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PUBLIC PARK PLANS GIVEN MORE DETAIL

Joint Meeting Results in Course of Action on Many Civic Matters

As result of their frank discussion of many of the city's problems at the regular get-together monthly meeting, the city council and the directors of the Chamber of Commerce have agreed on a course of action which should be of far-reaching importance to the civic life of the city.

Meeting Monday night, the two groups showed that they were keenly alive to the pressing community problems and by informal consideration, arrived at plans for a course of action that is bound to react advantageously for Torrance.

Park Project Aired

The most important subject that was aired at the joint meeting was the city park project which had been outlined by Mayor Dennis at the last meeting of the city council. Both the chamber and the council went on record as endorsing the park proposition and decided on the following important factors for its successful conclusion:

(1) The joint bodies agreed that a bond issue in the sum of \$150,000 should be decided by the people at a special election to be held in the near future, probably the latter part of next month or shortly after the first of the year.

(2) This bond issue would cover the acquisition of the land, initial improvements and equipment.

(3) Mayor Dennis report that between 40 and 45 acres in the vicinity of the C.-C. M. O. ball park, bounded by Maple and Hickory avenues and Sonoma and Redondo boulevards, had been purchased at an approximate price of \$100 per acre and was tentatively approved. This, it is believed, is the best possible site for a city park.

This land is now owned by the Santa Fe railroad. A conference is to be arranged between Mayor Dennis and other citizens with President Engel, of the Santa Fe, when the railroad executive arrives in Los Angeles the first part of next month in order to arrive at a definite proposition to put before the people of the city at the time of the proposed bond election.

If the site can be purchased at a price of about \$1600 per acre it is held that the city would benefit from an unusual bargain as property adjoining the Santa Fe's holdings is priced from \$2500 to \$3000 per acre.

Would Aid Jobless

Round table discussion of the park project revealed that a bond issue of \$150,000 would cover the cost of the land's purchase, its improvement and beautification and installation of initial equipment. It was pointed out that the city could follow the same plan as Long Beach did with its recreational center and continue to make improvements and install

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RELIEF SOCIETY SETS RECORD FOR THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Residents, Churches and Merchants Aid in Demonstration of Great-Hearted Holiday Spirit in City

Because of the thoughtfulness of a large number of Torrance residents, churches and business men, the Torrance Relief Society set a new record yesterday for the number and quality of Thanksgiving baskets distributed to the needy.

Forty-five baskets in all were delivered to the homes of families who would otherwise have had to go without the good things for a Thanksgiving dinner. The Torrance Relief Society, in a statement of appreciation for the assistance given the association, pointed out that 15 of these baskets were filled and distributed by societies of the Baptist, Christian, Episcopal, Evangelical and Methodist churches; Sunday school classes of the Christian and Methodist churches; the high school; the Thimble club and several who wished to be known merely as "friends."

Contributions Assist

In commenting on the Thanksgiving work, the Relief Society stated that it acknowledges with grateful thanks the contributions of money, food and clothing that came pouring into the headquarters at 1302 Cabrillo avenue. Never in their history has there been such a big-hearted demonstration of desire to share with less fortunate fellow citizens as shown on the Thanksgiving day.

The society reported that the collection at the union church service shortly before Armistice day totaled \$14.61 and this was placed to the credit of the association together with \$12 in cash from other contributions.

Even Mince Pies

Other assistance came from the Evangelical church congregation which contributed money and two large boxes of canned goods and package foods; the Christian church, a large donation, canned goods, fruit and package goods; and many friends who contributed substantial donations of groceries, fruit, package goods, vegetables and clothing.

"Special thanks are due Mr. Arthur W. Melizer for his generous gift of 100 pounds of sugar, 200 pounds of flour and 15 hot mince pies," the statement from the Relief group continued.

The society also wishes to express its appreciation to the generous discounts and other assistance: Messrs. Barkdull, Doan, Harder, Howard and Woodruff, and anyone who helped by word and time; the society's "thank-you" message states.

Sings to Illustrate Language at Class

Miss Wanda Stachowicz, distinguished vocalist now residing in Torrance, and who is a member of W. Stewart Wright's Spanish class at the Torrance Evening high school, illustrated with vocal selections a number of types of Spanish music during a class session this week.

The purpose of Miss Stachowicz' recital, the class was held in the music room of the high school. Her delightful impromptu program was enthusiastically received by her appreciative class mates.

WILLING WORKERS WAITING

Many Names on File at Chamber of Torrance People Who Will Do Any Kind of Job for Any Length of Time

Do you need the services of a roller skating instructor? a butcher? a gardener? a clerk? There is hardly a line of work that is missing in the files kept by the Chamber of Commerce of persons seeking work. But the file that has the most number of names, addresses and other data is the one labeled: "Scores of Names"

There are scores of names under this category—men and women who want work and who will do anything within reason for an hour, a day, a week or a month. These people are in need of employment and the Chamber will accommodate any resident or business man with work to do at any time. No job is too big or too little, or of too short duration to these people who have listed their names and qualifications at the chamber's headquarters.

There are men and women clerks, nurses, maids, cooks, stenographers, laborers, gardeners, handy men, waitresses, carpenters, cement workers, window cleaners, house workers and many others.

Do Odd Jobs Now
Just call the Chamber of Commerce, Torrance 8, and a man or woman will be sent to you able and willing to do whatever job you want done.

Unemployment in Torrance can be greatly relieved if the residents decide to have those odd jobs done now about the house or if business men can see their way clear to clean up a bit about the rear of their establishments or take on a man to help do the decorating of their stores for Christmas.

Do you want your house cleaned or some stenographic or filing work done—just call Torrance 8 or go down to the Chamber of Commerce office and look over the files of workers.

NEW SCHOOL ON FERN ST. IS PROPOSED

Chamber Committee Will Interview Board of Education

The Education committee of the Chamber of Commerce was instructed at the joint meeting of the directors and the city council Monday night to interview the Los Angeles Board of Education relative to the building of a new elementary school on the site of the Fern street institution.

It is believed that a new building, similar in size and facilities as the present elementary school on Marlina avenue would fulfill the requirements at the Fern street location, where the present structure and its bungalows is very inadequate and out-of-date. The Board of Education recently announced a \$1,000,000 building program to modernize the system and to relieve unemployment. The site of the Fern street school is approximately five acres and could accommodate a building that will meet the present need and the future requirements for years to come, it was pointed out. The members of the Education committee of the chamber here advised J. S. Lancaster, Herbert S. Wood, Mrs. James E. Hitchcock and George W. Noel.

AID PLEDGED TO McDONALD TRACT HOPES

City to Help Open Prairie Avenue and Lift Park Costs

In recognizing two matters of vital importance to residents of the McDonald tract, the members of the city council and the directors of the Chamber of Commerce went on record Monday night as pledging their aid to the recently acquired addition to the city.

These were: Aid to the people in the Prairie avenue assessment district to get Prairie avenue extended across the General Petroleum property at 190th street to a property at Prairie avenue and Madrona avenue. The latter was improved some time ago from Manchester to 190th street at a heavy cost to the taxpayers which was made a through artery. It was pointed out at the round table meeting that for many years Prairie avenue has been a dead end street and is now posted as a private road.

Prairie avenue, when it is completed, will connect Torrance with Los Angeles by a new route. The major county road plan calls for the extension of Prairie from Manchester to Redondo avenue, or a direct road to Hollywood.

Alondra Park Matter

The second matter of interest to McDonald tract residents that was considered at the meeting was the approved motion to ask the city attorney to draft a bill for submission to the state legislature that will provide a means to make the Alondra Park project a county improvement subject and not a measure to be paid from an assessment district.

It was pointed out that the city has been making a quiet survey of the problem ever since the matter was broached by McDonald tract residents at the time of the annexation election. At that time the city pledged its aid to lift the heavy burden of the proposed Alondra Park assessments by formulating a plan whereby the county could do the work.

At the present time the county is prohibited by state law from taking over an assessment district. The proposed law to be drawn by the Torrance city attorney will be submitted to the County Board of Supervisors for their inspection as soon as possible.

FINE DRENCHING

At noon today Torrance had received 1.01 inches of rainfall since Wednesday evening. The storm brought a total of 1.41 inches. Every dollar of that \$31,000 will ultimately be put into circulation.

1931 Clubs Open Now

It has been estimated that 60 per cent of the Christmas club checks will be expended for Christ-

BETTER PHONE SERVICE TO BE SOUGHT HERE

One Exchange is Desirable to Eliminate Present Inadequate Method

Because three exchanges in separate companies are serving the city of Torrance with telephone service, the system here is none too modern, serviceable or inexpensive, it was pointed out at the joint meeting of the city council and the Chamber of Commerce Monday night.

To effect a better system of telephone communication within the boundaries of the city, a resolution was passed instructing the utilities committee of the Chamber to prepare a petition for submission to the State Railroad Commission asking that body to investigate the matter and to locate the entire city in one exchange.

Statements were made at the meeting that telephone subscribers in Wateria were served by the Redondo exchange and that McDonald tract subscribers were in the Redondo and Gardena exchanges. This means costly delays in calling the police or fire department here, expensive toll charges within the city proper and generally inadequate service, it was declared.

The petitions will be circulated among the districts not being served by the local exchange. Evidence was brought out at the meeting Monday night that the city of Bell had the same conditions and appealed to the Railroad Commission as the governing body for relief. A favorable decision is expected here and a headed down by the commission on the Bell case according to those who attended the recent hearing.

GOOD CHEER CLUB WORKS FOR RELIEF

Will Place Boxes and Cans Downtown to Receive Food and Money

There is a fine group of local women who have banded together under the name of the Good Cheer club and who are industriously working for the relief of the poor and unemployed. The club, which is cooperating with the Torrance Relief Society, has started a movement this week that should result in the utmost cooperation of the Torrance residents.

A number of large boxes will be placed in prominent positions throughout the business district of the city to receive foodstuffs for the needy in the way of canned goods, clothing and so forth. In conjunction with these boxes, seal-ealed cans to hold pennies, dimes, nickels and large sums will be placed in the downtown section.

All of the proceeds from the boxes and cans will be advantageously used to relieve hardships, according to Mrs. L. A. Kent, of 1225 Gramercy avenue, who is president of the club. Other members are Mrs. L. Ott, Mrs. Sam Nourse, Mrs. Harry Wagon, Mrs. Jessie Cowan, Mrs. Janette Woodruff, Mrs. Adella Porter, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Joe Bay, Mrs. Carl Kent, Jr., and Mrs. Joe Vaughn.

Christmas Clubs to Release Big Sum Here on December 1

Both Local Banks Report Successful Year with Savings Plan for Yuletide Expenditures

There is a Santa Claus—and the remainder used to cover taxes, life insurance premiums and the balance to go into regular savings accounts.

Both of the banks here report that the club-savings plan passed another very successful year. James Leech, manager of the Bank of America, declared that his institution would release a greater amount of money for Christmas this year than at any time in the bank's history.

J. W. Post, president of the First National bank, stated that there has already been a number of new club members received here for entry into the 1931 club, indicating that next year's checks will be even larger than those to be issued the first of next month.

INTRODUCING... Mamie and Alfred, Representatives of the "Gay Nineties"...



Alfred and Mamie, this snappy-appearing pair, are on their way to the city's "Gay Nineties" Christmas Party and although they are a bit early, their intentions are good.

What? You don't know about any "Gay Nineties" party? Tsch! Tsch! Turn quickly to the Herald's special section that tells all about it.

Mamie and Alfred are ashamed of your ignorance—but perhaps Alfred will present you with his package of home-made candy that he and Mamie won at the taffy-pull held over the livery stable—if you'll read every word in that special section.

The merchants represented by advertisements in the "Gay Nineties" section hope you'll read it "kiver-to-kiver" as they personally have enjoyed resurrecting memories of that decade. The Herald believes you will find keen enjoyment from both the advertisements and the special stories which accompany the slogan of the hour:

LET'S HAVE A GOOD OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS!

FATHERS ARE HONORED AT P. T. A. HERE

Dr. Eby Gives Message at Meeting Tuesday Night at Local School

Torrance Elementary, P. T. A. observed Fathers' night Tuesday evening, this being the one meeting of the year when the dads are honored with a program prepared especially for them. Dr. John Eby, pastor of the Wesleyan Presbyterian church, the speaker of the evening, devoted his message to the fathers. Dr. Eby is an old friend of William A. Bell, principal of the elementary school. In his address he spoke of the mind being set after the age of 30 and that the only way to combat the evils of the present day, such as crime, war, and the breaking of the prohibition law, was to educate the children.

In speaking of patriotism, he said that true patriotism showed out in observing the laws on the statute books whether we like them or not. He told a story of a man who was a "200 per cent American." When asked what he meant by a "200 per cent" he said he loved all Americans but hated everyone else. "Real patriotism means to love your own country so well that you will not want to destroy another's country," Dr. Eby declared. "We must learn to love all this world. He asked the fathers to help the mothers in the work of training the children in this and not leave it all to mother. The program opened with community singing led by J. W. Leech. This was followed by an

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Secretaries of So. Calif. Meet Here Tomorrow

Extensive Program Formed For Group's First Session Here

Carl Hyde, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and president of the Commercial Secretaries Association of Southern California, announced today that all was in readiness for the regular monthly meeting of the association here all day Saturday.

This will be the first time that the association has assembled in Torrance and an extensive program of business sessions and entertainment has been arranged for the members by the local chamber. Approximately 100 secretaries and their ladies are expected to be in Torrance tomorrow.

The regular business meeting will convene about 10:30 o'clock following the registration. Mr. Marlin, first vice president, will preside. He is secretary of the Whittier Chamber of Commerce. Carl Hyde will give a report on the accomplishments of the local organization, explaining in detail the method of financing from general taxation.

At luncheon at Earl's cafe, C. A. Gummere, district manager of the Equitable Life Insurance company of Iowa, will give the fourth of a series of talks. He will speak on "The Personality and Responsibility of a Secretary." The public is invited to this meeting.

In the afternoon and evening the visitors will be entertained at Redondo Beach through the courtesy of the Redondo Chamber of Commerce.

NEW CHAMBER POLICY FORMS SEPARATE INDUSTRIAL OFFICE

Plan Will Permit Better Exploitation of City's Great Opportunities to Manufacturers and Will Enable Torrance to Complete its Industrial Program

The future of Torrance depends upon the advent of new industries in the city.

This was the statement made at the joint meeting of the city council and the directorate of the Chamber of Commerce Monday night which led to the formation of a new policy for the chamber that is expected to have a tremendous influence on the growth of the city.

Americanization Class at School Needs Students

May Get Citizenship Course Here if Enough People Enroll, Clark Says

Every resident of Torrance and Lomita who is not a citizen of the United States should take advantage of the Americanization class now in session every Tuesday evening at the Torrance high school. This class, a unit in the Evening school plan being carried out here, is under the able supervision of Mrs. John A. Young, and affords a pleasant two hours study of the history of the United States, a subject which every foreigner has to know before he can become a legal citizen. Next Tuesday is the last chance to join this class, it is announced today.

A petition is being filed with the head office of naturalization for a teacher for the Torrance division to instruct in citizenship class to those filing for second or final papers may be in a position to answer the questions of the naturalization exam. However, such an instructor cannot be obtained unless a class of 20 or more are enrolled. If the present class of 12 does not increase, the nearest class of instruction is at San Pedro.

Must Answer Questions

Therefore, it is urgent that those interested should apply at the high school at once. This citizenship class will be open to those who can comply with the following regulations:

- 1.—In the United States five years?
 - 2.—In the county six months?
 - 3.—Are your first papers more than two years old and not more than seven?
 - 4.—Do you have two witnesses who are citizens and who have known you at least one month during the last five years?
- If you can answer these questions affirmatively, you are eligible for membership in the naturalization class. Mr. George Clark, principal of the Torrance Evening high school, or Mrs. Young, the instructor, will be glad to give further details on the course.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Danford and Betty and Dallas Danford had a Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mrs. E. M. Bonner on Redondo boulevard, Thursday.

ROYAL PALMS PLAN SNAGGED

County Counsel Reports Difficulties Which May Block Leasing of Acreage for County Park

Several outstanding difficulties may prevent the acquisition of Royal Palms near here, by the county for the purposes of a recreational center. Details of these difficulties were aired at the meeting of the Board of Supervisors Monday.

As result of County Counsel Mattoon's report to the supervisors, the matter was referred back to him, or motion of Supervisor Quinn for further time to see if the difficulties alleged can be removed. The board has until December 5 in which to make the lease.

Mattoon reported that the difficulties encountered may make it impossible, according to some authorities, for the county to legally lease the park site. He pointed out that the water supply for the acreage comes from a well between four and five miles outside the property. There is no information as to where the water line runs or whether the acreage has a clear title to it, the attorney stated.

Reassuring Note Given

A reassuring note, however, was given by Mattoon when he declared that the obstacles in the way of the acquisition of the site could be ironed out. He is expected to present some plan of

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IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE, SEE HOW MANY OF YOUR FRIENDS CAN NAME THE 17 OTHER AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE U.S.

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