

## 400 Attend Gala Dinner-Broadcast for KNX Transmitter

In a setting that combined a large banquet hall and broadcast studio, the city of Torrance and more than 350 of its residents participated in the dedication of the new \$350,000 KNX-CBS transmitter station at the Civic Auditorium last Friday night. The formal opening of the station—so far as the dinner-program was concerned—proceeded without a hitch but the broadcast scheduled for Pacific Coast distribution suffered a 10-minute interruption immediately after going on the air. Some technical trouble developed at the transmitter that caused the break.

Nearly 400 persons attended the Auditorium event. They were served a dinner prepared by a Los Angeles catering firm, by members of the Torrance American Legion and Auxiliary. All arrangements for the gala reception were made by a local committee which has expressed its sincere appreciation for the fine civic response to the dedication event. Officials of KNX and CBS likewise declared they were deeply gratified by the generous display of public interest in their Torrance enterprise.

### Many Visit Transmitter

President Alden W. Smith of the Chamber of Commerce introduced city officials and radio executives and engineers present before the radio entertainment was scheduled to go on the air. During the half-hour broadcast Gary Brodner, ace sports announcer and producer of the dedication show, and Bill Goodwin served as masters-of-ceremonies. The program consisted of several numbers—including a "warm-up" selection before the broadcast—by Lud Gluskin and his 24-piece orchestra, a song by Mary Lou Cook and numbers by the Westerners Quartet. Two radio performers who had been announced for the program failed to appear. However, the generous applause that followed each selection showed that the Torrance folk present thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment.

Following the Auditorium dinner-program many went out to Columbia Park at Hawthorne avenue and 190th street to visit the new transmitter station. They found a number of uniformed guides who explained the operation of the plant and equipment on view.

### Pays Tribute to City

The dinner service by Legion and Auxiliary members was outstanding for its promptness and attention to the needs of all diners. During the broadcast, Mayor William H. Tolson was the only local speaker and he delivered his prepared welcoming address in excellent radio manner. The other speakers to be heard on the air were D. W. Thornburgh, vice-president of CBS in charge of Pacific Coast operations. He paid high tribute to Torrance and its citizenry for the dedication-reception.

Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz was present for the dinner but had to leave before time for introductions. President Smith presented the following who occupied speakers' table positions at the dinner: Mayor Tolson and City Councilmen George V. Powell, James F. Hitchcock, John V. Murray and Tom McGuire; Supervisor Gordon McDonough; and all of the KNX-CBS officials present.

## Torrance Band Heard at Fair

A large portion of the enormous crowd that fanned the Los Angeles County Fair at Pomona last Sunday packed the bandstand on the lagoon to listen to the concert arranged and presented by the Torrance Municipal band under the direction of John T. Watson. The concert, from 2 to 4:30 by the 28 band members drew a large number of men and women officials highly complimented the local musicians on their performance.

Arrangements for the band's appearance at the fair were made by Charles Chaplin, business manager and secretary, with the assistance of the Chamber of Commerce. The band was making its third appearance at the fair. All seats in the concert area were filled last Sunday and many were forced to stand during the afternoon performance, it was reported.

## Masons to Hold Social Gathering

All Masons of Torrance and vicinity are cordially invited to attend a social evening to be held in the Masonic Temple Friday, Sept. 23 at 8 p. m. The Union Oil company will present a sound and color film depicting the wonders of Death Valley. Superior Judge Charles W. Fricke of Los Angeles will speak. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the evening's entertainment.

## Rotarians Learn About Europe From S. Koch and Smith

Members of the Torrance Rotary club are to hear the second talk on the Czechoslovakian situation this week. Last Thursday, Sol Koch, proprietor of the Torrance Paint Store and Mayfair Apartments, gave a highly interesting address on the historical background leading up to the present war crisis. As a former resident of this part of Europe, Koch has a keen understanding of the underlying political and economic currents that are now running rampant.

Tonight R. R. Smith, who recently returned from a three-year business trip to Europe, will give his views and impressions of the European situation. Much of his time abroad was spent in Rumania and he visited the city of Arad, Rumania, which is the home of Koch's father.

## LECTURER TO GIVE SERIES ON EUROPE

An unusual opportunity for people at this community to gain authoritative information about existing conditions in Europe and important developments in international relations is being offered thru a series of lectures to be given by Dr. O. W. E. Cook at Torrance high school each Friday evening, 7 to 9 o'clock, for the next eight weeks. Dr. Cook will give his second talk tomorrow (Friday) night.

The lectures, arranged for by B. L. Fitzgerald, principal of Torrance Evening high school, are free to the public. Dr. Cook is well qualified to speak on international relations because of his training, experience and extensive world travels. He has received degrees from Yale University and U. S. C., and has studied at New York University, National University of Mexico, and University of the Philippines.

He served as vice president of the Mexican Institute, secretary of the Mexican-American Scholarship Foundation, director of Education, Mexico, Mission; educational and religious work, Manila, Philippine Islands; was in the department of International Relations and political science at U.S.C., 1928-1934, and was associated with the Riverside schools from 1934 to 1936.

## Month's Building Total \$58,155

With eight more days to go, new construction during this month has amounted to \$58,122, according to records at the city engineer's office. No permits have been issued for new oil derricks so far this month. Last month 42 rigs were built here.

The building total for the year to date now stands at \$2,768,795 as compared with \$1,017,481 for the first nine months of 1936. Among the new projects started during the past week or 10 days are:

Fred Harder is building a double frame garage at 1604 Greenwood, \$250; Phelps Kroh Oil company No. 1 of Los Angeles is erecting two 1,000-barrel welded tanks at 2347 236th, \$1,707; J. E. Pettijohn Oil company of Los Angeles is building two 1,000-barrel welded tanks at 2463 236th, \$1,965; J. R. Ketterling is constructing a three-room frame house at 24212 Los Codona, Waverly, \$1,150.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Kendall of Los Angeles are building a six-room frame stucco house and a double garage at 212 Paseo de las Delicias, Hollywood, \$6,950. Lloyd Rusk is erecting a five-room frame residence and a garage with a three-room apartment above at 646 Sartori, \$4,000; General Petroleum corporation is constructing pipe line suspension supports at its refinery plant at a cost of \$1,200. Henry Grubb, well-known meat market owner, will build a five-room frame stucco house and double garage at 1218 Beech, \$3,700; Donald Findley is erecting double frame apartments above a garage at 2113-15 Cabrillo for \$2,500, and the Oil Tool corporation of Long Beach is installing two 500-barrel welded oil tanks at 2336 236th street for \$1,500.

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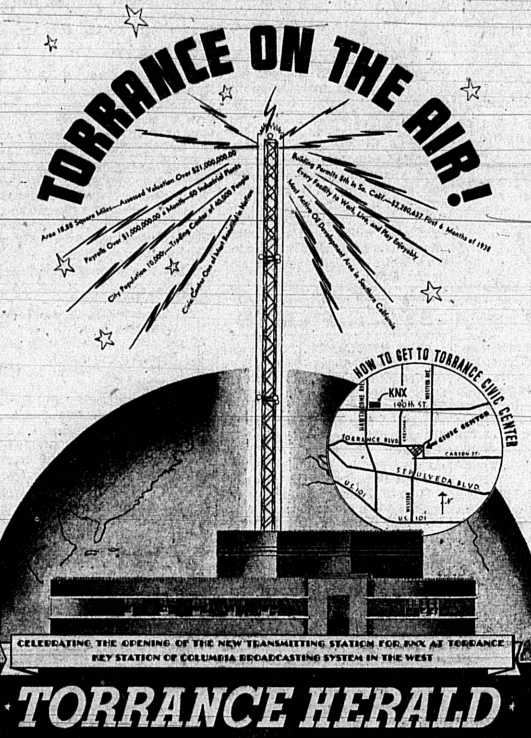
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## RECREATION BONDS LOSE 2 TO 1

### "Torrance-On-the-Air!" Herald's Souvenir Edition Said Splendid Achievement



This is a black-and-white reproduction of the three-colored cover of The Herald's 64-page souvenir edition which was issued last Thursday. Extra copies of this unusually fine pictorial report about Torrance may be obtained at The Herald office, 1336 El Prado, or at any newsstand in the city for 10 cents each. They may be obtained either wrapped ready for mailing (it costs five cents to mail them any place in the U. S. or Canada) or flat. Your friends living elsewhere will be delighted to get them because thru the pages of the souvenir shines the complete story of Torrance—your city.

## 90-FOOT PLUNGE FATAL TO PALOS VERDES CHILD FRIDAY

A plane, trailing a streamer "Come to Church Sunday," was believed by investigating officers to have been the attraction that caused a two-years and three-months-old Palos Verdes boy to plunge to his death early last Friday evening.

His body, broken and crushed, was found in the old Venable sand pit at daylight Saturday by some men who were part of a large searching party that tramped over the Palos Verdes hills above Waverly all the night looking for him. The boy was Bruce Randall, only son of Mrs. Mabel Randall of 216 Via Colorin, Palos Verdes Estates.

The child had evidently climbed thru a wire fence surrounding the abandoned pit in attempting to follow the gyrations of the advertising plane soaring above.

## Alondra Park Mass Meeting Scheduled Here

Formation of the Alondra Taxpayers' association to obtain relief from the "sour" Mattoon Act bond assessments which hang like the sword of Damocles over Alondra Park was effected at a meeting of property owners, city and county officials last night in North Redondo. Mayor William H. Tolson of this city was elected chairman with Mayor Colfax Bell of Redondo Beach, first vice-chairman; Mayor Wayne A. Bogart of Gardena, second vice-chairman, and City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, secretary.

Arrangements were made for a mass meeting of all property owners interested in Alondra Park's plight at the Civic Auditorium here next Wednesday night, Sept. 28, at 8 o'clock. At that time further steps will be taken to obtain assessment relief.

## Local Woman Hurt In Crash

Mrs. R. Clark, wife of Lucian Clark of 1803 Andrews avenue, suffered severe head lacerations Tuesday afternoon when she was thrown from the Clark car after a collision with another machine, driven by 15-year-old Raymond A. Eaton of Los Angeles at the intersection of Cabrillo and Carson streets.

Mrs. Clark was taken to Torrance Memorial hospital for treatment and then allowed to go home. According to police, young Eaton's car struck the Clark's machine which was turned completely around by the impact, the door being forced open and propelling Mrs. Clark to the pavement. Both cars were badly damaged.

## Extra Copies On Sale

Because it caught and continues to hold public interest as no other publication distributed locally has ever done before The Herald's souvenir edition of "Torrance-On-the-Air" maintained its attraction this week as hundreds of extra copies were sold for mailing to every state but Delaware and more than a score of foreign countries.

As Torrance and Lomita residents received their copies last Thursday afternoon, the illustrated (215 half-tone photos) survey of this city, its people (446 being pictured), its industries (all being mentioned and 16 illustrated), civic and community life attracted all members of the family. They found many things of interest to father, mother, the children and all the aunts, uncles and grandparents.

Then they demanded extra copies to mail to friends everywhere. The Herald had already received 360 advance orders before last Thursday. The rush for additional "Torrance-On-the-Air" copies started Friday morning and to date The Herald has mailed 1600 extra copies. Sales of the edition have continued thru this week and it is not known just how many people mailed their own copies or additional purchases.

The demand for additional copies was particularly pleasing to The Herald because they were purchased by residents of this city and Lomita who had already received issues in community-wide distribution. Every family in Torrance and Lomita was presented with a souvenir edition by carrier boys on the day of publication.

More than 600 copies were distributed by The Herald to club women attending the Los Angeles District presidents' council of the California Federation of Women's Clubs which assembled here last Thursday. Not a single copy was left behind when the club women completed their session in the Torrance theatre—altogether to their homes in other cities of this county and the counties of San Luis Obispo, Inyo, Ventura and Santa Barbara.

Extra copies of the 64-page edition are still available in any number desired at The Herald office, 1336 El Prado, or at any of the newsstands in the city at (Continued on Page 4)

## Raise Benefits For Workers

At a meeting of the directorate of the Columbia Steel Employees' Insurance association late last week it was decided to raise sick and accident benefits from \$10 to \$12 per week for a maximum of 13 weeks per year. The association, which has been in existence for four years, now has reserves of about \$8,000. It was reported by Neil J. McConlogue, president.

Nearly 800 steel workers are members of the non-profit, non-overhead association, McConlogue said. Other members of the board of directors are Fred Fleet, secretary; Harry Dean, Charles Camomile and William Parker.

## How The Bonds Lost

PRECINCTS	Prop. 1—Plunge		Prop. 2—Bldgs. Cts.		Prop. 3—Wait. Bldg.		Vote Cast
	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	
No. 1	1	84	2	82	0	85	86
No. 2	23	68	17	72	17	73	91
No. 3	22	35	24	34	20	39	59
No. 4	29	55	36	51	26	60	85
No. 5	33	73	46	60	33	73	106
No. 6	23	78	25	76	21	79	101
No. 7	34	69	38	66	30	71	105
No. 8	24	97	31	91	26	93	122
No. 9	73	63	67	65	54	76	137
No. 10	17	54	18	52	17	54	71
No. 11	34	63	34	61	25	68	94
No. 12	18	84	16	85	29	75	104
No. 13	45	37	38	42	35	45	83
TOTAL	376	860	392	837	333	891	1,247

## New Field Tops L. A. Basin Area

This week the new Lomita-Harbor City oil field replaced the South Torrance field as the most active drilling center in the Los Angeles basin region. Although the local area continued to show results, no new wells have been reported for nearly two weeks. In the Lomita-Harbor City sector, the Severns Drilling company has leased the Pacific Electric property and is preparing to start the first of six wells. Location for the first project is northeast of Lomita boulevard and Frampton avenue.

Ring Oil is believed to have set a new record in this field by drilling its Ring-Hawkins No. 1 to 5,270 feet in 13 days. The well should be completed sometime next week. Meanwhile, a location has been fixed for Ring-Mahar No. 1 northwest of Leonard and Frampton. Although found to be smaller than at first believed, due to the failure of the D and B Oil's Down well to encounter oil sand, the field has many operators on the ground who are new to this area.

Three Wells Completed In the South Torrance area, Del Amo Oil is completing its Denbo No. 1 from 4,900 feet on 236th east of Pennsylvania. Milton Oil is completing its Frown-felter No. 1 from 4,980 feet and Oglesby and Allison are finishing the Gerner No. 1 on Narbonne south of 236th. Mal-Dam Oil has completed its No. 1 for 122 barrels of 26.0 gravity cutting 3.7 percent from 6,129 feet. Star Petroleum has finished its Patton No. 1 on 235th east of Pennsylvania, pumping 200 barrels of 26.5 gravity cutting 50 percent from 5,182 feet. Pacific Western Oil is completing Marble No. 6 from 4,997 feet. A rig has been erected for Torrance No. 18. Kenber Oil is preparing to finish No. 1 on the northeast corner of 236th and Pennsylvania from 5,000 feet.

W. E. McCaslin is rigging a pump to complete McCaslin No. 2 from 5,023 feet and California Star Oil has finished Whittaker No. 1, pumping 130 barrels of 26.0 gravity cutting 3 percent from 5,040.

### OFFICE BURGLARIZED

The Hampshire Oil company office on 230th street in the South Torrance oil field was burglarized last Thursday night and \$5,000 worth of equipment taken, according to police.

### Toledo Fingerprint Traps

TOLEDO (U.P.)—Police are fingerprinting and photographing residents of shanty districts here.

## MWD PREPARING DATA FOR PALOS VERDES RESERVOIR

Specifications are being prepared this week for the Palos Verdes reservoir of the Colorado aqueduct distribution system and bids are expected to be called for soon. It was announced at the district offices. Site for the reservoir has been selected just south of the intersection of Narbonne avenue and Palos Verdes drive. It will have a capacity of 325,000,000 gallons of water and will be of the cut-and-fill type.

Bids will be opened Oct. 4 on 13.5 miles of the Palos Verdes feeder of the distribution system. The new line will carry water to be delivered to Torrance, Compton, Long Beach and the Los Angeles harbor area. The line will extend in a southerly direction from 98th and Wadsworth streets in Los

## Kelley Victim Of Slugger

Guy Kelley, well-known local oil operator, is not going to give any more hitch-hikers a lift any more. He made this resolve last Saturday after being beaten up, robbed and thrown out of his car by one of the thumb-wagging roadside signallers at East Road and Torrance boulevard early that morning.

Kelley was found badly bruised and suffering from a number of cuts shortly before daylight. He was semi-conscious when taken to Torrance Memorial hospital for medical care. Later he told police that he picked up a hitch-hiker near 190th street on West-corn about 3:15 o'clock that morning on his way home.

At the curb leading into Torrance boulevard, he said his guest reached over and pulled up the emergency brake and then proceeded to beat him over the head with a black jack or some other weapon. A second man appeared beside the car to assist the hitch-hiker in tossing Kelly out of the machine and then the two drove back toward Los Angeles.

### Woman Named Co. Recorder

Miss Mame Beatty, chief clerk of the board of supervisors for 14 years, is the new recorder of Los Angeles county, by appointment of the board of supervisors on unanimous vote. She was administered the oath of office a few minutes following her appointment and took office Tuesday afternoon. The job pays \$7,200 a year.

While Miss Beatty's appointment was opposed by Supervisor John Anson Ford, who said he believed the highest-ranking man in the recent civil service examination should receive the promotion, and that Miss Beatty was second on the list, he changed his vote afterward and the appointment was unanimous.

Angelo to Narbonne avenue and Palos Verdes drive in the Palos Verdes Hills.

Bids on two alternative types of construction for the lines have been asked, but in each instance the inside finished diameter of the pipe will be 50 inches. Trench excavation on the job will be in excess of 200,000 cubic yards of material.

Specifications also are being prepared for the lateral pipe lines which will connect Torrance, Compton and Long Beach with the new feeder line and bids will be sought soon.

Building of the reservoir will involve 1,600,000 cubic yards of excavation and 1,000,000 cubic yards of compacted fill. The huge tank will be lined with reinforced concrete and access will be through a 750-foot tunnel.

## NO INTEREST SHOWN IN LIGHT VOTE

With only 26 percent of the registered voters participating, all three recreation bond issues were beaten down under a shower of negative ballots here Tuesday. The special city election attracted only 1,247 voters of the 4,687 registered electors to the 13 polling places. The three propositions were defeated better than two to one. A two-thirds majority was required to carry any proposition.

The complete but unofficial results were:

Prop. No. 1—for a municipal plunge and bathroom costing city \$29,699; PWA grant being \$24,298:

YES.....376  
NO.....860  
Prop. No. 2—for two recreational buildings and tennis courts in the city park costing city \$18,061; PWA grant being \$14,778:

YES.....392  
NO.....837  
Prop. No. 3—for a combined recreational and library building and playground at Waverly costing city \$6,708; PWA grant being \$5,487:

YES.....333  
NO.....891  
Precinct election officials had an easy time issuing ballots and counting them on account of the general lack of interest in the issue at stake. The first precinct count was completed at No. 3, located at 716 Border avenue, just 26 minutes after the poll closed at 7 o'clock. The last precinct to report was Waverly which announced its count an hour and a half after the tally started.

Wary of Assessments Only three favorable votes were given the bond issues in Precinct No. 1, which comprises North Torrance and this city's sector of the Alondra Park improvement district. Eighty-six voters there indicated in no uncertain fashion that their experience with bonds—particularly Mattoon Act obligations—have made them wary of any further assessments. There was one vote for the plunge, two for the recreation buildings and tennis courts and none for the Waverly project at that precinct while the rest of the 86 voters stamped their ballots "no."

City officials Tuesday night offered little comment concerning the fate of the bond issues. They appeared to take the stand that: "Well, the people have spoken—now let's get on to other things." Although there was some talk around the city hall Tuesday night about "where the blame lies" for the lack of interest in the election, it was generally agreed that the people have shown every sign of being tired of bond issues of any kind in recent years and this latest decision was a continuation of their disinclination to accept further tax burden.

To Withdraw Request This objection to bonds was particularly illustrated in the case of the Waverly precinct which even showed up for the proposition designed to give this district a recreation-library building and playground.

The council will meet Monday evening, Sept. 26, to canvass the results of the election. At that time councilmen will take the necessary steps to withdraw the city's application for a PWA grant of some \$44,582 which was asked to pay 45 percent of the proposed recreational building cost.

Stroh Attending Salt Lake Parley Director John Stroh of the city Public Safety (police and fire) departments, and Mrs. Stroh left Saturday for Salt Lake City where Stroh is attending the convention and school sessions of the Pacific Coast Fire Chiefs' association. Captain G. M. Calder is in charge of the police force and Captain Ollie Stevenson is head of the fire department during his absence.

ENTERS U.S.C. Peggy Lou Olson of Torrance was among new U.S.C. students registering for the 1938-39 fall semester last week.