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Lomitan's Tragic Death in Ocean Blow to Friends

The tragic death by drowning of Mrs. Lillian Mack one of the most beloved young matrons of Lomita, brought sorrow to the entire community Tuesday afternoon.

Tuesday Mrs. Mack with her husband, Harry Mack, her father, Charles Machado and some friends from Los Angeles were fishing near Point Vicente. At low tide they walked out to some rocks about a hundred yards from the shoreline of Lunada Bay, about a mile north of the lighthouse.

The swells were growing larger but they were not noticed until a breaker swept Mrs. Mack and Floyd Putnam into the sea. Mack and Machado plunged into the breakers and managed to rescue Putnam but Mrs. Mack was swept into the huge waves. Frank Durbin, George Murphy and a Japanese boy, Saki, also tried to rescue her. Machado managed to get a fishing line to his daughter but the line broke.

Funeral Held Today

After fighting the waves for 45 minutes while the frantic fishermen vainly attempted to reach her, Mrs. Mack was taken aboard the Coast Guard Patrol Boat 411 where all efforts to revive her failed.

Born in Los Angeles 27 years ago, Mrs. Mack came to Lomita following her marriage ten years ago to Harry Mack of 2502 N. Narbonne avenue. Her mother passed away a year ago. In addition to her husband, she was survived by her father Charles Machado and an eight-year-old son, Bobby.

Services were held this afternoon at the Gamby Mortuary with interment at Inglewood Park.

Honored by P.T.A.

The following resolution was passed at a special board meeting of Lomita Elementary P.T.A. yesterday morning:

"With great sorrow we learned today of the tragic death of Mrs. Mack, our historian. It has been a privilege to have known her and to have worked with her the past two years on our Executive Board at Lomita school. Her gracious, sincere manner and her efficient work, her generous giving of her time and means have greatly benefited our association.

"Every one of us who have worked with her have learned to love her and she will be missed by all of us."

Local Man Says He Lost \$14 to Armed Woman

"Stick 'em up, mister and don't try any funny business or I'll let you have it!" A woman bandit commanded John W. Hutsler late last Tuesday night and the moonlight glinted on a nickel-plated revolver held in her steady hand.

That's what Hutsler, who lives in the Republic Oil building at the corner of Sepulveda and Arlington avenues, told police. He claimed he was relieved of \$14 in cash by the gun woman who betrayed no nervousness. The robbery, he said, occurred in the middle of the block between Carson and 218th street on Arlington.

After taking his money, the woman hurried off south on Arlington, Hutsler reported.

Want Ad Rhymes Contest Judges Headed by Narbonne Vice-Principal

Miss Grace Champion, girl's vice-principal at Narbonne high school, Lomita, headed the group of judges who selected the best rhymes this week for the Want Ad Rhymes contest. Their selections follow:

First Prize Winner
Carol Nothern, 1929 257th Street, Lomita, will kindly call at The Torrance Herald office for her prize of \$1.00.

The Ad:
"FLOORS RESURFACED—Now is the time to resurface your floors; also, paint the interior and exterior of your home. Torrance Paint Store, 'The Home of Better Paints and Wallpapers,' 1115 Sarbin Ave., Torrance 347."

The Winning Rhyme:
"You know good paints protect your home,
Be sure to use the best;
Get Torrance Paint Store on the phone,
And they will do the rest!"
Second Prize Winner
Mrs. John H. Clay 2300 Carson street, Torrance will kindly

RESERVOIR ABOVE LOMITA COMPLETED



Air view of recently completed Palos Verdes Reservoir, terminal reservoir in the huge distribution system that will deliver soft and filtered Colorado River water to each of the thirteen cities of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Located on the northern slopes of the Palos Verdes Hills, at the intersection of Palos Verdes Drive, north and Narbonne Avenue, this water storage and regulating basin will function as an important part of

the Metropolitan Aqueduct which will begin the delivery of water to the District cities early in 1941. (Upper right) One of the large signs recently erected on the high steel wire fence which surrounds the reservoir. (Below) Artist's map of giant 392-mile-long Metropolitan Aqueduct, world's largest water supply system. The main line of the Metropolitan Aqueduct is now completed and delivering water into the Cajalco Reservoir.

Husky Thieves Get Away with 1,920 lbs. Lead

While a woman served as a look-out, judging from her foot prints, two or more husky men are believed to have toiled several hours last Thursday night in stealing eight pieces of lead totaling 1,920 pounds from the McDonald and Burns Oil Company well at the extreme end of 231st street.

Each of the pieces, according to a report given police, weighed 240 pounds. The thieves must have experienced oil well workers from the manner in which they dismantled the metal and loaded it into a truck, police said.

Footprints of a woman's shoes were found near the road leading to the well from 231st street, indicating she served as a look-out while the strong-arm thieves worked to load their leaden loot.

National Supply President Dies

John A. Gelsner, president of the National Supply Company, died Tuesday night in Toledo, Ohio, according to word received here yesterday. He was 61 years of age and had served the company for 40 years, starting as a youth in one of the firm's eastern plants.

David Faulkner, vice-president in charge of the Torrance plant, left today to attend the funeral. Mr. Gelsner had long been prominent in the oil tool industry and was highly respected throughout the nation. He was particularly well-known in Southern California.

He had been president of National Supply for the past year and a half. Previously he had served as vice-president and general manager of the concern for 10 years.

Dominguez Well Fails to Top Any Oil Bearing Sands

When the drill at Dominguez Estates Fee No. 1 well at 203rd street north of the Columbia street plant off Western avenue hit bottom for schist last Sunday, all hope of bringing in an oil well was lost. Operations were halted below the 7,100-foot level, and this week workmen have been busy dismantling machinery preparatory to abandoning the hole.

While the test was a disappointment to those interested in finding a number of Torrance property owners, one fact is definitely established. There is no oil in this area. With this knowledge, proven by thorough test with the aid of every mechanical device known to the industry for detecting the presence of oil below the surface, development of the real estate in this area will no doubt go forward, as it comprises some of the most desirable residential and industrial acreage adjacent to Torrance.

MAYOR SEEKS RE-ELECTION TO CONTINUE CIVIC GROWTH

In making formal announcement of his candidacy for re-election April 9, Mayor William H. Tolson this week paid high tribute to his co-members of the city council during the past six years and declared that he wanted to carry out to completion a number of civic projects for the benefit of Torrance.

He also outlined several proposals for city improvements which he stated would be pressed toward realization during the next few years. "The city of Torrance has been fortunate in having men on its council who have worked hard and unselfishly for the community, and this contributed much toward civic progress," he said.

"In seeking re-election, I am motivated only by a desire to carry through to completion a number of projects which have been started during the past year or so and to work for other benefits to the city of which I have been a resident for 26 years," Mayor Tolson said.

Suggests Recreation Center
"Among the public works which are still in the stage of adjustment and planning are the improvement of Cabrillo avenue and Torrance boulevard and extension of Crenshaw or Cedar avenue; permanent transportation facilities; expansion of community department outlets and enlargement of our park system. To these we must add a constant effort to keep our tax rate down."

"In regard to recreation facilities, I believe we should enlarge our park system to provide playgrounds for children in strategic parts of the city so the youngsters won't have to travel far to enjoy them. Our recreation department is the only one in the city without a home of its own and it's my desire to see that this is remedied by the construction of a suitable building which will house the many activities which can benefit our citizens."

"I expect to keep the efficiency of our police and fire departments up to high standards, paying particular attention to the fire department in order to keep our

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Alondra Refund Recommended

Refunding of the indebtedness of the Alondra Park district will be on the recommended program of Los Angeles County next year, members of a committee of taxpayers of the district were told at a meeting with county officials this week.

Just how much the county will contribute in gasoline tax funds to the program and which refunding act will be selected cannot yet be determined, Alfred Jones, county surveyor, informed the group.

"We will not know how much the county can contribute to this program until the amount which the Board of Supervisors allocates to all such refunding programs is fixed," Jones stated.

Members of the committee attending the conference included Herbert Cook, Lawndale; John Bodger, Pat MacDonnell and Judge Frank Carrell of Gardena.

Council Holds Brief Session

One of the shortest meetings of record was held by the city council late Tuesday afternoon when a resolution appointing of ficers for the April 9 municipal election was adopted and two appropriations, totaling \$400, were approved. The north side of the ball park fence is being moved and repaired at a cost of \$200, a truck hoist was purchased for \$200 and then the council adjourned.

Rotarians to Hear Salesmanship Talk

"1940 Selling Methods" will be explained to members and guests of the Rotary club here tonight by Fred W. Lawton of the Ford Motor Company, a forceful speaker whose personal enthusiasm is the keynote of his talk. Robert McCallum will serve as program chairman.

15 in City Council Race; Nominations Close Saturday Noon

Unless some "dark horses" shed their wrappings and come forth between now and 12 o'clock Saturday the biennial Torrance municipal sweepstakes will go to the post April 9 with its present 15 entries. Meanwhile, ballyhoo for the \$2,400 race (at \$50 per month per winner for four

4,876 Voters Qualified for April Election

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Last November Torrance had but 4,639 registered voters, for the general election. The new figure disclosed today shows there has been a gain of 237 voters since that time, and not many of the sixth-class cities showed a substantial gain in registration during the past four months.

Torrance also has three more precincts for the coming election, making a total of 16 as compared with 13 last November. No tabulations were made as to the registration by political parties, since the coming city election is non-partisan.

Gardena also showed a gain in registration for the past four months. Gardena now has a total of 2,883 registered voters, with nine precincts, as compared with only 2,803 last Nov. 7, in 8 precincts. The new city of Palos Verdes Estates has a total registration of 478 for its first city election next month, Kerr said.

Bike Rider Hurt in Car Collision

A young bicyclist was the only automobile victim of the week, according to police reports of motor collisions for the past seven days.

He was Russell Harsh of 21922 South Western avenue,

who suffered a bruised knee when he was involved in a collision with a car driven by Arthur Peridot of Los Angeles Monday afternoon.

Young Harsh was pedaling north on Craven when he was hit or collided with the car at Marcelina avenue.

Eugene H. Anderson, 20, was arrested at his home, 1639 West 219th street early Saturday morning for hit-and-run, a misdemeanor, several hours after he had collided with a car driven by Forrest Vaughan of Long Beach on Carson street near Abalone avenue. No one was injured in the crash, according to police. Young Anderson pleaded guilty to the charge when arraigned.

'March of Dimes' \$203 Over 1939

Declaring that the local committee in charge of the "March of Dimes" campaign for the eradication of infantile paralysis is "justly proud of the result of this year's drive," Chairman Earl Conner reported Monday that \$552.64 "has been remitted to the state committee."

This amount, he said in a letter of appreciation addressed to The Herald and the city at large, "is a gain of \$203.75 over the amount contributed by Torrance last year. In behalf of the local committee recently engaged in the work of securing funds with which to combat infantile paralysis, I wish to thank the fine people of Torrance for their very generous support."

"The committee also wishes to thank The Torrance Herald for the space and time given to the publicity of the 'March of Dimes' drive for 1940. Great and rapid strides are being taken to rid our country of this dreadful disease and the citizens of Torrance are to be congratulated on the part they are taking in this great work," Conner stated.

Deputy Assessor at C. C. on Thursdays

For the convenience of local residents who may have questions to ask or statements to make, a deputy tax assessor will be at the Torrance Chamber every Thursday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock and including May 16.

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Isen was not so specific in his denial of a municipal job, saying that he was "merely serving as a citizen interested in good government."

The 13 other candidates in the city council race are: Lawrence V. (Vernon) Babcock, LeGrande (Grant) Barkdull, Lewis M. Fernley, Wallace H. Gilbert, Joe Hagberg, Tom F. McGuire, incumbent; James J. O'Toole, Frank Schmidt, Carl D. Steele, W. H. Klusman, William F. Shields, and Mayor William H. Tolson, incumbent.

Celery Packing Plant Being Equipped Here

Having leased the old carbon plant building at 1920 Border avenue, Norman J. Gerber, his son James and Phil Nakooka are now supervising the installation of equipment for packing celery and other vegetables there. They expect to employ about 20 people, it was learned yesterday, and may develop their plant into a cannery.

The plant will draw its products from the large commercial gardens within a radius of 25 or 30 miles. The elder Gerber retired about six months ago after serving as secretary and treasurer of the R. Gerber Company of Chicago for 40 years. That firm is one of the largest fruit and vegetable canneries and packers in the country.

Equipment at the new Torrance plant is being installed under the direction of Bruce Watt and F. R. Elliott of the Union Ice Company. The lease for the building was negotiated by J. C. Smith of the Torrance Investment Company.

SHINER HONORED
One of the nine aides to Potentate Meade Loomis of Al Malak, kah temple in Los Angeles during 1940 is Captain Charles T. Reichert of Torrance. It was announced late last week.

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