

FOURTEENTH YEAR—No. 49

G. P. WILL SPEND 25 MILLIONS

Council, C. of C. Fix \$20,000 Promotion Budget for 1929

A spirit of good will between political foes permeated Washington Monday and spread through the cloak rooms of the House and Senate as Congress convened for its short session.

For months the Navy has been seeking to perfect means of saving a sunken submarine. Off San Diego the successful test has been made.

That the Swing Johnson bill, calling for the construction of a high dam at Boulder canyon should not be passed is the conclusion made in a report of the Silbert engineering commission.

That plans for construction of the proposed dam carried in the Swing-Johnson bill are unsafe and might lead to disaster.

That the cost of the project would be \$176,000,000 instead of the \$125,000,000 estimated in the pending bill.

That the project cannot pay out on such a cost in the fifty-year period set in the bill.

That a continuous supply of 550,000 horsepower cannot be guaranteed.

That an agreement with Mexico fixing that country's permanent share in the water of the Colorado River should precede the project.

That while power probably could be sold at advantageous rates at the present time, this might not be true many years.

Ezra Meeker, 97 years old, stalwart pioneer of the oxcart trails in the early days of the west, noted for his long hikes, died Monday in Seattle, Wash.

There is agitation in the ranks of the betrothed in Poland. And for a very good reason. From time immemorial brides at the marriage altar have sworn to "obey." On Jan. 1 the reference to obedience will be deleted from the ceremony.

Miss Estelle Manville, daughter of H. E. Manville, multi-millionaire captain of industry, was wedded to Count Folke Bernadotte, nephew of the King of Sweden, direct descendant of Marshall Bernadotte, Napoleon's aide.

Commander Richard E. Byrd and his band of stalwart adventurers took their last farewell of civilization. Whistles tooted. Flags flew from ships in the harbor of Dunedin, New Zealand.

Allan A. Ryan loved his mother. When she died he mourned. Not so the widower, Thomas Fortune Ryan, master of 250 millions.

Emilio Portes Gil (pronounced Heel) was inaugurated President of Mexico to serve for one year until the national elections.

Grand Duke Alexander Michaelovich has arrived in the United States three times, each time being interviewed by reporters.

15 Shopping Days Buy Better in Torrance

FUND WILL BOOST CITY

Will Expend \$6500 in Advertising to Cash in on G. P. Program

VOTE BASEBALL SUBSIDY \$100 a Month Is Allotted to Finance Pastime in Torrance

Councilmen and directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce unanimously agreed upon a \$20,000 budget for the expenditure of the city's 1929 promotion fund.

The budget was studied at a joint meeting of the two bodies Monday night at the city hall.

Major items in the budget are \$6500 for advertising in metropolitan newspapers during the year; \$1200 subsidy for the Torrance baseball team; \$1000 for industrial promotion; \$1000 for commercial promotion; \$750 for a campaign to induce non-resident workers to live in Torrance; \$500 for civic promotion; \$500 for electric highway signs.

The advertising allotment was deemed essential to promote building in Torrance and in the shoeing strip ahead of completion of the General Petroleum Corporation's refinery here.

The \$100-a-month subsidy for the ball team had not been included in the budget by directors of the Chamber, but Councilmen Dennis Maxwell and Wolfe thought the advertising received through the medium of the team was worth the money and the proposed budget was changed accordingly.

Table with 3 columns: Item, 1928, 1929. Includes Office Rent, Light and Heat, Tele. and Tolls, Supplies, FRIG., Postage, Org. Camp. Exp., Expense Acct., Secy., Secy. Assn. Fees., Chamber Assn., Fees., Add Mailing List, Petty Cash, Miscel. Oper., Accts., Non-Res. Camp., Con. Services, E. & R., Adv. Pub. Gen'l., Elec. H. W. Signs, Annex Room, Indus. Prom., Civic Prom., Com. Prom., Educa. Prom., Ind. Exhibit, Perm., Emp. Bureau, Mothers' Educa., Tor. Baseball, Equipment.

Masons Are Asked to Lecture Tonight

All Masons in Torrance and Lomita are urged to attend a lecture to be delivered in Meyer Hall, 121 1/2 Market street, Inglewood tonight by Judge Valentine of Los Angeles under the auspices of the Inglewood Societa. Judge Valentine will speak on "Crime and Crime Prevention."

TORRANCE IN BIG LEAGUE LED ONLY BY LOS ANGELES

Torrance leaped up into the building permit big league during the month of November, standing second only to the city of Los Angeles in the value of construction begun during the month.

Torrance led Long Beach, Hollywood, San Diego, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica, Pasadena, Glendale, San Pedro, and many other much larger cities.

Los Angeles Sunday newspapers, listing the permits of the various Southern California cities, specifically mentioned the Torrance total as "the surprise of the month."

United Concrete Pipe Co. to Put Up \$300,000 Plant and Build General Offices on Torrance Site

In addition to its \$200,000 plant expansion program in Torrance, the United Concrete Pipe and Construction Company will erect a new office building facing East road and will make Torrance its general headquarters.

The development program of the company which will be started as soon as streets in their newly acquired 15-acre tract are vacated stands today as follows:

- 1-Removal of the company's Compton plant to Torrance. 2-Construction of a new plant and installation of new equipment to cost \$200,000. 3-Construction of new spurs and switches. 4-Construction of a general office, building facing East road.

Homeland Improvements Will Be Under Way in January, Report

That the resolution of intention to improve the Homeland district bounded by Western and Normandie avenues, 21st and Carson streets will be passed a week from Friday and actual work began in January was the report of Charles Vonderhage at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon Wednesday noon.

Mr. Vonderhage, chairman of a committee working for this improvement, says that his committee will call upon loan companies to induce them to make loans on lots in the district for building purposes so that building of dwellings may begin as soon as the date of project in the improvement project.

Improvement of this territory by the city of Los Angeles will throw several hundred reasonably priced building lots on the market, and provide a district for residence construction which is sorely needed.

Baptists to Hold Reception Friday

Bob Billini in Auto Accident

Albert Puetz, Norman Arms court, 2117 Redondo boulevard, sustained two broken fingers, and bad cuts about the hands, when the car he was driving collided with a car driven by S. Robert Billini, 1304 Portola, at the intersection of Acadia and Sonoma avenues, Saturday Dec. 1, at 4:45 p. m.

EXPANDED PLAN IS ADOPTED

Refinery and Shops in Torrance Will Employ 3500 Men

1ST UNIT READY APRIL 1 C. of C. Launches Advertising Campaign for More Houses in City

Expanding its original program of construction in Torrance the General Petroleum Corporation has adopted new plans which will call for a development in Torrance to cost \$25,000,000 it became known here this week.

The new refinery on the company's 950-acre site here will be half again as large as that which is operated by the company at Vernon. An aggregate of 3,500 men will be employed in the plant when it is eventually completed.

The company plans to develop steadily until the whole great plant is in operation.

In addition to the refinery the company will erect here tank repair shops and facilities for the manufacture of many nationally advertised by-products of petroleum, it is stated.

To meet the certain demands for houses by G. P. employees the Chamber of Commerce this month will launch an extensive advertising campaign in Los Angeles and Long Beach papers, stressing the vastness of the G. P. program and urging upon builders the advantage of Torrance as a city in which to erect houses.

Bank to Build C. of C. Offices

To Take Lease on Building to Be Erected by Bank of Italy

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce Monday night by a unanimous vote instructed President Harry H. Dolley to enter into a lease with the Bank of Italy for a new Chamber of Commerce building which the bank has agreed to construct east of its present bank building on Marcellina avenue.

Flames Damage House on 220 St.

An unoccupied house, belonging to Aubina Sana at 1426 220th st., S. E. Baker of 3113 Redondo boulevard was struck by a car driven by C. R. Pumphrey, 933 Obispo, Long Beach, as he was making a left turn from Redondo boulevard. Both cars were damaged.

Observations

The Level of the Sea, The Plumb Line, Love and Loyalty—A Few Words About the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial Hospital

WE heard a speaker the other day talking about constants. In the material world nothing is more fixed or true than the "never changing level of the ever changing sea."

HOW indisputable is that fact. Let war sweep the world. The love of a mother for her child, of a man for a woman remains unaltered. Let hate leer over the earth and away its masses, old loyalties between old friends remain a human constant.

SOME men, some women pour out their devotions to an individual; others to an ideal; others to both. The person without an ideal is poverty-ridden indeed.

IT strikes me that all of us who live in this district should take inspiration from the loyalty and generosity of Mrs. Jared Sidney Torrance. Mr. Torrance planned the city which bears his name in accordance with a high ideal.

MRS. TORRANCE and other of Mr. Torrance's heirs, knew, however, of the ideals which he had revered. They provided the funds and erected the hospital anyway.

IN some quarters there seems to have arisen a mistaken impression about the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital. Because the building was erected by Mr. Torrance's heirs and because it receives an income of several hundred dollars a month from an endowment made possible by his generosity some believe that the hospital is nearly a 100 per cent charitable institution.

IT costs upward of \$5,000 a month to maintain the hospital. The endowment income averages about \$700 a month, or only about 14 percent. The hospital is not making a profit.

AS a frank matter of fact the hospital is in debt. Time after time Mrs. Torrance, Dr. J. S. Lancaster, Brian K. Welch and the First National bank have loaned the institution money to cover a deficit.

FEW hospitals offer such service as that available at the Torrance Memorial Hospital at equal rates. Some institutions maintain a lower rate for room and board of patients, which on the face make it appear that their service is less costly to patients.

THE Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital is a non-profit institution. Its rates will never be higher than actual costs dictate. Such equipment and such service in other institutions, privately owned, cost much more than they do in Torrance.

CARS COLLIDE

Flames Damage House on 220 St.

The corner of Redondo boulevard and Madrona avenue was the scene of an automobile accident Friday, Nov. 23, when the car driven by E. S. Baker of 3113 Redondo boulevard was struck by a car driven by C. R. Pumphrey, 933 Obispo, Long Beach, as he was making a left turn from Redondo boulevard. Both cars were damaged.

LAD, GIRL TRAGEDY VICTIMS

Charles Carter and Jean Seward Lose Lives in Auto Accident

EVA MAURER IS INJURED

Leonard Wilson Slightly Injured; Coroner's Jury Returns Verdict Tuesday

A young man and a young woman of Lomita are dead, one Lomita girl is in the hospital and the fourth member of the party Leonard Wilson, Harbor City, was held under technical arrest as the result of a tragedy which occurred Saturday night on Main street south of Gardena.

Leonard Wilson, Harbor City, escaped with minor injuries when the Chrysler roadster in which the young people were riding struck a tree. It is alleged that the car failed to negotiate a turn in the road.

Miss Eva Maurer, whose life was at first "despaired of," according to latest reports, greatly improved and will recover. Miss Maurer was graduated from Narbonne high school last June and at the time of the accident was enrolled at the Woodbury College, Los Angeles.

After the inquest Leonard Wilson was released. Wilson was not driving the car when the accident occurred.

FUNERAL services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at the Whittington Funeral parlors, Gardena for Charles Carter who lost his life in an automobile accident Saturday evening.

Funeral arrangements for the body of Miss Seward are in charge of Mottell's Undertaking establishment, Long Beach.

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Girl Here Fined in Escape Plot

Joy Marshall of Spurlin court was arrested by Torrance police recently and stood trial Dec. 3 for unlawfully assisting Sherman Moore, inmate of the Norwalk state hospital in an attempt to escape.

Miss Marshall tried to send a tiny hawkeye to Moore in a box of candy which she had placed in a mail box at the corner of Sartori and Marcellina. Police officers received a tip that this was taking place, and when Miss Marshall was accused she confessed her guilt and told the officers where to find the package.

Judge Rippey fined her \$500 for 500 days and the sentence was suspended for one year. During this time she must report to the chief of police once a month.

George Lester is expected to arrive from New York today for a visit at the home of Dr. Maude Chambers on Cota avenue.