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SALARIES OF JUSTICE COURT STAFFS SET BY SUPERVISORS

Mrs. Bertha Wilcox May Serve in Both Torrance and Redondo Offices; Court Trials At Torrance in Doubt

Provisions for justices of the peace, court clerks, assistant court clerks, constables and deputy constables in Lomita (Torrance) and the other 25 townships that will comprise Los Angeles county on and after January 7, were made in a salary ordinance adopted by the county supervisors.

Eleven of the justices will receive the maximum salaries of \$350 a month, provided for class A townships. Other salaries are fixed at \$175, \$165, \$150, \$125, \$75 and \$50 a month. Constables and deputies also receive varying salaries, the maximum being \$200 monthly.

Inglewood (with which Lomita (Torrance), Redondo Beach, Gardena and La Rambla townships will be merged) is allotted two justices at \$350 a month, one constable at \$120 and one deputy at \$100. The second justice was provided for Inglewood township by a special order of the supervisors this week, to which position Judge A. F. Monroe, incumbent who was defeated for re-election, was appointed. Whether an additional constable or deputy constable will be appointed for the township after January 7 was not indicated. However, plans are being discussed for keeping both the Torrance and Redondo Beach offices open with the clerk alternating her time three days a week in each office. It has also been learned from sources believed to be authentic that Mrs. Bertha Wilcox, clerk at Torrance, will be assigned to the Torrance and Redondo Beach offices after January 7.

Corps of Federal Workers About Ready to Begin House-to-House Canvass in Modernization Drive

An organization of federal workers who will begin the task shortly of contacting every resident of Torrance and Lomita to explain the provisions of the modernization loans now offered through the National Housing Act was being rapidly whipped into shape this week. Headquarters for the campaign in this district are located at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and the 20 federal employees who will conduct the canvass will be supervised by L. B. Kelsey. Definite date for starting the drive will be announced in next week's Herald, Mr. Kelsey states.

Young Husband Taken By Death In Heart Attack

Paul W. Zuver, Well-Known Resident, Passes Away Suddenly Tuesday

Paul Wellington Zuver, age 27, son of Mrs. Nellie Zuver, 1011 Portola avenue, died very suddenly at his home early Tuesday morning, November 27, from a heart attack.

Chronic Myocarditis was given as the cause of death. Mr. Zuver was taken ill during the night and a physician was summoned but the well-known young man passed away shortly after the doctor's arrival.

Friends of the family were deeply shocked by the news, as it had not been known that Mr. Zuver was in anything but the best of health.

He was born in Pennsylvania, and had resided in Torrance for the past 19 years. He was engaged in the electrical business and for the past year had charge of maintenance of the electric lighting system for the city of Torrance.

He is survived by his bride of three weeks, Mrs. Katherine Roberts Zuver, whom he married November 4 at the Lomita Community church; his mother, Mrs. Nellie Zuver, of the home address; four brothers, Verne L. of Lomita, George, of Detroit, Nelson, of Yorba Linda; and Wilbert, of Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania.

More Grading Is Asked For Catalina Ave.

City Engineer Presents Resolution to Provide Additional Work For SERA Men

Additional work for men employed by SERA on the widening of Catalina avenue in the Hollywood Riviera section of Torrance, was proposed in a resolution presented by City Engineer Frank Leonard, and adopted by the council Tuesday night.

Grading on the present job is practically completed and when finished no other jobs of this nature are in sight for SERA workers, Leonard explained. The new proposal asks for additional grading to be done on the west side of the street, which is now 70 feet wide, to make it still wider in anticipation of heavy traffic when the street is paved.

About 30,000 yards of dirt will be moved under the new set-up. The resolution was drawn up in response to a petition from residents of that section, and principally for the purpose of providing additional labor for men on the unemployed relief rolls.

Councilman W. T. Klusman suggested that similar work should be done on Narbonne avenue in the city limits of Torrance, but was informed that this project had already been completed some time ago by the county before this section of Lomita was annexed to Torrance and that very little work remained to be done there.

Mr. Leonard also reported that while he had received assurances from High Lawrence, secretary to Chairman John R. Quinn of the board of supervisors, that the proposed county work on Cedar avenue would be undertaken after January 1, no definite commitment had been made as to the exact date. The city's agreement with the General Petroleum Corporation regarding the opening of this street expires December 31. Whether a further extension of time can be obtained is not known at this time.

Assemblyman Goes To Sacramento To Promote Convention

Hon. John Rawls, assemblyman from the 68th District, left San Pedro this week to spend a few days in Sacramento, conferring with other members of the state legislature regarding procedure to handle the work of drafting a new state constitution. Rawls is responsible for the bill, introduced in the last session of the legislature, which brought about the adoption of the proposition on the November ballot to furnish the state with a new basic law. The machinery to call an election for the selection of members of the constitutional convention, will be set in motion when the new assembly meets in January.

EXPLOSIVES PLANT TO BE BUILT IN MINT CANYON SOON

Halifax Explosives Company Acquire Site For First Major Concern of Its Kind In Southern California; Building Under Way

Construction work on Southern California's first major explosives plant, a \$100,000 plant in Mint Canyon, was well under way today, according to officers of the corporation. Thirty men are employed in the erection of 13 units, all of them with corrugated iron covering. The plant is the most important industrial announcement since the Hughes-Mitchell plant.

The site in Mint Canyon, just back of the Baker ranch, is the sole area in Los Angeles county that an explosives manufacturing plant can now be located, because of the requirements for isolation and safety, it was explained.

The Halifax Explosives Company, which is erecting the plant, is a recently-formed closed corporation. It was learned, Chief officer of the firm is Melville Dozier, Jr., of Los Angeles, former state flood control engineer, former manager of the state reclamation board, and former communication engineer of the Southern Pacific railroad. Other officers are: Laud D. Byers, of Glendale; Charles A. Neville, of San Francisco, both vice presidents, and Ray Wilburn, secretary, of Los Angeles.

Byers is the inventor of a new modern method of powder manufacturing, developed over a period of seven years and approved after exacting tests in all lines of work, it was learned. Plans for formation of the company have been worked out quietly during the past several months, it was learned.

Financial backing for the new concern is being provided by E. P. Halliburton, well-known Los Angeles and Oklahoma oil man, who accompanied the letter, representing two per cent of the gross receipts for the fiscal year. Members of the council factiously inquired of the clerk whether the entire amount had been deposited in one bank.

The council granted the request of the Veterans Co-operative Relief Association for an appropriation of \$750 to provide little gifts for the children of members of the association, to be presented at their annual Christmas party on Saturday, December 22. There are 250 children to be remembered.

Repairs to the neon sign at Truck boulevard and Carson street were ordered. This sign has been out of order for several weeks.

A letter from the State Compensation Insurance Co. was read commending the city of Torrance for its fine record for last year. A dividend check for \$298.85 was enclosed.

The council authorized the appropriation of \$391.50 from the funds derived from the sale of wood, to pay for labor and handling of trees donated by the Del Amo nurseries to be used in beautifying certain streets in Torrance. Between 3000 and 3000 trees will be acquired, which will be set out along certain main highways and streets in the city. The work of transplanting them will begin shortly.

A sidewalk along the east side of Arlington avenue, leading to the municipal park, has been completed.

A contract with B. J. Scott of the Torrance Electric Shop, for the servicing of street lighting in the city for the balance of the year, was authorized. The contract had been awarded for the year to P. W. Zuver, now deceased.

Probation Is Denied Hazlip

Probation was denied R. A. Hazlip and he was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail when he appeared before Superior Judge William C. Doran Wednesday on charges of having driven a car on Hawthorne boulevard, October 1, while intoxicated.

Hazlip was pursued by Officer Percy G. Bennett of the Torrance police department from Walthers to Wilshire boulevard and Kensington street in Los Angeles. He was arraigned in the local township court and bound over to superior court. He first pleaded not guilty but later changed his plea to guilty and applied for probation.

City Plans to Buy Two Acres For Reservoir

Resolution Proposes Change in Plans For Acquiring C.C.M.O. Property

Some change of plans in regard to the water system development, after the city takes over the system of the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company, appeared in a resolution adopted by the city council Tuesday night. Instead of purchasing outright the six acres, held under option from the C. C. M. O. Company, it is now proposed to acquire two acres, at a cost of \$4500 with two easements over the rest of the property for access and pipeline purposes. Option on the other four acres will be obtained, so that this property may be acquired when and if needed.

The change in arrangements is due to the anticipated connection with the Metropolitan Water District aqueduct, a few years hence, which will provide the city with ample water resources.

In the meantime the city proposes to erect steel tanks as water containers, instead of constructing a reservoir as had first been contemplated. The reservoir would not be needed, it was pointed out, when the connections with the Metropolitan is made, and therefore involves a useless expense.

It is the intention of the city to proceed in due time with the drilling of wells to provide water for early use, which will provide a standby for emergencies later in case of failure of the water supply from the Colorado river.

Councilman W. T. Klusman voiced his objections to the proposed change and moved to defer action. The motion was lost, for want of a second, and the council proceeded to adopt the resolution as presented by the city attorney, Klusman voting in the negative.

New Board Must Decide Fate of Handbill Ord.

Supervisors File Legislation On Distribution of Advertising Matter

It will be left to the new board of supervisors to decide whether or not the proposed handbill ordinance should be adopted to govern the distribution of handbills in Lomita and other county areas.

This was the decision of the county supervisors this week, when on motion of Supervisor Roger Jessup they "took under advisement" the newly-drafted ordinance, and placed it in their files meantime.

Request for the ordinance was made by the Lomita Chamber of Commerce. It was declared that a household's absence could be detected by observing the handbills left on front porches, and that burglars were entering many homes in the area. Great numbers of the handbills on porches and yards also are unsightly, it was declared.

Following requests for the ordinance, objections were voiced by interested groups throughout the county. One of the last objections was from the legal firm of Young, Lillich, Olson and Kelly, said to be representing a large Los Angeles shopping news concern. They asked that they be advised of the time set for hearing on the ordinance.

Tax Collections Running Ahead of Same Time Last Yr.

Optimism pervades the atmosphere of the county tax collector's office. The reason: Tax collections this year are 2.4 per cent ahead of those for a similar period of last year, according to the books of Tax Collector H. D. Alfonso.

More than \$1,000,000 a day now is rolling into the county coffers. The day's collections announced Wednesday afternoon were \$1,237,737. The office was to be opened again Friday morning at 8 o'clock.

Deadline for payment of first installment is next Wednesday at 5 p. m., after which an 8 per cent penalty will be added. This applies to both secured and unsecured taxes, it was pointed out. Total collections to date are \$12,814,715, while those at the corresponding date last year were but \$10,666,257.

COMPLETION OF NEW SEWER LINK ANNOUNCED BY WARREN

Service On Behalf of Hughes-Mitchell Plant Now in Operation; Two Other Units, One Serving West Torrance, Under Construction

Completion of the new link of the Metropolitan sewer line that will serve the new \$1,000,000 Torrance plant of the Hughes-Mitchell Company was announced today by A. K. Warren, chief engineer.

The link, 3500 feet long, was constructed in a private right-of-way north of 23rd street, from Normandie avenue westerly to the company's plant site. A 10-inch vitrified clay pipe was laid by the district under force account, giving employment to 25 workmen, mostly laborers.

Adequate sewer facilities was one of the first things that the company's representatives inquired about when they were considering the Torrance location. It was learned. The company will reimburse the district for the cost of constructing the extension.

Two other sanitary sewer units are under construction by the district, Warren pointed out. One of them is the west Torrance trunk sewer, to serve the southern part of Torrance, and the other is east of Hawthorne. Each will cost \$87,340, and are under construction as SERA projects.

The West Torrance project begins at 228th and Myler streets and jogs southwesterly by one and two-block jogs. The Hawthorne job is known as the Manchester avenue pump trunk sewer, and extends along the El Segundo line of the Pacific Electric railroad, and connects with the District No. 5 main near Williams street and old Broadway, in Hawthorne. It will serve the Western and Normandie avenue population centers.

Ordinance Fixes License Fee For Games of Skill

Ordinance No. 261 was passed for the first reading at the meeting of the city council on Tuesday night. This ordinance provides for the licensing of certain games of skill known as the marble game, and establishes penalties for violation of its provisions. A license fee of \$15 per annum for each table was fixed.

The ordinance also prohibits playing of the game by minors under the age of 18 years. Maximum penalties of \$300 fine or 90 days in jail, or both, are fixed.

U. S. Chamber of Commerce Meets Next Week In City of Los Angeles

Business leaders of national repute and executives prominently identified with industrial and trade activities in the West will participate in the discussion of National Recovery problems at the western divisional meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, which will be held in Los Angeles, California, December 2, 3 and 4.

A number of Torrance representatives will attend. Among the speakers who will lead the discussions are: Paul Shoup, vice chairman Southern Pacific Company; E. Richard West, president United States Junior Chamber of Commerce; Paul Smith, financial editor San Francisco Chronicle; Col. W. H. Greeley, manager West Coast Lumbermen's Association, Seattle; Hon. Lawrence M. Judd, former governor of Hawaii, Honolulu; Henry I. Harriman, president Chamber of Commerce of the United States; John W. O'Leary, president Machinery and Allied Products Institute, Chicago; C. C. Teague, president California Fruit Growers Exchange, Los Angeles.

The opening session will be a dinner Saturday evening, December 2, at the Biltmore Hotel, at which the subject "Communism" will be discussed by Dr. Frederic E. Woodner of the University of California at Los Angeles, and E. Richard West, president of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The delegates will be welcomed at the general session Monday morning by Harry L. Harper, president of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. Following the keynote address by Paul Shoup, John W. O'Leary, a former president of the National Chamber, will discuss "Business and Its Future," bringing out the current trends in capital expenditures and taxation.

At a luncheon meeting on Monday, December 3, Roger Lapham, president of the American Hawaiian Steamship Company, will discuss foreign trade, the merchant marine and reciprocal tariffs. The Honorable Florence Prag Kahn, congresswoman of California, will open the discussion on government's relation to business at the afternoon session. She will be followed by C. C. Teague and Harper Sibley, of Rochester, New York, both of whom will discuss various aspects of the agricultural situation. At the banquet in the evening, President Harriman will speak on the subject of "A National Viewpoint."

Col. W. B. Greeley, Seattle, will address the meeting on the subject of "The Natural Resource Industries" at the general session Tuesday morning. Paul Smith, San Francisco, will give impressions of "The New Deal" and the former governor of Hawaii, the Honorable Lawrence M. Judd, will indicate the "Value of Hawaiian Commerce." Dr. A. H. Giannini will address the luncheon meeting on "The Future of Banking," and C. C. Chapman, of Portland, will open the discussion for the afternoon session on "The Financing of Unemployment."

Delegates have been urged to bring forward for discussion problems arising out of the National Recovery Program and it is anticipated that recommendations will be embodied in a series of resolutions expressing the viewpoint of western trade and industry. The meeting will be attended by business men, representative of business organizations in the seven western states, Hawaii and Alaska comprising the Western Division of the National Chamber.