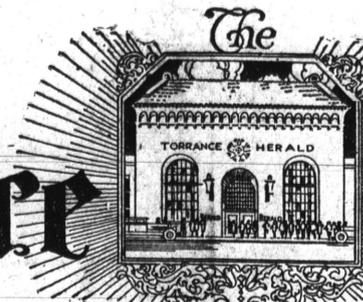




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WHAT ABOUT THE WATER LOAN?

An Editorial

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While little publicity has been given to his efforts, ever since the day he was appointed the city's chief executive, Mayor C. Earl Conner has been moving heaven and earth to secure favorable action on the city's application for a federal loan with which to proceed with the construction of the municipal water system in Torrance.

Negotiations of necessity have been confidential, lest those unfriendly to the project because of political antagonism or selfish private interests learn of the work that is being done and attempt to counteract the efforts that are being made. However, the great majority of residents in Torrance who are anxious to have the loan approved and see the work proceed, may rest assured that their newly appointed mayor is doing everything that is humanly possible to secure action from federal officials.

Mayor Conner, together with City Attorney Jensen and City Engineer Leonard, have literally camped on the doorstep of the federal public works office in Los Angeles. High officials in the federal, state and county governments have been contacted and are lending their support. Obstacles placed in the way by those unfriendly to the construction of a new water system are being gradually overcome, and the true merits of the project are being better understood by those in authority.

While no definite prediction can be made as to when the application will be on its way to Washington, much progress has been made, and the prospects for securing federal aid are far brighter now than they were a month ago when Mayor Conner took over the reins at the city hall. In anticipation of securing favorable action, the city council advanced its next regular meeting date from November 14 to November 7 in order to take care of any developments in the water project which may arise.

GARDENA FIRE CHIEF DIES VICTIM OF GAS EXPLOSION

Disastrous Fire At Moneta Takes Life of Prominent Official Trapped in Path of Flames; Deraiment of Car Leads to Tragedy

Thomas W. Baldrick, fire chief of Gardena, died Sunday night shortly after 11 o'clock at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital where he had been taken Saturday evening. Baldrick was wrapped in flames when a tank on the premises of the Standard Oil Company, San Pedro and Western avenue, Moneta, exploded.

The fire chief was called to the scene of the tragedy about 8 o'clock Saturday night when a derailed gondola car plowed beneath the storage tank, demolishing the pillars on which it stood and causing the tank to spring a leak.

With the assistance of two other Gardena firemen, Baldrick succeeded in plugging the leak from a broken waste pipe, and the men had started away from the scene, driven away by the powerful gasoline fumes. Each went in a different direction.

According to one report of the cause of the tragic affair a P. E. car is said to have passed the scene at this time and a spark omitted when the trolley pole crossed the breaker points is thought to have ignited the gas fumes. Baldrick happened to be in the path of the flames. The other two firemen were not injured.

The fire chief was rushed to the Torrance hospital, but his injuries were such that he died the following night.

The Torrance fire department was called to the scene to aid in extinguishing the fire which followed.

A coroner's inquest was held at 9:30 yesterday morning at the Whittington funeral parlors, where the body of Baldrick had been taken.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Gardena Presbyterian church. Rev. Malcolm Leitch, pastor, officiating. Interment was made at Inglewood cemetery.

Mr. Baldrick is survived by his widow, two children, Thomas, Jr., and Virginia; his mother, Mrs. Harriet Baldrick, of Gardena; one brother, August Baldrick, inspector for the Los Angeles fire department; and four sisters, Mrs. Helen B. Bush, Mrs. Harriet Olsen of Gardena; Mrs. Alice M. Hawkins and Mrs. Florence Cole of Long Beach.

TO SPEND GAS TAX MONEY ON 174TH STREET

Strawberry St. In McDonald Tract Gets First Benefit From City's Funds

Strawberry street, sometimes known as 174th street, in the McDonald Tract, is to be surfaced with rock and oil for a distance of two and a quarter miles within the Torrance city limits, as this city's first project to be financed out of its share of state gasoline taxes. Action on this effect was taken by the Torrance city council Tuesday evening. Other roads within the city, which have been designated as secondary state highways and are eligible for improvement out of gasoline taxes, include Redondo-Wilmington boulevard in South Torrance and Hawthorne boulevard.

Torrance's share in the quarter-cent tax will total about \$5000 a year, payable in quarterly installments. City Engineer Leonard reported. The entire first quarter's allotment will be spent on Strawberry street, it was decided by the council and local labor will be used.

Eleven road deeds in connection with the widening of Redondo-Wilmington boulevard, now known as State street, were accepted by the city of Torrance from the county.

Council Moves to Reduce Fire Insurance Rate

Full-Time Chief Appointed; Two Full-Time Firemen On Duty Day and Night

In an effort to secure lower fire insurance rates, the Torrance city council authorized sweeping changes in the organization of the fire department Tuesday night, in accordance with recommendations of the board of fire underwriters. The removal of Fire Chief Ben F. Hannebrink, who was a part-time employee, and the appointment of Allen D. "Ollie" Stevenson, as full-time chief of the department was included in the changes authorized. Two full-time day men and two full-time night men were ordered put on duty, and authority was given Councilman Scott Ludlow, newly appointed chairman of the council's fire committee, to provide suitable sleeping quarters at the fire station to accommodate the additional men on duty at night.

Development of a local source of water supply through construction of a new municipally-owned water system will also result in lower fire insurance rates, the city council was informed in a letter from the board of fire underwriters. However, it is anticipated that some reduction in rates will result from the more efficient organization of the fire department, pending solution of the city's water problem.

Dirigible Macon to Circle Harbor Tomorrow A. M.

Some time tomorrow local residents are scheduled to get their first glimpse of the giant navy dirigible Macon as she flies south from her new home at Sunnyvale to the 13th annual Navy Day celebration of the fleet in Los Angeles harbor.

A national broadcast over the Columbia system is scheduled to be given from the Macon from 11:15 to 12 noon.

Secretary of the Navy Claude Swanson is on hand for the Navy Day ceremonies. The fleet warships will be open all day for inspection. At noon the Rotary Club, the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and the local chapter of the Naval Reserve Association will give a civic luncheon for officers of the navy at the Biltmore Hotel.

PROGRESS OF N. R. A. TO BE TOLD TONIGHT

"Progress of the N. R. A." will be the subject of an interesting talk tonight over radio KPO at 6:30 o'clock, by E. Tilden Mattox, district manager of the National Recovery Board at San Francisco.

Trophy Dinner To Be Held At 7:30 Tonight

Glory and honor will be heaped upon the Torrance Bluebirds, winners of the world's series night baseball championship, at a community banquet tonight at 7:30 at Earl's Cafe.

Formal presentation of the city's trophy will be the highlight in an interesting program following the dinner. George Peterkin, president of the National Nightball League, and other league officials, will be present, as well as the players on the championship team, and a rollicking good time is anticipated. Manager "Spud" Murphy of the Bluebirds will accept the city trophy on behalf of his team.

The dinner was originally planned to begin at 6:30 o'clock, but has been advanced to start at 7:30 in order to permit out-of-town guests to arrive on time. The affair is a community-wide testimonial of the splendid records made by the Torrance team, and all men and women fans are invited. Tickets are 50 cents.

New Committees At City Council Named By Mayor

Mayor C. Earl Conner submitted his appointments for standing committees of the Torrance city council Tuesday evening, which were confirmed by motion of the council. The new grouping of members follows: Finance committee, Scott Ludlow, chairman; Hitchcock and Wright, Ordinance committee, W. T. Klusman, chairman; Ludlow and Wright, Police committee, C. Earl Conner, chairman; Hitchcock and Ludlow, Fire committee, Scott Ludlow, chairman; Hitchcock and Wright, Light committee, J. M. Wright, chairman; Hitchcock and Ludlow, Street, sewer and parks committee, James E. Hitchcock, chairman; Wright and Ludlow.

Child Orchestra Billed to Play Here November 3

Arch Ness Paramount Juniors Coming Under the Auspices of Bible Class

Playing under the auspices of the Men's Bible Class the Arch Ness Paramount Junior orchestra, composed of children from 10 to 15 years of age, will appear in Torrance Friday evening, November 3. The location of the affair will be announced next week, as arrangements to stage the concert have not yet been completed.

The program offered by these youthful musicians, some of whom have had as few as three months lessons, will include a group of orchestral compositions of the old masters interspersed with the better known works of more modern composers.

Proof of the high standards of teaching maintained by Mr. Arch Ness and his assistants, are evident in the finished performance that is given.

The Arch Ness Paramount Baby orchestra, composed of youngsters from 3 to 6 years old, amazed its hearers with its perfect intonation, expression, time and bowing, all done under its own baby conductor and its own baby master of ceremonies. Both of the groups have created a sensation wherever they have been heard.

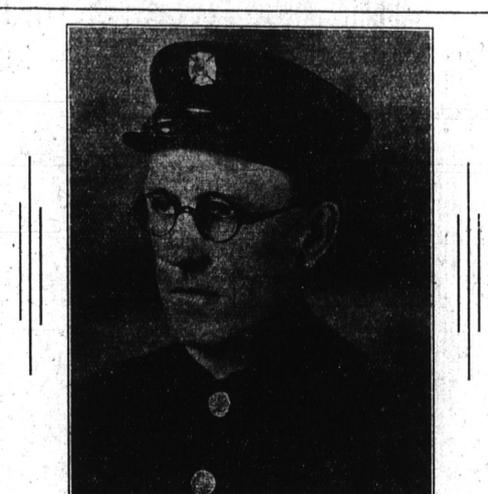
Columbia Steel Man Fatally Injured In Motorcycle Accident

Thomas B. Todd, 42, employed at the Columbia Steel plant, died yesterday morning at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital for the past four weeks, he was thrown from his motorcycle on Redondo-Wilmington boulevard near Pennsylvania avenue, Lomita, the day before.

Todd was brought to the hospital unconscious from a skull fracture shortly after 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. He also suffered a broken collarbone in his fall.

He resided at 25405 Narbonne avenue, where he leaves a wife and several children. He has been employed at the Columbia Steel for a number of years.

Named Fire Chief



ALLEN D. "OLLIE" STEVENSON was named chief of the Torrance Fire Department Tuesday night, by the city council, following resignation of Chief Ben F. Hannebrink, who has held the position ever since the department was organized in 1916.

In explaining the appointment of Chief Stevenson, Councilman Scott Ludlow, newly named chairman of the council's fire committee, stated that the appointment of Stevenson was made in accordance with recommendations of the board of fire underwriters that the employment of a full-time fire chief would be a step toward securing lower fire insurance rates in Torrance. On Ludlow's motion, the council tendered former Chief Hannebrink a vote of thanks for his past services.

Chief Stevenson has been an employee of the city ever since Torrance was incorporated in 1921, serving first as an extra policeman. In 1923, when the present fire pump was purchased, he joined the fire department as an engineer, later being advanced to the position of assistant fire chief.

Chief Stevenson is one of the pioneer residents of the city, coming to Torrance in May, 1916, to take a position with the Torrance Glass Company.

Carl L. Hyde Not Applicant For County Charities Position

Results of the examination for county superintendent of charities, admittedly the "county's biggest job" today and involving supervision over all local welfare activities on behalf of the county, are expected to be known within a few days, following the examinations given Thursday.

Carl L. Hyde is not an applicant.

Eight persons, including Rex Thomson of Beverly Hills, now chief assistant, had indicated their desire to take the civil service test when the time to file expired at 5 p. m. Monday. Earl E. Jensen, the present superintendent who is now acting in a de facto capacity, was to take the examination.

It was suggested by Dr. F. E. Dowe, 660 South Vermont avenue, that six prominent citizens of the county be chosen to act as a board of review on the results of the examination but the board of supervisors deferred action.

An application was filed by a field worker in the welfare bureau, Clifford E. Brasswell, to take the test but was later withdrawn.

The complete list follows: Earl E. Jensen, Eagle Rock. Rex Thomson, 37, of 1216 1/2 Smithwood avenue, Beverly Hills, now chief assistant.

Seward Simons, 43, of 214 State street, Pasadena, Executive director of the Pasadena Community Chest. Three and one-half years in domestic trade department of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

Oliver C. Wyman, 51, of 4417 Avocado street, Los Angeles. Three years director of state aid in the county welfare bureau.

Willis W. Clark, 38, 330 North Alta Vista Boulevard. Now in the department of sociology at the University of Southern California. William Lippman, 234 South Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hills. Identified with fund-raising campaigns for the Presbyterian church.

Luther Reynolds, 47, of 2314 Eleventh avenue. Superintendent of Methodist hospital, 6 years. Roy Tolleson, 46, of 1117 Hollingsworth building. Manager of financial bureau in New York for 12 years.

VETERANS' POST Elects Officers

LOMITA.—Norman Herr was elected commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post at a meeting held last night. His staff will include N. V. Sanford, senior vice commander; O. H. Way, junior vice commander; Howard Voss, quartermaster; Eugene Beckman, chaplain; and Frank Andrews, officer of the day. Appointive officers have not yet been selected. Installation will be held November 22.

About 20 visitors from Harbor Post, San Pedro, and Universal Post, Los Angeles, attended the meeting. Refreshments were served.

CHILD RIDING BICYCLE HAS FOOT LACERATED

Marjorie Dunham, 4 1/2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dunham, 1403 Carson street, was treated at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital last week for severe lacerations to one foot. The child caught her foot in the chain of a bicycle she was riding and her heel was almost severed, requiring several stitches to close the wound.

School Repairs to Start After First of Year

Torrance Hi School Included in First Authorized List

Repairs to the Torrance high school in the amount of \$120,000, as set up in the list of estimated costs submitted to the board of education Monday night and already authorized, will be started shortly after the first of the year, according to announcement made public this week.

Cost of the repairs and strengthening of 65 schools included in the list will aggregate \$5,555,000. No new buildings are included. Other schools named in the first list of estimates in this district are Gardena, \$150,000, and David Starr Jordan, \$180,000.

No mention is made of repairs to elementary schools in either Torrance or Lomita.

A supplementary list of schools on which estimates will be submitted shortly includes Narbonne high school, which cost is set up at \$120,000, Dominguez elementary, \$42,500, and Gardena elementary, \$33,000.

Actual work will probably not begin until January or February as all plans must be approved by the state board of architects and work must conform to the provisions of the recently adopted state building code which requires school buildings to be quake proof and comply with the safety standards of the code.

Scout Court of Honor to Be Held Here

High Executive Grants Concessions On Plea of Local Committee

Hereafter, or within a very short time, Torrance Boy Scouts will not be compelled to go to San Pedro each month to attend their court of honor.

Following a meeting Monday morning, between Howard G. Locke and L. B. Kelsey, representing the Torrance Scouts, and Wes Klusman, assistant to E. B. DeGroot, this promise was made to the Torrance men and it is expected that a court of honor and board of review will immediately be set up in Torrance.

Under the arrangement in effect for years past, ever since the beginning of Scouting in this community, Torrance boys have had to make monthly trips to San Pedro to receive their badges and ratings; at the court of honor in the port city.

The Scout movement here has increased in importance to the point where this arrangement became a hardship. It also became an expense to the city, which has been supplying the Scouts with transportation. The Torrance committee to lay the grievances and difficulties of the local Scouts before the high-up officials of the district, and their trip to Los Angeles Monday was immediately productive of results.

City Votes \$350 To Boy Scouts

An appropriation of \$350 was voted by the Torrance city council Tuesday night, following the reading of a petition signed by 35 business men and other citizens interested in Boy Scout work. The money will be taken from unallocated funds raised through the ten-cent promotion tax. Approximately \$50 of the appropriation will be used in repairing the Boy Scout hall on Carson street, and the remainder goes to Scout headquarters to assist in carrying on general activities in which the Torrance troops participate.

Steel Workers to Hold Dance Armistice Day

Permission to hold a public dance at the Old American Legion hall on Border avenue, Saturday, November 11, was granted to the Amalgamated Sheet Iron and Tin Workers, by the Torrance city council this week.

PLAN TO PAVE TWO HIGHWAYS IN TORRANCE

County Moves to Start Work Soon On Torrance Blvd. and Western Ave.

In a determined effort to "get going" on \$2,000,000 worth of county highway projects, in which are included the improvement of Torrance boulevard and Western avenue, the board of supervisors today made an entirely new application for a federal grant to put them under way.

The new application differs from the original one in that no loan is asked. The supervisors have pooled their gas tax funds to the amount of \$1,693,837, which will be 70 per cent of the cost of the program. The federal government is asked for the other 30 per cent amounting to \$463,191. The supervisors ask that the \$463,191 be made in three payments.

Work to be performed on Torrance boulevard is among the first group of projects and is scheduled to begin December 1, 1933. The improvement of Western avenue from Torrance to the harbor, totaling \$336,000, is set to begin May 1, 1934.

The improvement of Torrance boulevard between Madrona avenue and South Slama avenue, Redondo Beach, a distance of 1.75 miles, was set forth today in specifications completed by the county road department.

Largest item is 378,212 square feet of two-inch asphaltic concrete wearing surface, to be laid on a four-inch asphaltic concrete base. Forty-two thousand feet of cement concrete curbing wall is to be constructed. There will be 7486 cubic yards of excavation required, including the shaping and removal of old macadam. Total cost of the Torrance boulevard improvement is given as \$64,000, of which \$17,502 is asked as a federal grant and the remainder is to be paid out of gasoline taxes.

Death Sentence Is Imposed On Redondo Cobbler

Motion For New Trial Is Denied; Tedesco's Attorney Will Appeal

Attorney S. S. Hahn, representing Charles Tedesco, Redondo Beach cobbler, sentenced to "the gallows Monday for the murder of John Whitehead, announced that he would appeal the death sentence.

Tedesco, convicted of killing Whitehead with a hammer near Waveria this summer, was sentenced by Superior Judge William S. Baird Monday and denied a motion for a new trial.

A jury found Tedesco guilty after only a half-hour's deliberation. The above hammer with which the crime was committed belonged to the accused according to the statement of the prosecution. The asserted insuring of Whitehead by Tedesco before the killing, making himself the beneficiary, was another link in the circumstantial evidence which helped to convict the shoemaker.

Mrs. Greaves Dies Early This Morning At Home On Andrew

Friends of Mrs. Estelle Greaves, pioneer resident of Torrance, were shocked to hear of her sudden passing this morning at her home at 1932 Andrew avenue. While Mrs. Greaves had been ill for some time, her death was not expected and her passing at 4 o'clock this morning came as a shock to her many friends. She has been a resident of Torrance for 17 years. One daughter, Mrs. Marion Van Voorhis, of Huntington Park, survives.

At noon today no funeral arrangements had been made.

CHIEF IS ILL

Chief of Police G. M. Calder has been off duty for several days on account of an attack of the flu. He is somewhat improved and expects to return to duty soon.