Extend Sewer Line to New Industry

A recommendation by Leonard Young, acting city engineer, that 285 feet of eight-inch sewer line be installed in the vicinity of Engracia and Llewellyn street to serve a new aluminum industrial plant now being erected there was approved by the city council Tuesday night.

The work is estimated to cost about $475. The extension will serve a large area of potential industrial development, Young pointed out. Because the main line will not reach the new industry, its owners will be required to pay for the lateral connection.

Frolic Program Being Drafted

With 35 representatives of various organizations attending, the Coordinating Council advanced plans for the first annual Factory Frolic, to be held Oct. 28, 29 and 30, Tuesday night in the city courtroom with President John Miller presiding. It was decided that the Council's "steering committee," composed of Miller, Dr. O. H. Fossum, Vernon Coil and Harry Slover, would draw up a master plan of the entire celebration and ask the various organizations to take over parts of the general entertainment.

At another meeting, to be held in two weeks, this Frolic schedule will be presented for additional suggestions and then the assignment of features will be worked out. Every effort will be made, President Miller asserted, to allow organizations to work on the entertainment, contest or special event they are particularly interested in. For instance, P. T. A. groups would be given the direction of children's features, other units handle the parades and adult entertainment.

Those present at the meeting this week offered a number of suggestions concerning the way the Frolic could be carried out to provide the most interest for the largest number of people. Before the Council adjourned it was decided that the Coordinating body should sponsor one or more adult dances in the Civic Auditorium.

REPORTS THEFT

Theft of $18 in a small suede purse taken from a handbag in a bureau drawer in her apartment was reported to police yesterday by Thelma Willis of 2213 Cabrillo.

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Barkdull Plans Final Legion Stag

Next Tuesday night Commander Grant Barkdull will preside for the last time (his term is ending) over another of the local Legion post's "stag" dinner-programs in the clubhouse, starting at 6:30 o'clock. Barkdull, who will be succeeded next month by Commander-elect Charles Myers, is planning an old-fashioned Dutch lunch for the dinner portion of the evening and will present some novel entertainment. This gathering is open to all men of the community but reservations should be made with Barkdull (phone 93) at once.

Eight Babies Arrive Here

Eight babies, five of them girls, were born at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. Dr. and Mrs. John Beeman of 1617 Cota, welcomed a daughter early yesterday morning. They also have a small son. Mrs. Beeman and daughter, as are all other mothers and babies here, are making good recoveries and progress.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gustafson, Wilmington, Monday; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marriott, 24663 Moon avenue, Lomita, last Saturday. Marriott is a clerk at the Central Market in Lomita.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Roth, Redondo, last Saturday; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Strelich, Los Angeles, Sunday; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Thomas, Redondo, Monday; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Grady Winkler, North Hollywood, yesterday, and a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Seizo Suemoto, Los Angeles, Thursday.

Smiths Enroute Home After Nearly 3 Years in Europe

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Smith and daughter, Jean, will return to their home in Torrance Aug. 26, according to a cablegram received this morning by Alver Johnson, who has been occupying the Smith residence on Carson street with his brothers. Mr. and Mrs. Smith left in Dec. 1935 for Europe where Mr. Smith represented the National Supply company in Rumania and England. They were joined later by their daughter, Jean. Recently, the family has visited Vienna, Paris, London, and other European capitals enroute home.

Gardena Will Improve Western

Actual work on the improvement of Western avenue in Gardena is expected to get under way late this week. The contract for the work has been awarded Vido Kovacevich, Lynwood contractor.

DRIVER IS HELD FOR DEATH OF CYCLIST IN CRASH HERE

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Gertrude, by his former wife, and his mother all of whom live in Long Beach. The funeral service was held this afternoon at Stone and Myers' chapel and interment was at Long Beach.

Salesman Holmes was first suspected of hit-and-run because he disappeared from the scene of the accident after stopping and going over to Wentz's body twice. At the inquest he testified that he continued driving to one side of Hawthorne, stopped and when he learned the ambulance had already been sent for, told a bystander to take his license number and name because he had to tell his wife in Palos Verdes of the accident.

"My wife has been out of the hospital but two weeks and I was afraid if someone else told her of the accident it would be bad for her," he said. "So I drove on to the Rice home, where we were staying, and called four different numbers before I finally informed Torrance police of the accident. Then I went to the police station to make a report."

No Tire Skid Marks

The coroner's jury, composed of Harvel Guttenfelder, Harry Dolley, Tom Waters, Charles H. Law, Ed Wakely and Don Miller, heard statements from six witnesses. M. G. Stapp, Tucson, Ariz., railroad man, brother-in-law of the victim, identified the body.

Sergeant Ernest M. Ashton of the local police department, testified concerning the police investigation of the accident. He said when he arrived on the scene Holmes had already left and the motorcycle and Wentz's body were flung against the curb on the east side of Hawthorne, south of the intersection.

There were no tire skid marks pertaining to the Ford sedan driven by Wentz altho the pavement marks of the motorcycle's skid showed that the rider "evidently swerved trying to avoid the collision."

Find Whiskey Bottle

Ashton reported that Holmes appeared at the police station here an hour and a half after the accident and told his story of his concern over his wife's health. The officer testified that Holmes told him he did not see the motorcycle approaching and that he stopped for the boulevard halt. Questioned by Deputy County Coroner Kane, Ashton said that he found a bottle of whiskey one-third full in the street near the wrecked motorcycle.

"Mr. Holmes denied knowing anything about the bottle and that night Mrs. Wentz, when she came to the police station told us that it belonged to her husband of two weeks," Ashton testified. "She said she told him to get it Saturday morning because he had a bad cold. She said they both had two drinks out of it before breakfast."

Harry Cagle, 24435 Neece avenue, Walteria, service station operator, told the jury he saw the accident from in front of his station on the southeast corner of the intersection. He said he heard John M. Larson, San Pedro, his assistant, tell Sergeant Ashton that he thought Holmes observed the boulevard stop but under questioning by the officer changed his story to the effect that Holmes may have only shifted gears without coming to a full stop.

Did Not See Him Stop

The next witness was Henry Mohler of Santa Ana who was following Wentz along the highway. He said the motorcyclist tried to avoid the crash. Mohler declared that Holmes did not make the boulevard stop but was driving "about 30 or 35 miles an hour across the intersection." He said Wentz was traveling about 40 or 45 miles an hour. "The driver of the Ford sedan was going too fast to have made the boulevard stop," he said.

On the witness stand young Larson said the Ford was slowing down as it approached the intersection but "I don't believe he made the boulevard stop." Holmes returned to the scene of the accident about an hour after it occurred, he said.

Informed by Coroner Kane that he did not have to testify if he so desired, Holmes nevertheless took the stand and in a firm voice gave his version of the accident. He said he observed the stop "because I particularly remember a large dark sedan going east was approaching the intersection. There was traffic to the extreme right, possibly 700 or 900 feet away, but I did not see the motorcycle.

Motorist's Own Story

"I started across and was about 12 or 15 feet past the center line of Highway 101 and about to shift into second when the impact occurred," Holmes continued. "I put on the brakes and then started up again to drive my car off the highway. Then I stopped and ran over to the body. I saw he was badly hurt and I was greatly shocked. My first thought was of my wife and that I had better tell her about the accident before someone else broke the news to her.

"I did not see the motorcycle at all until it hit my car. I asked a man (Mohler) to take the names down for me and told him I would be right back. Then I drove to Rice's house and had to go slow because the right fender was digging into the tire and I had to get out several times to try to pull it up. I called four numbers before I got the right one."

In answer to a question from a juryman, Holmes declared he had not been drinking. The cause of Wentz's death was given as result of a fractured skull and punctured lung in the autopsy report.

Torrance Garden Funds Released

With the release of WPA funds in Washington this week for county-wide community gardening projects, development of 80 acres north of the Columbia Steel plant here as a project to employ some 360 men from Torrance and surrounding communities was expected to start at once, according to Col. Donald H. Connolly, Southern California WPA administrator.

Torrance men on relief will be given preference on the local project, according to an agreement reached recently by local city officials and R. S. Atkinson, project supervisor, whereby the city will furnish a part of the water free for irrigation of the vegetable plot.

City Wants Definite Agreement About Dirt-Removal Job

Until M. R. Overholt, dirt contractor, offers a definite proposition concerning his proposal to remove 10 or 15 thousand yards of dirt at the city dump, no action will be taken by the city council on his request for this work. It was reported to the council Tuesday night that Overholt desired a 30-day option on the dirt-removal contract.

The city dump would be enlarged by the excavation but the council wants to be assured that whoever does the work will complete the job and not abandon the project before the necessary amount of soil is removed to provide the additional dumping facilities.

President On Air Monday Evening

President Franklin D. Roosevelt's address to the third anniversary celebration of the enactment of the Social Security law will be broadcast over KNX as the feature of Columbia's network schedule for Monday, Aug. 15, from 6:30 to 6:45 p. m. The Chief Executive is to speak from his home at Hyde Park.

Council Approves Expenditures

Appropriations voted Tuesday night at city council meeting included: for the erection of a dike at the city dump to protect the police pistol range from washouts in rainy weather, $303.50; for street improvement work on 237th between Narbonne and Pennsylvania, $121.40; for new street signs in Walteria, $124.

For two fire hydrant heads, $78.28; for 500 feet of six-inch cast iron pipe and fittings for the water department, $488.20; for three six-inch gate valves for the water department, $83.28.

Chamber Asks Building Annex

Giving three reasons why the enlargement was necessary, directors of the Chamber of Commerce asked the city council Tuesday night to budget funds for an addition to the present chamber headquarters adjoining the Civic Auditorium. The reasons were:

That more space is desirable for dining facilities to provide a meeting place for groups not large enough to use the Civic Auditorium; that it would provide room for large community committee gatherings, and it would increase the amount of storage space for Auditorium and kitchen equipment. The addition would include the present vacant area immediately in the rear of the chamber building.

The council indicated that the expansion project should have been included in the proposed Recreation bond issue special election but City Clerk A. H. Bartlett reported that if this was to be done it would delay the bond proceedings "at least 30 days." The council then agreed to discuss the matter further with chamber leaders and consider the problem of expansion at its next session.

Son of Local Woman Dies

Otto W. McEwen, son of Mrs. Ella Bronson and brother of Mrs. Lois Babcock of this city, passed away Aug. 2 at Los Angeles after an illness of two months. Interment was at Inglewood Park cemetery. Mr. McEwen was born at Mt. Pisgah, Iowa, Oct. 14, 1887. He was well known here and in San Pedro where he was in business for several years. In addition to his mother and sister of this city, he was survived by three other sisters, a brother and a daughter.

Andrews Receives Garbage Contract

Luther Andrews again received the city garbage collection contract, this time for a three-year period, Tuesday night when the city council adopted a resolution granting him this work. He will receive $400 per month the first year, $350 per month thereafter. Six bids for this service were opened July 19 but the council rejected all of them July 26 and instructed Andrews to continue service until a decision could be made on the award.

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Kiwanians to Tour KNX Plant

Accepting the invitation extended Monday night by Leo Shepard, KNX transmitter supervisor, to visit the new KNX-CBS broadcast outlet at Hawthorne and 190th street, members of the Kiwanis club will adjourn their dinner-session early next Monday evening and go in a group to Columbia Park to "preview" the $350,000 plant.

Shepard gave an interesting talk about the history of KNX and the reasons why the broadcast station and the Columbia Broadcasting System selected the Torrance site for the new transmitter. He also recounted several interesting experiences in putting special programs on the air from planes and warmly complimented city and Chamber of Commerce officials for their cooperation in the development of the new plant.

The transmitter supervisor and J. L. Middlebrooks, liaisson engineer for CBS, will be guests of the service club next Monday night and accompany the local men to the transmitter. Micheal Straszer presented the transmitter chief to the club this week.

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