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NEW POST OFFICE WILL BE LOCATED ON MARCELINA AVE.

Site On Alley Corner Adjacent to Chili Parlor Is Chosen By Washington Officials, Says Report

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—The new post office at Torrance, California, will be located on Marcelina avenue, on lots 14, 15 and 16 of the Torrance Tract. While no official confirmation could be obtained, it was learned from an authoritative source here that post office authorities have definitely decided upon the purchase of this site.

The site referred to is on the north side of Marcelina avenue, between Sartori and Cravens avenues, on the alley corner adjacent to the famous Chili Parlor. The property has a frontage of 93 feet on Marcelina avenue and a depth of 155 feet. It is owned in two pieces, lot 14 belonging to Emery J. Mills of Pomona and lots 15 and 16 belonging to Maurice Rappaport and Mrs. Rose Smolowitz of Los Angeles. The site was submitted by J. C. Smith of the Torrance Investment Company.

Strawberry Ave. and Hawthorne to Be Improved

Work to Be Done Out of City's Share of Gas Tax Fund; \$15,366 Allowed

The sum of \$15,366 has been set aside by the state division of highways for the improvement and maintenance of roadways within the city of Torrance for the coming two-year period. This is the city's allotment of funds under the one-quarter cent per gallon gasoline tax.

According to an agreement submitted by the state and approved by the Torrance city council Tuesday night, \$9700 of this allotment will be expended on Strawberry avenue and Hawthorne boulevard, which are the two roads within the city of Torrance which have been designated as secondary state highways. Improvement of Strawberry avenue will be done at once, and the widening and improvement of Hawthorne boulevard will be started as soon as deeds for the land can be obtained.

Allotments of funds as approved by the state council are:

STRAWBERRY AVE.—225 miles between Hawthorne boulevard and Illinois street, resurfacing, \$3200.

HAWTHORNE AVE.—4.8 miles between Sepulveda boulevard and 234th street. Widening of road from 50 feet to 100 feet and construction of shoulders and curbs; \$500 allowed for land acquisition, \$6000 for improvement; \$200 for painting traffic line.

The widening of Hawthorne boulevard will eliminate the present narrow strip between Sepulveda boulevard and Lomita boulevard at Walteria. At 234th street or Lomita boulevard, much of the traffic on Hawthorne boulevard separates eliminating the necessity of a wider roadway from this point at present, City Engineer Leonard explained.

Who Remembers When

The speed limit for automobiles was reduced below the legal state limit? Democrats lead in registration in Torrance and what was the total registration?

A local resident was the principal speaker at a state picnic? The Torrance Laundry was established and by whom? Two prominent young men were the principals in the final event of a boxing show staged by the Torrance Athletic Club, and who?

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S WRW:

The Hendrix Tire Company received an order in January 1914 from Earl Cooper, 1913 road race champion, to make a set of tires for his Stutz 8. They were delivered within a few days and tried out by the well-known champ for use in some of the big races later that year.

The Union Tool Company in January 1914, received the first contract in the United States to manufacture Diesel engines. The contract was made between Andrew Weir and J. Tilden Smith of London on behalf of the Baumeister & Wain Company of Copenhagen, Denmark, and officials of the Union Tool.

George Schrauer, of Bishop, California, purchased the first lot sold in Torrance. The Union Tool Company purchased the first property sold, an industrial site.

The second fire occurred in Torrance, Sunday, March 15, 1914, in a restaurant on Border near Carson street. The fire was discovered by Henry Rubo, night watchman, Sam Rappaport and Herman Burmaster hauled the hosecart and were the first at the scene.

The first meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Los Angeles county was held in Torrance on January 28, 1914.

CITY DADS GOING TO COTTON CLUB

City dads are going to take in Sebastian's Cotton Club tonight, but they explain it's a strictly business affair. A discussion of the gas tax by the county municipal league. Maybe so, but it will be somewhat of a tax on the councilmanic mind to keep down to business with Sebastian's darky gale prancing around. And after enduring the "gas attack" by one of their fellow members at Tuesday night's meeting, maybe they'll vote to raise the gas tax, or something. But last you get the wrong idea, we might add that the city dads have been invited to bring their wives.

Steady Work Offered Men On Aqueduct

No Special Training Needed, Chance For Advancement; Carpenters Also Wanted

A call for about 25 husky young men, who are residents of Torrance, and desire steady work on the Metropolitan Water District aqueduct with an opportunity for advancement was received today by City Engineer F. R. Leonard.

Men between the ages of 20 and 35 years, weighing from 150 to 200 pounds, and husky enough to handle heavy work are preferred. No special training or knowledge of a trade will be required, as they will begin work as laborers and will be later trained for more skilled work with higher wages. It is planned that these men, who properly train, shall replace the so-called "key men" who are now employed on the aqueduct who are not residents of the district. From four to five years steady work is possible for those who can qualify. Mr. Leonard stated, but they must be residents of Torrance.

This work has no connection with the CWA, and those who desire to apply for work are requested to register immediately at the city engineer's office at the Torrance city hall, Cravens avenue. Men are especially requested not to go direct to the aqueduct, but to register at the city engineer's office instead. They will be notified by the aqueduct employment office when to call for an interview. Leonard stated.

Carpenters Wanted
Leonard also stated that he had been requested to secure the names of a number of full-fledged carpenters, who are residents of Torrance and would like work on the aqueduct. No age limits are specified for carpenters, and if there are any middle aged experienced carpenters out of work in Torrance, Leonard stated that he believed they could be put to work in the near future if they will communicate with the city engineer's office.

REDONDO MAN HELD ON HIT AND RUN CHARGE

Virgil Cox, 26, residing at 1905 Harriman Lane, Redondo Beach, plead not guilty March 8 when arraigned before Judge C. T. Rippey on a hit and run charge, and will appear for preliminary hearing March 17. Cox was released on his own recognizance. The accident is said to have occurred on Sepulveda boulevard.

Earthquake Felt Here Last Friday

Residents of Torrance and vicinity were reminded of the terrifying event of a year ago, when a pronounced earthquake shock rocked this city at 9:30 last Friday night, just 365 days and a few hours after the destructive quake of March 10, 1933. Successive tremors were noted at intervals during the following day, one being reported at 2 o'clock Saturday morning, one at 1:30 in the afternoon, and another later. No damage was done by any of the shocks. Sort of an anniversary, as it were.

Edens Injured In Collision With Truck

R. D. Edens, 2121 Arlington, agent for a metropolitan newspaper in Torrance, was injured Tuesday evening when he drove his motorcycle into the side of a truck on Torrance boulevard near Redondo Beach. Edens was about to pass the truck which made a left turn into a driveway, and the crash was unavoidable. The motorcycle was demolished and Edens suffered a cut on his head and leg injuries. He was not seriously injured, and is now able to be about his regular employment.

States in Controversy Over Dam



Claiming that Arizona's rights had been encroached upon by the anchoring of several cables in Arizona territory by the Metropolitan Water District of southern California, Gov. B. B. Mear precipitated a heated state squabble. The Arizona state executive sent national guardsmen to the scene to protect the state's rights. Maj. I. F. Pomeroy of the national guard and H. H. Hochkiss inspect one of the cables they claim is in Arizona.

HITCHCOCK AND STANGER FILE FOR COUNCIL RACE

Both Incumbent Councilmen File For Full Term; List of Candidates For City Council Now Totals Eight

Councilmen James E. Hitchcock and William H. Stanger late this morning filed their petitions for re-election to the Torrance city council, ending the uncertainty among their many friends who have been urging them to run for re-election April 9. Both filed for the long, or four-year term.

As chairman of the present council's department of public works, Councilman Hitchcock has had charge of the extensive operations of the city's street and park departments. His able and economical management of these important departments, whose expenditures make up a major portion of the city budget, has won him much praise from those familiar with municipal affairs.

Councilman Hitchcock's keen sense of fairness to both employees and the public alike during a most trying period when large numbers of unemployed citizens were seeking jobs on the municipal payroll has been responsible for keeping complaints at a minimum and has won him the respect and confidence of all who came in contact with him. His consent to be a candidate for re-election is hailed with much satisfaction by those citizens and friends who realize the important civic service he has rendered.

Stanger Civic Builder
While William H. Stanger has been a member of the city council for little over a month, he has taken an active interest in civic affairs and community betterment for many years. He has the distinction of having held office in the Torrance Masonic lodge for 14 consecutive years, including one term as worshipful master and eight years as secretary. He is a World War veteran and active member of the American Legion. He was a leader in the organization of the Veterans Relief Association. When Mayor Earl Conner resigned from the city council a little over a month ago, Mr. Stanger was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Eight Now Filed
The filing of the Hitchcock and Stanger petitions brings the list of councilmanic candidates to eight, classified as follows:

For the full or four-year term: John V. Murray, Thomas J. Wilkes, Joseph M. Wright, James E. Hitchcock and William H. Stanger. Two are to be elected.

For the short or two-year term: Wm. H. Tolson, Robert J. Lessing and Lloyd C. Conner. One is to be elected.

It is known that a number of other petitions have been taken out, including nine which have been procured by Councilman Klumpp and it is expected that several others will be filed before the closing day, next Tuesday, March 20.

The list of candidates for city clerk and city treasurer remains the same as last week, as follows: For city clerk—A. H. Bartlett (incumbent), Charles A. Curtis, Harry W. Beach and Alfred Gour-

der. For city treasurer—Harry H. Dolley (incumbent), E. N. Tomkins, W. E. Bowen, R. F. Townsend and Fanny C. King.

Drilling Co. Asks Damages

Breach of Contract Alleged Against Oil Refining Companies

A contract for oil extracted from the Torrance-Lomita oil field was assertedly broken, according to a complaint asking \$21668 damages filed in Los Angeles county superior court this week by the Southern California Drilling Company against the Export Refining Company, the United States Refining Company and the Signal Hill Oil and Gas Company.

In its complaint the drilling company lists five causes of action and names several tract owners in the Torrance-Lomita field as partners in the contract. The persons involved with the drilling company in the transaction were Mr. and Mrs. Harmon H. Hadley, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Burzone, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Gerner and Dora Olds.

According to the complaint the Export Refining Company assertedly contracted to buy for five years a certain amount of the crude oil produced by the drilling company. The drillers state that the interest in the Export Refining Company was assertedly assigned to the United States Refining Company and all contracts to remain valid. On April 4, 1931, the plaintiffs were notified that after the 20th of that month the contract would be void and no more oil would be bought.

The take will start at 4:30 and all children will be ready to return home by 7 o'clock. Several adults will supervise the party, to which all children in Torrance are invited.

SIX HENS, SEVEN EGGS—MASCOT IS PUZZLED

Melvin Benner, son of J. J. Benner, 1309 Manuel avenue, has a problem in higher arithmetic to solve, and the young mascot of the Torrance fire department is puzzled. Melvin is the owner of six fine Rhode Island Red hens. The other day he went to collect the daily quota of eggs and found seven eggs in the nests. The next day he found seven more. Only six hens, and yet each day there is one more egg than the situation calls for. "Either one of my hens is violating the NRA code, or else there is a 'sleeper' getting in here somehow," says Melvin, but he grins happily as he gathers up the divided.

Donahue Resigns Post As Director of Playgrounds

Job Takes Too Much Time From Duties As High School Coach

Coach Bernard J. Donahue, appointed playground director several weeks ago, to have charge of outdoor recreation in Torrance under the supervision of the local playground commission, tendered his resignation to Chairman R. R. Smith this week. Mr. Donahue, who has been very active in getting the work started in various sections of the city, gave as his reason for giving up the post the fact that it was requiring too much time from his regular duties as athletic coach at the Torrance high school, and he was unable to give the proper attention to either of the jobs.

Miss Josephine Odell, who has been Mr. Donahue's assistant, was appointed as his successor at the same salary. Donahue's resignation was accepted and Miss Odell's appointment confirmed at the meeting of the city council held Tuesday night, to become effective tomorrow.

South Torrance Taxpayers Get Lighting Refund

Adjustment of claims against double assessment for street lights in South Torrance was agreed to by the Torrance city council this week, and property owners in the former Lomita lighting district will be given credit on their tax bills for the county lighting assessments which were levied the two years following annexation to Torrance. A separate assessment district will be created, the council agreed, for the coming two years.

The tax rate will be 38 cents lower in this district the first year and 56 cents lower the second year than will prevail elsewhere within the city. This will compensate for the assessments paid to the county, city officials pointed out.

A. L. Flood Dies Early Today At Seaside Hospital

Abraham L. Flood, age 69, passed away early today at Seaside hospital, after a brief illness. He had been taken to the Long Beach institution yesterday, a victim of pneumonia.

Mr. Flood had been an employee of the city of Torrance for a number of years and was well known. The family resides at 2311 Gramercy avenue. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ella Flood; two daughters, Mrs. Mable Clark of Long Beach and Mrs. Lila Hansman of Inglewood; and one son, Roy H. Flood of Oakland. One son, Capt. William Flood, died in 1918 while serving with the A. E. F. in France.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Stone & Myers chapel, with interment to be made at Inglewood.

DANCES TO BE HELD AT CARSON ST. HALL

Permission to hold public dances and serve soft drinks at the American Recreation hall on Carson street was given to Wm. Sidell by the Torrance city council this week.

OPENING OF NATIONAL BANK IN NEAR FUTURE ASSURED

Stock Subscriptions Now On Hand Or Definitely Promised Are Sufficient to Meet Federal Requirements

Organization of the Torrance National Bank has reached a point so near completion that opening of the new bank in the near future on a normal banking basis seems almost a certainty. This encouraging news was released today by J. W. Post, conservator and president of the First National Bank of Torrance.

"The total of stock subscriptions in the new bank which we already have secured, coupled with those which are definitely promised and can be depended upon, is sufficient to fully comply with the re-organization plans as submitted by the Comptroller of the Currency," said Mr. Post this morning.

"However, because of the uncertainty of time it will take to comply with legal requirements, the necessity of receiving formal approval from the R. F. C., and the press of business in the banking department at Washington, no definite date for the opening of the bank can be given at this time," Mr. Post added.

Mothers and Fathers Asked to Aid Recreation Activity Here

Mothers and fathers of Torrance, the recreation and playground commission solicits your aid. The new department of recreation is one of the most constructive activities this city can have. Three playgrounds are ready for use, they are well supervised, and your part is to send your children to them.

The youngsters may come on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, bring their lunch and stay all day until 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Supervised games are available at the ball park, and at the downtown playground at Cota and Sartori avenues. At the recreation center, 1316 Cabrillo avenue, just across the street from the Chamber of Commerce, are all sorts of arts and crafts, games, action story-telling from 1 to 2 o'clock, and there are three or more supervisors on duty each day from 3 to 5 p. m. during the first five days, and from 9 to 5 on Saturday. Sunday is left free for Sunday school and church attendance.

Quinn Undecided On Plans to Run For Nomination

Supervisor Debates Problem of Candidacy For the Governor's Post

John R. Quinn, supervisor from the fourth district, embracing this community, will either be a candidate for governor of California or his name will not appear on any ballot this fall, he assured newspaper reporters this week.

Quinn admitted that the purpose of his visit to Sacramento late last week, when his whereabouts had been given as Catalina Island, was to try to clarify a situation that is becoming embarrassing. Three Quinn conferred with C. C. Young, former governor of California, who first appointed Quinn supervisor to fill out the unexpired term of the late R. F. McClellan.

Young has not made up his mind as to whether he will be a candidate for governor, Quinn said, and the supervisor added that he would not run against him. Questioned as to whether he would be a candidate for lieutenant governor, Quinn answered that he would not.

One of the instructors is a very good musician who wants to train a harmonica band of 100 pieces. Buy yourself a two-bit harmonica and join the band. Ukelele, guitar or accordion players are also wanted for this aggregation. Free instructions are given to learners.

The directors of the recreation movement in Torrance want enough children interested in the games to make up beach parties, picnics and weiner bakes as soon as the weather gets warm enough to permit these excursions. All are properly supervised and no parent need hesitate to allow his child to take part.

Firemen's Ball Saturday Night

All is ready for the big annual firemen's ball to be given Saturday night at the Hollywood Riviera club. The ticket committee, composed of Dewey Fix, W. T. Jones and James Brodie, has disposed of plenty of pasteborders for the affair, which is expected to draw one of the largest crowds ever handled at the clubhouse. Arrangements were under the direction of A. H. Bartlett, J. J. Benner and Roy Winters. Manager R. C. Stewart had looked after the decorations which will be in the St. Patrick's colors and motif, and a fine orchestra will play. A floor show will entertain the guests between dances.

One-Hour Parking Ordinance Fails

Plans for creating one-hour parking on Sartori avenue during business hours were dropped by the city council Tuesday night, when Councilman Wright asked that the proposed parking ordinance submitted by him last week be withdrawn. Members of the council accordingly voted unanimously not to adopt the ordinance. However, the police department was given instructions to paint no-parking zones at intersections and other places in the business district in conformity with the state law.

CAP PISTOLS AND CAPS PERMITTED IN COUNTY

An amendment to the county fireworks ordinance, adopted this week by the board of supervisors, permits the sale and use of cap pistols and caps in unincorporated territory. Boys in Lomita can celebrate the Fourth in the old fashioned way.

WHERE TO VOTE.

- * ON SCHOOL BONDS
- * Polling places for the school
- * Bond election next Tuesday,
- * March 20, for Torrance and
- * vicinity are as follows:
- * Torrance Fire Hall (rear).
- * Fern Avenue School.
- * Torrance High School.
- * Walteria, 2455 Hawthorne
- * Avenue.
- * Menetta School.
- * Lomita School.
- * Carson Street School.
- * Polls will be open from 6
- * a. m. to 7 p. m.