4 City Workers Said Under Par Physically

At least four city employees under civil services are now "somewhat substandard as to physical qualifications," the Civil Service Board's chairman, J. O. Bishop, informed the city council in a letter Tuesday night. In making this report, Bishop said the men in question, J. J. Benner and R. L. Perry of the fire department and Percy B. Bennett and Frank H. Schumacher of the police department, were not permitted to take the agility tests in the recent examination.

"They were orally informed of this and the reasons therefor," Bishop's letter continued. "They were also informed that they probably could not be certified for promotion until their various defects were corrected. Among them a feeling seems to prevail that the Board went beyond its power to so rule. The Board was acting on a policy of 'Safety First' and if an opinion of the city attorney indicates that the Board has erred, we will be prompt in admitting it and happy to give these men the agility tests."

Bishop listed the asserted physical status of each man this ranging from a possible double hernia to overweight. He also reported that "during the tests Officer Tom Perkin felt distressed and did not vigorously complete the performance of all the tests." When examined later by a physician no serious defect or ailment was found, Bishop said.

Copies of the proposed new civil service ordinance covering most city employees were distributed to councilmen during the meeting but were not made public. This proposed measure will be considered by the council at an adjourned meeting tomorrow night at 7 o'clock.

Dominguez Well Nearing Schist And Last Hope

With the drill down to the 6914-foot level last night at Dominguez Estates Fee No 1 wildcat well west of Western avenue at 203rd street, the last remaining hope of bringing in a commercial producer lies in possibility of hitting an accumulation next to the schist, or basement, according to C. C. Boatright, driller.

It is from an accumulation of oil bearing sands next to the schist that three profitable oil fields in Southern California are now producing Del Rey, El Segundo and Venice. Some observers of the Dominguez wildcat have expressed the opinion that this hole will hit this same formation and it is on this last ray of hope that those interested in the well are keeping up their spirits.

Geologists at the well expect that the well will hit bottom at about 7,200 feet, which leaves less than 200 feet to go. However, the going is now tough thru hard brown shale and only about one and one-half feet was penetrated during the past 48 hours, according to Boatright. Periodic corings are being made and a complete picture of the entire hole is available. Aside from slight showings,—not in commercially profitable volume—the test has shown no promise from the start.

Want L. A. Police to Curb Speeders On Carson Street

Seeking a curb on speeding on Carson street, between Western and Normandie avenues, the East Torrance Chamber of Commerce has asked Los Angeles officials to detail a police squad car in the area during the late evening hours every Friday.

Rev. Ben H. Lingenfelter, secretary of the civic group, said that youths leaving the weekly dances at the Civic Auditorium were "burning up" the pavement Friday nights and endangering lives of other motorists.

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Authority on City Administration Offers Case History of Problems Solved by Planning Agency

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is similar to that of other cities, the merchants probably would have agreed to such a plan."

Much has been said about re-habilitating Mexican families. Survey needed.

"—And that questionnaire you got from the housing agency in Washington, asking for detailed information on your particular city and its needs before giving a commitment regarding a Federal appropriation. Well, if your planning agency had been the right kind of a planning agency, it would have obtained for you from its land-use, social and economic survey every bit of data required by Washington. It would have been in a position to tell you immediately what the housing requirements of a city or a district are. It might have told you that it had made some neighborhood studies which indicated that rehabilitation was desirable in some areas, and that with suitable protection private agencies might provide housing with Federal insurance. It might have said that a limited amount of subsidized housing is needed for people on relief, or it might conceivably have told you that there is no present need for public housing in your city.

"The point I want to impress upon you, Mr. Mayor, is that if you had a good planning agency, it would have been able to relieve you of all the troubles associated with your housing program."

And we of Torrance do need more playgrounds placed where they'll serve best

"And what about the complaint regarding recreation facilities? Here again your planning agency would have made a study of the city. It would have determined what the actual needs of this community are, not by rule of thumb, but by studying the composition of the population and the character of the community. Obviously an industrial population living on small lots requires more public recreation space than does the population of a residential suburb living on very large lots, and a city with a great many children requires more playgrounds than does a city of elderly people. The planning agency might have discovered that there are certain areas in the city which can be acquired very cheaply and perhaps developed with the aid of the WPA. It might even have found some of your wealthy citizens who would be willing to deed recreation areas to the community."

Proper planning is wisest investment a city such as ours can make for the future

"The gasoline station next to your house — well, one of the first jobs of the planning agency would have been the preparation of a zoning ordinance. Not one of the old-fashioned kind, not a negative instrument designed to keep people from doing things, but a positive pattern for the best use of land in your community. Then you probably never would have been troubled by the gasoline station in your fine residential neighborhood.

"You see, Mr. Mayor, the planning agency is not infallible, it cannot solve all of your problems, but it could have helped you to find solutions for those you told me about. The planning agency is your research staff — it gathers facts, it analyses those facts, and it provides you and your citizens with information which will help you to answer your and their problems.

"As a banker you would not loan any money to an industry unless that industry came to you with a carefully thought-out program and plan for what it proposed to do with the money. Why should you or your citizens treat the city any differently? You and they have only a limited amount of money with which to operate. It isn't your money. It's the money of all the citizens, rich and poor. Why shouldn't you and they insist that the city also have its plan, its program for expenditure of its monies? The first essential of good city government is good planning."

Babcock Has 12 Points In Platform for City Council

erans' organization here.

Would Publish Budget

"I am opposed to autocracy in government or the establishment of clique control," he said in outlining his platform and continued: "I favor open meetings by the council on all matters of public interest and I am opposed to secret purchase of public equipment and supplies. I would prefer submission to public bid all purchases over $25 with local bidders given preference.

"I favor demanding increased allocation of gasoline tax funds according to our motor registration, these funds to be used in street maintenance and repair. I believe in annual publication of the municipal budget and semi-annual itemized treasurer's report of receipts and disbursements.

"Adequate and proper civil service status for municipal employees should be provided and civil service rules and regulations should be established to give preference in public employment to those who have been residents of Torrance for at least two years.

Pledges Fair Campaign

"Our school playgrounds should be kept open during the vacation periods and I favor the creation of a Fathers' P.T.A. Council here to work with the regular P.T.A. organizations to better school conditions. I believe in government of, by and for the whole people of our city with equal voice and representation for all.

"I shall conduct my campaign on a fair basis and will have no time to indulge in personalities, believing that we can express opinions without mud-slinging or breaking any friendships," Babcock concluded.

Thought, unassisted by learning, is dangerous.

SEVEN BABIES ARRIVE HERE

Seven babies were born at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week, they were:

A son to Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Compton, Redondo Beach, last Friday;

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Huston Johnson, Redondo Beach, Sunday;

A son to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Metzger, Lomita, last Thursday;

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Rassmussen, Gardena, Monday;

A son to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sutliff, 730 Sartori avenue, Sunday;

A son to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Saxton, Redondo Beach, last Thursday, and

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Williams, Hermosa Beach, Tuesday.

Infantile Paralysis Fund Near Quota

dena, last Thursday for surgery; Frank A. Christensen, Harbor City, Friday for surgery; Mrs. Margaret Herron, Gardena, last Wednesday for surgery; Mrs. Dorothy Jones, Wilmington, Tuesday for surgery; James McFarland, Gardena, last Wednesday for medical care, and Mrs. Virginia Vorhis, 808½ Portola avenue, last Thursday for surgery.

Rain Total Here Is 15.03 Inches

A quarter-inch of rainfall last night and this morning raised the season's total here to 15.03 inches as compared to 11.12 inches at this time last year. Last week-end's intermittent rains amounted to .67 of an inch, according to city firemen who are gauging the rains.

Historians believe that women were the first agriculturists.

Two Miss Death As Car Plunges Off Viaduct

A plunge through an overhead crossing railing followed by a drop of more than 50 feet onto a railroad right-of-way in a car would ordinarily spell serious injury and possibly death to occupants of such a machine.

But Dewey White, 40, of 1343 West 223rd street, and John F Heydon, 55, of 16011 Western avenue, Gardena, escaped with only slight cuts and bruises. The accident occurred Tuesday night when Heydon driver of the car in which they were riding, swung too close to a guard rail on the overhead crossing on Vermont near Anaheim boulevard, caught a fender on the railing, plunged through and hurtled to the railroad tracks.

FIRST AID COURSE

A six-weeks' course in standard First Aid will be given at the Redondo Beach fire hall on Bonita street, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6:30 to 9:30 o'clock. Any resident of Torrance may attend, according to Frank H. Davis, instructor, and Mrs. Flora Wright, local Red Cross chairman.

EXTRA MEETING

To adopt necessary resolutions pertaining to the April 9 municipal election, the city council will hold an adjourned meeting March 5 at 4:30 p. m.

He told investigating officers he was blinded by headlights of an approaching car. Heydon escaped with a cut and bruised thumb and forehead while White suffered only a cut lip, it was reported.

Council Endorses Observance of Good Friday

At the request of five members of the Knights of Columbus, the city council Tuesday night adopted a resolution calling on all residents to observe Good Friday, March 22.

The resolution also asks city offices, merchants, industries and other business places to close that day from 12 to 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The request was signed by James L. Gribbon, Lewis A. Miller, R. C. Morley, Carl J. Gramling and B. A. Byrne.

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