

Unusual Suit Is Filed As Result of Bank Failure

An unusual situation, in which property owners face the possibility of suit for assessments which they already have paid, has arisen out of the closing of the Hawthorne branch of the First Exchange State bank. This was revealed today following the filing of a civil action in Los Angeles municipal court by the California Improvement Bond Company.

The suit is directed against Mary Lucilla Wells, city treasurer of Hawthorne. It asserts that the Southern California Building and Loan Association now owns 15 improvement bonds issued by the city treasurer for the improvement of West New Hampshire avenue. Interest and principal to the amount of \$1337 was due upon these bonds early in January, these bonds having been purchased through the California Bond Improvement Company.

The interest due on the bonds has not been paid the bond holders. Going another step further back, it is explained that this was

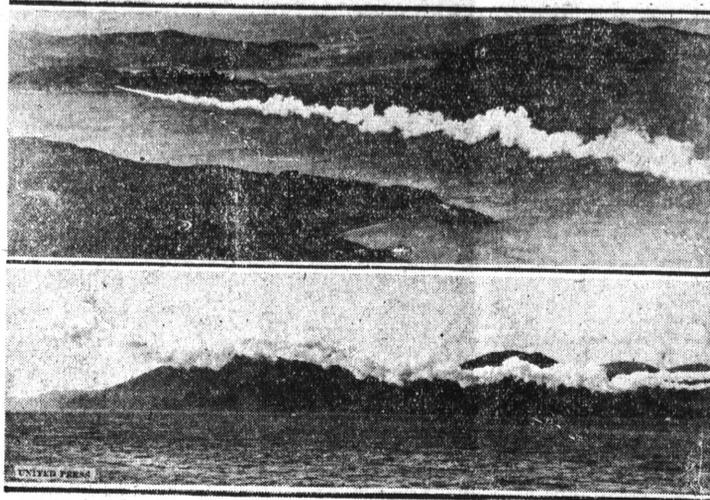
due to the closing of the First Exchange State bank, in which the city treasurer had deposited the payments property owners had made on their assessments a few days before the bank closed.

The California Improvement Bond Company names as a second defendant the American Surety Company of New York City, which furnished the treasurer's bond. It is stated that the bond is for \$8000, more than enough to cover the loss on this account, and declares that the surety company is liable for the \$1337 now.

The surety company this week won the first skirmish in the suit when a demurrer was sustained by Municipal Judge Irvin Taplin. The improvement bond company was given 20 days to file an amended complaint, because the surety company objected to the first one as being ambiguous, unintelligible and otherwise not proper.

In another superior court action, the city of Hawthorne is suing the state superintendent of banks for \$58,000 which represented city funds on deposit when the bank was closed. The surety company, in a new move, now desires to intervene and a motion is to be heard by Superior Judge Lester Roth on February 28.

BRIDGE OF SMOKE CROSSES GOLDEN GATE DURING CEREMONY



A colorful feature of Golden Gate bridge ground-breaking ceremonies was the "smoke bridge" laid by three navy planes that swooped across the famous entrance to San Francisco bay. Top photo was taken from the air by Phil Stroupe in a Boeing plane. Lower photo shows how the smoke line looked from Crissy Field, where 200,000 attended the ceremonies.

Committee Named To Prepare Data For City Survey

Industrial Facts Gathered in Booklet for Future Use

O. A. Kresse of the Columbia Steel Company was named as chairman of the industrial research committee, recently named by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce to prepare a survey of the resources of this city for the convenience of industrialists who, in seeking new locations for their plants, may have Torrance under consideration.

Function of this committee is to set forth in convenient fashion, which will take the form of a brief but comprehensive booklet, all the resources of the community including accessible markets, raw material supplies, available power and fuel, available labor, and transportation facilities. To these material statements will be added a description of the character of the community as a desirable place of residence, and its resources along the line of education, civic, social and cultural opportunities.

Members of the committee of which Mr. Kresse will be the head will include, B. W. Lanz, R. R. Smith, C. W. Kolner, H. H. Allison, E. C. Nelson, C. T. Rippey, J. C. Smith, W. R. Page, Don Findley, Beverly B. Smith, W. H. Gilbert, Frank R. Leonard, Herbert J. Summers.

Topical assignments to each of these members will place the responsibility for that portion of the survey upon him, and by dividing up the work into many portions it is anticipated that the survey may be completed within a comparatively short time. Early completion is desired, since industrial leaders in Southern California anticipate that the westward movement of manufacturing firms in the east will gain in volume very rapidly.

Competition among the industrial communities of Southern California for these new factories will be keen.

The industrial research committee does not intend that Torrance shall be among the laggards when it comes to promoting the location of new plants. Its booklet will be prepared in such a fashion as to show in concise but complete fashion all the data required to give a satisfactory picture of this city's advantages.

A meeting of the committee will be held tomorrow at 7:30 p. m. at the Chamber of Commerce rooms to discuss the assignments.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Mary Jones, 14321 Cherry street, Hawthorne, is a patient at the hospital suffering from an injury to her back, sustained in an automobile accident on February 27.

Miss Muriel Neville, 307 W. 95th street, Los Angeles, underwent an operation for the removal of appendix, February 27.

Mrs. C. E. Theobald, 1829 221st street, underwent an operation to remove a ruptured appendix on February 22. She is making a good recovery.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCutchen, 1638 218th street, on February 21, a boy, John Hill Junior.

To Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Fuller, 719 Columbia Court, a boy on February 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Serino, 611 Portola, a boy on February 26.

To Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Welch, 1911 25th Place, Lomita, a girl on February 23.

at Narbonne High School

Franklin Smalley is the new clerk in the Narbonne student store this term. Two boys, Mickey Mulken and Mike Yelovich, are no longer acting as managers of the store since they have graduated. The three managers this term are Robert Stock, Claude Omohundro and Franklin Smalley.

An interesting display of metal work made by students in Mr. Darnell's shop classes has been in the exhibit case in the main hall. Among the articles there is an attractive side table as well as a lamp stand, book-ends, wristbands, hammers, screw-drivers and other similar items.

Last week Miss Chadwick's class in home nursing had on display a miniature "ideal sick room," the articles being contributed by the girls in her class.

A new course, in Pan-Pacific history, has been added to the Narbonne curriculum this semester and is being taught by Mrs. Peterson. Students will study about the countries bordering the Pacific, including Canada, the United States, Mexico, South America, Japan and China. This course may be used to complete a history major. There are 29 pupils enrolled and all are very enthusiastic about this new study.

By defeating the B-11 girls, who were captained by Emma Widner, the 12th grade girls under the captaincy of Mildred Robertson won the senior high speedball championship, February 16. In earlier games the A-10's, captained by Winifred Mulken, had defeated Mary Katherine Harris' B-10 team and Helen Johnson's A-11's had met defeat at the hands of the B-11's. The B-11's then defeated the A-10's but lost to the seniors in the final game.

Girls on the winning 12th grade team were Mildred Robertson, Helen Hobbs, June Prince, Geneva Backus, Mary Likens, Betty Myers, Eough, Margaret Robinson, Virginia Schock, Julia Eley, Madeline Mackey, Mary Kean, Antonia Tarico, Mabel Sneed, Harriet Flink, Dot Cooper and Phyllis Watson.

The Junior Honor Society for the new semester has been organized with the following officers in charge: Frank Watanabe, president; Shingo Wada, vice president; and Betsy Ann Hunt, secretary-treasurer. Miss Ahrens is the sponsor.

In the scholarship group, which signifies an A average, are the following students: Betsy Ann Hunt, June Lindgren, Pauline Stump and Eleanor Vaughan, B-8's; Frederick Bunge, Victor Ferguson, Bernice Fish, Gertrude Hagum and Dorothy Ward, A-8's; Frank Andersen, Florence Martinson, Dorothy Key, B-9's; and Margaretha Shatz, A-9.

The students in the honor division, with a B average in their subjects, are Kenneth Eade, Georgia May Harris, Albert Johnson, Martha Johnson, Lois Nansel, Frank Schlapp, Robert Starkey, Chisato Takadama and Jess Tryk, B-7's; Leslie Carrick, Joe Peterson, Virginia Masters, Kiyoto Nakaoka, and Jack Williams, A-7's; Madeline Groover, Levon Hall, Dorothy Hall, Claude Kinnaman, Helen Schultz, Taye Suzuki, Shingo Wada, Vivian Wilkerson, and Evelyn Young, B-8's; Ernestine Beck, Mead Gardner, Virginia Michelson, Keith Ramsay, Pearl Roomburg, and Robert Takayama, B-9's.

Esther Backus, Akiko Kato, Janet Mosher, Helen Patrick, Joseph Schneider, Dorian Tregerthorn, and Frank Watanabe, A-9's.

MASS MEETING AT EAGLES HALL

A mass meeting of civic interest to all will be held at the Eagles hall at Redondo, Wednesday, March 8, 1933, at 8:00 p. m. Mayor John Clark of Redondo will act as chairman. The mayors of El Segundo, Manhattan, Hermosa and Torrance will also be present. There will be good speakers on the "Old Age Pension Act." Good entertainment will be provided and all are welcome to attend.

Red Cross Aids Many Families In This City

Tons of Flour Distributed to Needy In Past Year

Since last April, when the local branch of the American Red Cross received from Los Angeles headquarters the first consignment of government donated flour, 9350 sacks of 29.07 1/2 pounds of flour have been distributed in Torrance to the needy and distressed. Since October, when the first cotton goods arrived, 4121 yards of material and 1040 ready-made garments have gone to clothe those in need. This represents a cash value to the community of \$7944.80 according to the report compiled by Mrs. Caroline Collins, chairman of the local Red Cross branch.

The flour has helped to feed 8671 families or 26,013 individuals; the cotton goods has clothed 950 men, women and children. In this way, the Red Cross branch, through the supplies donated them by the federal government, has relieved the economic burden of 8998 families and has helped "over the hump" 26,963 individuals.

The allocation made by the Red Cross to each community is based upon the estimated needs of that community—not upon population. Upon the advice as to the kinds of cotton cloth and garments most needed, prints, ginghams, shirting, muslin, birdseye and outing flannel were selected. A wide variety of colors and design insure attractiveness of garments and freedom from a standardized or institutional appearance.

To date the following supply of ready-made garments has been received:

Men's hose, 214 pairs.
Women's hose, 214 pairs.
Children's hose, 110 pairs.
Infants' hose, 30 pairs.
Women's bloomers, 136 pairs.
Infants' shirts, 181 pairs.
Men's trousers, 186 pairs.
Men's jumpers, 6 pairs.
Men's overalls, 70 pairs.
Boys' knickers, 22 pairs.
Boys' overalls, 16 pairs.
Children's play suits, 22 pairs.
Sweaters, 238.

Since last April, 610 sacks or 1780 pounds of flour have been distributed in Torrance to the needy and distressed. Since October, when the first cotton goods arrived, 665 yards of material and 250 ready-made garments have gone to clothe those in need. This represents a cash value to the community of \$676.50, according to the report compiled by Mrs. W. K. Adolph, chairman of the local Red Cross branch.

The flour has helped to feed 58 families or 200 individuals; the cotton goods has clothed 130 men, women and children. In this way, the Red Cross branch, through the supplies donated them by the federal government, has relieved the economic burden of 58 families and has helped "over the hump" 200 individuals.

To date the following supply of ready-made garments has been received:

Men's hose, 53 pairs.
Women's hose, 53 pairs.
Children's hose, 27 pairs.
Infants' hose, 8 pairs.
Women's bloomers, 34 pairs.
Infants' shirts, 3 pairs.
Men's trousers, 2 pairs.
Men's jumpers, 17 pairs.
Men's overalls, 17 pairs.
Boys' knickers, 5 pairs.
Boys' overalls, 4 pairs.
Children's play suits, 5 pairs.
Sweaters, 72.

For more than 60 years the American Red Cross has been the official relief agency of the government to provide relief in disaster. Today, in the crisis of unemployment growing out of the world economic dislocation, the Red Cross is engaged in helping to feed and clothe the needy and distressed throughout the nation. By Act of Congress it was given the task of transforming \$5,000,000 bushels of wheat into flour and 500,000 bales of cotton into garments, and distributing these necessities to those in want. The local chapter is one small link in

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Three Lomita Residents Are Called By Death

Funeral services under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias, were held at Stone & Myers chapel in Torrance on Saturday, February 25, for the late James Raoul Warmouth, age 35, who passed away at his residence, 1731 252nd street, on Thursday, February 23, after a lingering illness.

Rev. C. L. Montgomery of the Community Presbyterian church conducted the religious rites. Interment was made at Roosevelt Memorial Park, with services at the grave conducted by the Modern Woodmen.

Mr. Warmouth is survived by his widow, Mrs. Letha M. Warmouth, and one daughter, Juanita.

Charles N. Wentz, 917 Eshelman, Lomita, died at a Los Angeles hospital Saturday, February 25, after a short illness. He was 70 years of age, and had resided in Lomita for the past 15 years.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Evelyn Wentz, of Lomita. Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 o'clock at Stone & Myers chapel, conducted by Rev. E. E. Clark of Engle Rock, former pastor of the Lomita Community Presbyterian church. Interment was made at Roosevelt Memorial Park.

Herm G. Randles, age 71, died Sunday, February 26, at his home at 25322 Pennsylvania avenue, Lomita, following a long illness.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 o'clock at Stone & Myers chapel in Torrance, Rev. C. L. Montgomery of Lomita Community Presbyterian church, officiating. Interment was made at Inglewood.

Mr. Randles is survived by his widow, Mrs. Jennie Randles, two sons, Gerald of Lomita and Lyle of Los Angeles, and one daughter, Mrs. Goldie Astry of Amarillo, Texas; besides his aged mother, Mrs. Mary Randles, residing in Wisconsin.

Youngest Sister of Dennis Dies

Mrs. Nate Brown, age 46, youngest sister of Judge John Dennis, passed away very suddenly from heart trouble at her home in Portland, Oregon, Friday, February 24.

Mrs. Brown is survived by her husband and three children besides her brother and other relatives.

The figures as shown in the preceding paragraphs, also include the distribution to the Keystone district which clears through Torrance. Mrs. J. S. Stepp, of Keystone, has charge of the Red Cross work in that community.

No Race Suicide In Torrance, Says Co. Health Office

The population of Torrance gained 134 during 1932 because of the preponderance of births over deaths, it was revealed today by records of the county health department.

During 1932, 204 births were recorded for the municipality, as against 70 deaths. Compared with its population, these figures are favorable, the health department records indicate.

The birth rate is given as 23.50 per 1000 population for Torrance, which would fix the population at some 8900 persons.

Torrance's death rate is computed at 8.06 per 1000 population. For Gardena, there were 36 births and 29 deaths recorded last year. This is a rate of 3.14 per 1000 for births and 6.56 per 1000 for deaths, the records show, indicating a population of more than 4400.

Population figures used by the health department are based on the federal census of April, 1930, extended by arithmetical formula. It is explained.

First Bi-Monthly Health Conference Held On Wednesday

Good attendance marked the first bi-monthly children's health conference held at the county health and welfare center in Torrance Wednesday, under the direction of Dr. Hartwig. These conferences, held the first and third Wednesday in Torrance and on the second and fourth Wednesday in Redondo Beach, are for the benefit of mothers of young children up to the age of six years. The children are examined and instruction is given to the mother as to the proper food and care to be given.

These health conferences are not in the nature of a clinic as they are for well babies only. Neither will they interfere, says Dr. H. C. Smiley, in charge at the health center, with the work that is being done by the Mothers' Educational Center, which meets once each month in Torrance, as the more opportunities a mother may have to learn the proper regime the stronger and more healthy will be the children.

Mathews Enters Plea of Guilty

Henry Mathews, 1408 Coia street, recently bound over to superior court on charges of burglary, will come up for sentence March 7, court records revealed today.

Mathews appeared in court February 29 and entered a plea of guilty. He waived his preliminary hearing in local justice court last January 31. He was charged with taking a motor identified as the property of the P. and W. Company.

Irresponsible Auto Drivers Lose Licenses

Law Tightens On Those Who Fail to Pay Damage Claims

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 14.—Suspension of motor vehicle licenses under sections of the law requiring motorists involved in accidents and violations in certain instances to furnish proof of their financial ability to respond to damage judgments have increased materially within the last year, the legal division of the department of motor vehicles announced today.

Under the present law persons against whom judgments have been obtained for personal injuries incurred in accidents are required to satisfy the judgments or their licenses are suspended. Before such licenses are restored they must furnish proof of their ability to respond to any future damage claims by depositing sufficient cash or by taking out public liability and property damage insurance.

The same is required from persons convicted of driving while intoxicated or of "hit and run" driving.

John A. McGilvray, chief of the legal division, said a total of 1291 licenses were suspended in 1932 alone under the driving while intoxicated and hit and run clauses. Licenses of 169 persons were restored after they had secured the necessary insurance or had taken other steps to satisfy the law.

During the year the licenses of 914 others were suspended because they failed to satisfy judgments or failed to take out insurance or make the necessary cash deposits after having paid off the judgments against them. This was a sharp increase over other years for although this part of the law has been in effect several years only 450 licenses had been suspended in all under it prior to 1932.

Eighty licenses were restored during 1932.

Greater co-operation by the courts and increased efficiency of the California highway patrol were factors credited by McGilvray as responsible for the increase.

McGilvray explained that the general purpose of these provisions was to give the public financial protection against reckless and careless drivers.

Work for 450 Men Expected

KALISPELL, Mont. (U.P.)—Approximately 450 men were expected to return to work during January in the lumber mills of Kalispell and Libby, in northwest Montana. At least four mills have announced their reopening, a majority of them operating on a 48-hour week basis and most of the men being employed on half-time schedules.