

ASK \$164,000 IN COUNTY AID

County And City Postpone Action In Lomita Movements

KETTLERS PROTEST MOVE

Board of Supervisors Delay Incorporation Hearing for 30 Days

COUNCIL ALSO WAITS Table Annexing Petition as Ranch Owners Object to Joining

Action on the movement to incorporate Lomita and the counter move of northenders to annex Torrance was delayed this week. The board of supervisors Monday postponed the hearing on the incorporation petition for 30 days. The city council of Torrance Tuesday night delayed action on the petition asking for an annexation election, but intimated that the matter would be disposed of next Tuesday night.

May Permits in Boost Over 1928

Permits issued during May totaled \$184,250.00. Permits during May 1928 were \$160,000.00.

Boston Tech, famed of the world over as an engineering college, sends hundreds of ambitious young scientists into the industry each June.

You must set before yourself a definite plan to be a ruling person. Be superior. Act superior. Talk that way. Think that way.

Children and adults who wish to enter may do so by mailing notice of their intentions to L. J. Deininger, Legion secretary.

Observations

Chicago Racketeer, Retired, in Torrance Tells of His Life as a Hooch Truck Driver—Ex-Machinist Makes \$500 a Week in Illicit Traffic

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

IN Torrance now lives a reformed Chicago racketeer, retired. He tells little, spins less, has plenty of money. I'm sure he wouldn't talk frankly to me, so I did not seek him out, but he spoke at length of his experiences to a mutual acquaintance.

"HOW do you like to make some easy money without workin' very hard" says this new pal of mine. "Well, I ain't agin'at a little easy money and tells him so.

"THE boss I hires out to tells me the rule. He says: 'Stay away from the women. You'll be watched and if you play the women we'll know it and that won't be healthy for you.

"THIS goes on for weeks. Every Saturday night I gets my 500 berries and salts most of it away. Every day we make a trip and them Wops never says a word to me, not once.

"I WAS worried, but the boss says not to mind it. He tells me that if I get a rap I'll be paid in full all while I'm in jail.

"WHADAYUMBAN quit" he says. "Listen boy, you can't quit. Didn't we pay you while you was the sheriff's guest?"

"SO I keeps worrying and one day I decides to take out. I looks up the rattlers, buys a ticket, checks my luggage at the station and after delivering a truck of hooch, boards a taxi and just catches the choo-choo for Frisco.

"I'm still scared out here on the coast and writes back to my old machine partner and tells him I got on a drunk in Chi and when I sobers up I'm in Frisco. I figures that if they is sore because I takes out that will explain it.

"Sure I'm goin' back. In a few months my face and name will be forgot and if I gets rapped as a hooch driver it will go as a first offense, see? I'll just go back and hire out and everything will be okay.

"Sure—I'm healed. I didn't play around much in Chi and saved up about 15 grand, and I've got most of it left. "Prohibition? Sure, it's a swell law."

GLADIOLUS SHOW ON MONDAY

Torrance District Garden Club Event at Legion Clubhouse

MANY PRIZES OFFERED

Noted Expert Will Be Here to Judge Exhibits

IN response to the widespread interest among gardeners of our community in gladiolus the Garden Club has arranged a meeting devoted entirely to that flower.

"E. B. Bell, who secured Mr. Salbach for this event, considers that it is very fortunate that a speaker of the ability and experience of Mr. Salbach could be secured.

"The public is urged to take advantage of this opportunity to hear such a noted authority on such a popular subject and to enjoy looking at the many beautiful gladiolus that will be displayed.

"The following schedule of classes has been arranged by Chairman of Exhibits L. E. Brown, and prize ribbons will be awarded the best in each class.

12 spikes of large flowered varieties. Must be of one color but may be of different shades.

12 spikes of primulinus and large flowered varieties, may be mixed colors.

12 spikes of primulinus varieties only, must be of one color but may be of one or more shades.

One spike any red, dark red or scarlet large flowered variety.

One spike any white, flesh, cream or buff large flowered variety.

White Motor Gypsies Find Torrance Tough

Auto Camp Hoboes, New American Type, Find Only Lean Pickings in This District; Experience Tempers Generosity With Wisdom

Motor gypsies, leeching their living from gullible charity are, finding lean pickings in the Torrance district. For Torrance charities, particularly the Torrance Relief Society, has learned from experience that most members of the new American race of automobile nomads are little better than worthless, shiftless parasites, who drive from community to community, stop at auto camps and prey upon the generosity of the American people for housing, groceries and enough gasoline money to send them along their wandering way.

Not long ago the Torrance edict was called to an auto camp east of Torrance in answer to a plea for aid for a family which presented a sorrowful picture to neighbors of the camp. A committee from Torrance answered the call.

They were greeted by a father whose long hair hung to his shoulders, a mother of gaunt and hungry appearance and two extremely dirty children.

Inexperienced members of the committee were for opening their purses as wide as their hearts, so struck were they with the pitiful poverty of the group.

Older members, who previously had become painfully aware of the existence of motor beggars were less impulsive in their conclusions.

Two days later the man appeared at the house of a committee member. His hair had been cut all right, but only half cut, and the committee member concluded that he had ordered it only partially sheared so that he might plead the necessity of a trim at his next stop and thus pick up a little loose change.

"The man was angry. In sharp sentences he informed the committee member that he had sought a job at a Torrance concern and that he had waited two hours for the boss to show up. He made it plain that nobody could keep him waiting that long, job or no job.

"The committee members informed him that there were many men in the district who would be willing to wait all day if they could find work. He cooled off somewhat then.

After the family had been in their new quarters two weeks the mother visited the committee member with a request for enough money to buy gasoline.

"Oh, no," said the committee member, "we never provide funds for gasoline."

"But couldn't you let us have enough for just a couple of gallons," pleaded the woman.

SEPULVEDA PROJECT LOOMS

Leonard Prepares Requests for Money for Arlington and Cedar, Too

WILL PAVE NORMANDIE

Figueroa Work Ordered and El Prado Cutoff Petitions Are Planned

City Engineer Frank Leonard is preparing resolutions to be passed by the council asking for county aid in three Torrance road improvements to the extent of \$164,035.

The amount of all three requests is based on estimated costs, the county being asked to pay for 50 percent of the grading and 40 percent of the paving costs.

The resolutions will be presented to the council next Tuesday night so that they may be presented to the supervisors while county officials are preparing their annual budget.

The city has already agreed formally to pay \$18,000 toward the cost of the Sepulveda project in Redondo Beach. Redondo officials expect to begin proceedings this year. The county will improve the highway from Western avenue to Main street and it is already improved from Main street to Long Beach.

The Sepulveda project will eventually connect the San Fernando Valley with Long Beach, providing a time and distance saving cutoff for coastal traffic.

The right of way will be 100 feet wide, 40 feet being paved originally. Trees will be planted along the entire route. Three other highway projects of importance to this district are taking form. Normandie avenue is scheduled for widening and improvement from Los Angeles to Harbor City.

The city of Los Angeles recently denied protests against the improvement of Figueroa street from 120th to 190th street and the work was ordered.

To connect with Normandie, Vermont and Figueroa petitions will soon be circulated for the diagonal extension of El Prado in Torrance to the intersection of 190th and Figueroa streets. Such a cutoff would provide Torrance with a new main outlet to all the greatest north-south arteries in the county.

Two grass fires called out the fire truck the first of the week. Sunday the truck was called to Normandie and 22nd street where a grass fire had spread to some discarded telephone poles and threatened to be a real blaze.

Leon Rice, Noted Concert Singer Will Appear at Church Tonight

Leon Rice, one of America's greatest concert singers, will sing presenting his celebrated "Evening of Song," which has delighted hundreds of audiences in the United States, Canada and abroad.

This is a musical event such as seldom is given in cities the size of Torrance, and is a wonderful opportunity for music lovers.

Mr. Rice devotes a portion of each year to giving concerts in schools, churches, clubs, etc., in the interest of "more and better music," especially the music of American composers.

On tonight's program, songs will range from grand opera to songs of romance, Irish ballads, negro melodies and humorous ditties.

There will be no admission to the concert, but an offering representing individual appreciation will be taken, a part of which will be used in the work of the church.

The entire community is invited. Miss Mildred Bell attended the tea given for the girl graduates of Southern California High School today at the home of Mrs. Rufus Von KleinSmid in Chester Place.



LEON RICE at the Methodist church tonight, Los Angeles.

BILL THE BARBER SAYS YOU CAN'T BE A PERFECT IDIOT BECAUSE NOBODY IS PERFECT.