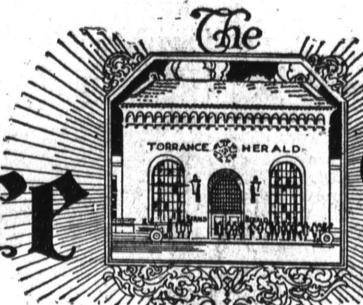


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## HIGH SCHOOL MAKES LIBERAL CONTRIBUTION TO RELIEF FUND

Sum Collected From Pupils and Staff Exceeds By Five Times the Amount Raised in Other Years; Community Chest Quota Still Short of Desired Amount

Liberal contributions from the schools and the Parent Teachers Associations of Torrance have aided substantially in building up the fund now being collected in the Torrance Community Chest drive, carried on under the direction of the Chamber of Commerce, for the relief of needy families in this city this winter.

At the Torrance high school, pupils, teachers and employes contributed \$167.38, which sum was collected in trifling sums from the pupils, larger contributions from teachers and employes.

Inasmuch as the amount turned over this year to the local relief drive exceeds any sum previously raised from this source by about 250 per cent, the school authorities are proud and pleased to see that their efforts to make the high school student socially conscious of his responsibility to others are taking effect. The school authorities are gratified because the gathering of this sum of \$167.38 represented no high pressure methods and no greater effort than has been used in other years when one-fifth of the amount was raised.

They are also grateful to the parents of the pupils who made the individual donations possible. In many of the home rooms, pupils contributed 100 per cent to the fund, and all home rooms, teachers and employes helped in making up the contribution.

The success of the drive is an added indication of improved conditions in Torrance, where many men who have been out of work for months have this year been re-employed.

At the Torrance elementary school, no effort was made to secure contributions from pupils, but the teachers gave liberally to the local fund. On "Fathers Night," recent Parent Teachers Association meeting, canned goods to fill a large basket were donated by those who attended the meeting.

At the Fern avenue school, preparations are being made to contribute in some way to the drive, in addition to the school's plans to care for the needs of three families at Christmas time.

Not only have the school teachers of Torrance given liberally of their salaries to the local drive, but they have also contributed to the Los Angeles Community Chest, since the city schools here are under the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles schools system.

According to Secretary L. J. Gilmeister, who is taking charge of the funds as they come in, more than \$1250 in cash and about \$200 in pledges has been secured, not including the high school's donation, which will bring the total in cash and pledges to about \$1617.38.

The campaign is being pursued vigorously, with contacts for donations being made through personal letters and friendly calls. The quota has not yet been reached. It appears that not less than \$3000 is needed to carry on adequate relief work here for the coming year, and gifts are solicited from all Torrance citizens who are financially able to contribute in order to make up this sum.

Whether solicited personally or not, anyone in Torrance who wishes to give to the community chest may do so in any amount, and his or her contribution will be gratefully received.

**Postoffice Windows Open Saturday Till 6**  
Postmaster Alfred Gourdier announces that for the convenience of patrons the windows at the postoffice will be open next Saturday afternoon, December 16, and the Saturday following, December 23, until 6 o'clock p. m.

**SHOP EARLY**  
Only 8 Days 'Til Christmas!

## Federal Census of Unemployed Now Completed

Eighty-two Per Cent Out of Work For One Year Or Longer

The Torrance welfare district, including this city and vicinity, had 1704 active unemployment cases on the rolls of the county welfare bureau in the period between last October 21 and November 10. It was shown today by results of a recent federal relief census.

With an average of 3.4 persons to the case, this was computed to be 5796 individuals dependent upon the county for subsistence by reason of unemployment.

One of the chief aims of the census, conducted by 200 workers under the direction of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, was the number of persons of the white and other races. For this welfare district the distribution of cases was found to be as follows: White, 1663; Negroes, none; Mexican, 40; Filipino, none.

Another aim of the federal census was to show in what branch of industry local workers formerly were employed. The principal subdivisions and the percentage of local unemployed workers for each in this community was as follows:

Industry and general labor, 73 per cent; agriculture, 4 per cent; commerce, 11.1 per cent; professional, 4 per cent. The federal government also concerned itself with how long these local unemployed had been out of work. In this locality it was found that 82 per cent had been unemployed for one year or longer. It was found that 28 per cent had been out of work for three years or longer.

Throughout Los Angeles county there were 64,403 cases or 208,863 individuals, with an average of 3.16 persons to the case. Of the 64,403 cases, 56,750 were males and 7653 females. By recapitulation it was shown that 52,548 cases were white, 491 were Negroes, 5970 were Mexicans, 33 were Chinese, 24 were Japanese, 38 Indian and 135 Filipino.

The census showed that 33,889 children between 6 and 14 years of age were dependent upon the county by reason of their parents' inability to earn a livelihood for them.

## High School In Gift of Trees For City Park

Ornamental trees, estimated by City Engineer Leonard to be worth in excess of \$100, have been offered the city for removal to the municipal park by A. G. Waldelich, principal of Torrance high school. The trees are now located on school property, but must be removed to make way for expansion of the recreation field.

A cash donation of \$8.54 collected from among school students for the purchase of park trees was also accepted Tuesday by the city council with thanks. When the trees are placed in the park, they will be appropriately designated as gifts from the various high school classes.

## Estimate Cost of Reconstructing Elementary School

Cost of reconstructing the Torrance elementary school was estimated at \$72,844 in a report filed with the Los Angeles board of education this week by R. McC. Beanfield, structural engineer recently commissioned by the board to make the estimate.

Plans and specifications, including analyses, structural design computations as well as cost estimates were prepared by Beanfield. The work contemplated is supposed to insure the strength of the building against further earthquake shocks.

## Charlie Quandt Is Ill With Pneumonia

Charlie H. Quandt, Walteria dairyman and well known citizen, who has been ill for several days with pneumonia, under the care of doctor and nurse, is improving, and yesterday authorized the Herald by telephone to say that under the good care he is receiving from his physician and the nurse in charge, Mrs. V. Harvey of Torrance, that it won't be long until he will be able to shake hands again with his friends in this community.

## Municipal Christmas Tree Party Plans Are Complete

Preparations are going forward for the annual Christmas celebration sponsored by the city fire department, which will be held this year at the municipal baseball park on Arlington avenue, Friday evening, December 22.

The churches of Torrance will arrange the program, which will consist of a Christmas pageant, carols and old time hymns. A committee selected from the various congregations is attending to this part of the entertainment, while the firemen as usual will distribute their gifts of candy and nuts to the children.

At the meeting of the city council Tuesday evening, \$25 was appropriated to provide a tree for

Walteria and pay for baskets of food which will be distributed to families of that part of the city.

Last year the teachers of the Walteria school provided these gifts out of their own finances, but the city fathers felt that this year this was asking too much of willing contributors and are taking care of the financial arrangements by special appropriation.

The ceremonies at the city park will begin at 7 p. m. and all Torrance is invited to attend to take part in the community celebration. The downtown tree, at the little park facing the Torrance theatre, will be lighted as usual during the week before Christmas.

## Permit Granted For Refinery In Keystone Dist.

Long Beach Oil Promoter to Build Independent Plant Near Dominguez

Construction of a \$250,000 refinery for crude oils, at Avalon boulevard and 23rd street, west of Dominguez Hill, is scheduled to proceed immediately following the granting of a permit to E. Donald Marr, Long Beach oil promoter. Permit was granted by the county board of supervisors Monday, the site being in unincorporated territory, in Keystone. The new plant is for an "independent," which is a "closed corporation," its backers stated.

No property owners were present to protest the granting of the permit, and on the other hand petitions were laid before the supervisors showing that more than 70 per cent of the property owners approved of the project. Work will be provided for a number of men during construction, and a crew of 30 thereafter.

E. W. Sandison, who stated he owned the property in the vicinity, appeared before the supervisors to speak in behalf of Marr's application. There is a large sump storage reservoir of the Texas company across the street, holding 1,800,000 barrels, it was stated, and the Richfield and Associated Oil companies have large storage reservoirs in the immediate vicinity.

Frank A. Meliff, petroleum engineer, testified that the plant would not be a nuisance, or a menace to other oil plant holdings.

Only protestant to speak was L. L. Wakefield, another petroleum engineer, who stated he represented the Texas Company but not in a legal capacity. He asked whether the new plant would have "Committee protection," and the applicants indicated it would not. Wakefield stated this requirement would be advisable, in view of the large investment in stored oil by other companies, as in the event of a fire it might easily spread throughout the area. The Texas Company did not have a "foam" protection, Wakefield explained, because it was not adaptable to underground storage. Permit was granted when the applicants stated that every possible means would be taken to safeguard the installation.

## Grocery Orders Issued to Workers

Due to a belated payday, many CWA workers gathered at the headquarters of the county welfare unemployment bureau on Carson street, Wednesday morning, to receive orders for groceries which were issued to carry the families of workers over until their checks could be issued.

The orders were honored at the county warehouse on Cravens avenue, where the men stood in line in a driving rain for an hour, or more until their wants had been supplied. More orders were filled during the afternoon.

## Have You Any Clothes For Needy?

The Fox patrol of Troop 4, Boy Scouts, has started a drive for cast off clothing, which they wish to gather and distribute to the needy of Torrance. Anyone having anything which they wish to donate to this cause, may call one of the following telephone numbers and a car will gather up the clothing. The numbers are 241, Mrs. Leech; 568, Mrs. Burns, and 232-M, Mrs. West.

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STORES WILL BE  
OPEN EVENINGS  
UNTIL CHRISTMAS  
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Practically all retail stores in Torrance, except food markets, will remain open every evening until Christmas, beginning Saturday of this week. Local merchants are prepared with ample stocks of holiday merchandise to take care of late Christmas shoppers.  
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## Damage Suit Is Filed In Behalf of Injured Boy

H. L. Garland Names Torrance Water, Light and Power Co. Defendant

Damages of \$25,000 are asked of the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company for injuries suffered by Elton Garland when he was struck by a company automobile last October 3, according to a civil action on file today in Los Angeles county superior court.

Elton, who is 14 years old, was being pushed along in a scooter car near the sidewalk on the east side of Amapola avenue about 250 feet north of Torrance boulevard, according to the complaint. A city-owned coupe, driven by Gordon Nelson, a minor in the employ of the company, struck him and caused serious injuries, it is alleged. Nelson is the son of E. C. Nelson, general manager of the company in Torrance.

The complaint, filed through his father, H. L. Garland, asserts that Elton suffered a broken right arm, three fractured ribs, and that four upper and three lower teeth were knocked out. The father also joins in the complaint and asks to be reimbursed for doctor bills incurred on account of his son's injury.

## Inhalator Fails to Revive Baby

Fire Chief A. D. Stevenson and Fireman J. J. Benner were called to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Embree, House 16, El Prado Court, 840 El Prado, at 7:30 a. m. Saturday, where the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Embree had succumbed to pneumonia. The firemen applied the inhalator and worked for some time to revive the baby girl, but physicians who had been summoned pronounced her dead.

The child, aged three months and 11 days, had been ill for about ten days.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 11, from the Pacific Crest cemetery chapel, Redondo Beach, Rev. B. H. Lingenfelder officiating. Interment was made at Pacific Crest.

## Water and Milk Sold Here Okay, Says Dr. Smiley

A clean bill of health was awarded all milk and water supplies distributed in Torrance this week by the county health department. In a careful analysis of samples of milk taken from the various dairies, and also samples of water from a number of neighborhoods throughout the city, including the wells at the Columbia Steel Company, no trace of harmful bacteria was revealed, Dr. Harry Smiley, district health officer, stated today.

## Highway Signs to Be Repaired

The four "Torrance" neon signs placed on highways leading to this city were ordered repaired and put in good working condition again by the city council Tuesday night. The work will be done by a Los Angeles firm at an estimated cost of \$46. The same firm offered to keep the signs in repair for \$15 per month but the offer was referred to the street committee for recommendation.

## HARBOR DIST. C. OF C. ELECT OFFICERS TONIGHT

The Harbor District Chambers of Commerce are meeting tonight at the Community church clubhouse, on Narbonne at Lomita boulevard, Lomita. Election of officers for the ensuing year will be an important feature of the business session.

## CIVIL WORKS ADMINISTRATION APPROVES LOMITA SEWER PLAN

Work On Local Project Employing Hundreds of Men and Costing \$382,418 Will Start Immediately; Six Other Projects Approved

Immediate employment for 1000 local jobless men was announced today by the Civil Works Administration in Los Angeles with approval of the Lomita Unit No. 2 sanitary sewer project.

Representing an outright gift to the citizens of the community in the amount of \$282,418 from the federal government, the project will be one of lasting benefit to local property owners.

Not one cent will this project cost property owners or residents. The federal government, under the Civil Works program, makes outright allocations to "get" projects under way and to give deserving jobless men employment.

Alfred Jones, deputy county surveyor, was rushing preparations today for the start of work, scheduled for the latter part of this week and next on the seven sanitary sewer jobs approved throughout the county.

Cost of the seven approved projects totals nearly \$2,000,000. Had property owners obtained the improvement under the Public Works Administration, bonds would have had to be put up as security, and 70 per cent of the cost was to have been repaid over a period of 15 and 20 years. As it is there are no bonds, and no red tape.

The seven projects, their respective cost and number of men to be given employment are as follows: Bellflower, \$587,370, men 1400; Lomita No. 2, \$382,418, men 1000; Lennox No. 2, \$128,794, men 400; Lennox No. 3, \$258,544, men 800; Lennox No. 4, \$418,969, men 800; Belvedere Gardens No. 4, \$125,295, men 400; and Belvedere Gardens Unit No. 5, \$192,394, men 600.

Supervision is to be furnished by the county, as well as the plans. Work is scheduled to start on Lennox Unit No. 2 on Friday, and the others approximately a day apart. The men will work five-hour shifts, straight through, from 7 to 12 and from 12 to 5.

## Fine Christmas Cantata Will Be Offered Sunday

First of Holiday Programs Is Given By the Central Evangelical Choir

Sunday evening, December 17, the choir of Central church under the direction of Mrs. P. G. Briney of San Pedro, will render the beautiful Christmas cantata, "The Eternal Light."

The choir has been augmented for the occasion by several splendid singers who will assist in the rendering of the evening's program. It will consist of solos, duets, quartets and chorus numbers.

With a desire to make this a fitting introduction to the Christmas activities of Torrance, a cordial invitation is extended to the general public to attend this fine program at Central church next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

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IT'S NO BOLOGNY,  
IT'S "ABALONE"  
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The name of Artisan's avenue was officially changed to Abalone avenue by action of the Torrance city council Tuesday night. In making the motion, Councilman Hitchcock emphasized that the new street name should be pronounced "ab-a-lon" and not "ab-a-lon-y," the councilman apparently dialing the pronunciation given by Daniel Webster in his dictionary.  
Request for a change of the street name was recently made by John Salm of the Salm Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of abalone shell products, and other property owners on the street.  
The petition requesting the change of name stated that the word "Artisan" was difficult to understand over the telephone, and recommended the name "Abalone avenue" as an advertising advantage to Torrance and one of its pioneer industries, which is soon to expand its operations.  
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