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## Kettler Will Complete 201 Homes In Year

Completion and occupancy of 201 houses in Kettler Knolls by Easter of 1948 is scheduled by John E. Kettler's company, according to J. I. Wiley, Jr., an associate.

It is expected that 106 homes now under construction will be finished and occupied by Christmas.

Wiley said more than 60 houses are already sold of the development at Sepulveda blvd. and Narbonne ave., and the rapid purchases of the two-bedroom dwellings may cancel the scheduled exhibition of a model house.

Wiley said the company hopes to have all 106 houses occupied by Christmas.

Plans and financing for a second group of 95 structures is nearing completion, with construction slated to begin within 60 days and to be completed by Easter of next year.

### TWO MAN ARMY

In 1908 Pvt. Barrett went AWOL and his going cut the Army Air forces strength 50 per cent—which at that time boasted a total strength of two men.

## HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA GROUP RENEWS DEMAND FOR STREET WORK AND OTHER SERVICES

The wrath of Hollywood Riviera residents, neglected under curtailment of municipal services, descended upon the three members of the City Council which comprised the quorum Tuesday night, and got results—a promise at least.

One after another, a dozen residents of the hillside area overlooking the ocean, voiced complaints about the failure of the city to give them street, park and fire-fighting facilities for which they are paying taxes.

### \$1.28 Tax Rate For Waleria Water Bonds Seen

It will require a tax rate of \$1.28 per \$100 assessed valuation on property in Southwest Torrance comprising Municipal Water District No. 1 to pay interest on bonds for the district for 20 months, according to the tentative budget prepared by Water Supt. William Stanger.

The interest on the \$150,000 bond issue is \$7,500, and the assessed valuation of the area involved \$598,960.

It is expected that when the water system now being built in Waleria is completed, much of the interest and redemption cost can be met with revenue from the sale of water.

According to the budget, estimated income for the present fiscal year is \$11,620.

There are 360 domestic water consumers in the area; six industrial consumers, and 10 irrigation consumers. It is expected that these consumers will pay \$10,000 for water during the present year. Meter installation, hydrant rental and miscellaneous charges make, up the balance of the income.

Operating expense is listed as \$6,075, the largest outlay being water purchased from Metropolitan Water District, estimated at \$3,000 for this year. Electric power and gas is listed at \$1,600.

Distribution expense is listed at \$325, and general expense at \$4,067.50, including salaries of \$1,910.

### Unification Of Schools Part Of District Plans

Carl D. Steele, member of the Torrance Board of Education, employee of the Columbia Steel Company in Torrance, and former president of the C.I.O. Steel Workers' Union here has commented that the petition to form the Torrance Unified School District requires the signatures of a majority of the electors of the district and will be the basis upon which the Torrance Board of Education will request the County Superintendent of Schools to call an election for separation of the Torrance High School District from the Redondo Union High School District.

Unification of the High School and elementary schools will provide the only manner in which all school taxes in Torrance under a single board of education and control can be placed under a single Board of Education. He pointed out that the assessed valuation of the Torrance District of approximately \$33,000,000.00 is more than one-half the entire valuation of the Redondo district.

Mrs. Grace Wright, vice president of the new Torrance Board, said this procedure comes under a gentlemen's agreement which was arrived at prior to the separation of Torrance from Los Angeles City School District.

### FIRST FLIGHT

When the Wright Brothers made their first flight at Kitty Hawk, N. C., they flew a distance of 40 feet less than the wing-span of the B-29 bomber.

Southwest Torrance, overlooking the ocean, voiced complaints about the failure of the city to give them street, park and fire-fighting facilities for which they are paying taxes.

Spearheaded by Comdr. W. A. Mason, president of the Hollywood Riviera Home Owners' association, who said that streets were full of grass and bushes, some of them impassable, the group found fault in nearly every field where municipal benefit can be expected.

W. Edwards declared that a little money spent now might save a lot later, declaring streets to be "atrocious."

Philip Shaw declared that residents are willing to help the fire department in eliminating the hazard there; but that no aid has been forthcoming from the city.

H. Jacob Flock declared that he had paid some \$4,000 in taxes since living in the area with little benefit and said that there is a pile of trash there from eight to 10 feet high and 50 feet in diameter which threatens the safety of the community. He asked that it be burned or hauled away.

M. Bird declared that 16-ton trucks of construction firms are seriously damaging streets, to a point where they will cost more to repair if not cared for now.

Lee Flanigan called attention to the lack of street lighting, and asked that weeds in the streets be killed before repair work is done.

Commander Mason brought the protest to a head when he asked of the council at the close of the hearing:

"Can we get any action?"

The promise came in the form of a motion sponsored by Councilman W. H. Tolson suggesting that the streets be graded, weeds eliminated and surfacing put in good condition, and asking that City Engineer G. M. Jain submit estimates of cost on the work and report at the next meeting.

Following the council session, Commander Mason and others said they will be on hand to hear the result.

And from the other side of the council chamber came a rumbling from North Torrance delegation which has been waiting for the City Council to carry through with work promised on certain streets nearly a year ago.

### Great Increase In Local Phone Service Reported

Nine hundred telephones have been added in Torrance during the past two years raising the total number of telephones in service locally to 3,800. A. B. Smith, district manager of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph, reported this week.

According to Smith, the company is in the midst of the greatest expansion program in its history. Despite the tremendous increase in plant facilities and the large number of new telephones added to the system, the manager said that there are still about 149,000 applicants waiting for service.

Designed to provide telephones for all who want them at the earliest possible time, the 1947 expansion program calls for a gross expenditure of many millions of dollars, Smith added.

## Licenses On Coin Machines Doubled In County Areas

According to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, a recent study of the cost involved in licensing and enforcing the ordinance affecting various coin operated machines indicated that the existing license fee of \$12 per year was inadequate to maintain this service.

As a result of this survey the Board of Supervisors at its last week's meeting took action toward raising these fees to \$24 a year, and at the same time authorized the amendment of the existing ordinance so as to include such machines as the Challenger "Big Game Hunter" and "Target Skill."

Supervisor Darby further stated that recent complaints had come to his office of illegal operation of slot machines and pinball games in certain sections of the county, but investigation by the Sheriff's office indicated that these complaints were evidently directed against operation of the particular machines known as "Big Game Hunter" and "Target Skill."

A careful examination of this type of machine indicated that there is no automatic payoff and it is, therefore, a game of skill which makes it illegal under the existing ordinance.

However, since there is in excess of a thousand of this type of machines now in operation in the county and continual check must be made thereon to assure their continued operation within the existing ordinance, an increase in the license fee sufficient to cover the cost of this supervision is required.

### DEPRECIATIONS AT WALTERIA PARK, CLAIMS MICHEL

B. J. Michels wants the rest rooms at Waleria park completed or boarded up, he told the City Council Tuesday night charging that depreciations are going on in the building.

No plumbing fixtures have been installed, and he declared that the open structure is a menace to health and safety. He said if the Council is not going to finish the rest rooms, they should be boarded up completely.

### PEST CONTROL

The control of insect pests by spreading disease epidemics among the pests is being studied in the University of California College of Agriculture.

## Famed Evangelist 'Gypsy' Smith's Death Recalls Debt To Lomitan

In the death last week of a world-renowned Evangelist was recalled an amazing tale of his relationship with a Lomita family.

Rodney Smith, 87-year-old British evangelist who is reported to have wandered, a gypsy, from the forest of Epping "to take the world for his congregation," died Monday, Aug. 4, aboard the Queen Mary.

Credited with the conversion of thousands of sinners to "old-time religion," Smith, who was familiarly known as "The Gypsy," is said to have once admitted that he would never have risen to world fame except for the kind assistance of the late Thomas Eade, whose wife, son and daughter-in-law live at 1880 262nd st. here.

Thomas Eade, one of the founders of the Salvation Army, died in November, 1943.

A worker in the Christian Mission, forerunner of the Salvation Army, Eade is reported to have "adopted" Smith when "The Gypsy" was about six years old and taught him to read the Bible.

It may well have been the same Bible which "The Gypsy" once stated was given to him in

repayment for clothespins which he was selling.

Under Eade's patient tutelage Smith became an officer in the newly-formed Salvation Army in London. He also became acquainted with Mrs. Thomas Eade, now 91, who was also active in the early organization.

The Eades left England for Canada in 1905 and met Smith, almost three decades later in one of his 30 evangelistic missions to the United States.

According to son Charles J. Eade, an architect at the 262nd st. address, the following occurred:

Thomas Eade approached "The Gypsy" and called: "Rodney!" Smith, without the slightest hesitation or even a glance in the direction of the call said:

"Well, it must be Thomas Eade—you're the only person in the world who does not call me 'Gypsy.'"

### El Camino J.C. Will Get More Alondra Land

El Camino Junior College District will be allowed to lease an additional 50 feet on the south boundary of Alondra park, the Board of Supervisors decided today.

In explanation of the action Chairman Raymond V. Darby stated that it had been planned to dedicate the 50 feet on the south boundary of Alondra park. Customarily, the surface rights are dedicated, which would retain ownership of the land by the county. This would constitute a barrier to the contiguous requirements for annexation, which was made a law at the last session of the state legislature.

"Under the circumstances," said Darby, "it was resolved to draw up a supplemental lease for 50 feet of land lying between Redondo Beach boulevard and the land covered by the original lease, reserving an easement therein to the county for highway purposes."

County Counsel was instructed to prepare the supplemental lease.

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