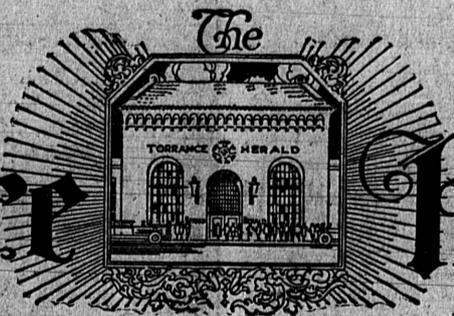


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### NO ACCIDENTS AT COLUMBIA STEEL PLANT DURING MONTH

Executives, Workmen Jubilant as Campaign to Eliminate Time-Losing Injuries Ends on April 1

Not a single lost-time accident occurred among more than 800 employees at the Columbia Steel plant here during the month of March.

That was the reason why residents of Torrance were awakened at midnight Tuesday by the sound of the great steel plant's whistles. The sound wasn't meant to be spectral—quite the contrary, as it signaled the ending of a highly successful "No-Accident-Month" at the industrial concern.

Executive officers and men were jubilant over the record established at the Torrance subsidiary plant of the United States Steel Corporation. In an interview yesterday with the Herald, H. C. Lintott, assistant general superintendent of the local plant, credited the employees with the success of the campaign to prevent accidents.

**2522 Safety "Hints"**  
The plan of campaign for "No-Accident-Month" at the Columbia Steel plant had a two-fold purpose, Lintott said. The paramount idea was to prevent accidents, but the second objective, that of locating hazards and the voluntary offering of suggestions to eliminate dangers in the plant, will be of even greater value in the future. There was a total of 2522 safety suggestions made by the employees during the course of the campaign, an average of better than three per employee. Everyone of these "pointers" will be studied in detail and will be followed wherever practical. In event a suggestion received is not found possible of carrying out or correction, special instruction will be given the men working near the reported hazard or danger so that they may guard against accidents in that locality of form of work.

**Lanz Is Originator**  
According to a final report issued by A. B. Drastup, chairman of the Statistical Committee, Pat Roach, an employe in the construction department, is credited with turning in the largest number of suggestions for safety. Roach reported 175 instances of danger points in the plant. R. Benton, of the electrical department, was second with 140 suggestions, and J. W. L. Quigley, also a member of the electrical department, was third with 83 safety hints.

The idea for "No-Accident-Month" originated with our general superintendent, B. W. Lanz, Lintott stated yesterday, in reviewing the campaign. "Mr. Lanz planned a full month of safety guidance. March was selected to be the period in which every Columbia Steel man would make every effort to prevent time-losses from accidents. A lost-time accident is defined as one in which the person injured loses more than the day's work at the time he was hurt."

The campaign was inaugurated at a dinner held February 19, which was attended by all local executives of the company, plant foremen, our safety engineer, L. C. Burger; Dr. E. M. Parlett, manager of the Bureau of Safety and Welfare for the United States Steel Corporation; O. A. Kresse, chairman of the local General Safety Committee, and Drs. J. S. Lancaster and George P. Shidler, the steel executive continued.

"The management was somewhat in a quandary as to the method in reaching each individual employe in a way that he would understand and appreciate what the company meant by 'No-Accident-Month'. This, I am glad to say, never bothered us for a moment when the campaign opened. We have a very high class of workmen at the Torrance plant—all of them intelligent and eager to cooperate in any move for their and the resultant company's betterment. They responded heartily to the plan outlined to prevent accidents."

### Centenarian Is Paid Tribute at Luncheon Tues.

Dr. Wightman Nearly Beats Speakers as He Replies To Compliments

Exhibiting a keen interest in the "century birthday" program in his honor, Dr. Anderson R. Wightman, who was 100 years old yesterday, rose to the occasion Tuesday noon before 225 people at the First Methodist Episcopal church auditorium and, considering his age, nearly beat the programmed speakers in the oratory line.

He said, in part: "I feel greatly obliged to these good people for their good-will

### Large Cake From Nebraska is Cut

"Open house" was observed all day yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sinclair, 1519 El Prado, in honor of Dr. Anderson R. Wightman's 100th birthday. A large angel food cake, 13 inches in diameter and five and one-half inches high, properly decorated, was cut and distributed to all guests. The cake was received from James Hanson and family of Fremont, Nebraska, grandson and great-grandsons of the Torrance centenarian.

toward me. It's true I've been in this world 100 years and it's a 100 years' hot as I would wish to have it.

"Good Place to Live In"  
"But on the whole, everything was for the best. Everything in the world is better now for teachers and preachers than it was when I was active in it. It's a good place to live in after all. After all these years I feel I've had the confidence of good people and my only message is to live so that you'll not be ashamed of your record among your fellowmen and women."

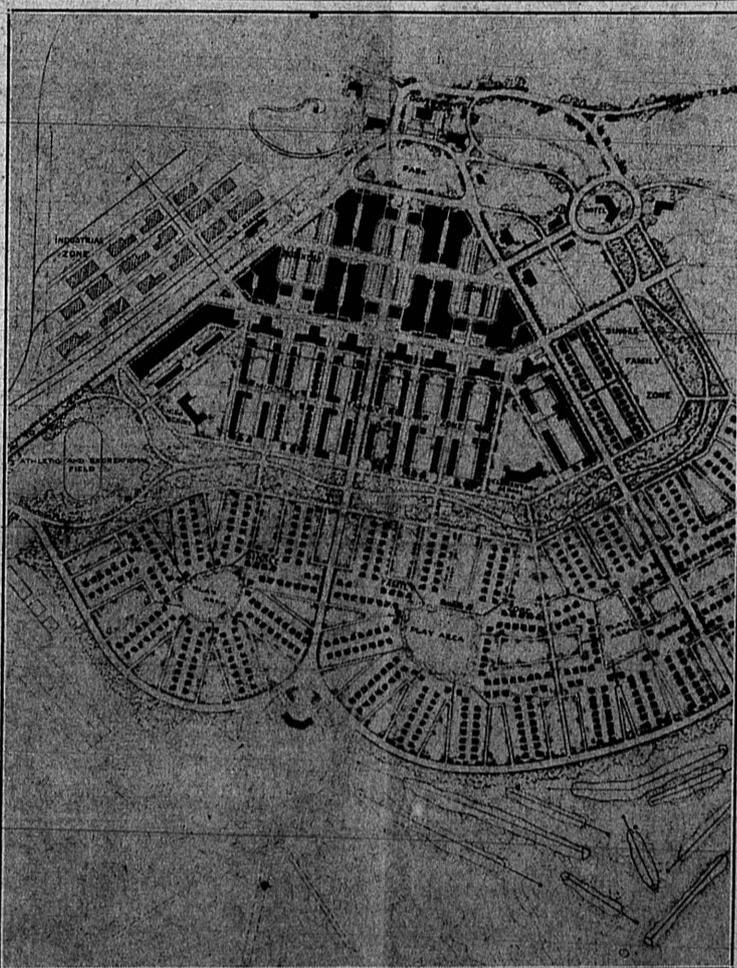
Previous to his remarks, Dr. Wightman had been deluged with

### Deputy County Assessor Here Fri. Afternoon

H. E. Siddall, deputy county assessor, will be at the Chamber of Commerce from 1 to 5 p. m. Friday at Sandy and Scott's Men's store, from 5 to 7:30 p. m. Friday evening, to receive statements of all property, both real estate and personal, owned, controlled or in the possession of local residents on the first Monday of March.

If residents fail to declare their property, an arbitrary assessment is then made, according to assessment laws. This arbitrary statement will then be returned to the Board of Equalization and they must increase the valuation. Residents and property owners are asked to bring the legal description of their property, their 1931 automobile license numbers and, if ex-service men, their honorable discharges or certificates, when they call to make out their tax statements.

### Do You Recognize Torrance From This Illustration?



—By Courtesy of the Los Angeles Times.

OUT OF THE DESERT NEAR THE SITE OF THE BOULDER DAM will spring a modern city, designed along the identical plan of the city of Torrance! Boulder City will be lighted and furnished with water and heating facilities under the supervision of the United States government. It has already been placed on the postal maps and the Union Pacific system has completed a branch line to the point. Here is the general plan of the city, which residents of Torrance will readily see, follows the general outline of their own city!

Because the plan for Boulder City shown above, illustrates a striking similarity to the city of Torrance, the Chamber of Commerce here should broadcast the following invitation:

"Come to Torrance, if you are planning on living in the new Boulder City in order that you may acquaint yourself with the general lay-out of your new 'home-town!'"

A few minutes' study of the above drawing will show you that Boulder City, in the main, follows the same general plan carried out here. To illustrate:

**Local Streets Seen**  
In the upper center of the drawing is an area labeled "Park." That corresponds to the Pacific Electric station here at Cabrillo avenue and El Prado. The streets running diagonally downward from the "Park" correspond, on the left, to Torrance (Redondo) boulevard and, on the right, to Cabrillo avenue. The artery exactly in the center between those two thoroughfares, can be visualized as El Prado. The first connecting street between the diagonal streets corresponding to Torrance boulevard and Cabrillo avenue, could be labeled "Sartori avenue." The next connecting horizontal strip, Cravens avenue. The street depicted on the above drawing as running on the lower edge of a park strip and linking the high school and elementary school, could be transposed to the Torrance plan and carry the name of Arlington avenue.

Compliment to City  
The "Industrial Zone" and "Single Family Zone" on the Boulder City (Continued on Page 2-A)

### D. L. Keener Lomita Women Passes On Trials April 30 Tues. Night

One of the best loved members of the Columbia Steel force, David L. Keener, superintendent of the sheet mill, passed away at a Los Angeles hospital Tuesday night after a brief illness. Mr. Keener, who was 43 years old, is survived by his wife, Nina E., and three children, Donna, Roy and Leona.

"Dave" Keener had been connected with the steel plant for the past four years, coming to Torrance from the United States Steel Corporation's plant at South City, Calif. His death was a shock to his many friends and acquaintances in the city.

Funeral services will be held at Stone and Myers' chapel Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Torrance Masonic lodge in charge of the rites. Interment will be at Angeles Abbey Mausoleum. The entire sheet mill crew will attend the services in a body together with local executives from the company.

**\$8800 NEW BUILDING**  
Building permits issued by City Engineer Frank Leonard during the month of March totalled \$8800. The total for the year to date is \$34,930 in new construction. In 1930, the first three months of building amounted to \$185,730.

### TORRANCE BUILDING FIRST ON LIST; STARTS ABOUT JULY 1

Board of Education Must Decide Location As Two Sites Are Available; May Quit Fern Ave. for El Dorado

Construction of a 12-unit modern school building, to cost approximately \$84,000, is expected to start about July 1 on either the present Fern avenue school site or on El Dorado street between Fern and Elm avenue, according to an announcement this week by the Los Angeles City School

### Disagreement Halts Moving Academy Here

Military School Deal Said "Off" Today as Lease Is Unsigned

Because of last-minute disagreements between the two parties to a proposed 10-year lease with option to buy, the Redondo Military Academy will not at the present time at least, move to Torrance. This was the information given the Herald this morning by Col. Robert L. Ingersoll, superintendent of the academy, and J. C. Smith, agent for both Ingersoll and the owner of the building formerly occupied by the California Cashion company at 220th street and Border avenue.

**City Aided Deal**  
Earlier in the week at a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce directors, the chamber had agreed to contribute a sum, not to exceed \$1500, toward the sealing of the building's interior at the request of Colonel Ingersoll. The city had also agreed to clear the property of all debris and level a parade and recreation ground fronting on Artisan street. Colonel Ingersoll was enthusiastic over moving to Torrance, where he could expand his school to take care of between 150 and 300 students. Last night the informed the Herald that the deal was off because, he asserted, the owner of the property was exorbitant in his final demands. This morning the military school's executive and J. C. Smith failed to

Board of Education. This statement followed the release of the official results of the school bond election held last Friday, which resulted in the endorsement of the bonds (for both the elementary and high schools) and the creation of a Junior College District. The final results of the election throughout the Los Angeles city school district were:

**First on List**  
For the elementary bond issue of \$5,790,000; yes, 57,422; no, 25,686. For the high school bond issue of \$6,920,000; yes, 58,314; no, 25,452. For the Los Angeles Junior College District; yes, 61,785; no, 21,911.

The construction of the new Torrance elementary school was placed first on the list of projects to be started within the next six months. If the Board decides to locate the new Torrance elementary school on the El Dorado street site, which the city school district owns with the exception of one or two lots, the present Fern avenue bungalow, which now serve as school buildings, will be abandoned and moved to another school location.

**Accommodates More Pupils**  
The only other major construction project listed by the Board of Education for the Harbor District at the present time is the building of a similar 12-unit school house on Chapman avenue in Gardena.

**Bonds Endorsed Here**  
It is understood that the city school district owns the block on El Dorado street with the exception of the Torrance (Redondo) boulevard frontage and one or two inside lots. The use of this site is deemed more advantageous than the Fern avenue location because more children can be accommodated by moving the school to within the El Dorado site's radius.

### Why We Observe Easter

Easter is the Sunday on which Christian churches commemorate the resurrection of Christ. The name is derived from the Goddess Eastre, the personification of the East, of morning, of spring.

The date, it was first determined, must invariably fall on the first Sunday after the fourteenth day of the moon that happens to be reigning at the time of the vernal equinox. So difficult was this calculation that it has led to occasional mistakes, as that of the year 1818 when Easter was kept on the wrong day. A long series of ecclesiastical dates from Ash Wednesday to Trinity Sunday, and the Sundays after Trinity, are contingent upon the date set for Easter yearly. Easter Sunday may come as early as March 22 or as late as April 25.

It comes on March 27 next year—the earliest in the season in 12 years.

Easter marks the end of Lent, the period of fasting and social retirement. Thus society generally unites with the church in making Easter a marked day. It is the advent of spring and thus do we trace the custom of donning of new apparel on Easter day.

With children the Easter hare (B'er Rabbit) is almost as significant as Santa Claus. He is supposed to steal into the house on Easter eve and leave secreted in odd places colored eggs for all good children. Just why the white rabbit is connected with this custom is of interest: The rabbit is nocturnal in habit, coming out at night. The female carries its young for one month, thus representing the lunar cycle. Therefore, the hare was in olden days the symbol of the moon.

The breaking of the Easter egg has the significance of "opening the new period marked by Easter." The hare is modernized in America by the word, rabbit. From this Easter connection of the power of the rabbit for good or bad we trace the negro superstition of the "left hind foot of a graveyard rabbit killed in the dark of the moon."