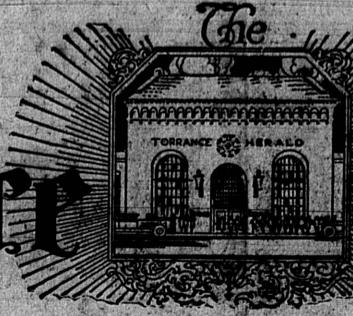


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REGISTRATION OF JOBLESS MAY BE DONE BY CHAMBER

County Expected To Start Unemployed Census Today; City to Secure Blanks For Similar Work

35 MORE MEN PUT ON CITY PAYROLL

Three-Day Week Provides Jobs on Street Department for Two Crews; Spirit of Those Out of Work Is Commended by R. R. Smith

Registration forms to be filled in by men and women out of employment, as a means to enable the County Board of Supervisors to ascertain an exact report on the jobless situation, were to be distributed today, according to Councilman R. R. Smith, who has been deeply interested in the county-wide plan.

Smith told members of the council Tuesday night that he had conferred with Carl Hyde, executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, on such a registration of unemployed in this city, and that they agreed that the Chamber should handle the task here.

Residents in county territory can fill out the blanks provided at the nearest county fire station to their homes. By such a census, the county expects to learn the exact extent of unemployment and take steps to provide registrants with jobs.

City Pays 35 to Work

During the discussion at council meeting, Councilman G. A. R. Steiner reported that the city was employing 35 additional men on the street department on a three-day-week basis. This number is in addition to the regular street department force, he said.

Councilman Ed Nelson suggested that a few more men could be put to work numbering all houses in the city by a system of curb numbers. Although this change for employing several men was discussed at length, no action was taken at the time.

An effort will be made by either the Chamber of Commerce or the city to secure a quantity of the county's registration forms at once. It is Smith's idea that by such a system the city can learn the exact number out of work and then go to the County Board of Supervisors with the information and present a formidable demand for an allocation to provide sufficient work for the local unemployed.

Commends Fine Spirit

"I have found a most wonderful spirit of cooperation from the men and women, who while they themselves are out of work, try to see others in more desperate circumstances get the work," Smith said.

"But these people who claim they have enough to live on at the present time, are mostly all living on credit from their neighborhood merchants. I am wondering how long the merchants can stand it," he said.

Smith has been investigating the unemployment situation here for some time, and is regarded as being probably the best informed man in the city on that subject.

POST STATES FUTURE HAS BIG OUTLOOK

Comparative Bank Reports of First National Show Growth

The remarkable growth of Torrance in the past decade is strikingly illustrated by comparative financial statements showing the condition of the First National bank 10 years ago in contrast with the statement of January 1, 1931. Both statements are published in an advertisement on another page of this issue.

The comparative statements are published in the hope that they will inspire hope and confidence for the coming year according to W. Post, president of the bank.

"Amazing as the developments in this community have been during the past 10 years, I believe the next decade will witness even greater accomplishments," said Mr. Post.

REAL ESTATE TOPICS WILL BE STUDIED

Evening Classes to Be Held At U. S. C. College in Los Angeles

Real estate valuation, taking into consideration land used for commercial, industrial and residential purposes, as well as industrial and commercial building and equipment, will be discussed in a series of 12 evening lectures at University College, University of Southern California, beginning on Monday, January 5, from 7 to 9:30, in the Transportation building. Weekly lectures in the credit-granting course will be in charge of John P. Kennedy.

George A. Schneider will conduct two evening classes in real estate conveyancing on Tuesday and Friday nights from 6:30 to 8:50, paid nights for bank employees, escrow clerks, building contractors, and property owners. Topics to be discussed in the real estate conveyancing classes include real property, encumbrances, notes and mortgages, deeds of trust, deeds and power of attorney, title insurance, escrows, contracts, and relation of broker to buyer and seller. Further information may be secured at University College, S. C., on the 15th floor of the Transportation building, Seventh and Los Angeles streets, or by calling TRinity 1701.

Pythians to Meet at 7:15 Monday Eve

A notice has been received by the Herald that the local Knights of Pythians lodge will convene Monday evening, January 5, at 7:15 instead of the customary hour of 8 in order that the lodge may transact its business and then go in a body to attend the installation of new officers of the Lomita lodge.

The Torrance lodge will hold a public installation of its officers for the new year on January 12. All residents of Torrance and vicinity are cordially invited to attend the ceremony.

33 PEARLS IN OYSTER

By the United Press
LA TREMBLADE. — At Lomita, a 33-pearl oyster, two of them Danmore black specimens. They have been sent to a jeweler at Naples to be appraised.

'GOOD CHEER' CLUB REPORT SHOWS WORK

Food and Clothing Are Given to 285 Persons in Torrance

FRIENDS ARE THANKED

Wearing Apparel May Still Be Obtained Free at 1925 Gramercy

Between November 20 and December 20, 26 trips to homes of Torrance families in distress were made by members of the Good Cheer club who participated worthily in relieving those in want preceding and during the Christmas holidays, according to a report received from Mrs. Beth Paige, secretary of the club. Eighty-five calls were made by the club with food and sometimes clothing delivered to 285 grateful recipients.

The club makes no charge for clothing desired by those in need. Mrs. Paige's report states, and wearing apparel may still be obtained at 1925 Gramercy avenue.

"The Good Cheer club feels that through the generosity of its friends it has justified its existence and in some small measure lived up to what its name implies," the statement reads. "We thank the following friends most sincerely for all aid given us in our hard and strenuous work: The employees of the 22-inch mill at the Columbia Steel, without whose financial aid we could not have put out those well-filled Christmas baskets; the delivered the Christmas groceries and market men without whose cooperation the week-day trips would not have been possible; to Mr. Hayes of the firm of Mullin-Hayes, for his generosity; to the 'Twin Santa Trucks' who delivered the Christmas baskets; and to those loyal ones who donated their cars, free of charge, to help make possible our work."

The Christmas baskets contained not only food and delicacies, but also toys and good things for every boy and girl on the club's lists.

BOOTLEGGER HAS BUT ONE DAY TO PAY

\$500 Fine Must Be Paid by Tomorrow or Mansell Goes to Jail

If W. E. Mansell, convicted bootlegger, doesn't pay his \$500 fine assessed him by Police Judge C. T. Rippey here December 26, tomorrow morning, he will be taken to the county jail to begin a 500-day jail sentence.

Mansell, who was arrested in a raid at his apartment where a large quantity of liquor was found by police December 24, has been confined in the city jail here while his friends have been endeavoring to raise the money for his fine.

Source Not Found

His efforts so far have been fruitless, police said yesterday, and the Saturday morning "deadline" was set as Mansell's last moment in Torrance for more than a year if the \$500 is not forthcoming.

After a thorough investigation of the bootlegger's system of "bookkeeping" in which he noted his local customers' names and addresses and their "accounts" with him, police said that no clue could be found as the source of his supply of illicit liquor.

'Horseless Buggy' Becomes Big Power In State in 1930

It wasn't many years ago that small boys of California were shouting "get a horse" as autotists spluttered by in their "new contraptions."

In 1902, for example, there were less than 100 automobiles in the state, valued at \$25,000, while 235,000 horses, assessed at \$7,000,000, were in use.

The figures are radically reversed in 1930, however, with more than 2,000,000 automobiles, appraised at \$247,671,000, filling our highways, while only 101,000 horses, estimated as worth \$5,250,146 are scattered about the state. Los Angeles county has \$101,574,163 worth of the automobiles and horses valued at \$233,320.

Relief Society Gives Full Report of Yuletide Work

Through the generous contributions and loyal assistance of the entire community, the Torrance Relief Society was enabled to send out 60 boxes of staple foodstuffs to all the families reported in need Christmas. According to a report from the Society, the boxes were filled to capacity with all kinds of food for the first time in the history of the organization, and it was pointed out, never since Torrance was founded were the boxes so needed as at this time.

In listing the contributions and donors, the Society's report stated that the Brotherhood of the Central Evangelical church through its toy hospital brought happiness to many children's hearts during the Yuletide. "They are entitled to the thanks of the entire city for contributing so largely to the children's Christmas," the Society declared. A full report of the Brotherhood's accomplishment was published in Tuesday's Herald.

Acknowledgments

"The Society is also indebted to Mr. John Fess, who aided so materially in the success of the undertaking by his fine work in managing and delivering most of the boxes December 23," it is stated.

"The Society acknowledges with grateful thanks the following and all contributions:

Christian church—quantity of groceries and vegetables.
"Baptist church—quantity of St. Mary's—large supply of package goods, canned goods, fresh vegetables, case of milk and \$12 in cash.
Lutheran church—large donation of vegetables, canned goods, groceries and canned fruit.
"Baptist church—canned goods, package goods and groceries.
Central Evangelical—box of canned goods, groceries and fruit.
Eastern Star—box of canned goods and groceries.
Rotary Annex—large donation of groceries, vegetables, canned goods, package goods and \$2.
Holy Potatoes, Speakers' Community Tree Committee—two boxes of candy and one box of apples.
J. J. Newberry—large box of candy.
Delia's—seven loud speakers.
Hoffman—repairing of 14 pairs of shoes.
Mullin Service Station—grocery order for \$10.
Dolley's Drug Store—quantity of Christmas cards and box of goods.
High School—box of groceries and canned goods.
Mrs. Stevenson, Torrance Flower Shop—61 jars of honey.
L. Dean, Quality Market—14 crates of carrots.
Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Rupp—100 pounds of potatoes, 1 box of Oregon apples, large quantity of flour, canned milk, beans and prunes.
Mrs. Parks—canned fruit and 33 bunches of carrots.
Mrs. Kehoe—cookies and jam.
Basket Contributors
A Friend—large sack of oranges and a large sack of nuts.
Mrs. Coates—photograph.
Mrs. Holly Bart—eggs.
Mrs. Sidebottom, Lomita—two large roasts.
Mrs. Granger—package of nice clothing.
Cecil Donette—groceries and \$1.
Mrs. A. A. Strom—35 pounds of sugar.
Mrs. Winkler—five pounds of spaghetti.
Mrs. Rohan—case of canned milk and \$1.
Mrs. Crosby—shoes.
Mrs. Regan—jam and jelly.
Baskets Donated
Mrs. Kelley, Annapolis avenue—two.
Ladies' Methodist Missionary Society (Continued on Page 3-A)

Popcorn Vendor Plans Expansion

Joe Stevens Gets Council's Okay for Addition

Joe Stevens, blind popcorn, magazine and newspaper vendor at the corner of Sartori and Marcellina avenues, has planned an expansion program for 1931.

He applied to the city council Tuesday night for permission to install a tamale stand, measuring 15 square inches and 22 inches high, at his place of business. His request was granted and now Joe is going ahead with his "expansion" of his business.

Date of Harbor Chambers Meet Is Jan. 15 Now

Changed to Accommodate Speaker From San Francisco

Because Frederick J. Koster of San Francisco, president of the California Development Association could not be in Torrance to address the regular monthly meeting of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce on January 8, the meeting has been postponed until January 15.

Koster, who is regarded as one of the outstanding business men of California, has agreed to be present at the later date and is the speaker of the general meeting which will follow a dinner at the Torrance Women's club.

At this meeting the new officers of the affiliated Chambers and civic organizations in the Harbor District will be installed. A late afternoon meeting, beginning at 5 p. m. January 15, will precede the general dinner session. Carl Hyde is secretary of the organization, and W. Rurus Page will be inducted as first vice president when the city will be host to the District Chambers.

City Still Lacks Inch of Rainfall

Torrance is still short of one complete inch of rainfall this season. The storm late yesterday afternoon and last night only brought the city 25 of an inch of moisture, according to the high school rain gauge. The total for the season to date is now .93 of an inch.

Police Hunt 'HI-JACKERS' OF STATION

P. E. Depot Burglarized But Whiskey Consignment Found Safe

SUIT, 13 CENTS TAKEN

Suspect Arrested But Only Proves to Be Drunk; Safe Tampered

Night patrol officers scoured the city and highways Tuesday night searching for three cases of whiskey and the robbers who were thought to have "hi-jacked" the Pacific Electric station of the beverage. BUT—the robbers weren't found, the whiskey (strictly legal) wasn't stolen, and the perpetrators of the burglary only got 13 cents and a suit of clothes.

The liquor, which was consigned to local drug stores for distribution by prescription and for medicinal purposes only, had been delivered late Tuesday afternoon. The night watchman, who discovered two windows to the station's office broken, did not know that the beverage containers had been safely stored away in the drug stores' vaults.

Suspect is Nabbed

According to police reports, the 13 cents was stolen from the cash drawer, and while the robbers had failed to open the large safe by removing a part of the door hinges, they took a suit of clothes owned by one of the P. E. men here. The sheriff's substation was notified and sent a man to photograph any finger-prints which might have been left by the robbers.

During the search for the reported "hi-jackers," Sergeant John Stron picked up Walter Bonner, 65 of Los Angeles, who was alleged to be intoxicated. Bonner had approximately \$1.05 in his possession when found walking along Western avenue, and he was suspected at first of being implicated in the Pacific Electric station job.

Wednesday morning Bonner put up \$25 bail to appear this afternoon for trial. He was not connected with the burglary of the station, police said.

Children Have Holiday Today

Costs Too Much to Re-Open Schools for One Day

An unexpected holiday was given to all school children in the city today as the Board of Education declared earlier in the week that the reopening of schools in the Los Angeles system for merely one day after the New Year's holiday would be more expensive than it was worth.

Consequently, the children and school staffs are enjoying a four-day continuous holiday in addition to the regular Christmas-Teachers' Institute vacation period.

Slight Chance That Co. Will Acquire Park

Quinn May Present New Plan to Get Royal Palms Site

Although there still is a chance that the Royal Palms acreage might be acquired by the county for a recreational center, the opportunity is regarded by civic leaders of the Harbor District as an extremely "slim" one.

Supervisor John R. Quinn was granted an opportunity to present a new plan before the county's option on the site at White's Point expires after the Board of Supervisors had turned down the proposed leasing plan by a vote of three to two, December 29.

Refusal of the plan is taken as a victory for the uptown Los Angeles political organizations and the Los Angeles Realty Board, main opponents to the project, and a defeat for the Harbor District civic organizations, all of whom favored the acquisition of the land.

New Rules For Fire Department

Ordinance Introduced at Council Meeting

Introduction of a new ordinance fixing rules and regulations for the organization of the Torrance fire department was made at the council meeting Tuesday night.

The measure provides for a better organization and system of pay than the department has heretofore been operating under.

WATER BOND ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED: TEST CASE NEAR

City Treasurer Dolley Formally Signifies He Will "Refuse" to Sign \$400,000 Bond Issue at Council Meet

CITY ENTERS APPELLATE COURT SOON

Decision of Case Will Decide Legality of All Proceedings and Will Stop Further Hindrance to Early Construction of Water System

No discussion was raised at council meeting Tuesday night when Ordinance No. 212, ordering the issuance of \$400,000 bonds for the construction of a publicly-owned water system, was brought up for final action. The measure was promptly adopted by a unanimous vote. It is printed in full on another page of today's Herald.

Immediately following the passage of the ordinance, which was authorized by an overwhelming vote of citizens here September 25 when the public water system was thoroughly endorsed, City Treasurer Harry H. Dolley formally declared that he will "refuse" to sign the bonds when they are presented to him.

Dolley's statement was entered on the minutes and now the city is prepared to enter the Appellate Court with an order of mandamus designed to "force" him to issue the securities.

To Court in Few Days

Thus the entire bond election proceedings will be aired in a court that will pass on the legality of the municipal improvement act which has been contested by the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company, the present distributor of water in the original city limits.

It has been made plain that Dolley's "refusal" is not merely a technicality in order that the city, by bringing the case here in the Appellate Court, might save approximately three years' time in litigation.

The next move will be made by City Attorney Perry G. Briney and the special counsel engaged by the city to defend the issuance of the bonds and the construction of the water system, O'Melveny, Tuller and Myer, who will file the petition for an order of mandamus, either late this week or the first of next week.

Will Decide All Legal Points

Dolley will then be ordered into the Appellate Court to show cause why he should not issue the bonds and the hearings will commence on the case with the attorneys for the water company in the role of Dolley's defenders.

The water company hopes to prove that the bond election and subsequent proceedings were illegal and thus block the construction of the city's water system with a verdict in their court that the bonds are not legal.

An opposite decision which the city hopes to win, or one that declares the bonds entirely within the law, will settle two vital questions at the same time. They are—that the bonds are legal and therefore are salable to the best bidder; and that the entire proceedings are free from fault and that no further hindrance to the wishes of the people can be put in the path of the water system's early construction.

INCOME TAX BLANKS ARE MAILED OUT

Returns Must be Filed on or Before March 15 Welch States

Galen H. Welch, collector of internal revenue for the ten southern counties of California, whose office is now located at 439 South Broadway, Los Angeles, has received orders from the bureau in Washington to release today all income tax forms for 1930.

Collector Welch will mail over 200,000 blanks to individuals, corporations, partnerships and fiduciaries who and which made returns last year. The collector mails a form to every taxpayer of record, but failure to receive it does not relieve the taxpayer of the responsibility of seeing that his return is made on time.

The rates of tax for 1930 for individuals are 14% on the first \$4000.00 of net taxable income; 3% on the second \$4000.00; and 5% on all over \$8000.00. Surtax rates are the same as for 1929. Corporation income tax rate for 1930 is 13% of the net taxable income. All returns must be filed, and at least one-fourth of the tax paid, on or before March 15, 1931. The collector's office is at 339 South Broadway, second and third floors.

Four Boys Damage Vacant Building

Four boys caused considerable damage to the Pacific Perfumery, Ltd., vacant building on Carson street, Monday night, according to a report at police headquarters here. Windows were broken and interior furnishings smashed.

The names of the boys responsible for the act of vandalism were given on the police report and it is expected that the parents will be notified of their act.

Spanish Encouraged

By the United Press
PARIS.—With a view to encouraging the teaching of foreign languages in France, the Sorbonne has asked the distinguished Spanish author, Carlos de Barrio to open a series of lectures in his native tongue.

KIWANIS TO HOLD DINNER THIS EVENING

Install New Officers For Year at Party in Earl's Cafe

A dinner-dance at Earl's cafe will be held by the Torrance Kiwanis club tonight in honor of the installation of new officers for 1931.

Judge C. T. Rippey, the retiring president, will be the installing officer, and will greet Sam Ruppert as his successor as leader of the service club. Rippey will also officiate at the installation of Henry F. Ulbricht as vice president; James W. Leech, secretary, and Paul Vonderhaar as treasurer.

L. J. Acree, retiring district trustee, will induct Judge Rippey into that office. The dinner will start at 6:30 o'clock and will take the place of the regular weekly luncheon meeting. A program of entertainment and dancing has been arranged to complete the evening's party.

Herald Will Be Represented at Press Meeting

Grover C. Whyte, Editor and Publisher, to Attend State Convention

"Know Your Own Newspaper" will be the "theme song" of the 43rd annual convention of the California Newspaper Publishers Association, Inc. at Stockton January 14, 17, 18, according to announcement by General Manager John B. Long.

Torrance and Lomita will be represented at this convention by Grover C. Whyte, editor and publisher of the Torrance Herald and Santa News, who is an active member of the California Newspaper Publishers Association, Inc.

An effort to get every worker on newspapers in California—from the printer's devil and copy clerk to the general manager or publisher—"to know his own newspaper" as the highest, most influential and most useful industry in the community and "sell" that same knowledge to the general public with whom he comes in contact, will be launched at this convention. The entire program of the sessions has been worked around this theme in the belief that the newspaper industry must awake to the need of "advertising and selling" itself to John Public even as the public utilities and other big corporations have been doing for years. General Manager Long pointed out.

"Too many folks, including the newspaper people themselves, take their home town newspaper for granted," said Long. "We aim to correct this evil."

Art Appreciation Lectures to Be Given at School

Miss Ada Chase, Director, to Present Series of Illustrated Talks

Miss Ada Chase, art director at the Torrance high school, has arranged to give several illustrated talks on art appreciation to which all persons interested are invited. The lectures are free, and will be of half an hour's duration.

The first lecture will be given Wednesday, January 7, at 7:15 p. m., at the Evening high school. The subject of Miss Chase's first talk will be "Appreciation of Architecture."

On Wednesday, January 14, the subject will be "Appreciation of Sculpture," and the following Wednesday, January 21, "Appreciation of Painting."

COUNCIL MEET JAN. 5

A regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for Tuesday night, January 5. The past two sessions have been "adjourned" meetings in order to expedite action on the ordinance ordering the issuance of \$400,000 worth of bonds for the construction of a publicly owned and operated water system.

BILL THE BARBER SAYS

Now that tennis is played on a card table and golf is possible on a 40-foot lot I suppose the next world war will be fought in an alley.