Routine Business Holds Council's Attention

WIDE VARIETY OF SUBJECTS COVERED IN SESSION

A large amount of routine business was transacted by the city council at a regular session Tuesday night and more than the usual number of spectators were in the audience. This is what the city board did:

C.C.M.O. REPLIES . . . to Mayor William H. Tolson's request for some remedy to the sand gusts that sweep into Cedar street property from the tomato-cultivated field off Torrance boulevard and west of Cedar. F. C. Ripley, manager, wrote that he was "at a loss to know what to do to abate the nuisance" because it was not always possible to have lessees of the land put in clover crops and the C.C.M.O. desired some value out of the land. He suggested more trees as a windbreak. Councilman James Hitchcock reported that additional trees have been planted along Cedar during the past week and when they are grown they should stop much of the sand swirls.

CITY DOES ITS PART . . . in helping the Torrance Memorial hospital acquire its own laundry facilities by granting a free permit for the improvement. The hospital has been offered the Columbia Steel electrical and mechanic service without charge because the institution is a non-profit one.

THREE-WAY SPLIT . . . on the cost of installing a sodium vapor intersection light at 182nd and Hawthorne. Because this crossing is in Torrance, Redondo Beach and county territory, the beach city council, which had been petitioned for the better illumination, is asking Torrance and the county to share in the cost. Acting City Engineer Leonard Young was given authority to pledge the city's third if he deems the work worthy.

BID TO JUBILEE . . . received from city of Compton. Local city officials are invited to visit Compton during that city's 50th anniversary of its incorporation, May 19-21, and participate in a pioneer parade Saturday, May 21. Mayor Tolson is to arrange for acceptance of the invitation.

EARLY APPLICATION . . . for a permit to sell fireworks is approved. G. C. Anderson, who had a stand last year at Highway 101 near Pennsylvania avenue, submitted a request for renewal of his permit several months ago. It was granted last night more than two months early.

NEW RIFLE RANGE . . . proposed for Long Beach club in Torrance area. The Harbor Rifle and Pistol club, William S. Edwards, range master, is seeking a location at the southeast corner of the Weston Farms tract in the southwest part of the city for a new range and asked the council for a permit. The application was referred to the acting engineer and police department for investigation and report at the next meeting.

REFUND OF $109 . . . due in electrical license fees paid by Ed Nulty, chief electrician for the Texas company, since June, 1936. Nulty was not required to pay the license fee because he did not engage in contracting work but this was not made known to City Clerk A. H. Bartlett until the Texas company discovered the fact recently. The matter of the refund, which will probably be allowed, was referred to the ordinance committee for a report next week.

FIRE HYDRANT WANTED . . . to protect a $10,000 industrial investment. The Felker Manufacturing company, makers of diamond-edged saws, at 3321 Emerald street, requested the installation of a fire hydrant 150 feet from its plant, which is valued at $10,000, according to M. M. Felker. The request was referred to the acting city engineer and fire department for investigation.

NO MORE HOGS . . . will be allowed to fatten in city. An application by a Willowbrook hog rancher for a permit to establish a farm in the north end of North Torrance was summarily disposed of with the curt decision to "file the communication." Torrance has an ordinance against granting any more pig-pasture permits.

LIQUOR TAX RETURNS . . . added to city's treasury. City Clerk Bartlett reported he had received $861.77 from the state Board of Equalization, this city's allotment of the state liquor taxes.

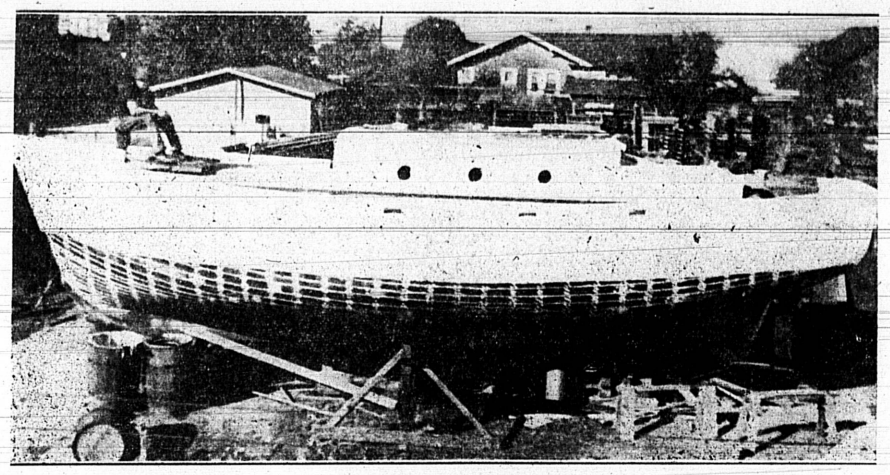
NEW PLUMBING LAW . . . amendment read for the first time. City Attorney John E. McCall read the proposed amendments to modernize the municipal regulations regarding plumbing contractors and journey men plumbers and these were adopted for the first reading. The new sections were drafted by the attorney following conferences with local plumbers and the council's ordinance committee. Permits for this type of work will be $50 for a calendar year, payable in advance, and all plumbers must hold a city license. Homeowners doing their own work do not need permits but their improvements must conform to city regulations and be inspected.

ERROR IS CORRECTED . . . regarding Civil Service Commission appointments. Notified by City Clerk Bartlett that an error was made in appointing Bernard J. Bunje and Robert B. Roberts to three-year terms instead of six years to the city's Civil Service board, the council amended the appointing resolution to correct the term-time.

"MUSIC MIXUP" . . . detailed by George N. Mershon, local music instructor and dealer. He contended that all music teachers should be licensed and that several operating here, as well as "dancing, singing and dramatics teachers" have not conformed to the city law. Mayor Tolson referred his complaint to the ordinance committee for a report at the next meeting.

WANTS GAPS FILLED . . . to complete sidewalks on east side of Cedar. Mrs. James Brown, 1024 Cedar, asked the council to have sidewalks laid on her street in the vacant lot frontages which now do not have improved pedestrian lanes. This would necessitate formation of an assessment district, she was informed. The matter was referred to the acting city engineer for investigation.

FOUNDRY MOULDER BUILDS SAILBOAT . . . BOUND FOR DENMARK



—Cut courtesy of The Steel Blade—

"It won't be long now," says Johannes Johansen, moulder in the Columbia Steel Foundry, as he puts the finishing touches on his sailboat.

After more than four years of spare time work, Johannes has built a boat, a back yard job too, mind you, which is 21 feet 4 inches long, with a 12-foot 6-inch beam. The cabin is of full head room, and the boat will be propelled entirely by sail. It has been made complete with a blue print. The brass castings were made by him in a small shop near Huntington Park, in which he used to have a part interest. His supply of tools is limited, but he turned out the patterns for his castings, which would do justice to any pattern shop.

The above photograph is not representative of the progress made up to the present time, but is the only photograph available at this time. The boat is approximately 90 percent complete, and is really a fine looking, seaworthy job.

Johannes is a familiar figure in the Foundry department, where he has been employed since 1923. Many of the old-time Foundrymen remember him when he was employed by the original Columbia Steel company in Portland, Oregon, from 1914-18.

Johannes, a native of Denmark, plans to sail back to his native land in later years, and from the fine sturdy appearance of his boat, few hold doubts but what the trip can be made without any source of trouble. His many friends in the Columbia Steel plant are eagerly awaiting the launching to wish him "Happy Sailing."

CARE OF FLOORS

Varnished floors last longer and look better if frequently swept with a broom encased in a soft cloth and then wiped with cold water. They should be dried at once. This should be a weekly process.

Gov't. Issuing Birth Certificates, Dr. Smiley Says

"It won't be long before we'll be able to certify an infant for Social Security birth," Dr. Harry Smiley, deputy county health officer, declared yesterday as he exhibited the new birth certificates which the Federal government is now providing all hospitals and doctors.

These attractively decorated cards are given to proud mothers and fathers to assure them that their offspring has been properly registered with the State Registrar of Vital Statistics and the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census.

The government certificate is filled out and issued to parents in addition to any other birth certificate record that the hospital or doctor now uses at present.

Junior Musicians Schedule Concert

With a number of Torrance children participating, the Junior Musicians of America orchestra presented its first recital last week at the Moneta Presbyterian church. The orchestra will appear in concert, under the direction of R. Leggett, at the Central Evangelical church here on the evening of May 16.

Husband Tells Court He's "Bingo Widower"

MONTREAL (U.P.)—"I'm a bingo widower," James Connors testified in court here when he was brought up on charges of threatening his wife with a butcher knife.

"My wife is constantly running out to bingo games and taking the children with her," he said. The judge reserved decision when Connor's wife admitted she did spend the "odd nickel" on bingo.

Scarab Ring Believed To Be 3,400 Years Old

PENN YAN, N. Y. (U.P.)—An Egyptian ring, believed to be more than 3,400 years old, has been pronounced "probably genuine" by Nora E. Scott of the Egyptian art department of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

The ring, taken in trade by a Penn Yan jeweler, originally was purchased from an antique dealer in Cairo, Egypt.

Miss Scott wrote of the jewelry that the stone dates from the reign of Thutmose III, whose name it bears, or slightly later. The Egyptian king, she said, reigned from 1501 to 1447 B. C.

Flood Murals Painted

TURNERS FALLS, Mass. (U.P.)—Murals depicting scenes from the floods which swept this territory in 1936 have been painted on walls in the town hall by two 11-year-old boys.

Hospital Receives 7 New Patients

Seven new patients were received at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. They were: Mrs. Mildred Vansina, Redondo, on Sunday for medical care; Mrs. Emma Wiltse, Redondo, on Monday for surgery; and Ruth Burdick, 16, of Gardena, on Sunday for an appendectomy.

Mrs. Norina Hookey, Redondo, last Friday for surgery; Mrs. Annie Hathaway, Redondo, last Thursday for treatment of a heart ailment; Mrs. Myrtle Osbun, Manhattan Beach, on Monday for medical care, and C. D. Pickering, Redondo, yesterday for medical attention.

NEW WALLS

Wall repairs are no longer the expensive items they once were, nor do they now as formerly entail ripping out and tearing down plaster. Certain materials are on the market today that can be placed with dispatch directly over such defects as cracks or discolorations.