

Seven Seek Ford's Seat on Co. Board; May Delay Action

Seven men were reported to be in the running this week for appointment as the new supervisor for the Fourth district, to succeed Leland M. Ford of Santa Monica, who resigned last Wednesday.

At the same time, it was learned from good authority at the Hall of Records in Los Angeles that Governor Merriam would delay the appointment of Ford's successor until completion of the canvass of votes cast in last Tuesday's election. This disclosure caused the names of other persons to appear in the political picture.

It was also pointed out that should Congressman-elect Leland Ford not go to Washington, it would be possible to Governor Merriam to reappoint him to the board of supervisors to finish out his unexpired term of two years. Ford would serve two years in Congress, beginning in January.

Two Mayors in Running
Dr. Oscar Hauge of Long Beach, former mayor of his city, was reported to have the "inside track" on the appointment after previous reports were that A. E. "Chick" Henning, former Los Angeles city councilman, was to be the governor's choice. Hauge is 68, and a close personal friend of the governor, who also lives in Long Beach.

Mayor Edmund S. Gillette of Santa Monica also was reported to be angling for the appointment through influential friends. Al Moore, of Long Beach, who has been Ford's long secretary since Ford's appointment 2½ years ago to succeed John R. Quinn, is known to have the backing of several Long Beach groups. He is the younger of the seven.

The others are Ray O. Baldwin of Long Beach, member of the county regional planning commission; Robert L. Craig, a grocer, and Mayor Ray L. Darby of Inglewood, who also aspired to Congress in the 16th district, but did not make the race in the primaries.

Service Clubs Meet Nov. 21

The annual joint Thanksgiving dinner-meeting of the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs will be held next Monday night, Nov. 21, at the Moose hall (Sam Levy building) on Cravens avenue across from the central fire station. Members of the Rotary club will join the Kiwanians in the gathering because their regular meeting falls on Thanksgiving Day next week.

The state championship Women of the Moose drill team, under the direction of Mrs. Zoe Deithers, will prepare and serve the dinner. Special entertainment has been planned for the program, which will be featured by the appearance of George G. Groman, "Diplomat of Dialects." He has delighted many groups in Los Angeles and vicinity with his unique presentation.

Last Monday night the Kiwanis club saw several reels of colored movies depicting life and scenes in Australia. These were explained by the photographer, Wayne B. Fisher, prominent Antelero, who recently returned from the "Land Down Under."

Dinner-Program Honoring New Representatives Here Nov. 22

Arrangements were completed today for a dinner-meeting in honor of the recently elected Congressman Lee E. Geyer and Assemblymen Fred Reaves, Cecil King and Jack Massion at the Torrance Civic Auditorium next Tuesday night, Nov. 22, starting at 7 o'clock. The affair is being sponsored by the 17th District Congressional committee and representative citizens in each of the communities included in this district.

Tickets for the dinner and program are 75 cents each and will be limited to 500 to assure prompt service and commodious seating arrangement in the large Torrance Auditorium on El Prado at Cravens avenue. Howard P. Raymond, president of the Torrance Democratic club, will be toastmaster.

For Mutual Acquaintance
Congressman-elect Geyer and Assemblymen-elect Reaves, King and Massion will each make a short talk and there will be a program of music. Everyone, regardless of political party, is cordially invited to attend and meet the representatives of this district who will shortly leave for Washington and Sacramento to do the best job they can to represent all of the people in their districts.

Several state committeemen and women are expected to be present and the mayors, city councilmen, Chamber of Commerce and other service groups and other organizations are urged to participate in the gathering. The dinner

Terms of Office Explained by Registrar Kerr

Congressman-elect Lee Geyer of the 17th district, embracing this community, will take office when Congress convenes in the national capitol next Jan. 15. It was explained today by Registrar of Voters W. W. Kerr as queries came in by telephone pertaining to the terms of office of the various successful candidates at the recent general election. A Congressman's term is two years.

Assemblyman-elect Reaves and the county's new state senator, Robert W. Kenny, now a superior court judge, take office when the next session of the state legislature convenes next Jan. 3. Assembly terms are two years but a state senator's term of office is four years.

Longest term of any public official elected Nov. 8 outside of the judiciary, is that of United States Senator-elect Sheridan Downey, which is six years. State supreme court justices are elected for 12-year terms.

Let Contract for Drainage Job in Lomita

Contract between the V. C. K. Construction company and the county for the construction of drainage structures in the vicinity of Western avenue and 262nd street, Lomita, was signed this week by Chairman Roger W. Jessup of the board of supervisors.

Work will begin as soon as possible, agents for the company said, in order that the work may be completed before the advent of the rainy season, if possible.

Army Engineers Plan More Flood Control Projects

Alignment sketches are being prepared on a half-dozen wash channels in San Gabriel valley and other localities in need of flood control, it was learned this week at the office of Major Theodore Wyman, Jr., U. S. district engineer at Los Angeles.

Nigger Slough also is receiving attention of army engineers who are preparing alignment sketches, it was learned, as well as Campton creek, on which work has been under way for some months.

Army engineers also said they had investigated the Los Angeles river between the mouth of the Rio Hondo and the Pacific Ocean on the basis of cross-sections taken before and after the March flood, including computation of possible scour in order to obtain a check on the estimated discharge.

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County League Holding Dinner-Meet Here Tonite



ELMER COX
Mayor of Huntington Park who is president of the Los Angeles County division of the League of California Municipalities.

EXPECT 300 AT SESSION IN AUDITORIUM

More than 300 men and women from all parts of the county are expected to attend the dinner-meeting of the Los Angeles County division of the League of California Municipalities tonight in the Civic Auditorium. This gathering will be the second one of this group to meet in Torrance.

Following the dinner, which will be served by the American Legion Auxiliary, a combined business and entertainment program will be conducted by President Elmer Cox, who is mayor of Huntington Park.

The principal speakers will be Dr. John Pliffler, Dean of Public Administration at the University of Southern California, and Leo Smith, Marysville city councilman who is president of the League of California Municipalities.

Vaudeville Entertainment
All local officials will attend as hosts for the dinner-gathering and Mayor William H. Tolson will give the address of welcome. The program will open with the singing of "America" and the salute to the flag. Rev. Harry G. Banks, pastor of the Methodist church, will give the invocation and R. J. Casey will lead in community singing.

Entertainment will be provided by the Four Variety Boys and the comedy team of Olson and Sabers, professional vaudeville performers. President Cox is scheduled to respond to Mayor Tolson's welcome and the local council head will then make the introductions of special guests. Following the addresses of Dr. Pliffler and Leo Smith, a brief business meeting will be held at which time the county cities' group will decide on the location of its December gathering.

FRIENDS PAY O. W. STONE LAST TRIBUTE

In the presence of hundreds of friends and a wealth of floral tributes banked around the bier, funeral service was held Saturday afternoon for the late Oscar W. Stone, founder-member of the firm of Stone and Myers, Torrance morticians, at the chapel on Engracia at Cravens. Mr. Stone succumbed Nov. 9, at the age of 80 years.

Rev. John E. Orr of Lomita's Community Presbyterian church, officiated. Interment followed at Inglewood Park cemetery. Mr. Stone, who had been a mortician for 45 years, had lived here since he and his late son-in-law, Charles F. Myers, founded the firm in 1923.

Mr. Stone was survived by his daughter, Mrs. Bessie V. Myers of this city, three nephews, O. Delano mortuary; Gordon B. Stone, owner of a Bellflower mortuary, and N. S. Stone of Santa Rosa, and a niece, Mrs. Blanche Hogg of Detroit, Mich.

Oil Rigger Hurt In Fall Here

Bud White, Venice oil rigger, fell about eight feet a few minutes after midnight Tuesday while working on the Wilson Associates' rig in South Torrance. He landed on a piece of steel and suffered a severe back injury and concussion. White was making a rapid improvement today at Torrance Memorial hospital.

Two Herald Issues Next Week

Following its annual custom, The Herald will publish two editions next week; the first issue will be distributed early Tuesday morning, Nov. 22, and the second will be delivered Friday noon, Nov. 25. Food stores and other local firms are planning attractive pre-Thanksgiving values to be advertised in the Tuesday issue. The Friday Herald will contain week-end offerings. The usual complete newspaper and shopping news distribution will be given both of the editions.

Carrier boys are to report at 6 a. m., next Tuesday and at 1 p. m., Friday. The Herald office will be closed all day Thanksgiving, Nov. 24.



LEO J. SMITH
Marysville councilman who is president of the League of California Municipalities.

Building Total Nears \$3,000,000

Having advanced to \$2,972,448 for the year to date, new building in Torrance is expected to top the \$3,000,000 mark before 1938 comes to an end. It will only take \$37,552 worth of construction to reach that three-million total. So far this month, building has amounted to \$100,245 here, according to records of construction permits issued from the city engineer's office.

New permits issued during the past week were: J. P. Matthews, Los Angeles, for a five-room frame stucco house and double garage at 664 Calle Miramar in Hollywood Riviera, \$3,900; Robert S. Cuthbert, a small shed building for motor tune-up service in the rear of 1924 Carson, \$245.

John B. Young, five-room frame stucco house and double garage at 1531 El Prado, \$3,500, and H. V. Burgan, Lomita, addition of a sun porch to a house at 24460 Madison avenue, Wisteria, \$100.

Redondo Lets Contract for Breakwater

The Redondo Beach city council voted last night to award the contract for the new breakwater to the Rohl-Conolly company, subject to approval by PWA authorities. The contract provides for construction of 2,500 feet of rock-filled breakwater extending in an L-shape west and south from Tenth street at a cost of \$470,000.

Work is scheduled to start by next Monday. A total of \$245,000 of the cost is supplied by a PWA grant. Expenditures charged to the city of Redondo Beach include the purchase of seven ocean-front lots and a small piece of land from the Southern California Edison company at a cost of \$25,000.

The greater portion of the rock will be provided by Santa Catalina Island quarries, it is reported.

Gauche Teams to Dine Monday Night

Roy Becker, member of the Los Angeles city board of education, will be the principal speaker next Monday night, Nov. 21, when the Lomita Chamber of Commerce stages a dinner in honor of Narbonne high school's three football teams. The dinner will be held in the school cafeteria and will be served by members of the Narbonne P.T.A.

All boys who turned out for the Class A, B and C football teams, together with their coaches and managers and Principal John Abbott, will be guests of the chamber at the affair.

Nephew Accused of Uncle's Death After Wild Ride

A 54-year-old Lomitan died yesterday afternoon of injuries at the county general hospital and his 24-year-old nephew is in the county jail today awaiting trial charged with negligent homicide as result of a wild dash down Western avenue and car spill at the curve leading into El Prado early Monday morning.

Frank Ruelas, who lives on Walnut street in Lomita, was taken to the hospital, paralyzed from the neck down. He succumbed at 1 o'clock yesterday. Nick Ruelas of Redondo Beach, his nephew, is being held as the driver of the car whose "somersault" was the cause of the older man's injury.

Young Ruelas was charged with the felony of drunk driving and injury after his arrest by Sergeant Frank Schumaker and Officer Barney Barnett. He is being held in lieu of \$1,500 bail and will have his preliminary next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

One Left Behind
Police were informed at 2:30 Monday morning that there had been a serious accident at El Prado and Western. But by the time Schumaker and Barnett arrived there, the car had been righted and driven off. One man in the party failed to get aboard when it was hurriedly driven off and he told the officers Nick Ruelas was driving and that he believed Frank Ruelas had been hurt. He gave the police Frank Ruelas' address.

Near the Lomitan's home, the officers discovered the car with Nick Ruelas in an asserted drunken condition sleeping behind the wheel. Frank Ruelas unconscious on the ground nearby and a third man, said to have been sober, asleep in the rear seat.

When Frank Ruelas failed to respond to a hurried examination at the city jail, a local physician was called and found he was paralyzed from the neck down. He was rushed to the county hospital.

Woman Autoist Hits P. E. Car

FUNERAL IS MONDAY
Mrs. Mae Ross died of her injuries at 3:45 o'clock this morning at Torrance Memorial hospital. The funeral will be Monday at 2 p. m., at Stone and Myers' chapel.

Badly injured but given a fighting chance to live, Mrs. Mae Ross, 48, of Redondo, is at Torrance Memorial hospital—victim of a crash between her sedan and a Pacific Electric car Tuesday afternoon at Hawthorne boulevard and the El Nido railway crossing. She is suffering from compound fractures of the ribs and severe lacerations and bruises.

After her car, said by witnesses to have been traveling at a high rate of speed south on Hawthorne, was struck by the P. E. car, it was carried a distance of about 140 feet, according to local police officers who investigated the accident. Mrs. Ross's machine was scooped up by the pilot on the P. E. car and wedged in such a manner that it did not fall off.

Although the door next to the driver's seat was flung open by the impact, Mrs. Ross was held in the wreckage and did not fall out. If she had or if her car had fallen from the electric car's pilot, police believe she would never have escaped alive. Mrs. Ross was rushed to the hospital in Stone and Myers' ambulance and because the accident occurred in their territory, Redondo Beach police took over the case.

Tried to Avoid Crash
R. K. Weaver of Redondo Beach, was the conductor on the P. E. car and he and the motorist are said to have told Motor Officer Perry Bennett that Mrs. Ross was driving fast. The train crew reported that the woman motorist veered her car sharply to the left and right on hearing the railway crossing, perhaps in a desperate attempt to find a place to swing her machine off the road.

Mrs. Ross lives at 4500 Emerald avenue in Redondo Beach with her husband, John B. Ross, who is employed at the Southern California Edison steam plant in Long Beach. She was on her way to do some dinner shopping when the accident occurred, it was reported.

G. P. Fire Causes \$10,000 Loss at Gas Cracking Plant

A cracked tube thru which raw crude oil flowing into a large gasoline cracking plant at the General Petroleum refinery in North Torrance is believed responsible for a fire which destroyed the plant and caused an estimated \$10,000 loss late Monday afternoon. The billowing black smoke and searing flames from the

Motorists Racing Fire Truck to Get Citations

"There are going to be a lot of traffic tickets handed out to motorists when the next fire occurs here if they persist in trying to race the fire truck to the scene of the blaze or fail to pull over to the side of the road when they hear the siren."

Director John Stroh issued this warning Tuesday night after returning from the General Petroleum cracking plant fire. He observed the manner in which scores of motorists precipitated a major traffic snarl on Torrance boulevard and Cedar avenue in their eagerness to follow the fire truck.

"We have a city ordinance that makes it a misdemeanor punishable by a stiff fine for anyone to follow a fire truck closer than 500 feet behind or to fail to clear the highway when a fire or police siren is sounded," Stroh continued. "The police department has been instructed to make as many arrests as necessary to enforce this law and officers will henceforth curb any such wild driving as that shown Monday evening."

Mrs. Lancaster to Get Nearly All of Doctor's Estate

Mrs. Mildred P. Lancaster of 1503 Post avenue, is to receive practically the entire estate of her late husband, Dr. J. S. Lancaster, who died Nov. 5, according to provisions of the will filed for probate this week in Los Angeles county superior court.

Value of the estate was not indicated, beyond the statement that it would exceed \$10,000. A son, George G. Lancaster, and two daughters, Laurella and Mildred Jean survive the father in addition to Mrs. Lancaster. A codicil to the will provides for cash bequests to a sister and two brothers. Dep. 7 was set for hearing on the petition to admit the will to probate.

Final Cooking School Session in Auditorium Friday at 1:30

Perhaps there won't be an improvement noted in the meals to be served in Torrance by Torrance housewives in the future but families will certainly note a welcome variety of dishes and they can thank The Herald's Modern School of Gas Cookery for those new foods.

The school, which began yesterday and continued this afternoon under the direction of Miss Jessie E. Ewing, home economist, will hold its final session tomorrow (Friday) afternoon in the Civic Auditorium. Miss Ewing will call her class of housewives and girls to order at 1:30.

Near the close of this interesting culinary demonstration, a beautiful 1939 model Gaffers and Sattler gas range, valued at \$109.50, will be awarded to some member of the audience. In addition there will be a number of other valuable gifts distributed.

The range will be presented by Harry Abramson, owner of the National Home Appliance company.

Menus All Different
Yesterday and today hundreds of women, including many from Lomita, Gardena and Redondo Beach, thronged the Auditorium to enjoy the free instruction in home gas cooking offered by Miss Ewing. Because she has directed several previous cooking schools for The Herald here, Miss Ewing was "right at home" on the model kitchen set that decorated the Auditorium stage.

In addition to preparing tempting meals featuring new methods of preparation and cooking, the home economist also informed her audience of the latest trends in home management, decoration and service. Attendees at the two sessions gave her complete attention throughout the two-hour class.

Tomorrow Miss Ewing will again present an entirely different menu and instruction and all women of Torrance and vicinity are urged to attend. The presentation of the Gaffers and Sattler range will be only one of the highlights of the afternoon.

Nearly all seats in the Auditorium were occupied yesterday and today by attentive women. Arrangements have been made to provide additional accommodations for the final session of the school tomorrow so that no one will have to stand during the two-hour demonstration.



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