable sources of information close to the operators of the well, that the figure is considerably high but production is said to be "highly satisfactory" just the same. The well is on the pump and clearing up nicely.

Watkins has been employed by his bakery company for 27 years. He has three children, 26, 22 and 14 years old. Asked what he intends to do with his "first million," he said:

"Just go on peddling bread from this old Ford, I guess. I'd be kinda lost without the friends I've made on my route. Well, I better be on my way—there's lots of families waiting for their bread yet this afternoon."

Toot! Toot! He sounded his joyous whistle and chugged off.

PROTECTION UPHOLD

The right of cities to use ordinances to protect residents from unauthorized magazine salesmen was upheld in a recent decision by the third district court of appeals.

Symphony Group Wants Vote On City Subsidy from Taxes

If George N. Mershon and friends are successful, the local municipal election ballot in April will contain an initiative measure which would create a special fund from which the Torrance Symphony orchestra will be subsidized here.

Mershon, director of the orchestra for two years until it was disbanded this season for lack of funds, and a group of symphony-sympathizers are circulating petitions for such an initiative.

They propose that a fund be set up out of the proceeds of three-fourths of one cent tax per \$100 assessed valuation. This money would be devoted to the exploitation of the orchestra and its development into an important civic enterprise.

A musical aggregation was founded here as the Torrance Grand Opera and Symphony association and many residents

Saturday Is Dollar Day!

Torrance Merchants Prepared with Hundreds of Brand-New Bargains; Herald Offers 'Trade Allowance'

Determined to give that unwelcome visitor in our midst these past several months—Old Man Repression—a vigorous "bum's rush" into the blue Pacific, Torrance merchants have combined to stage a Dollar Day of Distinctive Deals Saturday, Feb. 26.



Your dollars will be worth nearly twice their value if you take advantage of the special values in clean, new, forthright merchandise especially stocked for this great sales event.

It's been a long time since local stores have prepared such a top-notch merchandising event for those who shop in Torrance. The Dollar Day is not a clearance sale. The values are on brand-new goods and wares for this Saturday feature. Check the list of cooper-

ating firms as shown in the Herald advertisements today and then visit the stores to see for yourself the bargains that are offered.

Come downtown Saturday... see the great array of special bargains—many of them being advertised in this issue of The Herald—and stock up what you need.

Not to be outdone by the merchants, The Herald announces its own special Dollar Day offer:

If you bring in a one-year subscription, pay the regular rate of \$2, you will receive an order good for \$1 in trade at any participating Dollar Day store in Torrance. That's a Dollar for your Dollar... and you get The Herald for a full year!

These special Dollar Day subscriptions must be brought to The Herald office on El Prado today, tomorrow or Saturday before 12 o'clock noon. The \$1 trade allowance must be spent with a participating Dollar Day store during the Dollar Day sale Saturday. This offer is good only on new subscriptions of a year or more. A two-year subscription will get you a \$2 trade order.

New Significance in These Maneuvers



With war talk growing in Europe and an inflamed condition in the Orient, an added significance is attached these days to Western army and navy maneuvers during National Defense Week. Pictured above is a detachment of marines putting on a sham battle on the shores of Lake Washington near Seattle.

Bids Called for on New H. S. Aud Today

Completed and approved by the state division of planning and housing, the plans for the proposed \$100,700 Torrance high school auditorium were given final endorsement today by the Los Angeles board of education, according to reports received by The Herald. The board authorized calling for bids on the structure.

Two or more weeks must elapse to give contractors an opportunity to scan the plans and specifications and submit their estimates. According to the best available information, actual construction of the structure, which will face the present excavated area where the old auditorium stood, will not begin until the latter part of March.

May Remodel Offices

Principal Thomas H. Elson said this week that he had been informed by the Los Angeles school district architect that only a few minor changes in the plans have been made and the re-submitted plans received formal approval Monday.

Elson said that there is a possibility that the present high school offices will be extensively remodeled to permit better operation and control. Plans for this improvement are now being drawn but the work will not be done at the same time the auditorium is constructed, he said.

Council Meets Band Practices—Pandemonium

The city clerk shouted... councilmen yelled their opinions and votes... Mayor Tolson became very red in the face as he chanted a request to the city engineer... reporters strained their ears trying to hear what was said and the few spectators at city council meeting last night merely sat back in their seats and enjoyed the music.

The reason for the officials' lung display, reporters' keen attention and spectators' enjoyment was: The Torrance Municipal band was practicing a difficult overture from Il Trovatore in the adjoining city courtroom.

While the brasses brayed, woodwinds wailed and drums thrashed, the council attempted to conduct its business. That was difficult but evidently the officials were music lovers—they never proposed asking the band to rest until the meeting was over.

COUNCIL MEETS FRIDAY

An adjourned meeting of the city council will be held tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 5 o'clock.

IMPROVE LIGHTING

Illuminated boulevard stop signs and sodium gas luminaires have been recommended for Normandie and Vermont avenues at the intersection of Highway 101.

Columbia Steel Calling Men Back to Jobs

Bulletin notices were posted at the Columbia Steel plant this week which were good news to many a Torrance resident, and all of the business firms. The notices stated that the open hearth department, shut down since Dec. 15, will start operations next Tuesday, March 1.

E. M. Barber, general superintendent, also announced that all mills will resume operations beginning Monday, Feb. 28. The mills have been operating on a "spread-the-work" basis and the resumption of activity will afford more hours per week per man.

Depends on Orders About 200 men who have been without steady employment since last December will return to the open hearth departments next Tuesday, according to Harry Lintott, assistant general superintendent of the plant.

"We hope business will sustain these increased operations for some time to come," Barber said. "We are doing all we can to provide work for as many men as possible but, of course, our labor requirements will depend on orders received."

City Buys Meter Checking Unit

Expenditures totalling \$636.48 were authorized by the city council last night. Purchase of 24 new water meters at \$9 each and trade-in of 24 old meters for a total cost of \$186.48 was approved as an appropriation of \$360 for "complete meter testing equipment for the Municipal Water District." Councilman R. J. Deisinger said that the testing apparatus will be used to check all meters installed here before 1937.

A third purchase was 50 gallons of traffic paint, costing about \$100, to complete the street lining and marking of Hawthorne boulevard. Councilman James Hitchcock said that the city would be reimbursed for this purchase out of the quarterly state gasoline tax fund apportioned to the city.

State Without Oil Regulation

The state supreme court's decision holding the Olson tideland bill subject to referendum left California entirely without legislation covering oil deposits beneath state-owned tidelands, officials here said.

It also left for the decision of voters at the November general election which of two measures covering the Huntington Beach tideland area shall be the law of the state.