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SECTION B

## City Awarded Franchise of State Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament

### GAMES SPONSORED BY C. C. WILL BE PLAYED IN JULY

Dale Riley, city recreation director, was named state commissioner of semi-pro baseball by Raymond Dumont, president of the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress, and with the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, will have full charge of the 1939 California championship baseball tournament to be staged at the city park diamond late in July.

Tomorrow afternoon the executive committee, which will direct the tournament here and also have full control over any other semi-pro elimination events elsewhere through the state, will meet to advance plans for the summer's outstanding sports event in this city.

This committee is composed of President Alden W. Smith of the Chamber of Commerce, City Councilman Tom McGuire, L. J. Gilmeister, Michael Strasser and Riley.

Dumont of the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress has awarded an exclusive franchise to Riley and the Chamber for holding ball tournaments in California during July, the state winner to qualify for the annual national tournament at Wichita, Kansas, August 11 to 23.

May Offer \$500 Prize. The U. S. champions will represent this nation in a seven-game series at San Juan, Puerto Rico, in September.

Efforts will be made by the local committee with the cooperation of President Dumont to have some Northern California city sponsor a tournament for that part of the state, the winner to meet the Southern California champions here after the S. C. tourney.

The California champions will be awarded a trophy by the National Congress and leading teams will share in cash prizes. The Torrance Chamber has suggested that it will put up a \$500 award for the first place winner in the Southern California tournament if the sponsor of the Northern California event does the same.

It is expected that about 16 Southern California teams will be invited to compete here in an extensive schedule of double elimination games to be played Saturdays and Sundays. In event there is a play-off between the Northern and Southern California champions that climax will be staged in the form of a three-game series at the city park diamond.

St. Louis Lacks Men. ST. LOUIS (U.P.)—There are 7 percent more females in this city than males.

### County Bonded Debt Decreases

A steady decrease in the bonded indebtedness of Los Angeles county during the past 10 years, as compared with an increase for governmental bodies generally, was revealed by County Auditor J. M. Lowery this week. The decrease was regarded as favorable for the possibility of floating a county bond issue to provide the sponsor's share for a county office building and court house.

The bonded indebtedness of all governmental agencies in the county has increased from \$336,338,677.15 to \$612,216,023.51 in the past decade while the bonded debt of one county government alone has dropped from \$7,000,000 to \$4,250,000.

Of the total bonded debt in the county, 49.02 percent is against municipalities, 33.25 percent against special districts, 17.04 percent against school districts and only .09 of one percent against the county itself.

### Officer Braves Slough Water to Rescue Man

The wind barely rippled the turgid waters of Bixby Slough but to Deputy Sheriff E. R. Hargett and a 14-year-old boy their voyage to the rescue of Thomas F. Kelley, 30, of 24812 Oak street, Lodi, was a thriller late last Saturday.

Called to Vermont avenue, Roosevelt highway, Hargett, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Kitzman, found that Kelly had almost drowned in the slough when his small boat overturned. An unnamed companion had pulled the Lomitan up on a small island in the flake.

Hargett cast about for a quick way to reach that island. He found the boy, whose name was not reported, who produced a small canvas folding canoe from an automobile. Hargett is a big fellow, scaling nearly 200 pounds and he and the owner of the craft all but sunk the small canvas contraption enroute to Kelly's rescue.

They managed to reach the stranded man, righted his boat and took him across the slough to a waiting ambulance. Kelley was treated for shock and exposure and sent home in care of friends.

### Townsendites Plan Mass Meet Here

Application by the Torrance Townsend club to hold a mass meeting for supporters of the pension movement in the 16th, 17th and 18th Congressional districts at the Civic Auditorium, the meeting to include a dinner, music and speakers, was referred to the Chamber of Commerce for a recommendation. No date was mentioned in the club's letter for the meeting.

RENEW LIBRARY PACT. On motion of Councilman Tom McGuire the contract with the county library to provide library service here was renewed for the year 1939-40 for \$7,080.

### Details of County Housing Projects Told by Architects Drawing Plans

Details of the three projects expected to be started this summer by the Los Angeles County Housing Authority were disclosed this week by the architectural firms which are in charge of preparing working plans and specifications, preparatory to a call for bids.

The Harbor Hills project at Palos Verdes will house 250 families, with an average of six families in each building. Plans call for reinforced brick walls, concrete floors, no plastering, shingle roofing and metal windows. Each unit will be equipped the same as the Carmelitos project.

Cost of this project will total approximately \$1,600,000 and the loan contract for both the Harbor Hills and Carmelitos projects have been made by the Federal government. A different group of architects is assigned to each project.

The Long Beach project, designated as the Carmelitos (Little Gardens) project, is to accommodate 500 families, with an average of eight families being housed in each building. They are to have reinforced concrete walls and floors, exposed concrete exterior, painted interior walls, no plastering, probably shingle roofing, and metal windows.

Each unit will be equipped with gas heaters, a gas water heater, laundry tub, gas range, sink and bathroom with three

### Seeks Injunction Against Projects

County attorneys are awaiting a date to be set by the superior court on an order to show cause in connection with the injunction suit brought against the Los Angeles County Housing Authority by Herbert Riggan, Belvedere taxpayer.

Court Counsel J. H. O'Conner said he was confident his deputies could successfully resist the action, filed late last week. Riggan is a member of the East Los Angeles Taxpayers' Protective association, and named members of the board of supervisors as defendants as well as the housing authority and its five commissioners.

Riggan alleges, among other things that the authority would be proceeding against the interests of private property owners with construction of its projects contemplated in Palos Verdes, North Long Beach and Belvedere Gardens. He says the plan also is Communist in nature.

Bids for landscaping and for utilities, including water supply

and mains and sewer lines, will be taken by the Authority at the time general bids are called for the construction. Cost is expected to total some \$200,000.

The Maravilla project, in Belvedere Gardens, is to house 500 Mexican families, and this is the least advanced of the three. Walls of the buildings in this project probably will be of reinforced concrete.

### Community Sings Open to All at High School

Do you want to sing? Would you like to participate in weekly "community sings" at the high school?

Then run—do not walk—to the office in that school and sign up now for the Monday night sing-songs to be held from 7 until 9 o'clock under competent direction. A group of from 20 to 25 must enroll before the weekly gatherings can be held.

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### Gas Blast Burns Boy in Home Here

With a roar that was heard thruout the neighborhood, a gas explosion ripped away walls of a house at 743 Sartori avenue during the rain last Thursday night and sent Robert Mills, 15, to Torrance Memorial hospital with superficial burns covering most of his body.

The blast occurred as the boy struck a match in a room partially filled with gas, possibly from a leaking jet, according to his report to firemen. Young Mills was the only occupant at the time of the explosion, his parents and the owners of the house, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mills, being absent.

Damage to the residence was estimated at about \$1,000. A small fire followed the explosion. Robert was allowed to leave the hospital after treatment of his burns.

PAY FRANCHISE. Southern California Edison company paid the city \$1,078.99 on its franchise earnings during the past year, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett reported to the council Tuesday night.

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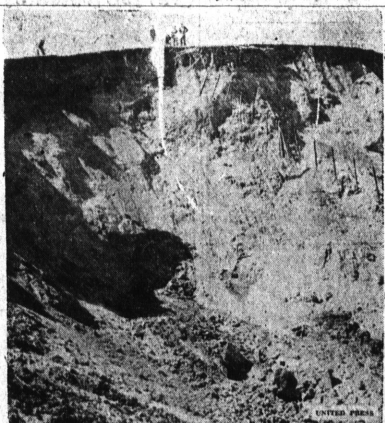
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### Wooldridge Writes

More than half a man's trouble is not his own. He has borrowed it and keeps borrowing more.



MOVING MOUNTAIN OF GILROY... Sightseers are seen on the brim of the gigantic pit at Gilroy caused by a strange earth movement described as a "moving mountain" which was menacing the only power line into the Salinas valley. "The Nation's Lettuce Bowl." The movement started with a roar heard for miles, cut a swath a mile long and a quarter-mile wide. It moved at the rate of eight feet in 24 hours.

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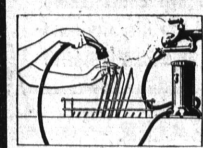
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In search of rare specimens from unexplored ocean depths and distant lands, the exploration cruiser Velero III, seen above, left San Pedro this past week for its eighth major voyage. Flying the cardinal and gold pennant of U. S. O. S. she will make an eight-week cruise in tropical waters along the eastern coasts of Colombia and Venezuela under Captain Allan Hancock, seen with sextant.

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