



WOW! I KNEW IT WAS COMING—but when I picked up the coffee bill this other day—whammy! The price had jumped from 99 cents to 1.05. That's 6 cents per pound, raise at one time. We've been spoiled with this 2 cents per week increase. Just goes to show what good publicity will do.

HOW DO YOU SQUEEZE THE TOOTHPASTE out of the tube? From the end, the middle, or just any old place? Well, ladies, here's a fair warning. I heard of a chap the other day who got a divorce because his wife insisted on squeezing the tube in the middle. Here's a good tip to you men too—keep your true love happy—bring her to eat with Charley.

HOW LUCKY CAN YOU BE? The other night Dan Cummings went to the picture show at the picture house that was back to Torrance for a late snack. When he reached for his wallet it was gone. He drove back to the theatre in Long Beach and sure enough under the seat he found his wallet. His money was still in it too.

ANOTHER LUCKY FELLOW is Mr. Conroy, a dancing teacher at Arthur Murray's in Long Beach. He was driving past the International Airport and decided that he was too warm. He stopped his car, got out and took off his coat. When he reached home in Long Beach, his wallet was gone. He drove back to where he had stopped his car to take off his coat, and there was his wallet lying in the street right where he had dropped it.

THE OPTIMIST'S CLUB is known as the "Friend to Roy." Their advance sales campaign for their annual circus is now under way. Last year, I understand many people were turned away because they didn't have tickets. Why don't you get yours now? See W. C. Weaver at Daniels Cafe.

WHEN NATURE FIRST CREATED MAN, monkey and bull, she endowed the man with forty years of life, the monkey with forty, and the bull with twenty. The man wanted more, and the monkey and the bull volunteered to help him out. "Twenty's enough for me," said the monkey. "Man can have my other twenty." And I'll give him ten of mine," said the bull. Thus it came about that man's life runs to seventy years on the average, and is divided into three periods: First forty years, normal living—Next twenty, monkey business—Last ten, shooting the bull.

You will enjoy our fine dinners and our smooth cocktails. Why don't you bring the family to EAT WITH CHARLEY tonight?

OUR GUESTS THIS WEEK THURSDAY, MARCH 11—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barned 25512 Aliene, Lomita FRIDAY, MARCH 12—Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hagedorn 25535 Aliene, Lomita SATURDAY, MARCH 13—Mr. and Mrs. Thail Nelloi 1824 Ashley SATURDAY, MARCH 14—Mr. and Mrs. Nick Drele 3319 W. 171st St. MONDAY, MARCH 15—Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Bishop 1433 El Prado TUESDAY, MARCH 16—Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harrold 1500 W. 213th St. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. P. Mullen 1691 Gramercy

WE NEVER CLOSE EAT WITH CHARLEY TONIGHT AT DANIELS CAFE 1625 Cabrillo Ave. WE SERVE SMOOTH COCKTAILS



Buxton Awarded Life Membership In Realty Board

Bronson C. Buxton, one of the founders of the organization, was honored with life membership in the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board when the board of directors met last week. Buxton, whose offices are at 1960 Torrance Blvd., has worked in the field of real estate for 25 years. He served as president of the Realty Board for two years, president of the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club, member of the City Council, and a contractor for two years. Before coming to Torrance, Buxton pioneered in the automobile industry, beginning in 1899 with the manufacture of the Stanley Steamer. In 1928 he was vice-president of the Apperson Automobile Co. The realtor and his wife are lovers of travel, having made many trips to the east coast and more recently to Mexico City and the South Seas.

School Bond

(Continued from Page 1) Flood Torrance schools next year. Another 124 classrooms will be needed in 1955-56. The school district now has 194 classrooms and 54 others which are on the planning board or in some stage of construction. A total of 272 classrooms will be needed next year and 396 in 1955-56.

STADIUM

NOW—ENDS SAT. BIG KIDDIE SHOW EVERY SAT. 1 P.M. Two Big Technicolor Top Hits And Dan Murphy Dan Durys "RIDE CLEAR OF DIABLO" and Paulette Goddard Jean Pierre Aumont "CHARGE OF THE LANCERS" SUN.—MON.—TUES. Charlon Heston Elizabeth Scott "BAD FOR EACH OTHER" and Filmed on the Actual Battle Front! "CEASE FIRE"

TORRANCE

FRI.—SAT.—SUN. Robert Mitchell "GUNG HO" Also "Eagle Squadron"

GARDENA

FRI.—SAT.—SUN. GALA KIDDIE SHOW EVERY SAT. 1 P.M. Victor Mature "GLORY BRIGADE" and Richard Burton "DESERT RATS"

PARK

FRI.—SAT.—SUN. GALA KIDDIE SHOW EVERY SAT. 1 P.M. Esther Williams Van Johnson "EASY TO LOVE" In Technicolor and Glenn Ford "TERROR ON A TRAIN"

Housing

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may be denied at this time prior to any formal investigation: 1) The reference to foundations and footings being placed wholly or in part on filled ground is erroneous and untrue, because this tract was not fill or filled ground, and the fill at any one point in the tract may be due to some lot grading, but this is not a "filled ground" tract, and no compaction reports or soil test reports were ever required on this sort of a tract.

The impression given by the report is that this tract was built on filled ground. This is not true and can be verified by our engineers who designed the grading of the tract and who were familiar with the original contours. As a matter of fact, a lot of the soil had to be taken off the surface of the tract.

2) It is absolutely untrue that any of the floor joists exceeds span and deflection limits on the tract. If this had been so notified by anyone.

3) It is not true that the lintels of headers over garage door openings are not supported by footings, but are resting on the slab.

The practice generally accepted is that the foundation is put in first, and the slab is poured over the foundation; if the investigator had dug deep enough he would have found a foundation under every lintel or heading.

4) There was no requirement that foundation footings be placed at 18-in. minimum depth where steel reinforcement was used. All foundations were steel reinforced, and shallower foundations were built and approved. This has been recognized as legal and in accordance with the Building Code.

5) As to the other charges of changing plans or building houses not in accordance with the plans, we have never changed any of the structural features of the houses, and we do not believe that any of the changes, if they were made, were of a detrimental character, or were not in keeping with good building practice.

So long as we place ourselves on record at this time, with reference to five of the charges above mentioned, we are in a position to categorically deny them, even before we proceed to have the matter investigated on our behalf.

We feel that our position should be made clear at this time, and we intend to cooperate to the fullest with your City in any investigation which is warranted or otherwise.

This letter may be referred to the City Council or to anyone who cares to look at it. I may say finally that we believe that when the investigation is completed, the general text of the report and the innuendoes and implications therein contained will be wholly discredited and the writer thereof will eventually realize that his conclusions were ill-advised and wrong.

Very truly yours, HARRY S. APTER

Sacramento

(Continued from Page 1) Coast Hwy. from the Lomita boundary to Redondo Beach. Included in the length of highway are such interconnections as Roberts Rd. near Seaside on the west end and the new Crenshaw Blvd. intersection on the east end which will be given special attention.

The city has formally requested that the entire length of the highway be divided and that left turn lanes and other safety features be incorporated. Other matters to be discussed by Hall include the possibility of obtaining a municipal court for Torrance.

NOW SHOWING LANA TURNER and MONTAGANA in "GUNG HO" and "Eagle Squadron" and "GLORY BRIGADE" and "DESERT RATS" and "TERROR ON A TRAIN" and "EASY TO LOVE" and "TERROR ON A TRAIN"

Heart Massage Delays Lad's Death One Day

Death claimed a 7-year-old Torrance lad yesterday less than 24 hours after he had been brought back to life by a doctor and a pulmoner squad when his heart stopped beating for three minutes during an operation.

Samples of the anesthetic used in the operation have been sent to the Sheriff's Crime Lab for investigation. The boy, Lincoln Frank Bird, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Bird of 22255 Moneta Ave., was undergoing an operation in which Dr. Alex Wilcox of Los Angeles was resetting a broken arm that the boy fractured a week ago. He was under a general anesthetic of ethyl chloride and the operation was going smoothly—then the youth's heart suddenly stopped beating.

Dr. Wilcox used adrenalin and got a slight response from the heart. It fluttered for about 30 seconds, then stopped again. Massages Heart In less than 12 seconds, the doctor had made a five-inch incision in the boy's left side and was massaging his heart. After almost three minutes, the heart began to beat again, but much too rapidly. And the boy still was not breathing.

A desperate call brought a two-man pulmoner squad from the County Fire Department and for two hours, the pulmoner breathed for little Lincoln Bird. Finally, his lungs began working again, but faintly. He was rushed to a hospital and placed in an oxygen tent. But at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday morning, he died.

The youth fractured his arm while chasing a kite in a vacant lot near his home. The arm was set and put in a cast at Harbor General Hospital, but a few days later, the right hand and arm began to swell. X-rays by the family physician, Dr. Norman J. Madoff, of Dominguez, showed that the fracture had slipped and was not knitting properly.

Arrangements were made to have Dr. Wilcox, a specialist, re-set the broken arm Tuesday.

Large Medical Bills Deductible From Income Tax, Collector Says

An individual who paid large medical bills during 1953 will probably pay less income tax if he will make his return on long Form 1040, which permits him to itemize his non-business deductions, including that for medical expense, the Collector of Internal Revenue said this week. The reason for this is that large medical bills frequently increase the items that may be listed as non-business deductions to a total of more than 10 percent of his adjusted gross income, while use of short Form 1040 or Form 1040-A makes allowance for only about ten per cent.

In determining the amount of the allowable medical deduction, it should be kept in mind that income tax law makes provision only for extraordinary medical expense. It is taken for granted that an individual's ordinary medical expense will aggregate five per cent of his adjusted gross income; hence the total medical expense must be reduced by that amount, to arrive at what is considered to be the extraordinary expense.

In determining that expenditures may be included in medical expense, the taxpayer should know that any actual payments which are made for the diagnosis, cure mitigation, treatment or prevention of a physical or mental defect or illness. These may include payments for services rendered by physicians, surgeons, dentists, chiropractors, osteopaths, authorized Christian Science practitioners, and optometrists. Amounts usually paid for hospitalization and for membership in an association furnishing medical, hospital or clinical care may be included, as may also premiums paid for accident and health insurance which provides indemnity for the cost of medical care and specific injury.

However, insurance premiums which indemnify solely for loss of earnings may not be included. The cost of drugs, eyeglasses, hearing aids, artificial limbs, medical and dental supplies, ambulance hire, and travel from home to a physician's office are proper expenses to be included. Having arrived at the total medical expense which has actually been paid during the taxable year, this total must first be reduced by any reimbursement, such as benefits received through insurance. It must also be reduced by an amount equal to five per cent of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income, which is the amount entered in item 4 of page 1, Form 1040. The resulting figure is the medical expense deduction.

If a taxpayer or his wife is 65 years of age or older before the close of the taxable year, the reduction of five per cent of adjusted gross income need no longer be made, so far as the medical expenses of the husband and wife are concerned. However, if they include medical expenses for a dependent, regardless of whether the dependent is older or younger than 65, the medical expenses of such dependent must be reduced by five per cent of the adjusted gross income of the taxpayer.

There is a limit upon the total of the medical deduction, and that limit is dependent upon the number of exemptions claimed by the taxpayer, exclusive of the additional exemptions for blindness and old age. Taxpayers who claim only one exemption are limited to not more than \$1250; those who are single, or who are married and file joint returns and claim two exemptions have a limit of \$2500. Married couples filing jointly and claiming three exemptions are limited to \$3750; if they claim four or more exemptions, their limit is \$5000.

Mayor Tabs Trio For City Boards Names of appointees to three civic posts were given at Tuesday's City Council meeting by Mayor Mervin M. Schwab. Named to the Civil Service Board was Steve Schmidt, partner in the Star Furniture Co. Mrs. Anne Collins, housewife of 17025 S. Crenshaw Blvd., and J. H. Pagot, manager of J. J. Newberry Co. here, were named to the Recreation Commission. PATENT RATIO Out of each 1000 patents issued by the U. S. Patent Office, one is granted to a woman

Unemployment Rolls Grow in Torrance

With March only in its second week, the 1954 employment picture here is growing darker, with over 150 more Torrance residents out of work than were jobless in January.

Already this month, 896 are out of jobs, compared to 732 who were unemployed in January, according to figures released this week by Winona Ellis, manager of the local California Department of Employment office. At the end of last month, the report said, the unemployed totaled 881.

Jobless are 300 women and 595 men, of whom 42 per cent are veterans, a few of them disabled. Laborers—skilled, semi-skilled, and unskilled—in major industries, such as steel, aircraft, and construction work, make up the bulk of the unemployed, with 129 skilled workers, 191 semi-skilled, and 199 unskilled seeking jobs.

Employer forecasts made in January indicate that little employment expansion can be looked for during this month except in seasonal activities, a state labor market bulletin reported. On the contrary, during this period the number of unemployed salespersons will increase and curtailment in most heavy goods industries will add to the existing surplus of lesser skilled production workers.

Table with columns: Jan., Feb., Mar. and rows of unemployment figures for various professions like Professional—various engineers, medical librarian, etc.

Lomita Storm Drain Contracts Awarded

Contract for construction of the Lomita Blvd. storm drain in this area was awarded by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday to A. Tischer and Son, Inc. of Baldwin Park.

The firm offered to do the work for \$547,398.40, the lowest of the 15 bids submitted. The winning bid was \$18,120.10 below the estimate of the County Flood Control engineers for the project, who set the figure at \$602,140.

A total of \$803,280.05 is available from the 1952 county-wide storm drain bond issue for the Lomita item. The Lomita Blvd. drain is one of two storm projects to be constructed in the Lomita-Walteria district to carry off surface storm waters, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Plans for construction of a second drain from the Walteria sump region in the area west of Hawthorne Blvd. to connect with the Lomita drain are being prepared by the Torrance city engineer and are scheduled for completion this year.

Route of the Lomita drain will start at the Torrance boundary line at 246th St. and will run along that street to Pennsylvania Ave., then south to 248th St., east to Lomita Blvd., and on Lomita to President Ave., where it will connect with an existing drain.

Flood control engineers said construction will be double reinforced concrete box-type drains ranging in height from six and a half to seven and a half feet, and in width from 10 to 13 feet. The drain will be approximately one and one-half miles in length.

Workers in the plant report that rumors have been going through the mill since the recent visit of Board Chairman Benjamin Fairless, who told them "not to sell the Torrance plant short." Several have said they think "something big is in the wind."

Company spokesman have nothing to say concerning future plans for the mill.

Cook-O-Rama

(Continued from Page 1) with roast potatoes, English-lime molded salad, and lemon chiffon pie. To give the most up-to-date information on modern menu preparation, Miss Howe will use automatic gas ranges with the newest features and the Servel automatic gas refrigerator.

"Specialty of the House" is the second day's offering with foods for stag parties and women's special dishes. Bern McCormick, acting as chef-at-home, will show how to broil steak and prepare Caesar salad.



JIM BOYD Sings for Cook-O-Rama



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