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SECTION B

COUNCIL VOICES CABRILLO EXTENSION OPTION

"MISS ANGELENO"



Miss Margaret McConna, beautiful blue-eyed blonde socialite, who has been commissioned by Mayor Fletcher Bowen of Los Angeles to be "Miss Angeleno" and head an expected delegation of 10,000 Southern California residents to the world premiere of the Golden Gate International Exposition at San Francisco's Treasure Island Feb. 15-19. Miss McConna is a native daughter of California.

Recipients of Comic Valentines Seek Vengeance on Senders Here

Friends of Torrance police and firemen were closely scrutinized in the best detective manner when they were requested for samples of their handwriting—particularly their printing—this week. No one, apparently, escaped the cross-examination that was given all who knew three police officers, two firemen and City Judge Robert Lessing.

The reason for the "third degrees": Those officers, firemen and magistrate had received Valen-tines Tuesday which weren't any too complimentary. The Feb. 14 mementos were the old-fashioned variety with cartoons and doggerel

verse of a decidedly derogatory content.

Officers Tom Perkin, Ernest Ashton and Bill Evans, Fireman Gordon Northington and Walter West and Judge Lessing received the Valentines in the mail. The addresses were carefully printed and misspelled.

A peculiar "J" was scanned with much attention and speculation as to the sender of the greetings centered around none other than Safety Director John Stroth, whose "J" was said, resembled those found on the envelopes. Stroth vigorously denied authorship.

Long Beach Sidewalk Job Under Way

Construction was scheduled to get under way this week on curbs and sidewalks on 20th street between Cayuga avenue and Appian Way in Long Beach. The contract was recently awarded by the board of supervisors to Vito Kovacevich on his low bid of \$2,256.50.

The work will include excavation of several hundred yards of dirt and construction of 1,835 feet of curbs and 9,000 square feet of sidewalk. It is the first of a series of proposed street improvements in Long Beach and was the first to qualify under petitions circulated there.

CAMPUS ENLARGED
Purchase of 2.11 acres of land from the Lohs Baldwin estate last month has increased the total acreage of Compton junior college to about 86 acres, making the Tartar school one of the largest Southern California junior colleges.

Join the Merry Crowd Saturday Night!
FIFTH ANNUAL George Washington

BENEFIT BALL

Torrance Memorial Hospital

Saturday, February 18—at 9 P. M.

TORRANCE CIVIC AUDITORIUM

\$5000 FREE
To Be Given Away as Door
Prizes, 3 Cash Prizes,
\$25-\$15-\$10

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Tickets for Sale by Members of Nat'l Bus. & Prof. Women and at Offices of Physicians and Surgeons and at Auditorium Box Office Saturday Evening!

Will Permit Route Thru to Highway

First step toward realization of the four-point highway program suggested to Mayor William H. Tolson by a committee of representative local citizens Feb. 1 was taken at city council meeting Tuesday night. On Mayor Tolson's motion the council approved securing an option with the heirs of the Kettler Estate for the extension of Cabrillo avenue to Eschelman avenue.

This option will enable the city to purchase something over two acres from the Kettler Estate at \$1,500 per acre, any time within a year. There was no consideration given for the option.

If the land is purchased, it will give the city a right-of-way for a direct route from Western avenue, directly thru the business district along Cabrillo to U. S. Highway 101.

Other proposed highway improvements endorsed by the citizens' group are: (1) Extension and improvement of Crenshaw boulevard (Cedar Ave.) from 190th street to connect with the roadway at Redondo Beach boulevard.

(2) Repavement of Torrance boulevard from curb to curb, eliminating the present center strip between El Prado and Date street; and (3) Re-surfacing of Hawthorne boulevard thru Walteria and up the hill to the Palos Verdes Estates.

Nine Patients Enter Hospital

Nine new patients were received at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. Miss Hazel Briney of 2030 Arlington underwent an appendectomy Monday. Mrs. Virginia Gibson of Redondo Beach has been receiving medical attention since last Thursday. Mrs. Lauretta Klein, aged Manhattan Beach resident, entered last Sunday for medical attention, and Stefan Lanovic of Torrance City arrived last Saturday for medical care.

Hamilton Page, Palos Verdes resident who fractured his right elbow last Friday when he fell as he was getting out of bed, is receiving medical attention. Mrs. Jennie Russell of 1735 Date street, entered last Friday for surgery. Mrs. Edith Roberts of Redondo Beach was received last Friday for medical care. Mrs. Haruko Sakaguchi of Long Beach, entered last Friday for surgery, and Miss Roberta Walker of Redondo Beach underwent an appendectomy last Thursday.

Franchise Payments to City Reported

Franchise payments from oil and gas companies to the city have totaled \$911.03 to date this year, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett informed the city council Tuesday night.

Application of the Richfield Oil company for permission to abandon a pipeline on the south side of Sepulveda, from near Cedar to the southeasterly city limits was granted. The line was originally laid in 1922 by the Pan-American Oil company, later acquired by Richfield.

Goose Nears 25th Birthday
VISALIA (U.P.)—Joe Parla believes he has the oldest living goose in the United States. It will celebrate its 25th hatching-day this spring.

Mural Artist Has Painting at S. F. Fair

Miss A. Katherine Skeele of Monrovia, the artist who painted the mural "Home Life in Old Tass" in the Torrance high school library, has had a portrait in oils accepted for exhibition in the Fine Arts gallery at the Golden Gate Exposition, opening Saturday in San Francisco's bay.

The picture selected is "The Cellist," recently exhibited in the Los Angeles Museum. It portrays Frode Dann, a Danish artist, performing on his cello. Dann is a personal friend of Miss Skeele and was one of her assistants in the execution of the high school mural, according to Miss Ada Chase, art director at the school.

"Mr. Dann has visited here a number of times and last year kindly loaned the school several of his fine water color paintings," Miss Chase said.

FAIR ROUTE OUTLINED

Southern Californians who plan to drive to the Golden Gate International Exposition which opens next Saturday will reach the man-made Treasure Island over a highway system as modern as the Bay bridge itself.

By means of a variation of the modern "clover leaf" design, motorists from either San Francisco or Oakland will be able to enter the Exposition grounds without making a left turn across intersecting traffic streams.

A parking lot for 12,000 cars and fully equipped service stations have been provided on Treasure Island. Warning signs, at each end of the bridge, will flash on when the parking lot is filled. A single bridge toll permits the motorist to visit the Exposition and return to his starting point or continue to the other side of the bay without extra cost.

Three of the Exposition traffic lanes are of permanent construction of concrete and asphalt. The remaining three lanes are of temporary construction. Nearly a hundred highway signs have been erected on the new system to guide motorists.

Millions Found Allergic
BERKELEY (U.P.)—Dr. Theodore D. Beckwith, professor at the University of California, estimates that 10,000,000 persons in the United States are allergic to one thing or another, from drugs to foods, plants, animals, climatic conditions, and emotional disturbances.

If Mammoths Came To Life

Interesting Speculations Aroused by Discovery of Huge Animals' Remains



Artist's conception of how that would be brought to life. Mammoth, 25,000 years old, was found in excavation for great oil reservoir at Mobilgas refinery property, Torrance, Calif., owned by S. J. Dickey (right). General Petroleum's vice-president in charge of manufacturing and Fred Isaac, superintendent of refinery for this matter all summer.

Motorists Urged to Protest Proposed Jump in Gas Tax

Those least able to pay who use cars in their work would feel the pinch the most if the state gasoline tax is increased one cent a gallon, Jack Kemp, local manager of the Automobile Club of Southern California asserted today.

"They would cease driving or limit their car operation to such an extent that the very aim of the bill before the Legislature, which is to avert state highway revenues, would be defeated," he declared.

The club is inviting motorists to write letters of protest to the organization, for use in the fight against the threatening measure introduced by Senator Biggar of Mendocino County. A huge volume of communications already has been received expressing motorists' opposition in vigorous terms, Kemp said.

The motorist buying lower grades of gas at 16 cent a gallon pays a 33 1/3 percent tax in the 4-cent levy, he pointed out. If the attempt to raise this to 5 cents a gallon succeeds, his tax

would amount to 41 percent per gallon.

The estimated \$80,200,000 available for state highways during the next biennial period indicates that there is adequate money for needed street and highway work in the state if it is efficiently spent said the club executive.

Long Beach Scouts Meet New Leader

Long Beach Boy Scouts, who joined others throughout the nation this week in observance of their organization's 29th anniversary, met Monday night and were introduced to Frank Christensen of Harbor City, their new scoutmaster. Meade Ferguson is the retiring leader.

STATE PICNICS

MONTANA... The annual reunion for all former residents of the Treasure state will be held all day Wednesday, February 22, in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles.

IOWA... All former Hawkeyes are urged to attend the annual winter picnic to be held in Lincoln Park, Los Angeles, Saturday, Feb. 25. If it rains on that date or just before, the gathering will be postponed one week.

CODY, WYO.... A picnic reunion for all former residents of this Wyoming community will be held at Bixby Park, Long Beach, Sunday, Feb. 26.

CALLED EAST
Mrs. Margaret Williams of 1724 Martina avenue left for her old home in Martins Ferry, Ohio, Saturday night after receiving a telegram that her aged father was seriously ill.

Western Avenue Extension Is Being Revived

After years of more or less intensive effort failed to bring results, the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce is again pressing the long-proposed extension of Western avenue thru the undeveloped section between its present terminus here and Highway 101.

The Harbor booster association decided last Thursday night at Bellflower to sanction a meeting of Torrance, Long Beach, Harbor City and San Pedro Chambers of Commerce representatives to confer with Supervisor Oscar Hauge on the project.

The meeting is to be arranged by Secretary L. J. Gilmerette of the local chamber. The Western avenue project was given the "right-of-way" on the list of Harbor Chambers' activities. The association also voted to support another long standing plan—that of widening Long Beach boulevard between Long Beach and Harbor City. An open meeting of the Harbor affiliation of chambers of Commerce, sponsored by its legislative committee, was held Tuesday at Gardena. Various state legislators were present to explain bills pending before the legislature.

Hagerstrom Wins Another Delay In Morals Case

Another continuance was granted Charles Hagerstrom, Hollywood film laboratory worker, Tuesday morning by Judge Kauffman of the Compton justice court, when he appeared for trial on charges of indecent exposure, lewd vagrancy and driving while intoxicated. Hagerstrom, who was arrested at his Hollywood home Jan. 24 by local police after allegedly committing the offenses before three local school children, had obtained a change of venue from the city court here to the Compton court last week.

He again pleaded not guilty to all three accusations but waived his previous demand for a jury trial and informed Judge Kauffman, thru his attorney, that he will be content with a court hearing of his case. This was set for next Tuesday morning, Feb. 21. Hagerstrom continued at liberty on \$1,000 bail.

Executive Collects Mugs
HARTFORD, Conn. (U.P.)—D. G. Phelps, vice president of Colt's Fire Arms Co., has a hobby collecting shaving mugs.

Wooldridge Writes

Herald Circulation Mgr. Writes
To live in hearts we leave behind, is not to die.

Still Time To Enter! MODEL AIRPLANE CONTEST

3 CASH PRIZES



5 AWARDS of Model Airplane Kits!

RULES

- (1) Contest open to anyone residing in Torrance or vicinity.
- (2) Contest starts today (Feb. 9); closes Wed., March 8.
- (3) Materials or kits MUST be purchased from us on or after today, Feb. 9, and may not be lower in price than 25c.
- (4) Entries will be judged on skill of assembly, neatness and all around excellence.

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RULES

- (5) All entries remain the property of entrant; but all entries must be in our hands for judging not later than Wednesday, March 8.
- (6) Awards consist of \$3.00 First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00 Third Prize. Next Five Prizes... Each a 50c Model Kit.

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