

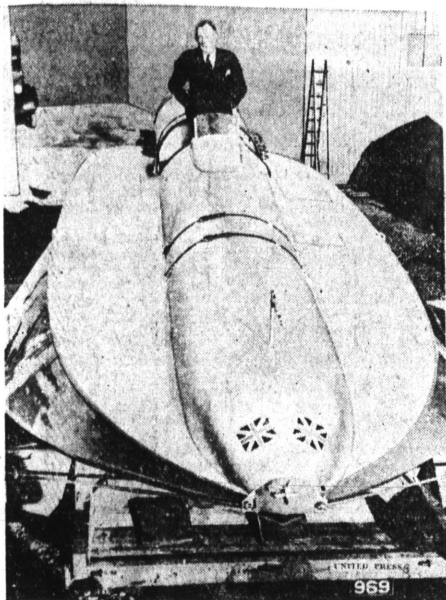
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**YES, IT'S A BOAT!** . . . Sir Malcolm Campbell, English racing driver, sits in the cockpit of his new racing boat in which he smashed his previous speedboat record of 130 m.p.h. The new time set by Campbell on Lake Coniston, England, was 141 m.p.h.

## Draft Restrictions Banning Homes Within Nigger Slough District

Legal restrictions that will prevent the issuance of permits for residential structures in the area now known as Laguna de Dominguez, formerly Nigger slough, were being prepared this week by County Counsel J. H. O'Connor.

The restrictions are expected to be adopted by the board of supervisors to halt possible subdivision of the area when the flood control district installs temporary drainage relief measures. Relief has been sought for the area for some years.

Chief Engineer H. E. Hodger of the flood control district said he did not want to go ahead with installation of temporary relief measures which is the only kind of work the district is financially able to undertake at this time, until he would have assurance that improvements would not be made by private land owners that might only increase the danger.

More improvements in the low-lying area would only result in hundreds of suits against the district in event of a cloud-burst in the watershed, because the temporary relief the district is able to provide at this time would not suffice in event of a heavy storm.

## P. V. Housing Project Plans Ready for Bids

Call for bids for the Los Angeles County Housing Authority's next project in the Palos Verdes hills may be issued today. Cost is expected to approximate \$1,750,000.

Architects have completed preparation of plans and specifications for the project to be known as the Harbor Hills project. The commission was scheduled to meet late this afternoon this week instead of Wednesday afternoon.

A five percent preferential will not be given to California contractors because provisions of the local authority's contract with the parent authority in Washington do not permit. County Counsel J. H. O'Connor ruled this week.

The question arose during the taking of bids for the initial project in North Long Beach, and the county counsel's opinion was sought before bids should be taken for the second project in the Palos Verdes Hills. The county counsel said that the contract must go to the lowest responsible bidder.

Purpose of the five percent preferential clause in public contracts is to give state-controlled firms a "boost," but the county counsel's staff reasoned that the Federal authority is interested only in providing rents at the lowest possible figure in the housing projects.

Governor Culbert L. Olson is expected to head the list of public officials who have been invited to attend the groundbreaking ceremonies Saturday afternoon for the \$2,500,000 Carmelitos Housing project to be launched in North Long Beach by the county Housing Authority. Isidore B. Dockweiler, chairman of the Authority, is to preside at the ceremonies.

## Chamber Board Meeting Covers Many Subjects

Evidence that the broad program, outlined recently by its newly-elected President R. R. Smith for making the Torrance Chamber of Commerce more "community minded," was getting under way was disclosed in the wide scope of subjects discussed at Monday's meeting of the board of directors.

Individual directors, acting as chairmen of committees covering the activities of the chamber's work, reported that they had practically completed the personnel of their committees by enlisting the services of public spirited citizens from outside the chamber directorate. As soon as all committees have been filled, President Smith proposed that a general meeting of all such chamber workers be arranged.

This week's meeting of the board was crowded with lengthy discussions of important subjects of community interest among them being:

1. Consideration of the contract with the City of Torrance, final acceptance of which was deferred pending certain changes, which in the opinion of directors were necessary to make the agreement valid;
2. Adoption of a questionnaire which is to be answered before requests for sponsoring any project would be considered by the chamber;
3. Recommendation to the City Council that \$250 be advanced to the Factory Frolic Committee, which amount is to be returned in the event receipts from this year's Frolic exceed expenses, which recommendation was approved Tuesday by the city council;
4. Ratification of the agreement to sponsor the 1940 California Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament;
5. Decision to endeavor to secure a branch office of the State Motor Vehicle Department for issuing automobile licenses next January;
6. Appropriation of \$150 to defray expenses of the Torrance Municipal Band at the Los Angeles County Fair at Pomona on Sunday, Sept. 17, which was approved Tuesday by the City Council;
7. Approval of the following new Chamber members: Torrance Memorial Hospital, Rev. E. E. Banks, Calif. Oil Tool Co., Attorney John Shidler, Dan's Cafe and Glenn M. Jain, assistant city engineer.

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**CHECKING WELFARE INVESTIGATIONS** . . . Here are two-thirds of the Torrance Relief Society's membership engaged in checking their investigations of needy local families. Left to right: Mrs. Flora Wright, vice-president; Mrs. Helen Miller, recording secretary; Mrs. Janet Woodington, now serving her third term as president, and Mrs. J. H. Young, head of the investigating committee. The other two members of the Society are Mrs. George Watson and Mrs. Lena Olson.

## Charity Chest Drive Starts Sept. 7

Relief Society Operates Without Overhead

### 22-YEAR-OLD GROUP HAS FINE RECORD

A half-dozen women are bearing the welfare and relief load for this city of 13 square miles and about 12,000 population. Their capable hands are distributing clothing, food and other necessities to Torrance families who are still struggling to keep intact, to keep roofs over their heads and meager meals on their tables.

Banded together in the Torrance Relief Society, these six women are carrying on a tradition of helpfulness that is now more than 22 years old. Week in and week out, they meet distress and manage, by a devoted loyalty to their city that seldom is given the recognition it deserves, to stave off hunger, to clothe the men, women and children and revive failing spirits.

Ever since 1917 the Torrance Relief Society has worked hard to relieve distress without one cent of overhead expense. No member has ever claimed reimbursement for any expenditures made in the line of duty and no bills have ever been presented anyone for services rendered. It is highly doubtful if any welfare group in California has such a splendid record.

Headquarters of the society is now in the home of its president, Mrs. Janet Woodington, at 2013 Arlington avenue. There, in one room which was formerly a sleeping porch, is stored the organization's collection of clothing and household articles donated by local residents and groups. Very little food is kept in the small room because when there is a need for food, an order is given the applicant on a local store.

Assisting Mrs. Woodington who is now serving her third term as head of the group, are Mrs. Flora Wright, vice-president; Mrs. Helen Miller, recording secretary; Mrs. J. H. Young, investigating committee chairman; Mrs. George Watson and Mrs. Lena Olson.

"People have been good about giving us clothing," Mrs. Woodington said.

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### Power Sweeper Put Into Service

Another city veteran was retired Monday.

Replaced by a modern street sweeper that can go as fast as 12 miles an hour, the old horse or truck-pulled brusher that the city "inherited" on its incorporation was put in storage at the city yard. However, it may still see more service if it becomes necessary to use two sweepers here.

The new equipment is a Grace self-propelled road sweeper, powered by a 35 h.p. Continental engine and having a seven-foot reversible brush that permits the operator to sweep right or left. A large water tank and pressure pump is also mounted on the chassis.

Purchased new for \$1,525, the sweeper can travel three and one-half, seven or 12 miles an hour, having three speeds.

### No Strings Attached to Local Helping Hands

Last week a young mother of a seven-year-old daughter called at Mrs. Janet Woodington's home at 2013 Arlington avenue and appealed for help from the Torrance Relief Society.

She had been turned out of her home here for failure to pay rent. She had just 18 cents in her purse—and no food for nearly a day.

"Her case was one of the most pitiful I had heard in the many years I have been a member of the Society," Mrs. Woodington said. "She was desperate. She told me there was nothing left for her but to end it all for both of us. But, after giving her and the little girl lunch, I talked it over with her. 'I told her to go to the county welfare center and tell them the same story of her misfortunes that she told me. I told her to ask the county for a place to live and I would supply her with food. She went away and I got in touch with the Torrance Community Service association about paying for a room for her and the little girl if she was not successful with the county. The association said for me to do that, of course.'

All Torrance Folks "But the young mother came back and said the county had agreed to find her a room. Then I gave her an order for groceries. I believe she'll find work and there won't be any more talk about 'ending it all.' But her case was only one of scores that our society hears every day.

"When fathers of families are only getting \$40 or \$50 a month and half of that goes for rent and utilities, the balance does not quite cover the bare necessities of life. That is when we extend a helping hand with clothing and food orders.

"We also heartily endorse the Community Service Association's annual drive for welfare and relief funds for the current year because we are dependent upon that association for our grocery orders and other expenses that are incurred strictly and entirely for our needy folk here," Mrs. Woodington concluded.

## Old Glass Factory Now Being Razed

Sold for taxes after 12 years of idleness, the Torrance Window Glass factory building, one of this city's pioneer industrial plants, is being razed today. The structure was purchased by a Los Angeles attorney from the county recently on behalf of the Western Iron and Metal company of Los Angeles which is dismantling the plant for its salvage materials.

Launched in 1919 by Charles Hurd on Border avenue near 222nd street, the glass factory employed approximately 250 men, including 12 expert blowers who blew liquid glass from a tank into cylinder-like molds where 12 gatherers and an equal number of "snappers" worked it into window glass.

At that time Torrance had a population of less than 2,000—concentrated mostly south of Carson street along Andros avenue, old-timers here relate.

Competition Killed Plant The window glass blowers, well paid after long apprenticeships in their age-old trade, were thrown out of employment in about 1924 when installation of automatic blowing machinery deprived them of their trade. The Torrance plant, only window glass factory west of Kansas when it opened here, closed

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### NEED \$1,800 FOR LOCAL RELIEF AID

Plans for launching the annual "Torrance's Own" Charity Chest Drive on September 7 were announced today by C. Earl Conner, campaign chairman of the Torrance Community Service Association. This is the organization of prominent industrial and civic leaders which finances and administers the highly commendable work of the Torrance Relief Society and other worthy charitable and welfare activities in this city and vicinity.

How important in the relief of emergency distress suffered by local families—until such time as aid can be obtained from the county or other governmental agencies—is the work of the women who comprise the Torrance Relief Society is told in a story printed in column four.

Other relief and welfare work which is supported in whole or in part by funds raised in the T. C. S. A. Charity Chest drive include:

1. Have 5-Point Program
2. Sponsorship of the sewing project which gives employment to between 10 and 50 women. Rental of quarters on Post avenue is paid out of the Charity Chest;
3. Mothers Education Center conducted each month at the Women's Club;
4. Annual contribution to Salvation Army;
5. Baskets of food for poor families at Thanksgiving and Christmas; and
6. Milk for children.

Appeal for \$1,800 Based on the experiences of other years and after consultation with members of the Torrance Relief Society, Chairman Conner estimated that a minimum of \$1,800 would be required to finance the above work for the coming year and all those able to help are urged to do so.

Officers of the Torrance Community Service Association include: H. T. Lintoft, president; I. W. Post, first vice-president; C. E. Conner, treasurer; L. J. Gilchrist, secretary; and R. R. Smith, Sherwood McIntyre, Sam Levy, and Mayor William H. Tolson, directors.

### Torrance Miss Photoed Three Times in 'Roto'

Little Marilyn Haver saw more pictures of herself in the rotogravure section of the Los Angeles Times last Sunday than any other person since that supplement has been published.

She appeared in three photos on the front page of the "roto" section. Marilyn is the photogenic seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence D. Haver of 1217 Beech street.

The pictures were taken at a recent Irish picnic program at the Los Angeles Breakfast club on Riverside drive. She was included in a group of Mary Zabelle dancers who entertained the sons and daughters of Elre.

### Two New Homes Being Erected

Permits for construction of two new homes here were included in the week's total of \$6,599 worth of construction, according to records at the city engineer's office. J. F. Carlin of Los Angeles is building a six-room frame stucco house and double garage at 716 Acacia for \$3,849.

Mrs. Camille Dumont of 2731 Arlington is erecting a four-room frame house at 2733 Arlington for \$2,000. Other permits were issued to Mr. and Mrs. D. Knight for a one-room store addition, 21 by 14 feet, to their residence at 24250 Hawthorne avenue, \$250, and to Tony Ramona for installation of a 500-gallon underground gasoline storage tank at 17151 Arlington avenue, \$100.

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### Elson to Return as H. S. Principal

Reports that Principal Thomas Elson of Torrance high school would be transferred to another school with the start of the 1939-40 term were denied Tuesday by the personnel office of the Los Angeles city board of education.

"Mr. Elson will return to Torrance high school this fall," The Herald was informed. When the personnel office was asked if Elson would also be in charge of Torrance Community college, the junior college institution that will begin classes at the high school on Sept. 11, the reply was:

"No decision has been made yet. No teaching assignments will be announced until about the middle of next week."

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### Frolic Committee Renews Efforts for \$500 Grant

Determination to renew their efforts to obtain the full \$500 of municipal funds requested from the Chamber of Commerce to help finance the coming Factory Frolic on Sept. 28, 29, 30, was voted by members of the Frolic executive committee at a special meeting yesterday afternoon.

Chamber directors at their meeting Monday afternoon had cut the \$500 request to \$250, which amount was approved Tuesday by the city council.

Following prolonged discussion by the Frolic executive committee, during which some members became quite indignant at the action of the Chamber of Commerce board, it was decided to seek an immediate conference with Chamber officials at which time an itemized list of expenses and anticipated revenues will be presented.

The purpose of showing these figures, according to F. L. Parks, general chairman of the Frolic committee, is to convince Chamber directors of the necessity of recommending the full \$500 appropriation. In order that proper commitments can be made and expenditures authorized.

Bigger and Better "Present plans for street decorations, exhibits in the Civic Auditorium, free entertainment, moonlight dances, monster street parade, hobby and handicraft show, and many other features were all made with the purpose of making the Factory Frolic a bigger and better celebration than the splendid affair last year," Parks said.

Chamber officials were requested to take action prior to next Monday evening when the Frolic executive committee meets.

Last year, Parks recalled, the city gave \$318 toward the Frolic expenses. Other members of the executive committee likewise expressed regret that the Chamber had not recommended the full amount asked, declaring that the community had found the 1938 Frolic a splendid celebration outlet, productive of much good will and considerable favorable publicity for the city throughout the Southland.

The 1939 Frolic finance committee was instructed by Chairman Parks to redouble its efforts in obtaining funds from local merchants, professional men and firms. No contracts have been signed for entertainment features and no public announcement will be made concerning special events and prizes until the Frolic group has obtained as much money as possible through donations, sale of auto bumper cards, concession space on El Prado and in the Civic Auditorium.

"We will do our best to keep our expenses within our funds and will keep our promise to the Chamber to use its grant only when it becomes necessary," Parks declared. "We hope that the Frolic will be as successful as the first one and that all organizations in the city continue to cooperate with us in arranging this community celebration."

### Rotary to Hear Naval Officer

Capt. Claude B. Mayo, U.S.N., will speak on "Traditions and Customs of the U. S. Navy" tonight at the dinner-meeting of the Torrance Rotary club. He recently began his 38th year in Naval service and is director of Naval Reserve.