

**GASOLINE TAX REVENUE GAIN IS REVEALED**

Marking an all-time high, California's June gasoline taxes, the last at the 3 cents per gallon rate, increased to 4 1/2 cents on July 1, produced net highway revenues of \$7,255,374. This was a gain of \$1,095,238, or 17.78 per cent, over the corresponding figure of \$6,160,135 a year ago. The State Board of Equalization revealed this record tax

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yield when the Board completed collection of \$8,466,238 based upon June distribution of 282,207,922 gallons of motor vehicle fuel. Non-highway refunds during the same month reduced the amount available for road expenditure of \$1,210,864.

**Postoffice Branch In No. Torrance Area Is Sought**

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 An avenue merchant to build classified station quarters for a Moneta office to rent at a reasonable rate, Gates sent in his recommendation last May that both offers be accepted and the two classified stations be set up. Opposition to establishment of two such offices in the western part of Gardena, however, has apparently led the department to order an end to the one in Moneta.

**PLANT WINTER GREENS NOW FOR RABBITS, ADVICE**

Within two months the supply of summer growing greens for rabbits will disappear because of cold weather and short days. A. T. Dietz, assistant farm advisor in Los Angeles county, urges rabbit growers to plant chard, carrots, or kale to provide a winter source of greens and the vitamins contained in them. Dietz says a continuous supply of greens is more than a good tonic. It can take the place of part of prepared rations and will make it possible to feed grain and dry hay and get good gains with lower total feed costs.

Bakelite, an artificial substitute for hard rubber, celluloid, or amber, was invented by Dr. Leo Bakeland about 1909.

**Nearby Cities Cut Tax Rates**

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 would be enough for the city's increased needs, a majority of the Gardena city council members agreed to balance the budget with an item of \$44,511.46 from taxation on real property. This is equal to 80 cents per \$100 on the \$5,563,970 valuation.

City Clerk Lucille W. Randolph reported that the budget, balanced at the figure of \$279,453, would require \$44,511.46 from the property tax. Plenty of uses were found in the budget for the \$13,109.20 of increased tax revenue. For instance, a retirement fund of \$12,000 was set up. Under a recently passed state law, the city could have raised the tax rate to as much as \$1.15 without a referendum, provided 15 cents went for such a fund. Instead, it will get this pension system with an 80-cent rate.

Another \$6,000 was budgeted for a city manager. Los Angeles took advantage of the tremendous increase in assessed valuation and reduced its tax rate .2297 cents per \$100. Glendale likewise went on the economy side, and cuts its rate 38 cents per \$100, cutting the levy for that city to 98 cents, the lowest rate of a city of comparable size in the nation.

**ADM. McINTIRE APPOINTED**  
 Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire, wartime surgeon general of the U. S. Navy and formerly White House physician, has been named director of the National Blood Program of the American Red Cross. News of the appointment made by Basil O'Connor, the organization's president, was recently received by local chapter officials.

**Torrance Merchants Who Meet Fair Competition Favored By Schools**

When price and quality are comparable, Torrance merchants will be favored in purchasing for the Torrance City School District, according to a policy adopted by the Torrance City Board of Education.

"A good portion of the orders recently placed went to local merchants who met competition in scaled bids," E. W. Ingram, a school superintendent in charge of business, said. "The merchant who is willing to enter fair competition will get his just share of the business."

A financial and managerial policy has been adopted by the Board of Education, as follows:

To organize the business functions under the supervision in keeping with sound business practice and thorough legal procedure. To conduct the business of the school district efficiently and economically, and in conformance with the spirit of the letter of the Educational Code, Political and Civil codes of the State of California, and within this framework to formulate policy and determine the functions to be performed by the school system in the interests of the educational welfare of children of the community.

To conduct school purchasing on a competitive basis within the limits of legality and sound business principles.

To open bids for the inspection of all concerned.

To get the most for the taxpayers' dollar, within legal limitations.

To establish a reasonable margin of reserve for emergency considerations. Superintendent J. H. Hull, in commenting on the policy, said: "This may not be an adequate statement for the merchant who expects to have special privilege—that is, the right to charge the schools a higher price for goods

**Low Wages Sent Local Officers To Other Jobs**

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 ary is paid on a six-day-week basis. Policemen starting out on the Los Angeles force are paid \$255 per month on a five-day basis and may receive a maximum of \$305 per month.

In South Gate, the starting patrolman receives \$240 per month during the first six months and is raised \$10 each six months until a maximum of \$270 is reached. They work 5 days a week. Maximum pay for the patrolman on the Torrance force is \$245.

Torrance, although having an area of 19 square miles, has a smaller police force than either Hermosa Beach or Redondo Beach, which have areas of two and four and a half square miles respectively.

The Torrance patrolman is required to change shifts each month. Other than the badge, he must provide his own equipment, including uniform, gun, belt and ammunition, costing \$250 initially.

Not only must members of the force work on holidays and Sundays, but they are on 24-hour call in case of an emergency.

Observers point out that as the community continues to increase rapidly, it will demand more and more experienced law enforcement officers.

Wage hikes during the war apparently failed to take into account the policeman's 48-hour week as a uniform boost was granted.

Recently a request by members of the Police department for compensation for their sixth day of work each week, was turned down by the City Council.

The ease with which members of the Torrance police force are finding higher paying jobs elsewhere, can be explained by the variety of experience furnished here, augmented by study of courses given by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

**'Great Waltz' Opens Sept. 1 In Greek Theatre**

Miliza Korjus, world-famed coloratura soprano, will appear in person at the Greek Theatre beginning September 1 as the star of "The Great Waltz."

Miss Korjus will sing the same numbers that introduced her to American audiences when she was seen in the motion picture, "The Great Waltz."

A company of 150 will take part in the presentation of this lavish operetta, including Robert Shafer, who was recently seen at the Greek opposite Anne Jeffreys in "Bitter Sweet." Albertina Rasch has again prepared special choreographic numbers. Spectacular settings have been designed by Richard Jackson for the revolving stages. The beautiful Johann Strauss waltz numbers will be under the direction of Frank Tours and his augmented symphonic orchestra.

Principal supporting roles for Miliza Korjus will be played by Betty Farrington, Dudley Clements, Harold Patrick, Margery Cooke, Ferris Taylor, Tom Browne Henry, Alice Cavers, James B. Carson, Ed Millard and Jerome Sheldon.

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**Organization Of Lioness Club Is Completed Here**

Wives of members of the Torrance Lions club completed the organization of their new Lioness club yesterday, and named Mrs. Charlotte Ritchie as president.

In a social meeting held at Daniels, the group picked Mrs. Estelle Ewalt as first vice president and program chairman, Mrs. Charlotte Ridgeway as second vice president, Mrs. Mary Ellen DeVore as secretary, Mrs. Mavis Cook as treasurer and Mrs. Helen Lowry as "Hairpuller," the Lioness' counterpart for the Lions' "Tallwister."

The group will meet again Sept. 8 in Daniels cafe. Mrs. Bernice Moskos entertained the group in their preliminary meeting on Aug. 21 in her home.

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