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## More Arrests Made

### Two More Defendants Charged With Unlawfully Accepting Relief In Court

Michael Keaveny, 243 1/2 South Juanita, Redondo Beach, and Isadora Ruiz, 717 167th street, Gardena, were arraigned before Judge Robert F. Lessing, of the city police court, Tuesday morning, on charges of petty theft. The charges were filed by officials of the SERA, based on the alleged acceptance of the two men of relief checks while they were gainfully employed.

Both men are employed at the Columbia Steel plant. The complaint in the case of Keaveny alleged that he had been steadily employed since April 1, 1934, and that he had during that time accepted direct relief checks amounting to about \$45 a month. His pay from the mills averaged \$60 a month.

He pleaded guilty to four counts and was given a sentence of 180 days in jail, of which 150 days were suspended, and the balance will be served in the county workhouse. In the case of Ruiz, the balance of the sentence was suspended, and she will be served in the county workhouse. In the previous case handled last week, two days without meals each week for a period of 15 weeks. Complete restitution of the funds unlawfully accepted must be made.

Ruiz, after some discussion, in which he disclaimed any knowledge of the affair through his interpreter, finally pleaded guilty to six counts and received a similar sentence. Records showed that he had been steadily employed at the mills since February, 1928, where he received an average salary of \$85 per month.

In all cases the defendants are required to sign an affidavit acknowledging the receipt of relief funds unlawfully, and a note for the repayment of the funds, which payment can be made in regular installments if necessary. Warrants were issued for five other alleged "chiselers" who will be brought into court to face similar charges. The arrests have resulted from the drive now being made by SERA officials to clean up the relief rolls and remove all those who are not entitled to receive county aid.

On Tuesday Jesse Puckett, 219 South Irena, Redondo Beach, and Benjamin Yoho, 129 Third street, Hermosa Beach, were brought into the city police court where they made arrangements to repay the amounts they had received on direct relief. The SERA report on the Puckett case showed that he has a son who was listed as a dependent when Puckett applied for relief but that shortly afterward the son secured a job with the Southern California Edison Company which paid him \$100 a month.

Yoho has been employed at the Gladding-Bean tile works in Hermosa Beach since February 6, 1935, averaging \$60 a month. He has been on the direct relief rolls since January.

In the case of Michael Keaveny, while he admitted having accepted the direct aid, it is learned that he has besides his wife a family of seven children. His earnings of \$60 a month were scarcely adequate to take care of them properly, and his acceptance of relief, while unlawful and regrettable, is scarcely as great an offense as if he had been earning as much as some of the others who have fewer dependents.

## Monday Night Will Be Torrance Night At Housing Exposition

Next Monday night will be Torrance night at the National Housing Exposition, held at the exposition grounds on Beverly boulevard near Fairfax. A caravan of local citizens including Mayor Scott R. Ludlow and other officials of the city and Chamber of Commerce will meet at the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

Tickets which sell for 40 cents at the exposition grounds are on sale here at the Chamber of Commerce, the Southern California Edison and the Southern California Gas Company offices, at the reduced price of 25 cents.

The National Housing Exposition is the most significant event staged in the Southland since the Olympic Games. It is a great constructive, non-profit, co-operative effort, supported by every important factor in the industrial and business life of this section. The program consists of many educational and entertaining demonstrations which are held daily and nightly. The Theatre of the Stars, which seats 3,000 people, will be the scene of many performances, all of them exceptional in merit, and which favorites of the stage, screen and radio take part. A continuous program of band concerts, symphonic, radio, dance and entertainment orchestras, will thrill and entertain.

Torrance high school students in the wood-working classes have sent a model house which is part of the "Village of Tomorrow" where all the types of buildings, including residences, stores, theatres, etc. are displayed as part of the housing exhibit.

## JUVENILE DEPT. OF POLICE MAY BE ORGANIZED

### Mayor Appoints 17 Citizens to Study Proposal of Councilman Stanger

Organization of a juvenile police department in Torrance for the purpose of decreasing delinquencies among minors was proposed at the city council meeting Tuesday evening by Councilman Wm. H. Stanger, chairman of the police and fire committee. Similar juvenile police departments have been organized in Gardena, Inglewood, Lynwood and a number of other cities.

On motion of Councilman Stanger, it was decided to appoint a group of citizens, representing various clubs and organizations, to act as a co-ordinating council. Mayor Ludlow appointed the following to serve on the preliminary committee: Police Commissioner W. T. Stanger, Police Chief Calder, City Judge Lessing, City Attorney Rippy, all representing the city; and Arthur G. Waldreich, principal of the high school; Play Rowley (Masons), McNew E. H. (Knights of Columbus), Robert W. Lowell (Boy Scouts), J. W. Leech (Kiwanis), Geo. P. Shidder (Rotary), Miss L. W. Fraser (Business and Professional Women's Club), Mrs. Irvin Pous (P. T. A.), Mrs. Juliette Johnson (Woman's Club), R. J. Deininger (Elder League), Rev. George E. Elder (Ministerial Assn.), and R. R. Smith (Chamber of Commerce).

It is expected that Chairman Stanger will call a meeting of the committee at an early date. It is reported that Councilman Stanger became interested in the organization of a local juvenile police department after hearing a talk by C. G. Crawford of Santa Monica, the county probation department is also active in the "Co-ordinating Council," supervisory body of the juvenile departments.

## Man Found Dead In Police Cell Monday Morning

### Autopsy Discloses Death of John Carrigan Due to Natural Causes

An autopsy, performed Tuesday on the person of John P. Carrigan, 1004 Coia, who was found dead Monday morning, disclosed that death had resulted from natural causes and not as the result of an accident in which Carrigan received a blow on the head which cut a gash in his scalp.

Carrigan was found lying on the floor at the door of a cell in the city police station, where he had been placed Sunday afternoon had been placed Sunday afternoon. Chief of Police G. M. Calder, Officer Ernest Ashton and Police Judge Robert F. Lessing were called to the Carrigan home about 1:30 Sunday afternoon, where Carrigan was found to be in an advanced state of intoxication. He was brought to the police station and placed on a bunk in one of the cells.

At various times during the afternoon and night, he was spoken to by officers on duty and responded each time. Officer Frank Schumacher last spoke to the man about 2 o'clock Monday morning, asking how he was getting along. Carrigan stated that he was all right but could not sleep.

At 8:30 Monday morning Police Captain John Stroh entered the cell with a breakfast tray and called Carrigan to come out to eat. He placed the tray on the bench and threw open the door to the cells, when he saw Carrigan lying on the floor in a pool of blood.

A physician was called who gave his opinion that the man had been dead for about four hours. His scalp was cut with a small gash, but the autopsy, held Tuesday afternoon, disclosed that this injury had not been of a serious nature as neither the skull or brain showed signs of damage.

Carrigan was a native of Ohio, and had resided in Torrance for about two years.

### PASTOR LEAVES

Rev. John B. Speed, who has been pastor of the First Baptist church since 1925, has been transferred to La Habra, and left last week to preach his first sermon in the new charge last Sunday.

## Clever, Colossal Carnival At Torrance High Tomorrow Night

"Magnificent, wonderful, stupendous, colossal, gigantic" are the words which accurately describe the big carnival to be held Friday, May 24 at the high school. Freaks, eats, jazz bands, dances, sideshows, and concessions are some of the features for the gala affair, but the main event of the evening will be the crowning of the May Queen, and your snooty reporter has learned that there is a surprise treat in store along with this event.

On behalf of the school and in form of a warning, we should like to say to the citizens of Torrance that they should not be alarmed or dismayed if Friday noon there is much commotion downtown and many "haunting" noises echoing here and there, as it is only a parade advertising and celebrating the carnival which will be held from 2:30 to 4:30 in the afternoon, then resume again at 6:30 and continue 'til 10:30. The May Queen, who is yet to be elected, will be crowned at 8 p. m. Nominations for the honor, each of whom has a train of salesmen selling tickets in her behalf, are Olive Belle Huber, Joan Kirk, Laverella Lancaster, Martha Greaves, Jane Johnston, Edith Sleppy and Christine Ingram.

Concessions and booths will include candy, World Friendship dish, breaking, fortunate forum, dance, Latin Club, cold drinks, Scholastic Society, fortune telling, Girls' League, hayride, Commercial Club, "Julius Caesar," Junior high Scholarship, ice cream, Library Club, pineapple, Madrigal Singers, grab bag, G. A. A., freak show, Varsity Club, mail driving, important alumni meeting will be held in room 110 when new officers will be elected.

## Symphonic Orchestra Will Give Memorial Day Program At Park

Memorial Day, next Thursday, May 30, will be observed in Torrance with a patriotic program at the municipal park, when the Torrance Municipal Symphonic orchestra will repeat by request its program given recently at its first concert. The program will be augmented by the rendition of patriotic airs, and the Strauss "Rigs Danube" waltz.

Under the direction of George Mershon, the Torrance Symphonic orchestra is gaining steadily in technical skill and artistic performance. Its first concert was an outstanding success. The second appearance of the group should be even more pleasing since it has had the benefit of a public appearance and more rehearsals.

In addition to the musical program, which will be given at the band stand in the southwest corner of the park, the Americanization committee of the Boy Scouts, Crossland Post, American Legion, has provided a speaker.

The city is co-operating with Mr. Mershon and the Legion post by providing a piano and installing a loud speaker system so that all the program will be clearly audible to those near by in the park as well as those seated in the enclosure.

This is the first time for a number of years that Torrance has attempted to put on a Memorial Day program, and the citizens are urged to co-operate by attending the concert and patriotic program. The affair will begin promptly at 2 o'clock.

Stores and offices will be closed all day Thursday.

## Little Girl Mourns Loss of Her Pet

At the home of Mrs. Vivian Pateley, 1635 West 219th street, a little girl is tearfully calling and searching for her little dog Ruff. The dog is a white puppy, long dark spots and a dark face, long hair. It was last seen in the vicinity of the library on El Prado, two weeks ago, where some children are said to have picked it up. The little girl who owns Ruff is inconsolable, and the return of the little dog to its rightful owner will make her very happy.

## Additional Barracks Erected For SERA Workers At Alondra Park

With expectation of having a force of 200 SERA workers on June 1, 10 days hence, the county forestry department this week was supervising the erection of additional barracks at the camp in Alondra Park. Thus far, there has been a maximum working force of 30 available for labor on the development of the park, according to J. R. Wimmer, assistant county forester, and fire warden, who is supervising the work. Workers are "making hay," however, in the literal sense of the word, having harvested more than 150 tons of feed hay during the past several weeks, since the camp was established and operating. The hay will be used for feed for horses used by the forester and fire warden's department in the mountain sections of the county. Materials for construction of the extra barracks arrived on the camp site Monday, and a crew of carpenters was set to work at once in constructing the buildings. Erection of the new barracks will release portable barracks which were temporarily supplied by the forester's department and which are needed at other places in the county with the advent of the fire season. More rapid progress is expected to be made with construction when a full complement of 200 men is received June 1. The camp was started as a camp for transients, where young men picked up in railroad yards were put to work. Afterward it was turned into a state camp, for a certain type of single unemployed men.

## Senate Sustains President Veto

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 23.—(By United Press Assn.)—The Patman veterans' bonus bill was killed today when the United States Senate by a 40 to 54 vote sustained the veto of President Roosevelt. Opponents of the bonus polled seven more votes than the 33 required to sustain the President's veto. Bonus advocates are expected to push legislation for paying the bonus through another bill.

## Progress Made Toward Paving Cabrillo Ave.

### City Engineer Leonard Gives Encouraging Report At Council Meeting

Further encouraging developments toward the ultimate improvement and extension of Cabrillo avenue to connect with Eschelman avenue in Lomita were reported by City Engineer F. R. Leonard at the city council meeting Tuesday evening.

Cost of materials and supervision necessary to make the improvements between El Prado and Eschelman avenues, estimated at \$9,000, will be recommended by County Road Commissioner Alfred Jones to be paid out of gasoline funds, Leonard said. However, in order to make certain that this item is included in this year's county budget, the road commissioner advised that a letter from the city council requesting the same be addressed to Supervisor John R. Quinn, which was ordered by the city council Tuesday evening. Labor necessary to do the work will be supplied by the city, R. A. so that the entire improvement be made without cost to property owners on the street.

With assurance that improvement of the street would be conservative this summer, Mr. Leonard stated that he felt he would have no difficulty in receiving the deeds for the right of way through the Kettler property.

A communication from D. W. Pontius, president of the Pacific Electric Railway, stating that the railroad's board of directors had agreed to the plan of paving an additional 16 feet of roadway on Cabrillo between El Prado and Carson street, was also read at the council meeting. Under the terms of this agreement, the P. E. will grant an easement covering 16 feet along the west side of the right of way from Carson street north, reserving the Carson street to be paved and a curb constructed along the east line of paving, all without expense to the railroad. In return for this easement, the city agrees to make over its reversionary rights in respect to lots C, D, H and I, which rights the city might exercise in case of abandonment by the railroad of these sections for railroad purposes.

Mr. Pontius also states that when the city is prepared to improve the east side of its right of way on Cabrillo avenue, paving the street entirely, that the expense of moving the tracks to the center of the street and all other expense incident to the improvement shall be borne by the city. Mr. Pontius stated, terms of which have already been informally accepted by the city.

A written agreement setting forth the Pacific Electric Railway will be drafted in a few days, Mr. Pontius stated, terms of which have already been informally accepted by the city.

## Man Who Knew Lincoln Will Speak

Torrance Kiwanis Club will have the unusual honor next Monday night of listening to personal reminiscences of Abraham Lincoln, delivered by a man who knew the martyred President, Rev. Dr. Francis D. Blakeslee, of Los Angeles. Dr. Blakeslee, now 88 years old, lived in Washington, and at the time of Lincoln's assassination was employed as a clerk in the quartermaster general's office.

When a lad of 19 years, Dr. Blakeslee went to call on the President, and recorded in the diary he kept that he "shook his paw with a gusto." He saw Lincoln numerous times and heard him deliver his last public address. He marched behind the funeral cortege when Lincoln's body was borne to the train which took him to his last resting place in Springfield, Illinois, attended a part of the trial of the conspirators who were condemned for the assassination of John Corbett, the soldier who shot John Wilkes Booth.

Dr. Blakeslee's diary aided historians who recorded the known movements of the President from hour to hour on the last day of his life, to clear up one disputed point, the whereabouts of Lincoln during a part of the afternoon of the fatal day. According to Blakeslee, the public offices in Washington had closed, the day being Good Friday. With some companions Blakeslee went to the navy yard to see some monitors which were being advanced for the assassination of President Lincoln and his wife, arrived in their carriage, stopping near enough to the group to receive and return their salute. This fact was duly recorded in Blakeslee's diary, and became the proof furnished to the historians to clear up the debated point. Dr. Blakeslee, in spite of his advanced age, is active and alert and his narrative of events of Civil war days is clear and correct. He has devoted much time to the study of the life of Lincoln, and has delivered an address on Lincoln every February 12 for the past four years. In addition to this custom, he has spoken on the life of Lincoln before many audiences. On a trip around the world he addressed audiences in Rome, Jerusalem, Calcutta, and all through India, Australia, New Zealand, the Malay Peninsula and China. When he entered the office of the principal of a boy's school in Japan he found hanging on the walls pictures of Lincoln and Washington, showing the interest in that country in the two great figures of American history. Dr. Blakeslee is the chaplain of the Abraham Lincoln Fellowship, an organization composed of those who "saw, heard, met or knew Lincoln" formed in 1921. It has members all over the country.

## Opinion of Counsel

### Asked on Responsibility of City Officials Who Grant Tango Permits

Request that the board of supervisors ask the county counsel where responsibility lies in permitting tango, bingo and similar games to be operated in municipalities such as Long Beach, Hawthorne, Redondo Beach, Venice, Santa Monica and other incorporated territory was made this week by the county public welfare commission.

The question the commission wants an answer to is: "Can city officials be held responsible for permits issued for such games?" Also requested in the communication adopted Wednesday and sent to the supervisors was "an opinion from the county counsel as to the legality of slot machines, punch boards, pin and marble games and similar devices."

The commission also wants to know whether private clubs operating under the state charter as non-profit corporations with membership fees can be permitted to operate without city or county supervision or inspection where it is evident that in some cases some of the clubs appear to be run in this manner to evade the law as regards gambling and closing hours.

"Why are four gambling ships permitted to operate and who is responsible?" was another question the commission wanted an answer to. In connection with a proposed increase in dance hall fees it was suggested that all licensees bear the finger print of the person in whose name it was obtained. Separation of dance halls from beer parlors has been previously endorsed by the commission. Indicating that the members of the commission planned to do some corresponding in regard to general welfare conditions, the body requested the supervisors to supply its members with stationery for a limited appropriation for stamps and stenographic service and telephone. When the requests were read Wednesday afternoon, the supervisors took them under advisement.

For the past six months the old tango game, under various names, has been operating in Redondo Beach without a license, and at present the various houses conducting such games are drawing a daily crowd. Patrons of the games are not only residents of the beach cities but come from all the surrounding towns regularly to try their luck or skill at tossing the ball into the little compartments which set up the winning numbers. Games in Redondo Beach have a monthly payoff of \$18,000, which is an indication of the huge sums which are reaped from the daily patrons. There are apparently no restrictions as to age, sex or condition, set up by the owners of the games, and youths of high school age spend their money along with the older habitués.

As a further lure to the patron, there are hourly "games" when the pot is upped to \$750, \$10 and \$25 to the fortunate winner. With a card selling for a dime, or more when the big pots are to be played for, the take of the game proprietor runs into heavy figures on even an average day. On June 10 an election will be held in the bay district on the proposition to license these games. If it carries there will probably be a considerable increase in the number of tango, bingo, or similar games. Opportunities for gambling are not restricted in some of the establishments to these games, but include roulette and other games.

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## Boulevards In This Vicinity May Become Secondary Highways

Proposed inclusion of Torrance boulevard and Sepulveda boulevard between Western and Normandie avenues in the state's system of secondary highways, as proposed by the city of Los Angeles, is expected to be decided shortly in committee by the state legislature.

The proposed additions are in the Los Angeles sheeting addition, where Torrance boulevard is known as East Road, and Los Angeles county authorities have petitioned for the inclusion of other portions of Torrance and Sepulveda boulevards in the state's secondary system. This week the Los Angeles city council proposed nine other additions to the state secondary system, but none of them were in the Torrance area. Only projects in the south end of the city were in San Pedro, involving tunnels under the harbor channels to connect San Pedro with Terminal Island and Wilmington. Los Angeles city officials planned to appear before committees of both the assembly and the senate this week, along with Supervisor John H. Quinn and Roger W. Jessup, regarding a proposal of the state to include additional county highways in the state's secondary system. Opposition was expected, however, since it was reported that the state planned to withhold a large amount of the gasoline tax that heretofore has been apportioned out to the counties.

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\* FRIDAY NEXT WEEK \*  
\* On account of the Memorial Day holiday next Thursday, the office of the Torrance Herald will be closed all day. \*  
\* The Tri-City Shopping News will be distributed at 8 o'clock Friday morning and the Herald at the usual hour Friday afternoon. \*  
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