

City Workers Seek Pension Plan Action

With the object of placing before the voters the question of establishing the State Retirement System for city employees of Torrance, petitions are being circulated on the streets of Torrance and among organizations asking support for the measure now pending before the City Council.

According to the committee of city employees sponsoring the movement, "the municipal employees of the City of Torrance are not covered by Federal Social Security legislation or Unemployment Insurance, there being no provision at the present time for rewarding employees for their long and faithful service to the City."

"During the past twelve months the city employees have been working toward the establishment of the State of California Retirement System for city employees."

"If adopted by this City, it will afford our employees the same protection given employees of surrounding cities, who are now operate under various retirement systems."

"It is actuarially sound and can be carried out at comparatively little cost to the City of Torrance."

"We have felt it beneficial to petition the taxpayers of the City of Torrance for their approval of this plan to become effective July 1, 1946."

We, therefore, respectfully ask that organizations go on record as favoring this plan and that a letter to that effect be sent to the Torrance City Council, to be received not later than Dec. 18, 1945."

Supplemental Sewer Contract At Alondra Park

The Board of Supervisors at its Tuesday meeting authorized a supplemental contract with Wm. Radkovich Co. in the additional amount of \$235.75 for increase in the length of the sewer lines in connection with the development of Alondra Park. Supervisor Raymond V. Darby states that this additional amount was necessary due to the fact that when the contractor uncovered the existing sewer it was found that the elevation of this sewer line was too high to permit connection thereto. Accordingly, it is necessary to remove the existing sewer and install a new line at the proper elevation.

Insurance and Pre-Arranged Funerals

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COMMAND CHANGES . . . Command of the United States Navy Material Redistribution Center in Torrance changed last week, as Comdr. George H. Happ, SC, USNR, assumed the duties as officer in charge from Lt. Comdr. Frederick E. Drake, Jr., SC, USNR, who is retiring to civilian life after more than five years' active duty at sea and ashore. The above photo shows Commander Happ, left, and Commander Drake, right, in official greeting before the flag at the base. (Torrance Herald photo.)

Osteopaths To Dedicate New Headquarters

Coming from all sections of the state, members of the California Osteopathic Association will officially dedicate the new state headquarters of the association, just completed at 1298 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, when open house was held Saturday night, Dec. 8, from 7 to 11 p.m.

The new headquarters had a commanding location, having a 54-foot frontage on Wilshire Blvd. and 118-foot frontage on Witmer St., just across the street from the block-long Good Samaritan hospital. The property, purchased by the board of trustees, headed by Dr. William F. Neugebauer of Pasadena, has a two-story building which provides commodious offices for the association, which has a membership of more than 1425 osteopathic physicians and surgeons in the state. The building also provides offices for Clinical Osteopathy, Scientific Monthly National Magazine, published since 1907. Additionally, there is a suite of beautifully furnished rooms for the State Women's Auxiliary to the California Osteopathic Association.

Plans For Lomita County Park Are Approved

Plans and specifications for a complete modern playground for Lomita Park were approved Tuesday by the Board of Supervisors, according to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, who presented the motion. The \$42,000 project will include a softball field with backstop and bleachers, basketball court and many other facilities.

Chadwick Is Honored With U.C. Award

Chadwick Seaside School, Rolling Hills, is one of eight high schools in California named for scholarship awards by the University of California's Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools.

Hollywood High school is the only one of the entire Los Angeles city school system so honored.

The awards were made because freshman students from these secondary institutions maintained the highest grade-point averages on the Los Angeles and Berkeley campuses of the University of California during 1943-44.

The three high schools whose students excelled in scholarship on the Los Angeles campus included: Hollywood, Glendale and the Marlborough School for Girls in Los Angeles.

The five high schools whose students made outstanding scholarship records on the Berkeley campus are: Berkeley Senior, San Francisco High School of Commerce, Ukiah Union, Courtland and the Shadwick Seaside School in Rolling Hills.

Discharged Veils Granted Lodging In Patriotic Hall

Hereafter, recently discharged veterans who have been unable to obtain lodging will be accommodated in Patriotic Hall and other county housing centers. It was announced today.

County supervisors revised the rule which required service men to be in uniform in order to obtain a bed in county housing facilities.

Committee To Back County Bond Drive

County supervisors are considering the appointment of persons to serve on a committee for the sale of a \$25,000,000 bond issue to the voters.

Civic leaders and public officials met with the Board of Supervisors to lay the groundwork for a bond campaign which would finance construction of a new courthouse, a juvenile detention home and other public structures.

The session was called by the board to get the reaction of civic groups and citizens relative to the idea of placing the matter before the voters next June.

Immediate needs covered in the proposed bond issue are a new civic center courthouse, \$17,810,500; a juvenile detention home, \$3,110,000; jail for honor farm at Castaic, \$1,121,329; Otis Art Institute, \$311,600, and an addition to the county museum, \$2,160,000.

The force of an ideal is greater than the ideal of force. —Josephus Daniels

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Return To Government Of Synthetic Rubber Plant Investment Questioned

The United States Government cannot expect fully to recover its \$700,000,000 investment in building synthetic rubber plants, Donald D. Kennedy, chief of the International Resources Division of the United States Department of State, said recently in London. He was speaking at a press conference held at the conclusion of the second conference of the "rubber study group," representing the United States, Great Britain, France and the Netherlands.

However, when and if synthetic rubber plants are sold to private enterprise, the present selling price of 18.5 cents a pound of rubber would be profitable and would allow for amortization, Kennedy stated, depending on the price at which the United States Government sold plants erected under pres-

sure at the most uneconomic time. There were no plans for long-term stimulation of South American rubber production, Kennedy said, "but this will remain a matter of Government policy and the United States Government is still permitted to buy all South America's exportable surplus." He added that the price of 18.5 cents allowed for the fact that most uneconomic plants — producing from alcohol — already had been put into stand-by condition.

There was now no large Government stockpile of synthetic rubber, and the Government was unlikely to stockpile because of obvious increase to uneconomic costs, he said. British delegate George Archer, Undersecretary of the Raw Material Department, Ministry of Supply, and conference chairman, stated he saw no likelihood of the rubber division of the Washington Combined Raw Materials Board being transformed into an international group to control world supplies.

Forecast of a world rubber surplus within perhaps two or three years, made after the first conference in Washington last January, was repeated in the group's communique. United States synthetic rubber production capacity was now about 1,055,000 tons and total world capacity between 1,300,000 and 1,400,000 tons, while Far Eastern natural rubber production within three or four years could reach 1,500,000 tons, the communique stated. This would make the total world potential capacity of natural and synthetic rubber eventually about 2,700,000 to 2,800,000 tons, compared with the maximum world demand during the next few years for one and a half million tons annually.

County Tax Collection Total Given

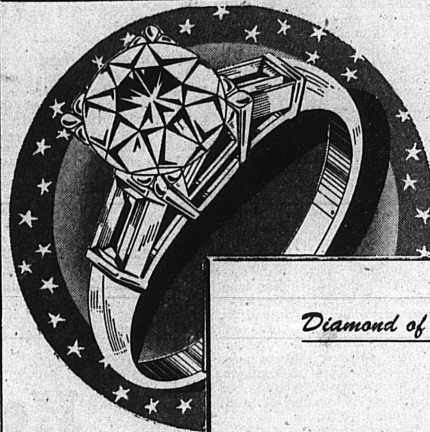
Howard L. Byram revealed today that a total of \$50,425,150.83 had been collected on 1946-46 county tax bills, prior to the first installment deadline.

This sum represents, Byram said, only cash payments at the tax office, which is 27.93 per cent of the total tax bill, of which 50 per cent was due by 5 p.m. Dec. 5.

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