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## CITY-WIDE CAMPAIGN FOR TORRANCE RELIEF STARTS NEXT MONDAY

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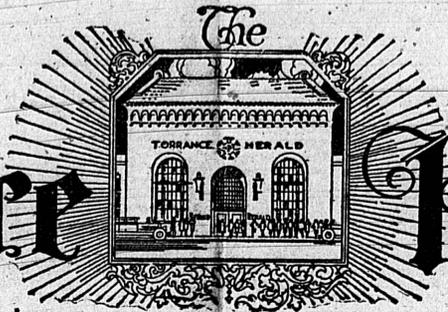
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### CITY IS SUED FOR \$20,000 IN CRASH CASE

#### Intersection, Is Blamed For Death of Man In July, 1930

Asserting that the death of Frederick Venema on July 28, 1930, was caused by a "dangerous and defective depression" on Torrance boulevard at the intersection of Maple avenue, John Venema and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Venema have filed suit for \$20,000 damages against the city of Torrance.

Frederick Venema died as result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident at the intersection. He was driving east in a small roadster when he lost control of the car. It overturned and threw him out. At the time of the accident police reported that the victim evidently had been traveling at an excessive rate of speed to have been involved in that manner of a crash.

#### Answer In 10 Days

Attorney for the brother and parents of the victim state in their complaint that Venema was between 57 and 59 years of age, was a printer, "capable of earning wages of \$200 per month" and for more than six years prior to the accident had "contributed large sums of money to his parents."

Police investigation following the accident a year ago last July revealed that Venema was out of work but had just got a job at Quandt's dairy and was evidently rushing home to inform his parents of his good luck when the accident occurred. The complaint has been turned over to City Attorney Don Findley for investigation and answer within the next 10 days.

### Executive's Visit To Torrance Is Delayed

J. E. Albert's visit to Torrance in connection with an inspection of the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company, a subsidiary of the Standard Public Service Company of which he is vice president and general manager, has been delayed until the end of the month, it was learned by the Herald this week.

The official's reported visit here has revived reports that the parent company of the local water concern will again propose to the city that Torrance purchase the utility. The first proposition by the public utility company was rejected by the city council about a year ago.

### Harbor City Is Hub For Number of Large Improvement Projects

According to Edgar P. Thompson, Harbor City resident, most of the property owners on 25th street have signed a petition asking the Los Angeles city council for the improvement of about a mile of that street from Belleporte avenue to the western city limits. Thompson filed the petition with the council this week and it was referred to the district engineer for checking. Concrete paving, 40 feet wide; sidewalks, curbs, gutters and sewers are asked.

Thompson is also reported circulating petitions for improvements of 25th and 25th streets. Black paving has just been completed on 25th, 25th and 25th streets in the vicinity of Harbor City.

#### More Improvements

Other recent projects noted in that section of the South Bay district are:

Belleporte avenue, being improved. Sewers have been installed and most of the grading has been completed. The contractor expects to begin laying paving within the next few days. The street is the main north and south street in Harbor City and is 100 feet wide.

The paving will be asphaltic concrete, 40 feet wide, with sidewalks, curbs and gutters. The shoulders are to be graded, oiled and gravelled to a total width of 80 feet. The street extends from Weston street on the north to Anaheim boulevard on the south.

With the contemplated widening and paving of Weston street, now known as Lomita boulevard, on the north boundary and the contract already let for widening and paving

### Aqueduct Work Rules Adopted By Directorate

#### Home-City Registration May Be Permitted Citizens of a Year's Standing

Defining a citizen eligible for work on the Metropolitan Water District aqueduct project as being a man who has been a qualified citizen for one year prior to October 13, 1931, the directors of the district yesterday settled one very important issue in connection with the granting of jobs on the great water-route construction.

According to Mayor John Dennis, the city's representative on the Metropolitan Board, the directors also voted that no man in the employ of the board will have the right to hire anyone outside of the district, no matter who the prospective employee is, without the consent of the entire directorate.

#### Urge Local Registration

Mayor Dennis brought up the question of registering men in their home cities, rather than forcing them to go to the Los Angeles aqueduct headquarters. He declared that the city officials of the communities in the district have a better knowledge of who is and who is not a citizen, than a Los Angeles office force.

It was decided that the chairman of the board would appoint a committee of three, to be composed of directors in cities outside of Los Angeles, who will confer with Chief Counsel Matthews and the chairman on the subject of home-town registration at an early date.

While every worker on the aqueduct project will be given a medical examination before he starts to work, this examination will not be made until after the man has been assured of labor and will be done at no cost to the prospective employee, Dennis said the board decided yesterday.

### Wheels Exchanged On Trio's Hunt Trip

"Slip" Kelsey, Dr. R. A. Bingham and J. R. Jensen went deer hunting last week-end in the Cottonwood lakes country back in the High Sierras from Olancha, but all they got was a substitution of rear wheels on Kelsey's car.

The exchange wasn't profitable to Kelsey as he found two old, cheaper tires on the wheels when the trio returned after a long day's hunting prowl. Still, "Slip" says he was lucky as the exchanger did give him wheels and tires to get back on!

### SAVED FROM TRAGIC "BARGAIN"



This \$6,000 home in Fresno County, one of many located on more than 500 parcels of valuable farm and residence land, was saved from the threat of being sold because an assessment of 36 cents on a now defunct water system went unpaid. After a court fight, Miller and Lux, holders of the delinquent rolls, promised to give quit-claim deeds on payment of the delinquent bills.

### Fourth Scout Unit Will Be Formed Here

#### Legion Expected to Sponsor Troop As Part of State Program

With James H. Scott as chairman, a committee appointed by Louis H. Deininger, commander of the local Legion post, is investigating the possibilities of organizing another Boy Scout troop in Torrance. The committee, composed of Scott, W. E. Antis, L. G. Barkidull, C. F. Manley, N. H. Reeve and C. L. Smith, is expected to report to the Legion organization early next week on the result of its survey.

The movement to start another Scout group here came as result of State Commander Van Hogan's announced program for every Legion post in the state to sponsor at least one Scout troop.

"The Boy Scout movement holds a tremendous promise for the continuance of our democracy," said Hogan. "Its growth is only dependent on leadership. The movement rightfully demands the most vigorous and sympathetic interest of the Legion. If our organization can help to get this program over to the maximum number of boys, then we will have no cause for fear communism and radicalism."

With the organization of a Legion Scout unit, the field for such activity here is believed about covered as there are already three Boy Scout troops organized in Torrance. Both the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs sponsor troops and the Latter Day Saints church has recently organized a unit.

Members of committees appointed to a year to the district Scout organization for the maintenance of proper supervision of the Torrance Scout groups.

### Direct Bus Line To Hollywood Starts

Direct bus service to Hollywood was inaugurated this week by the Los Angeles Motor Coach Company. The route follows the line of the West Coast Transit Company's Manchester avenue route which was taken over by the Los Angeles transportation company. A 30-minute schedule is to be maintained and the time between Torrance and Hollywood will be about 45 minutes, it is reported.

On November 1 the same company will establish another line linking San Pedro, Wilmington and Long Beach with Hollywood. The route of the direct service from this city to Hollywood will be Carson street through Torrance via Cabelle-avenue to El Prado (Western) and thence on Western to Sunset boulevard; west to Highland avenue; north to the terminus on Hollywood boulevard. The Los Angeles Motor Coach Company is operated jointly by the Pacific Electric and Los Angeles railways.

#### YORKTOWN STAMPS TO GO ON SALE, OCTOBER 20

Those who are interested in Philately (stamp collecting to most of us) will be interested in Postmaster Alfred Gouillard's announcement this week that he will put 1000 Yorktown Centennial two-cent stamps on sale October 20. These stamps commemorate Lord Cornwallis' surrender to General George Washington in 1781 and carry the engraved portraits of the first president and the two famous French generals Rochambeau and DeGrasse, who aided the Revolutionary cause.

#### BIG GAME TODAY

The "big game" of the Torrance Military Academy season is being played here today with Southern California M. A. furnishing the opposition.

### Hospital Wins Highest Rating

A list of the hospitals in the United States which are found to be giving safe and efficient service to patients includes the name of the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial Hospital of Torrance, according to word received this week from Chicago where the American College of Surgeons has been in session. Full approval of this scientific body is given to all hospitals listed.

### Walteria Pair Observe 50th Wedding Date

#### Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Palmer United Again At Their Home Sunday

A typical blushing bride and bashful groom stood in the front yard of their Walteria home last Sunday and were "married" by Rev. H. A. Lasley, pastor of the Walteria Community church. The ceremony was performed on the day and the hour, when 50 years ago, the couple were first united.

The Palmers are among the first residents of Walteria, if not the very first, to settle in that territory, as they came there seven years ago when Walteria didn't even have a name. The Palmers had moved to the community from Golden, Colorado. Last Sunday they held open house for all their many friends and relatives. Nearly 100 people called during the day to offer their congratulations to the golden wedding observance.

### WANT PRINTING PUPILS

According to Principal Guy L. Mowers, the Torrance Evening High school printing class needs more students. There is no charge for instruction for this course and any resident of Torrance and vicinity is eligible to enroll.

### Quinn Booked For Talks Here Nov. 12

Supervisor John R. Quinn will have a full day in Torrance on November 12, when the Rotary Club and the High school will observe the 15th anniversary of the end of the World War. He will be the principal speaker at the Rotary Club's noon session and afterwards will address the High school student body at an assembly. Quinn is expected to use Armistice Day and its meaning as topics for both talks.

### Alondra Park's Improvement Endorsed By All Civic Groups

One hundred acres of Alondra Park will be devoted to a golf course, picnic grounds laid out, drill grounds for the American Legion established, equipment placed for a children's playground and a Boy Scout camp built, according to plans for the improvement of the park site which were unanimously agreed upon by all civic organizations represented in the Alondra Park Assessment District at a conference held in Gardena this week.

The plans were submitted by the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce, which has charge of recreational facilities for the Los Angeles chamber. The formation and approval of the project means the support of both organizations to a definite park plan to improve the long-neglected recreational center.

"White Elephant" Acreage

Organizations of the assessment district have been working for several years in an attempt to create something of community use out of Alondra Park, which borders on the Torrance city limits, as the acreage has been a "white elephant" for the property owners in the district ever since it was set aside for park purposes.

W. L. Detzer, of the Recreation Facilities committee, and J. R. Spring, of the Los Angeles Junior Chamber, conferred with representatives of the district in

### Another School Project Halted By L. A. Board

#### Moneta Addition Deferred On Account of City's Charter Move

Though the Board of Education some time ago authorized the drawing of plans and specifications for the construction of a 12-unit addition to the Moneta school, the Board Monday night voted to defer further work on the project until after Torrance has voted on the question of whether it shall have a city charter. At present Torrance is part of the Los Angeles City School District, but if it becomes a chartered city it will have to withdraw, in the opinion of school authorities. Part of the Moneta school site lies within the city limits of Torrance.

"The Board of Education has not received word on the charter agitation in Torrance but it has been informed unofficially that there is a vigorous campaign being waged now to have a charter election," according to reports published in Los Angeles newspapers this week.

"It (the school board) does not feel that it will be fair yet to the rest of the school district to expend funds on permanent improvements in Torrance until it is decided whether the city will remain in the district," the Los Angeles news report of the school board's action Monday night concludes.

### First All-Color Comics Today

Accompanying today's Herald you will find—if you haven't read 'em already—the first edition of the Herald's All-Color, All-Interesting comic section. This is the first time in the history of the Herald, or any other weekly newspaper, that an all-colored comic supplement has been added to the paper and the staff sincerely hopes you will enjoy the addition. We would particularly like to hear your comments on "Strange As It Seems." Will you tell us and the advertisers in the supplement? Thank you.

### HERE'S GOOD NEWS—BIG MATERIAL ORDER

Orders for material, approximately 400 tons, for two suspension bridges to be constructed at Boulder City for the Six Companies, were received today by International-Stagey Corporation. The first bridge is to be completed in three weeks, the second in seven weeks. Steel for this construction order is to be purchased from Columbia Steel Corporation, according to reliable authority. During the completion of these orders the International-Stagey plant here will operate practically at capacity.

### "AT LEAST \$3,000" MUST BE RAISED FOR LOCAL AID

#### Representative Citizens Hear Appeal From Relief Society Workers; All Are Urged to Contribute Here

Sponsored by a group of representative men and women of this community, a city-wide campaign to provide the Torrance Relief Society with at least \$3,000 with which to give aid to unfortunate local families this winter and next year will start next Monday morning. Contributions from all industries, chain store organizations, public utilities, business and professional men and women, acreage owners, and citizens will be asked for this humanitarian effort to relieve all cases of dire distress within the city and adjacent territory.

With J. W. Post, president of the First National bank, as general chairman, the campaign will be carried on here until the quota has been reached. Donations will be gratefully received for the Relief workers at the Chamber of Commerce or the First National bank.

Facts and figures proving beyond a shadow of a doubt that the necessity for relief to many families here has never been as great as it is now and will be during the winter months were given to the men and women who gathered at the chamber Tuesday afternoon to organize for the city-wide campaign.

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In brief, this is the accomplishment of the relief work and this is what they want to do with the help of every man and woman in Torrance who believes in humanity.

### DON'T WRITE OF POSSIBLE JOBS IN CAL.

#### Only Residents To Be Given Work On Construction Projects Here

In a statement issued this week Chairman Henry W. Wright of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors appealed to the citizens of Southern California asking that they advise their Eastern relatives and friends not to come here seeking employment this fall and winter.

"We have just completed a survey of the local unemployment situation which shows that 71 per cent of those who migrate here from the East seeking work have been attracted by news of large construction programs in this area or by the written invitation of friends and relatives living here," said Supervisor Wright.

"Obviously such construction projects as Boulder Dam, the aqueduct, Federal buildings, school buildings and other municipal projects can provide jobs for only a fraction of our own resident unemployed who must be given first consideration.

"I have asked Secretary of Labor Daak at Washington, Walter S. Gifford, chairman of President Hoover's Emergency Employment Committee, and President William Green of the American Federation of Labor to make a stipular appeal to the nation's unemployed.

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Why Funds Are Necessary

There are about 1900 families in the city. Present unemployment records kept up-to-date by the Chamber of Commerce show that about 550 men are out of work today. Of this 550, 90 per cent are heads of families.

During the past nine-months (Continued on Page 8-A)

### WHAT RELIEF SOCIETY HAS ACCOMPLISHED IN CITY

Following is the financial report of the Torrance Relief Society for the nine-months period from January 1 to October 1, as reported by Mrs. Isabel Henderson to the citizens' general meeting Tuesday afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce:

Receipts from January 1, 1931, to October 1:	
Received from drive for funds.....	\$ 765.00
Received from Legion benefit.....	107.40
Received from Masonic benefit.....	198.25
Money from sales, dues and other donations.....	384.17
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$1454.82</b>
Balance in Bank, January 1.....	380.84
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$1835.66 \$1835.66</b>
(To this sum, the estimated amount of groceries, valued at between \$350 and \$400, greatly assisted the Society in its humanitarian work.)	
Amounts expended in Relief work:	
Milk.....	\$ 305.31
Groceries.....	860.20
Other necessities.....	78.99
Gas, light, water and rent bills paid for needy families.....	103.49
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$1347.99</b>
Maintenances:	
Rent, gas, gasoline, cleaning, telephone calls to County Welfare Bureau.....	\$ 119.05
Loans.....	37.50
Materials for clothes.....	8.32
<b>Total Expenditure</b> .....	<b>\$1512.86 \$1512.86</b>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND OCTOBER 1</b> .....	<b>\$ 322.80</b>

Mrs. Henderson also reported that 277 families had been aided by the Relief Society during this nine-months period with food, milk, or in some cases, both. This figure was taken from the Society's records which showed the following monthly tabulation of families given aid: January, 43; February, 28; March, 25; April, 32; May, 29; June, 27; July, 29; August, 31, and September, 33.

The Torrance American Legion post also distributed substantial boxes of foodstuffs and milk to many families in Lomita, Mrs. Henderson declared. "Our bills for several months were lessened by this fine act of cooperation. The September bills to date amount to \$185.53, leaving us a balance on hand, October 9, of but \$134.27."