

P. E. Offer to Sell City Torrance Blvd. Strip for \$1,000 Taken by Council

For more years than city officials, present and past, like to remember the city of Torrance has tried to interest the Pacific Electric railway in releasing its right-of-way on Torrance boulevard between Post avenue and the westerly end of the debris-strewn, weed-covered center strip.

But until last night their attempts, made almost with seasonal regularity, to recover this strip for beautification and improvement purposes have been "cold-shouldered" by the traction company.

G. P. Plans Huge Pitch Reservoir

Then City Attorney John E. McCall read portions of a letter from O. A. Smith, president of the P. E., which held out a definite offer to the city for the long-sought deeds to this land. The proposition, which the council quickly accepted, was this:

Start Escrow Immediately
That the P. E. will "recommend to its New York trustees" that they give the city clear title to the Torrance boulevard property for \$1,000.

Then, if the city desires to go ahead with any beautification program, it will cost Torrance not to exceed \$975 for the removal of existing trolley wires, poles and tracks from the strip—this sum to be in addition to the selling price of \$1,000.

With but little discussion, the council instructed Attorney McCall to proceed with the escrow on the purchase of the title and when that is completed then the city will appropriate the \$975 to clear the property of the P. E. equipment and it will be ready for the improvement that Torrance civic boosters have been clamoring for during the past decade.

Cabrillo Too Costly
President Smith's letter also contained a proposal for the improvement of Cabrillo avenue but the expense of this is considered too great to undertake at the present time. The traction executive stated that the city would have to pay \$15,000 to "shift the track now on the Cabrillo private right-of-way from Border to Carson street and reconstruct the same with 128-pound grooved girder rails based on present day prices."

It would cost the municipality \$22,640 to continue the improvement which would permit paying Cabrillo from curb to curb, eliminating the present dusty center strip, between Carson and Plaza del Amo, President Smith's letter stated.

WPA Project for Excavation Okayed Here

Early announcement that the WPA has approved a project for the excavation of an ancient Indian mound near the ocean in Hollywood Riviera under direction of the Archeological department of U.S.C., is expected. Last night City Clerk A. H. Bartlett and Leonard Young, acting city engineer, were authorized by the city council to sign a request for the project.

About 25 men will be employed in pick-and-shovel work under the experienced guidance of Dr. A. O. Bowdin of U.S.C., seeking to uncover evidence of civilizations 25,000 or 30,000 years old there. All relics or artifacts discovered there will become the property of the city. U.S.C. students will thus be given an opportunity to see actual archeological exploration under way with a few miles of their campus.

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Mrs. Roosevelt Visits Son



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Edison Vets Banquet Here On Saturday

More than 400 members of the Edison American Legion Post No. 431 will converge on this city Saturday from all over the Southern California Edison system for the second annual banquet and show to be held by the organization at the Civic Auditorium. A turkey dinner will be served at 6:30 by the local Legion Post and Auxiliary, followed by a spectacular musical show.

The reunion will start early Saturday afternoon as the Edison veterans begin gathering at the Legion clubhouse. Veterans of all wars of all nations who are employed by the Edison company have been invited to attend the festivities here.

One of the speakers at the dinner-meeting will be George O. Smith of Los Angeles Merchants and Manufacturers' association who will talk on "Americanism."

Match Fund Request Sent Back to C. C.

A suggestion from the Chamber of Commerce that the city purchase 10,000 packets of matches, attractively printed for \$46.25, the matches to be distributed at convention gatherings held in the city was promptly referred back to the Chamber of Commerce by the city council last night.

"It is an excellent idea," Mayor William H. Tolson said, "but the chamber should buy the matches out of its own funds furnished by the city." L. J. Gilmeister, chamber secretary, had written that the match covers would be decorated in silver or gold with a picture of the Civic Auditorium on the outside and a map of the surrounding district on the inside.

Wolf Named U. S. Steel Products Head

The United States Steel Corporation of Delaware announced today the appointment of George Wheeler Wolf as President of the United States Steel Products company, effective Jan. 1, 1939. This company is the export medium for the United States Steel Corporation and is represented in all steel consuming centers of the world. Wolf succeeds George C. Scott, who is retiring from active service but will remain with the Products company in an advisory capacity.

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GHOST TOWN
The mad rush for gold and silver made Virginia City, Nevada, one of the most famous of the rip-roaring mining towns of the middle 19th century. Now its wealth has vanished, and its population—once 30,000 people lived there—is now less than 500. Yet memories of an exciting past still haunt its sleepy streets.

DRY NIAGARA
Once, more water fell over 400-foot-high Dry Falls than could fall over 40 Niagara—today it's as dry as its name. It's part of the Grand Coulee, Washington, the prehistoric bed of the Columbia River—the site of an irrigation project that will reclaim 1,500,000 acres of rich land.

Flood Control Plan Prepared; Cost \$4,268,000

Enlargement or removal of the culvert under Wilmington avenue and 223rd street would have no appreciable effect in preventing or reducing inundation during large storms, until the canal also is enlarged, Chief Engineer H. E. Hedger of the flood control district reiterated this week in a

statement to the board of supervisors.

Hedger's office has prepared a comprehensive plan for relief of the district, involving a channel extending from Rosecrans avenue to tide water, and adequate to discharge the maximum flood run-off. Cost of the project was estimated at \$4,268,000.

SHORT AND SNAPPY
Classified ads in The Herald contain a lot of punch. Read 'em and use 'em every week.



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1938 RED CROSS POSTER



The appealing figure of the Red Cross nurse presents a plea for your annual membership in the Red Cross during the roll call, beginning Armistice Day and ending Thanksgiving Day. This is the official 1938 poster of the Red Cross, and appears in the form of a window card.

11 Transfusions Fail to Save Gardenan at Hospital Here

Despite every aid of medical science and 11 blood transfusions, Mrs. Bernice Dillon, wife of Martin Dillon of Gardena, succumbed to a rare blood disease last Thursday at Torrance

Memorial hospital. She had been confined there since Oct. 11.

Thirty of her friends volunteered their blood to help Mrs. Dillon and all were typed at the hospital. Members of the hospital staff reported this was the largest number of blood-givers ever to respond to a call for transfusions here.

Co. Workers Must Shun Political Activity in Future

Los Angeles county employees must not participate in any kind of political activity in the future by order of the board of supervisors.

The board's order, over the signature of Wayne Allen, chief administrative officer, was posted on all county bulletin boards with the explanation that it applied "not only to candidates but included advocacy for or opposition to any of the proposed amendments" to be voted on at future elections.

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