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EXPANSION OF STEEL MILLS INDICATED BY DEVELOPMENT

Announcement Expected This Week by President A. T. DeForest of Columbia Steel Company

IRON AND STEEL LEADERS MEET AT DEL MONTE

Pittsburg to Get New Tin Mill and Torrance Expects New Tube Mill, Is Report

Note: It has been reported that expansion plans of the United States Steel Corporation on the Pacific Coast will be announced by the new president of the Columbia Steel company at the Del Monte meeting this week-end.

Business of the Columbia Steel Corporation, which was taken over February 1 by the United States Steel Corporation, will be handled by a new organization to be known as the Columbia Steel company.

A. T. DeForest, vice president of the United States Steel Products company will be the president of the new concern and L. F. Rains, formerly vice president of the Columbia corporation will be vice president in charge of operations.

In addition to DeForest and Rains, officers of the new Columbia Steel company will be: W. A. Ross, vice president and treasurer and H. F. Wilson, secretary and auditor. All of the officers will be members of the board of directors.

President DeForest will be the principal speaker at a meeting of iron and steel leaders at Del Monte, February 13 to 15, and it has been reported, but not confirmed, that an announcement will be made at this time of contemplated expansions of the company's plants at Torrance and Pittsburg.

Those close to the plant at Torrance have been aware for some time that plans were under way for major expansions here. It is generally believed that the development will include the installation of a tube mill to supply the petroleum industry with drill pipe. At present all this pipe is shipped from the East.

To Expand Tin Mill A dispatch from Pittsburg, California, states that there were indications this week at the Columbia plant that immediate construction of the new tin mill unit is planned.

Excavations started last week for a 500 foot extension of the spur track of the Western Pacific Railway from the old tin mill to serve additional land owned by the U. S. Steel. It is believed that the next expansion of the mills will be along this track. The land to be served is just east of the present tin mill and the line will be extended to the highway.

The conference this week at Del Monte is held under the auspices of the California State Chamber of Commerce in co-operation with the Chambers of Commerce of Los Angeles, Oakland and San Francisco. The importance of the recent mergers in the steel industry will be emphasized at this meeting, in particular the acquisition of the Columbia Steel Corporation and the taking over of the Pacific Coast Steel Company and the Southern California Iron and Steel Company by the Bethlehem Steel Company.

J. E. Webster, general chairman, commenting upon this meeting states the following: "The Iron and Steel groups of California were organized in January 1925 by the California State Chamber of Commerce. Through the efforts of the State Chamber, together with the valuable aid of the local Chambers of Commerce, the industry has made a sound and substantial development in payrolls and value of manufactured products until today the Iron and Steel Industry represents approximately 20 per cent of the industrial structure of California."

New Well Going Down in Lawndale

Renewal of activity in the Lawndale oil field was forecast last week when Smith Brothers began excavations for a new well on the Johnson lease at Buckeye and Freeman avenues.

SUPT. HURT WORK AT RIG IS DELAYED

Operations have been suspended at the derrick on the Stone property on Main street here by the Harbor Oil and Gas Corporation for a few days, following the serious automobile accident of the superintendent, Fred Young, which occurred at the intersection of Willow street and Avation boulevard on Friday evening at 8 o'clock, while Mr. Young was on business for the corporation. Three cars were involved in the accident and several persons were rushed to the Seaside hospital in Long Beach. Mr. Young suffered a fractured right arm, his left hip is broken in several places, numerous cuts on his forehead and other bruises. Mr. Young resides at 154 West Ninety-third street, Los Angeles. According to Harry J. Keeley, secretary of the Harbor Oil and Gas Corporation machinery is ready to be installed on the Stone lease, but operations have been slowed for the present, owing to the disability of the superintendent.

Bill the Barber Says A vacant lot is a place where old Fords go when they die.

Pair of Living Christmas Trees Adorn City Park

Two graceful living Christmas trees have been planted in El Prado Park, fronting on Cravens avenue and well-housed by the Community Yuletide trees. These are exceptionally fine specimens of cedrus deodara, recognized authentic type of Christmas trees for California. They are about 15 feet tall and according to horticulturists should grow about three feet each year, so that in a few years they will be large enough to be commanding figures in the city parkway.

The two trees were selected by a joint committee of the Torrance Women's Club and the Torrance District Garden Club, which organizations petitioned the City Council a few weeks ago to provide the living trees. They were planted this week by Superintendent of Streets, Wm. Gascoigne.

CITY IS HOST TONIGHT TO HARBOR GROUP

Fits to Speak—Mayor Porter and L. A. Council to Attend—Public Invited to Dinner at Women's Clubhouse

The Harbor District Chambers of Commerce composed of seventy civic bodies in the First and Fourth Supervisorial Districts will hold its regular monthly meeting at Torrance, this evening, in the Women's Clubhouse, 1432 E. 14th avenue.

The delegate business session will be held at 5 p. m. in the First Christian Church, edifice near the clubhouse. The banquet and program will be held at 6:30 p. m. Mayor John Dennis of Torrance has extended invitations to the mayors of all municipalities in the district including Mayor John C. Porter of Los Angeles and the entire Councilmanic body of the metropolis. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is also to be guests of the city of Torrance which is playing joint host with the Chamber of Commerce of that community.

Councilman Henning to Preside Councilman A. E. Henning of the 16th District of Los Angeles is the newly elected president of this body and will preside at this meeting. Other officers of the association are Senator Frank F. Merriam, first vice president; Fred C. Finley, second vice president; E. M. Mansur, third vice president; Loren Howe, fourth vice president; Frank L. Walton, treasurer and Carl L. Hyde, secretary.

District Attorney to Speak The Honorable Burton Fitts, district attorney of Los Angeles county, will be the principal speaker of the evening and address the group on "The Public Relationship to Law Enforcement."

Mr. George B. Kirker, far East representative of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, will give a short address regarding foreign trade opportunities in the Orient. Mr. Kirker has spent the last two years making trade surveys in the Philippines, Manchuria, China and Japan.

Dr. E. C. Young of Glendale, chairman of the Southern California Regional Advisory Council and Director of the State Chamber of Commerce, will give a short illustrated address on "Aviation." Dr. Young has been an aeronautical enthusiast for several years and has procured from the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Aeronautics, some very representative and interesting material dealing with the subject of aviation.

Host Group Mayor John Dennis of Torrance and Councilmen A. B. Wolfe, E. C. Nelson, G. A. Maxwell and Dr. G. A. R. Steiner will serve as welcoming committee for the visiting officials and guests.

Harry H. Dolley, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will extend the official address of welcome.

The dinner will be served by the Torrance Women's Club and the public is always cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Water Question AN EDITORIAL

By GROVER C. WHYTE

In answer to a large number of inquiries at the Torrance Herald, we wish to most forcibly reassure the people of Torrance that we have by no means given up the battle for a community owned and operated water system.

However, at a conference between the editor of this newspaper and the special water committee composed of Mayor Dennis, City Engineer Leonard and Earl Conners, it was decided that the present time was not the most opportune to press the campaign for "better and cheaper water." Conditions which now exist which might hinder the success of this important work will be removed within a few months, and then you can look for one of the most vigorous fights in the history of Torrance. In the meantime, much valuable data is being gathered and will be published when the right time comes to overthrow the private interests that are now charging three prices for stinking water. We have not given up the fight by a long shot. We are just storing up ammunition for the strategic time to launch the battle. May we ask you good friends to endure your long suffering a little while longer, so that the ultimate victory may be assured?

IN MEMORY OF DEPARTED LOVED ONE PLANT WEEPS AT PASSING OF PET CAT

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Winters Present Shelf of Books to Elementary School Library

In memory of their son, John Winters, who was drowned in the Ohio river July 19, 1928, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Winters recently presented a "John Winters Shelf" of books to the elementary school library. John was a lover of books and had a complete library of his own, and in choosing the books for the memorial, Mr. and Mrs. Winters have tried to duplicate the books that John loved best.

The shelf is not yet complete, and books will be added to it from time to time. A beautiful tribute was paid the boy at the time of the presentation, when impressive memorial services were held by the boys and girls with whom he would have graduated. Billy Ayres read a memorial to his chum; Fred Ralston wrote and read a history of John's life; original poems were read by Leona Keener and Irma Herring.

Miss Laura Thomas, in behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Winters formerly presented the shelf of beautifully bound and illustrated books to the school. George Isabell, a chum of John's, made the acceptance speech.

To Dedicate Fountain Sun



FOUNTAIN OF NEPTUNE, PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CALIFORNIA To be dedicated Sunday, February 16th, at 3 P. M.

Invitations have been extended to the newspaper publishers, their staffs, and to all friends of civic improvement to attend the public dedication of the lovely new marble fountain of Neptune in Malaga Cove Plaza, Palos Verdes Estates, at three o'clock, Sunday afternoon, February 16th. Lt. Governor H. L. Carnahan and many prominent persons will speak at this ceremony, including Jay Lawry for the Palos Verdes Project which is donating the fountain to the community.

This fountain is a notable addition to the art treasures of Southern California. It presents a vigorous life-sized figure of Neptune, with his trident, facing towards the sea, his foot on a dolphin, under which there are three successive pedestals with cupids, sea horses and gulls spouting water into large shells. On the lower pedestal at each corner are sirens or mermaids astride large dolphins which spout jets of water high into the air from their nostrils, all being caught in a beautifully moulded basin surrounding three marble steps. Neptune is particularly appropriate for a fountain at Palos Verdes, lying as it does on the edge of the ocean. Among the Romans he was the great ruler of the sea and all its waters, and brother of Jupiter, sovereign of all the world.

Fifteen hundred reserved seats will be held for invited guests until three o'clock. Preparations for a large crowd have been made.

BELL, NELSON AND STEINER ARE ENDORSED

Petitions Being Circulated Endorsing Present Administration and Three Members for Council

Ed C. Nelson, Dr. G. A. R. Steiner and Carleton B. Bell are named in a petition being circulated this week endorsing these candidates as members in the City Council at the coming April election.

Nelson and Steiner are at present on the Council and are running for re-election on the long, or four-year term. Bell will run for the two-year term. The petition reads as follows:

"We, the undersigned citizens of Torrance, do hereby endorse the most business-like and economical administration of the present City Council of Torrance, and in order that we may have a continuance of the same high standard of government in Torrance during the next two years, advocate the election of Ed C. Nelson, Dr. G. A. R. Steiner and Carleton B. Bell, candidates for City Council of Torrance."

Carleton B. Bell has been a resident of Torrance since February, 1922 and is chief clerk at the Pacific Electric shops here. He has been conspicuous in community activities, more recently in the organization of the Torrance District Garden Club of which he is president. Bell is a past commander of the Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion, and for two years served as adjutant of the Legion.

Brady Wolfe, retiring member of the City Council, states that he will not be a candidate for re-election. Candidates seeking seats on the city council, three of which will be filled at the city election April 14, may take out nomination papers February 13. Nomination papers for City Clerk and City Treasurer may also be filed at this time.

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett and City Treasurer Harry H. Dolley have both stated that they will run for re-election.

The following dates pertaining to the state statute govern municipal election in a sixth class city: Everyone wishing to vote at the April election must re-register between now and March 15, 1930. Official registrars are now canvassing the residents of Torrance and Lomita. Registrations are also taken at the city hall by the city clerk.

February 13—First day candidates may circulate or file nomination papers.

March 15—Registration of voters and transfers of residences close.

March 15—Last day for city council to appoint the election officers and designate polling places.

March 25, 12 o'clock noon—Last day and hour for filing nomination papers with city clerk.

March 25—Last day to publish "Notice of Election."

March 25 to April 13—City clerk must, between these dates, publish the names of nominees in alphabetical order, and officers for which they have been nominated, at least twice before the day of election; in one or more newspapers published in the city.

April 7—Last day for publishing list of precincts, polling places and election officers.

April 12—Election day. Polls must be open for at least eight consecutive hours.

April 21—City council must meet to canvass returns, pass resolution and install elected officers.

Sepulveda Paving Contractor Refuses to Accept Low Bid

After submitting a bid several thousand dollars under that of other contractors, George H. Oswald, Los Angeles contractor who was recently awarded the contract for paving Sepulveda boulevard through Hermosa Beach, has refused to sign the contract with the Hermosa Beach City Council. It is thought that Oswald fears a financial loss if he accepted the contract offered at his bid of \$40,195.55. The matter has been turned over to the city attorney, but it is thought that the city will be obliged to re-advertise for bids on the work.

COACH JONES AT KIWANIS CLUB FRIDAY

Four Superior Court Judges and Sheriff Traeger Also to Be Present

Coach Howard Jones of the University of Southern California will be the principal speaker tomorrow noon at the weekly luncheon of the Torrance Kiwanis Club, held in Earl's Cafe. A record attendance is expected by Henry Ulbright, chairman of the day, who arranged the appearance of the celebrated Trojan coach.

As chief mentor of U.S.C. athletes Howard Jones for many years Trojan Coach Coach Jones is one of the country's most widely known men in the field of college sports and the banquet room at Earl's Cafe will be crowded with sport lovers tomorrow noon, Hank Ulbright predicts.

Other prominent personages who have accepted invitations to the Kiwanis Club luncheon tomorrow include: Superior Court Judge Carlos S. Hardy, Frederick C. Valentine, J. Walter Hanby, and Asst. District Attorney Paul Hornaday. Sheriff Wm. I. Traeger will also be introduced.

COMMITTEE TO PLAN PARK IMPROVEMENT

Garden Club Group Will Suggest Method to Complete El Prado Park Layout

Discussion of beautification plans for Torrance made up the major part of the meeting of the Torrance District Garden Club at the Legion clubhouse Monday evening. Mr. W. Harold Kingsley, who was to be the speaker of the evening, was unable to be present.

Mr. R. J. Delinger, chairman of the Yard and Gardens contest committee, gave a detailed outline of all contests and plans and answered numerous questions. He announced that the contest is not for the greatest yard, but for the yard that shows the most improvement during the course of the contest.

A check for \$10 was presented to the club by the Kiwanis club, and will be used for prizes in the Yard and Gardens contest.

El Prado park, and ways for improving it, was brought up at the meeting. It seems that the original plan for the park layout was completed in the west end, but not the east end. The graveled walk does not run the full length of the park, and the two sections do not conform. A committee was appointed by President C. B. Bell to make out a plan for improvement and present it to the city council. On the committee appointed are Mr. R. J. Delinger, Mrs. Caroline Collins, Mr. V. L. Maxwell, Mr. John King, Mrs. Isabel Henderson and Mrs. R. R. Smith.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to answering questions on flowers growing, and an open forum in which all participated.

HORSE MEAT FOR EUROPE

WOOD LAKE, Neb. (UP)—Not all Nebraska's horses pull the plow and show at fairs, according to L. L. Fry, farmer of near here, who recently shipped two carloads of horses purchased in the vicinity to Rockford, Ill., where they are to be slaughtered, canned and shipped to foreign markets as food.

Ted Frenger to Write and Teach Bridge

Beginning with next week's issue, the Torrance Herald and Lomita News will publish a series of articles by Ted Frenger on Auction and Contract Bridge.

Mr. Frenger has been a student of bridge for the past sixteen years and is at present studying the teaching technique of Mrs. Caroline Streeter, internationally recognized bridge authority. Radio listeners will recall that Mrs. Streeter plays one of the hands in the National Broadcasting Company's radio-lessons with the Messers, Work and Whitehead.

As an officer in the Australian Army, Ted Frenger during the World War played bridge with British officers and citizens of Egypt, Australia, British Isles and the Orient. Bridge customs in these various widely scattered countries naturally differ materially, and for this reason, Mr. Frenger was obliged to practically disregard the local conventions of bridge playing. As a result he developed an analytical bridge mind and a sound theory of the underlying principles of correct playing.

In his articles in this newspaper, Mr. Frenger will feature bridge theory and proper bridge etiquette—interesting and instructive phases of bridge that we feel our readers will find refreshingly different from the ordinary articles involving tiresome bridge problems and answers.

Ted Frenger is accepting a limited number of bridge pupils and instruction will be given to juveniles, beginners at auction bridge, as well as more advanced players who desire tutoring in Contract Bridge. These bridge-lessons will be given at the homes of the pupils or at Mr. Frenger's residence on Hawthorne boulevard just north of Redondo boulevard. Appointments may be made by telephoning Redondo 1887.

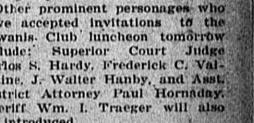
ARRESTED AS HE CARESSES HIS DEAD WIFE

J. W. C. Johnson, Formerly of Torrance, Found in Car at Fort Worth, After Shooting

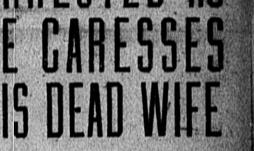
FORT WORTH, Tex.—J. W. C. Johnson, 54 years of age, was arrested in Trinity Park, here, as he sat in his car caressing the dead body of his wife, who had been shot in the right side. Johnson is believed to be from Torrance, Calif., but efforts of Torrance police to confirm this report have been fruitless. An oil worker by the name of Johnson formerly worked in the Torrance-Lomita field but left this district about three years ago. From Torrance, Johnson moved to Hawthorne, but has since left there.

A passerby noticed Johnson sitting in the car with his arm around his wife's body. He noticed a park policeman and a 32 caliber pistol was taken from Johnson. He

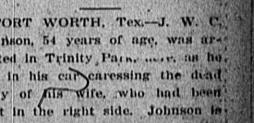
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J. W. C. Johnson



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