

THREE MORE NEW TAX RATES SET

County and School Levies Awaited

Only the county and Los Angeles city school tax levies remain to be determined and then Torrance property owners will know what their total 1938-39 taxes will amount to. The board of supervisors still have about a week to decide what the county rate will be. The school board is expected to fix its new levy shortly.

Late last week the levies for three taxing units of the county and district were determined. These will be:

Metropolitan Water District, 40 cents—unchanged from last year's levy;

County Sanitation District No. 5, which includes Torrance, 26 cents—a reduction of one cent; and

County Flood Control, 21 cents—an increase of two cents.

Last year the general county tax rate was \$1.41 while the school levy was \$1.70. The Torrance municipal tax rates of \$1.10 and \$1.07 are the same as last year.

Costs Under Estimates
Government financing and lowering of construction costs will enable the Metropolitan Water District to keep its tax rate for this fiscal year at 40 cents.

Aqueduct construction costs have been considerably less than the original estimates, on the whole, the directors' finance committee pointed out. Additional savings were effected through a recent bond refunding agreement with the RFC. These savings were sufficiently large to keep the 1938-39 tax rate down, despite the fact that approximately \$32,000,000 of additional bond funds were invested in construction work during the past year.

By the end of the present fiscal year the aqueduct system will be 92 percent completed. At present the 392-mile water supply system extending from the Colorado river to Torrance and 12 other cities comprising the district is 85 percent completed.

Enlarge Harbor City Plant
Decreases in the tax rates of the various county sanitation districts were announced following a meeting of the boards of directors at which budgets for next year were adopted providing for rates below last year. In only two small districts, formed to dispose of salt water from old fields in Dominguez and the Baldwin Hills, were the same rates retained.

Deepest slash was in the district serving Norwalk, Downey and Riviera, amounting to six cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, as compared with last year. In this district a large amount of delinquent taxes was paid in, some of this due to refunding of "sour" Mattoon Act districts.

Bell, Maywood and other adjacent communities served by the same district will have a cut of three cents in the levy. Torrance, in District No. 5, will have a cut of one cent.

Decrease in operating expenses has been effected with the installation of special gas engines in the Harbor City disposal plant, these engines being operated entirely on sewer gas, and displacing use of the electric motors, which are kept for standby purposes. Some \$10,000 was netted last year in sale of sludge for fertilizer. Erection of a laboratory and machine shop is pending for the Harbor City plant.

U. S. Sells Hula Skirts
SAN FRANCISCO (U.P.)—Uncle Sam's annual postoffice sale of unclaimed merchandise included two hula skirts, one derby hat, one lot of chicken wire, china eggs.

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Democrats of California!
At the Primary of August 30, vote for and nominate the only Democratic candidate for United States Senator who can be elected when nominated.

JOHN W. PRESTON

Life-long Democrat; for forty years a resident of California; 30 years public service; personal acquaintance of President Roosevelt; the man who knows the state and its needs. California will continue to select her own representative at Washington.

DEAR MAC ADIEU
AND UPSIDE DOWNY, TOO!

Local C. I. O. Head Honored at Convention

In order that more members of the lodge may attend and hear reports on the C. I. O., convention which concluded Sunday night in Los Angeles, the regular meeting of the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee lodge No. 1414 has been postponed from tonight to Saturday morning, Aug. 27, at 10 o'clock.

President Carl Steele, who was elected one of the nine state C. I. O. vice-presidents at the convention, will preside and ask for reports from the lodge's delegates, George Ryan, Tom Ford, and Quincy Phillips. Steele will also make a report and explain the "police" duties of the newly-elected vice-presidents.

"These officers," he said Monday, "do not merely represent their own organizations but serve as an advisory group on state policy matters. One of the most important of their duties is to exercise some kind of supervision and control over C. I. O. unions to reduce the number of labor difficulties which may extend into ill-advised strikes. We will take the position that arbitration is much better in all controversial matters than a walk-out."

Lomita Killed In Dock Mishap at Wilmington
Malcolm B. Thistle, 25-year-old lumber worker living at 2117 Redondo-Wilmington boulevard, Lomita, was killed in Wilmington late last week when a machine used in moving piles of lumber overturned as he was making a turn on a dock with it.

Thistle was thrown into the air and dropped beneath the toppling crane. Three fellow-workmen who witnessed the accident said they did not know what caused the mishap. Wilmington police who investigated declared that either Mr. Thistle was driving too fast or some part of the machine broke. Mr. Thistle was survived by his wife.

Mr. Thistle was the youngest of five brothers, Clair, John, and Donald of Lomita and Eldon of Los Angeles survive him together with two uncles, C. R., and O. W. Thistle, both of Lomita, and his wife, Irma, whom he married about a year ago. He had lived in Lomita about 13 years. The funeral service was conducted Monday afternoon at the A. M. Gamby chapel in Pacific Crest.

INSECT BITE CAUSES TROUBLE
Mrs. Chris Dobrick, 231 Avenue B, Redondo Beach, was treated at a local physician's office last Friday for the bite of a poisonous insect. Mrs. Dobrick, who resided at 1904 Martina avenue until a short time ago, was working about the garage when she was bitten in three places, on her neck and hands, and the wound on her neck immediately swelled up to considerable proportions.

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RETAIN JUDGE FRANK CARRELL
(Incumbent)
Justice of the Peace
Inglewood Township
OFFICE NO. 1

He has kept Torrance Branch Court in TORRANCE

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• Nine years' judicial experience . . . 3 years on L. A. Municipal Court!
• Resident of Inglewood Township over 35 years!
• Has wide reputation for being fair, humane and able. Extends leniency in all deserving cases!

HIS RECORD DESERVES YOUR VOTE!

VOTE AUG. 30 FRANK CARRELL

Justice of the Peace

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Wasp Sting Kills Woman
LONDON (U.P.)—Ten minutes after being stung by a queen wasp, Mrs. Edith Harding, 66, collapsed and died.

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Sheriff Dan Murphy Unique Among Candidates-Raps \$30 Pension Plan

SACRAMENTO, AUG. 25 (U.P.)—Something unusual in the realm of politics—taking a firm stand against something desired by hundreds of thousands of voters—can be credited to Sheriff Dan Murphy, San Francisco's Democratic candidate for governor.

When Murphy came out flatfootedly and unequivocally against the \$30-per-week "ham and egg" pension plan, he violated one of the principal rules of politics. Just before an election, most of the office seekers beat around the bush and straddle the fence to lure as many votes as possible. Taking a definite stand on anything is frowned upon, unless it should be endorsement of a popular issue that might add a few votes at the ballot box.

Murphy not only attacked the California pension plan but did so right into the home town of Lieut. Gov. George Hatfield, Republican candidate who has not committed himself publicly on the retirement issue. Speaking in Merced, the sheriff called the pension plan a "snare and a delusion."

False Hope to Aged
In addition to attacking the plan, Murphy seized the opportunity to lambast State Senator Culbert Olson and Congressman John Dockweiler, two of his principal Democratic opponents.

"The \$30 a week plan is a share and a delusion," Murphy sounded off. "I know it has been wholeheartedly endorsed by John Dockweiler and halfheartedly endorsed by Culbert Olson, but I say it is a crime to hold out this false hope to the old people of California. It is unsound, impractical and cannot work."

Murphy's chief complaint against Dockweiler and Olson was their statement they would carry out the provisions of the initiative if the voters adopted it.

"That is absurd," the sheriff added. "Those men know that if the bill is passed as a constitutional amendment by the people, it goes into effect immediately, and the governor has nothing whatsoever to do with its enforcement."

While the candidates bicker over the plan, sponsors of the pension scheme are continuing their crusade to make California "ham and egg" conscious. An abundance of radio programs,

literature, wearing of tinkling liberty bells, and personal promotion is flooding the state.

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Ruling Due Sept. 3
The possible effect on California's oldsters if the state supreme court invalidates the proposal for the November ballot is hard to speculate. Just as they did when the Townsend plan flourished, many elderly persons are staking their financial future on the success of the plan, irrespective of any possible flaws or fallacies of the proposal.

The high court has until Sept. 3 to rule on the plan and opinion is about evenly divided if it will be crossed off the ballot because of a defective title.

The plan calls for payment of \$30 every Thursday morning to every person over 60 years of age in California. The plan would operate by state warrants to which a two-cent stamp would have to be affixed each week. At the end of 52 weeks, the warrants would be paid by the state at full face value in legal tender, leaving a four-cent surplus to pay the costs of the system.

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Foresee State Bankruptcy
Opponents of the plan claim merchants would be unable to accept the warrants and the inflationary type of money would bankrupt the state.

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce said it would "create a condition of financial and industrial chaos in California which might continue for years after its inevitable collapse."

The fact that state employees would draw half of their salary in warrants also has drawn the fire of opponents.

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THREE MORE AGAINST \$30-WEEK PENSIONS

Since the surrounding article was written, three more candidates have come out definitely against the \$30-Every-Thursday pension plan. Supervisor Herbert C. Legg, for governor, in one of the most far-flung moves of the campaign is circulating a million copies of his pronouncement that the pension plan is economically unsound. He warns that chaos would follow adoption of the proposed state law and pleads for enactment of a practical pension measure.

Dr. Francis E. Townsend yesterday also declared his opposition to the \$30 plan and called on his Townsend party to stand firm against the measure. J. F. T. O'Connor, another Democratic candidate for governor, challenged the soundness of the \$30 idea in a radio address Tuesday night.

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Baby Enjoying Vacation Here in Hospital

Little Miss Barbara Lenarth, eight weeks old, is spending her vacation at Torrance Memorial hospital.

The baby, born here June 28, to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lenarth of Gardena was returned to the hospital last Saturday for care and attention while the Lenarths went on a vacation trip.

Little Barbara appears to be enjoying her visit, according to the nurses. Her father is a General Petroleum worker. In asking the hospital to take care of their baby, the Lenarths said they knew of no better place to leave a baby for a couple of weeks.

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U. S. C. Offers Adult Courses In Petroleum

Oil development and drilling will be the subject for a discussion of the technology and economics of the petroleum industry during the fall term of University College, downtown adult division of the University of Southern California, starting on Sept. 19.

The course will be given in Bridge Hall on the University Park campus on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:50 p. m. during the 12-week term. It will be taught by Everett Trostel, S. C. lecturer on petroleum engineering. This course in "The Petroleum Industry" will deal with the production of oil and its transportation during the winter quarter, and with refining, marketing and utilization during the spring quarter, according to Dean Ernest W. Tieg.

Also to be presented for petroleum engineers is a course in "Refinery and Natural Gasoline Engineering," on Wednesdays from 7 to 9:20 p. m. This will cover the calculation of equipment for refinery and natural gasoline plants; flow of fluids, heat exchange, laboratory analysis, fractionation column design, tube stills, absorption of natural gasoline, rectification and treatment.

"Mathematical Analysis in Petroleum Problems," will be offered each Wednesday from 6 to 8:20 p. m. by Dr. Stanley C. Herold. It will deal with the application of specific methods in algebra, trigonometry, analytical geometry and calculus to problems in reservoir and well performance.

Veterans to Get Grubstake
CALGARY, Alta. (U.P.)—Unemployed war veterans on provincial relief will receive a "grubstake" of \$25 to permit them to seek employment outside Calgary.

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