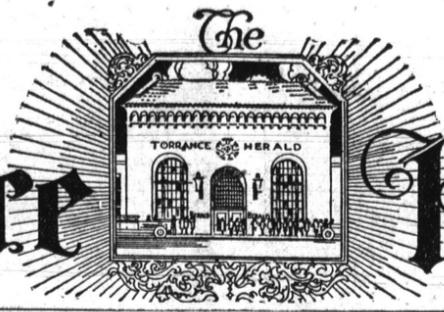




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WAGE BOOST AT COLUMBIA POSTED

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES POST NOTICES OF INCREASES IN HOURLY & TONNAGE RATES

Notices dated March 28, stating that "On April 1st, 1934, a 10 per cent increase on all hourly and tonnage rates will be in effect at this plant," were posted yesterday at the Torrance plant of the Columbia Steel Company. The notices were signed by five employees' representatives. No reference was made to salaried employes.

While chief executives of the United States Steel Corporation in New York, parent organization of the local Columbia mills, so far have not committed themselves regarding pay increases throughout the plant organization, it was indicated that the parent organization had approved the increase in a number of subsidiaries.

A late check-up revealed that at least 186,000 steel workers in a score or more of companies throughout the nation have been promised a 10 per cent increase in their pay envelopes effective April 1, and more than 140,000 others are expecting notification of wage boosts momentarily with indications that the wage rate will be raised throughout the entire steel industry.

Steel men estimate a general increase would amount to well over \$3,000,000 a month, and that probably more than \$1,650,000 a month is involved in the boost thus far announced.

BRAVE YOUTH SAVES LIVES OF TWO MEN

Ellsworth Hay Is Hero In Thrilling Rescue of Torrance Swimmers

Ellsworth Hay, 19-year-old construction worker at the Palos Verdes Estates, is credited with saving the lives of E. S. Hall and John Fisher, both of Torrance, when the latter were caught in a vicious rip-tide off Torrance Beach Monday afternoon.

Fisher, who is reputed to be an expert swimmer, was first caught by the rip and called for assistance. His companion, E. S. Hall, also a good swimmer, responded but was soon overcome by the force of the vicious tide. Hearing Mrs. Hall frantically calling for help, young Hay threw off his outer garments and plunged in after the two victims. He first rescued Mr. Hall and then went back for Mr. Fisher. Both men were unconscious when brought to shore and nearly two hours were required to fully resuscitate them. Had it not been for the bravery and fortitude of Ellsworth Hay, the two Torrance men would no doubt have lost their lives.

Torrance Blvd. Paving Resumed

Crew of 20 Men Is to Be Employed; Torrance Men Given Jobs

Work was resumed on the improvement of Torrance boulevard between Madrona avenue and the City of Redondo Beach this week following receipt of funds by the county from the P.W.A. Grading and widening of the boulevard was completed several weeks ago, but the laying of pavement was delayed pending adjustment of legal questions with authorities in Washington. Now that this difficulty has been overcome, it is expected that the improvement will be completed without further delay.

About 20 men will be employed on the job, City Engineer Leonard advised the city council Tuesday night, and stated that he had been assured by contractors that if Torrance men can qualify for the work they will be employed. Leonard stated that six Torrance men were notified to report for work Friday and Saturday but that only four showed up.

Dillinger Said To Be Cruising In This Section

Constable's Office Receives Call to Lomita Market to Catch Elusive Bandit

A call from A.P.'s Market, on Redondo-Wilmington boulevard, Lomita, to the constable's office Tuesday with the word that two men, one of whom was said to be the much-wanted John Dillinger, had stopped there to make purchases, sent Constable C. E. Taber on a hunt for the pair.

The proprietor of the market stated that one man entered his place of business to buy sandwich meat and cigarettes while the other remained in the car, a Chevrolet sedan. The man in the car was supposed to be Dillinger. The license number on the sedan was taken and traced to a South Gate address, where the plates were said to have been stolen from an old Star car.

The two men disappeared in the direction of Redondo Beach and were not apprehended.

District Meeting Co. Farm Bureau Friday, April 6

Head of Legal Department Will Talk On Farm, Home, Crop Loans

J. J. Deuel, head of the legal department, California Farm Bureau Federation, will speak at the elementary school auditorium, West Palm avenue, Gardena, on Friday evening, April 6, under the direction of the division of Los Angeles County Farm Bureau, Southwest Center.

Mr. Deuel will speak on the AAA, California pro-rata act, and credit act. He will explain the part the farm bureau has taken in settling up these legislative acts. Mr. Deuel is thoroughly conversant with all the legal aspects of all production and marketing matters, farm loans, home loans, crop loans, etc. He is a very able and interesting as well as instructive speaker. This meeting will be of special value to all ranchers and home owners. No admission is charged, the meeting is free to the public, and all interested parties are invited to attend.

Council Nears Close of Term

Efforts of Klusman to Start Argument Flop For Lack of Support

"It's gettin' near the last round-up," somebody said at the city council meeting Tuesday night, which may be one reason that no important actions were taken this week, and the meeting adjourned at least an hour earlier than usual.

Efforts of Councilman Klusman to start a political argument with Mayor Ludlow fell flat when Klusman's motion asking that the committee memberships on the city council be re-distributed failed for want of a second. Mayor Ludlow has stated repeatedly that he did not favor making any adjustments in the present committees until after the new council was seated, as such action would only mean confusion in city departments and that new committees would have to be appointed after the election anyway.

The next meeting of the council will be held on April 10, the day after election. This will be the last regular meeting of the present council. The April 10 meeting will be adjourned until April 16 in order to canvass the vote and swear in the newly-elected members.

Rotary Club Elect Five New Directors
New directors of the Torrance Rotary Club elected last week are Donald Findley, Charles V. Jones, Sherwood McIntyre, Arthur Wald-lich and Harvel Guttenfelder. The new board is expected to meet soon and elect a president, vice president and secretary for the year beginning July 1.

Stolen Car Recovered

Ray Tomkins, 1811 Gramercy, reported to police that his car had been stolen from in front of his home some time Sunday morning. The car was later found parked near the National Supply Co. plant and returned to its owner.

APPIAN WAY MADE 80-FOOT HIGHWAY
Appian Way, in the Lomita district, is designated as an 80-foot traffic artery by an ordinance adopted by the board of supervisors this week, fixing building lines as 40 feet on either side of the center line of the street.

The regulations are to apply between the 263rd street and Wilmington road.

Walteria Calls Political Mass Meeting Tonight

All candidates for municipal offices at the Torrance general election, April 9, have been invited to speak at a mass meeting called for 8 o'clock tonight (Thursday) in the Walteria Community church.

While several candidates have indicated that they will speak at the meeting, a number of others have expressed regrets at not being able to appear on the program because of previous engagements.

Removal of "Stop" signs at the intersections of Post and Avington and Cravens and Engracia, and the painting of "Slow" signs on the pavements instead, is expected as the result of action taken by the Torrance city council Tuesday night. While final decision is left to members of the street and police committees, following a survey of traffic signals throughout the city, the above named intersections were referred to by members of the council.

Painting of "Slow" signs on streets leading into Carson street was also recommended.

Parents who are interested in the work their children are doing here are invited to come to the recreation center building to see the exhibits of handwork. Many novel playthings, and useful articles are on display.

Mr. Paul has charge of the chess game on Friday evening at 7:30, and also directs the harmonica band on Saturday morning. Those who play are requested to bring harmonicas in the key of C Saturday morning from 11 to 12, for practice.

An Easter egg hunt will be held at Recreation Center building, 1316 Cabrillo avenue, Saturday from 2 to 3. This is for children between the ages of six and ten.

All children who attend the playgrounds regularly will be included in the trips to beaches, large fishing and other out-of-town trips.

Ooh! Look What Bunny Brought



Baby LeRoy, youthful film star, is gazing avidly over a choice selection of gifts from the Easter bunny.

Council Appropriates Small Sum For Playground Material

Miss Josephine Odell, playground director, appeared before the city council last Tuesday night, to lay before that body several matters of importance to the playground work, and to ask an appropriation of a small sum for the purchase of needed equipment. The sum of \$15 was voted.

Miss Odell was highly commended by Mayor Scott E. Ludlow for her efficient handling of the recreation department here.

A large exhibit of specimens of handwork made by the children of the community, some 400 or 500 of whom attend the playground centers each week, was on display.

Interest in the recreation centers is growing, and a number of volunteer workers are kept busy every day.

Federal funds will not be available to pay the workers after today, but the work is proceeding just the same with the workers giving their services as a labor of love and devotion to the interests of the children.

Various activities are in progress. Saturday afternoon, Miss Nohr, action story teller, keeps a group intensely interested at the Chamber of Commerce rooms from 1 to 2 o'clock.

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Beloved 'Mother' of Legion Post Passes On Tues.

Mrs. Nellie B. Crossland Succumbs After Long Illness

Mrs. Nellie B. Crossland, age 75, well known in Torrance and well beloved as the "mother" of the Bert S. Crossland Post and Auxiliary, American Legion, passed on Tuesday, March 27, after a long illness, at her home, 1330 Engracia avenue.

Mrs. Crossland had resided in Torrance for the past 19 years. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Mary Harder of Torrance and Mrs. Minnie Middleton of Long Beach. Four grandchildren survive her, Mrs. Nellie Middleton Pratt, Dorothy Middleton, of Long Beach, Richard Crossland, Los Angeles, and Bert Harder of Torrance.

Her son, Bert S. Crossland, for whom the local Post is named, lost his life in Belgium the victim of a German air raid at Waerwegen, during the early days of the World war.

Christian Science services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from Stone & Myers chapel, with the American Legion Auxiliary in charge of the last rites at the grave. Interment was made at Inglewood.

Death Claims Old Residents of This City

Three Homes in Torrance and Vicinity Visited By Grim Reaper

Mrs. Hattie N. Wright, age 66, passed away early Monday morning at the family residence, 1529 Marcelina avenue, after an extended illness. She had been a resident of California for 35 years, for the past 11 years in Torrance.

She is survived by her husband, Alan Wright.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 28, at the Forty-second street-Avalon boulevard church, with interment at Inglewood.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon, March 28, at 2 o'clock, from Stone & Myers chapel, 2049 Main street, Julian City, who passed away in Los Angeles on March 26 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Members of the Long Beach Elks lodge conducted the services. Interment was made at Roosevelt Memorial Park. Mr. Cretzler is survived by his widow, Mrs. Henrietta Cretzler, a son and daughter.

Mrs. Mary D. Hankins, 1908 Arlington, died at her home, Thursday, March 22, at the advanced age of 83 years, seven months and six days. She was a native of Belleville, Illinois, and had resided in Torrance for the past 11 years. She is survived by three sons, William Hawkins, residing in Torrance, and two in the east.

Funeral services were held from Stone & Myers chapel, Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment was made at Roosevelt Memorial Park.

ASSEMBLYMAN KING WILL SPEAK TUES. TO DEMOCRATIC CLUB
Hon. Cecil King, assemblyman from the 67th district, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Democratic Club, on Tuesday evening, April 3, at Earl's Cafe.

All Democrats of Torrance and vicinity are invited to attend. A free buffet lunch will be served. Entertainment consisting of several singing and dancing acts will round out the program.

FOUR ITALIANS HELD HERE ON SUSPICION OF 'BUNKO'

Suitcases Containing Mysterious Wooden Cases, Damp Currency, Box of Chemicals In Vials, Found In Possession of Newly Arrived Strangers

Four Italians, suspected of being the moving spirits in a complicated bunko machine game, who moved into Torrance and Redondo Beach last Sunday, were picked up by police on Tuesday and returned to Los Angeles in custody of deputy sheriffs from Capt. Stensland's robbery detail for investigation.

They were Joseph Governale, 1055 Fifth avenue, Los Angeles, whose business address was given as 9325 San Fernando Road, Burbank; Sam Governale, 2915 West View street, taken into custody by Calder and Stroh on request of Redondo Beach police; Frank Genovese, no address, taken into custody at a local hotel, by Traffic Officer William Malin and William Colosonno, also known as Cardone, picked up in Redondo Beach.

Redondo Beach headquarters for the quartet was located in a house on South Elena just off Torrance boulevard, where a suitcase containing an alleged "bunko machine," and another case containing unlabeled vials of chemicals, bearing the fingerprints of one of the four, were found.

In Genovese's room at a Torrance hotel another suitcase containing another of the alleged "bunko machines" was found. Two boxes of currency, one containing about \$650, were also seized by the deputies and are being held as possible evidence. The bills were still damp, but officers were unable to determine whether they were extremely deceptive counterfeit bills which had just been made, or had been dampened for some other purpose.

A fifth man is said to have visited Genovese in Torrance, and the two are alleged to have driven into the Keystone territory on Tuesday, but only Genovese returned to this city.

The two Governales, after being questioned, were set at liberty, but Genovese and Colosonno, who is said to have already done a stretch at San Quentin when he was known as Cardone, were detained, pending the lodging of complaints by possible victims.

The supposed "bunko" machine consisted of a wooden box having a small door in one end, which was locked with a key. It contained a couple of sliding drawers into which it is supposed that blank paper is inserted to be converted into currency.

No reports of possible victims in this section have been turned in to police in this city, but a thorough investigation of the matter is being made under the personal direction of Capt. Stensland of the robbery detail of the sheriff's office.

When taken in charge here, the Governales were driving a Chrysler S sedan, registered to T. Marsalis, 3091 South Figueroa, Los Angeles. Joseph Governale was found to be carrying a pistol permit for a J. Smith & Wesson, issued by the sheriff's office.

Genovese, who registered at the local hotel Sunday night, was found to have no other baggage than the suitcase containing the mysterious wooden box. He declared to Capt. Stensland in badly broken English, that Torrance "is a bad place. Somebody slips in my room and put box there. I not know anything about it."

Shortly after the four had been taken to Los Angeles, two other individuals, one of them said to be an attorney and the other wearing a police badge, appeared at the Redondo Beach station house, where they inquired as to the disposition of the case and endeavored to have the men brought back to that city and local charges placed against them.

Their attempts were fruitless, and the pair disappeared.

While in custody in Redondo, Colosonno is said to have "propagated" the local officers to accept the \$650 in damp currency to "forget the matter." His offer was refused.

SHARPS RETURNS
Frank C. Sharps, who has been living in Golden, Colorado, for several months, since the death of his wife, writes that he is returning to Santa Ana to make his home for the present.

April 20 Last Day to Escape Tax Penalties

Deadline for Partial Payment Plan Is Set for Next Month

Taxpayers of Torrance who want to take advantage of the saving on delinquent taxes as authorized by legislative action last year, must do so before April 20, 1934, according to an official bulletin issued by the Los Angeles county auditor.

Until April 20, 1934, the delinquent taxpayer is privileged to redeem property, from tax sales without penalties. Interest however will be charged at 7 per cent per annum.

On the tax of 1931 and prior years, the interest is computed from July 1, 1932. On the tax of 1932, the interest is computed from July 1, 1933.

After April 20, 1934, penalty will be computed on the basis of 1 per cent per month if redeemed within five years from July 1 of the year of sale to the state; starting with the sixth year the penalty will be 1/2 of 1 per cent per month. In addition the tax collector's penalties and advertising costs will be charged on the first year delinquent.

For those unable to redeem in full, a partial payment plan is provided, allowing payments to be extended over a ten-year period. The plan must be adopted by April 20, 1934, or it can not be used.

The first payment consists of all interest then due, plus 10 per cent of the delinquent taxes. Subsequent payments are likewise 10 per cent of the interest plus all taxes plus all interest which has accrued on the unpaid balance. At least one 10 per cent payment must be made each fiscal year by April 20. The current tax must be paid in full on or before April 20 each year to keep the plan in effect. Upon failure to meet these conditions, the partial payments already made are forfeited.

Work Begins This Week On Sepulveda Boulevard Paving

With the contract awarded and work scheduled to begin this week on the paving of Sepulveda boulevard between Pico and National boulevards, the county road department now is making renewed efforts to obtain the right-of-way between National and Venice boulevards. National boulevard is approximately half way between Pico and Venice.

Contract for the paving and improvement of the boulevard link between Pico and Venice boulevards. The city also asked permission at that time to use \$163,000 of its quarter-cent share of gasoline tax funds for the improvement of Sepulveda between Beverly and Ventura boulevards, through the Santa Monica mountain range.

TRIAL DATE SET
April 25 has been fixed for the trial of J. A. De Groat, charged with driving while intoxicated in Torrance last February 28.

De Groat, who was bound over by Judge Charles T. Rippey last March 1, pleaded not guilty to the charges when arraigned in Los Angeles superior court Wednesday.