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1926 FIESTA THE MOST SUCCESSFUL IN HISTORY OF EVENT

ACCOUNTS OF CITY AUDITED

Books Show Expenditures for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1926

LAUDS LOCAL OFFICIALS
Accountants Praise Completeness and Neatness of Municipal Records

The audit of the books of the city of Torrance, just completed, shows that during the fiscal year from July 1, 1925, to June 30, 1926, the city received a total of \$154,688 and expended the sum of \$155,977. Of this latter sum, however, about \$8,000 was expended on special improvement district work, the balance coming from special assessments. The actual cost of running the city government was about \$122,000.

Chief items in the list of receipts were as follows: General property tax, \$98,636; tax redemptions, \$3,062; business licenses, \$8,108; recorder's fines, \$4,274; interest on deposits, \$1,403; sewer farm earnings, \$2,635; street item redemptions, \$1,449; street improvement holding account, \$30,642; electrical, plumbing and sewer permits and other minor items made up the balance.

General Costs
General city government cost \$31,729. This fund includes salaries and expenses of the clerk and treasurer's offices, election expenses, rentals, an item of \$229 for printing and publishing ordinances, the sum of \$34,070 paid in interest on bonds, the Chamber of Commerce promotion fund of \$3,262, and a number of small items.

Expenditures for the protection of life and property aggregated \$23,415, made up of the following major items: Fire department salaries, \$4,166; fire department expenses, \$652; police department salaries, \$17,743; police department expenses, \$2,611; street lighting, \$9,363; hydrant rentals, \$1,806; cleaning vacant lots, \$417.

Health and sanitation cost \$6,903 for the year. The items were as follows: Health officer's salary and expenses, \$1,000; garbage and refuse, \$3,500; sewer system, \$1,971.

Street Department
Department expenditures aggregated \$29,263. Major items in that were as follows: Stable expense, \$1,126; street superintendent's salary, \$2,472; street superintendent's expense, \$323; street repair labor, \$4,784; street repair material, \$1,113; street cleaning, \$2,831; parking maintenance, \$1,456; alley cleaning, \$1,020; oil district road repair work, and other minor items.

For education and recreation the city expended \$5,841. Of this \$5,801 was for salaries and expenses in the park department and the balance for library and playground. Other items in expenditures included \$31,243 in payments on bonds (mostly those of special improvement districts); \$2,400 on real estate; \$10,154 on deferred contracts; \$1,423 on fire department equipment; \$338 on police department equipment; \$1,449 on street pavement on city hall construction (up to June 30).

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Movie Industry Takes Step In Development of Aviation



William Wellman, World War ace, who will direct the aviation picture, examines the model of the airplane parachute. Inset shows Harry D. Doucett, inventor of the device.

Can the air be completely conquered? Since the inception of airplanes every possible precaution has been taken to assure the safety of fliers. And during the last year the death rate among aviators has had a noticeable decrease.

Now Harry D. Doucett, enlisted mechanic at the San Diego naval air base, comes forward with an invention for saving the plane also in case of mishaps.

Doucett's invention consists of nothing more than a giant parachute strapped to the wings of a plane. It is carried in the fuselage, is released by a lever, and when inflated by air resistance floats the plane to the ground in the same manner in which the pilot descends with his parachute.

Very simple, says a casual observer. "Why hasn't it been done before? But to operate the device successfully is not as simple as it appears."

Works on Model
"I spent many weeks experimenting with model planes before I was successful," declares Doucett. "Either the parachute is too heavy to inflate, or the air resistance is too small to let the plane descend gently, or the material was so light that it split under the great pressure. But now I have a parachute that works perfectly on a model."

"My next disappointment came when the government wouldn't spend the money for an apparatus to be tried on a regulation sized plane. I read in the paper that the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation would soon start filming 'Wings', an air story of the World War. So I appealed to Jesse L. Lasky for financial aid."

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75 Methodists at Long Beach Picnic
About seventy-five members of the Methodist Church Sunday School attended the annual picnic held on Labor Day in Recreation Park, Long Beach. "Some outdoor games and amusements marked the day's program and a bountiful picnic lunch was enjoyed."

POST NETS \$800 ON AFFAIR

Praise for Veterans Who Managed Event Heard on All Sides

BELL THANKS ALL HANDS
Commander of Legion Here Expresses Gratitude of Comrades

From all standpoints the 1926 Fiesta and Auto Show, which closed Saturday night, was the most successful ever held in Torrance. The public response to the event was generous. The week was marked by good, wholesome entertainment, an air story of the World War. So I appealed to Jesse L. Lasky for financial aid.

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Will Market Device
"I had a two-fold purpose in advancing funds to Doucett," Lasky says. "First, I wanted it for our own protection. During the filming of 'Wings' we will have as many as 400 planes in the air at one time, and these will have to be 1918 types in order to keep our story technically accurate. By using Doucett's invention I hope to complete the picture without a single casualty."

"I also feel that assisting Doucett to perfect his device for rescuing disabled planes in mid-air is an investment in human life as well as a great gift to aviation the world around."

The Lasky company is making only one requirement of Doucett. They must have the exclusive right to the safety apparatus while the picture is being made. At the completion of the picture the rights will revert to the inventor, who will put the device on the open market.

Observations

The Basic Reasons for Our Great American Prosperity—The Shadow of a Hot Race for United States Senator

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

AS a national election approaches there are many theories advanced as to the probability of a financial depression. Some argue on the line of over-speculation and too much expansion of credits. Others argue that the people are buying too many motor cars. Out of 20,000,000 automobiles in use in the world 17,000,000 are said to be owned in this country. Then there is talk, mainly for political effect, that while there has been a general improvement in farm and market conditions, a great many farmers are still on the verge of bankruptcy.

As a matter of fact, there never has been a time when there were not some weak places in the financial, industrial or agricultural structure of a great nation which could be magnified out of all proportion in creating campaign issues.

LET us consider five of the primary sources of new wealth, nationally speaking, of this great country of ours that are constantly offsetting any possible collapse in the soundness and stability of national business affairs.

The first source of new wealth is farm crops, soil products; everything included in the term agriculture. Indications are that this year will surpass all other years in sum total of the golden stream that agriculture pours forth.

The second great national asset of new creative wealth is mining, mineral and metal products, including the oil industry. Reports show that they are on a prosperous basis of production.

The third source of wealth production is manufacturing in the first stage from raw materials—the factory output for 1926 will surpass all previous years.

A fourth great primary wealth creator is lumbering, logging, paper mill products, and all associated industries connected with products of the forest.

Heaped upon this great mountain of new wealth created annually we must not overlook the salt and fresh water fisheries. The hundreds of millions taken out of this element are, next to meats and grains, the greatest item of food value.

IF the hundreds of millions and billions of dollars of new wealth brought into existence annually and added to the existing wealth could be stacked up before the people, together with the increasing accumulations in all banks, the question of the future financial stability of our country would be better understood. We would realize that the prosperity of this nation rests on the rock foundation of primary industries which create new wealth annually by supplying the wants of mankind with essential products necessary to maintain life. Our country has the greatest real basis of security, stability and continuous prosperity of all the countries in the civilized world.

THE statistics supplied by the federal bureau of labor show unusual prosperity of wage-earners for the past three years. The years 1923, 1924 and 1925 have been comparatively quiet and free from strikes and industrial struggles over wages.

During 1922 there were 1,612,562 employees engaged in strikes. For the following years the record was: 1923 had 1199 labor disputes with 756,084 employees involved; 1924 had 898 strikes with 65,441 employees involved; in 1925 only 428,218 persons participated in labor disputes.

SINCE 1923 there have been more wage increases than decreases—positive proof that the period since 1923 has been uniformly prosperous—and that means a broader distribution of wealth and a greater prosperity for a larger number.

It is essential that every citizen in our country should understand some of the primary sources of wealth which make possible steady employment, good wages, and short hours in this nation.

Any political party, political group or individual instrumental in disturbing or crippling productive enterprise destroys employment and steady wages.

If the people understand these simple facts the way of the agitator in this country will be more difficult and the road to steady employment and good wages will become constantly smoother. The future is in our own hands.

ENROLLMENT GAIN SETS NEW RECORD

1125 Students Attend Session on First Day at High and Elementary; Last Year Opening Classes Numbered Only 966

PRINCIPALS PREDICT EVEN LARGER INCREASE
By End of Next Week Still Greater Number of Pupils Expected to Attend in Highest Enrollment in Local History

Torrance schools opened Tuesday for an enrollment of 1125, a gain over last year of more than 16 percent. Last year the enrollment was 966, or 159 less than on the opening day this year.

The increase is expected to be much larger, for many students did not attend school on the opening day.

On the opening day last year the enrollment at the high school was 276, as against 355 this year—a gain of 79.

At the elementary school 690 were enrolled on the opening day in 1925. The enrollment this year was 770, or a gain of 80.

Predict Bigger Gain
Principal Herbert Wood of the high school expects the enrollment to jump by 25 or 30 by next week.

An even larger increase is expected at the elementary school, particularly in the kindergarten. Many of the kindergarten pupils did not report on the first day of school.

Some of the increased enrollment was due, of course, to the annexation to Torrance of the territory west of the former city limits.

Bus service has been provided for the children of this district. Only one bus was operated Tuesday, but a second will be in service next week.

Several new courses are being offered at the high school. Principal Wood announced. The class in agriculture and forestry is proving popular with the boys. A corrective physical education class for the girls has been instituted. In the mechanical training department sheet metal work, practical electricity and printing are being taught. A class in piano playing for beginners only has been started.

Plans for Addition
Every teacher but one has returned to her position at the high school.

Principal Wood said yesterday that plans for the addition to the high school building and for the new gymnasium are being drawn by the architects.

Principal Bell of the elementary school has instituted department work for the fifth and sixth grades. Under this system each teacher specializes in a subject and moves from room to room.

Parent-Teacher Association To Have Busy Year

Executive Board Meets Friday to Plan Work for Season

Torrance Parent-Teacher Association will hold the first meeting of the executive board Friday afternoon, Sept. 10, at 2 o'clock, at the school house, when some of the plans for the coming year will be discussed.

The members of the executive board are Mrs. William E. Lavon, president; Mrs. George F. Shildes, first vice-president; Mrs. Frank Clark, second vice-president; Mrs. Edward Baker, secretary; Mrs. H. M. Tolson, treasurer; Mrs. J. H. Milburn, historian; and Mrs. Susie Confer, auditor. This board expects to accomplish as much, if not more, for the schools as was done last year, when the association, among other things, furnished free milk for needy children, bought cots for the nutrition class on which the children could rest after taking their milk, and furnished the eating equipment for the Boy Scouts' hall.

The chairman who have been appointed for the year are: Mrs. W. H. Gilbert, corresponding secretary; Mrs. O. H. Sleppy, program chairman; Mrs. Albert Currier, motion picture chairman; Mrs. Fred Hanson, safety chairman; Mrs. J. R. Sach, membership chairman; and Mrs. J. H. Milburn, press chairman.

Hannebrink Going To State Meeting
Fire Chief Ben Hannebrink will attend the state convention of fire chiefs at Fresno next month. The trustees Tuesday night appropriated \$100 for his expenses, stipulating that a statement be filed on his return, as required by law.

City of Los Angeles Acts in Controversy on Outfall Sewer
That the city council of Los Angeles is desirous of reaching a proper conclusion in the metropolitan sewer outfall situation was evidenced recently when it instructed the city engineer to investigate the proposed alternate locations and to co-operate with the committee appointed by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce which is now investigating the relative merits of the White's Point line and the line proposed recently by Prof. Charles Gilman Hyde of Berkeley.

Councilman Chas. H. Randall, who introduced the resolution, feels that the question should be settled entirely upon facts. "The interests of the City of Los Angeles and the harbor district are in common with the interests of all other communities and municipalities in Los Angeles County," said Mr. Randall, "and it is my opinion that the location of the metropolitan sewer outfall should be determined on its merits. This project affects the health, comfort and happiness of thousands of people, and the mat-

ter should be settled without further delay."

A. K. Warren, chief engineer of the county sanitation districts, expressed himself as being glad to learn of the city council's action. "It should be borne in mind," said Mr. Warren, "that during all this delay as to the exact location of the metropolitan outfall thousands of gallons of sewage are being dumped daily into Los Angeles harbor, and it is of vital interest to the city of Los Angeles that this condition be eliminated. The future of the harbor rests largely upon adequate sewerage facilities. Just recently I learned that the city health department had filed notice with the fish canneries that unless the present refuse nuisance is abated all fish-packing plants will be closed."

It is expected that the committee will be able to report its findings early in September, after which the state board of health will take its final action, and the actual work of constructing the outfall can proceed.

Real Estate Here Moving Actively
Real estate activity in Torrance opened briskly in September. Sales of Torrance property, both improved and unimproved, have been made by every real estate operator in the city since Sept. 1. All dealers report a revival of building activity, with many dwelling houses projected. August building permits aggregated \$23,150, mostly for houses.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clarkson and John Murray of Redondo Beach were visitors to Burbank last Sunday, and on the return journey stopped at the Emelie Chateau, Los Angeles, for dinner.

Individual group projects of Junior Auxiliaries will be demonstrated by Miss Lois Strider of the Tuesday Afternoon Club of Glendale, Miss Katherine Ryan of the Catholic Woman's Club, Mrs. Dudley Frank of the Los Angeles Ebell, and Miss Georgia Sinclair, junior chairman of co-operation with war veterans. An address on "Youth and Citizenship," especially inspirational to these junior members, will be made by Mrs. Susan M. Dorsey, superintendent of Los Angeles city schools. The Club Institute, that clearing house for a discussion of club management which club members have found so helpful under Mrs. Charles S. McKelvey's guidance, will have its usual place on the morning program, which is devoted in the main to important basic planning for the regular routine of the year's work, but includes, as well, the launching of several important new projects that will have a vital influence on the local Federation work of the future. Many recently appointed district chairmen of departments will be introduced, the vigor and enthusiasm of "new blood" always being a matter of interest.

BILL THE BARBER SAYS
A bachelor of science is one who won't kiss a girl for fear of infection