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Gilmeister Will Represent Exposition

Local headquarters of the California Pacific International Exposition, which opens its second season at San Diego on January 15, have been established here with L. J. Gilmeister, secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, as Torrance's "ambassador" to the world's fair, according to an announcement by Elwood T. Bailey, vice president of the exposition.

"Mr. Gilmeister has graciously consented to represent us in Torrance so that citizens of this area may know that they are an integral part of their exposition, which will open on a far grander scale in 1936," Bailey declared.

"His public-spirited offer of co-operation will benefit local residents in many ways. At his offices there will be available complete and last-minute news about programs and special events during the entire 1936 season of the exposition, as well as practical assistance in planning tours to San Diego."

Working in close contact with Mr. Gilmeister will be Mrs. Edna M. H. Davis and Fred Heitfeld of the exposition's Los Angeles offices.

Chief Steckel Is Speaker At P.T.A. Fathers' Night

More than 300 persons attended the annual fathers' night meeting held in the Woman's Club clubhouse, 1422 Engracia avenue, Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Elementary Parent Teachers Association.

Mrs. Irvin C. Rous presided. The collect was read by Mrs. M. Edwards, first vice president. The association song was sung and minutes of the previous meeting and of the executive board were read by the secretary, Mrs. W. H. Tolson. Mrs. Florence Buck and Mrs. Flora Waters presented the association with an American flag, a gift from Stephen A. Phillips Relief Corps. Rev. George Elder presented the flag standard which he made. Mrs. Rous graciously accepted both gifts. Scott R. Ludlow, mayor of the City of Torrance, was presented and introduced the guest speaker, former Chief of Police Steckel, of Los Angeles, now head of the traffic division. Chief Steckel spoke on safety for all.

The school program presented by the children included several readings, a playlet "Children of Safety Land," and selections by the glee club composed of sixth grade pupils. Selections by the mothers' chorus composed of local women and directed by Mrs. Alice Hazel, and an invitation to fathers to join the association, closed the meeting.

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Around the Council Table

An appropriation of \$150, recommended by the Chamber of Commerce, was sanctioned by the city council Tuesday night. The money will be used to pay for street decorations in the city, and on highways leading to town, and other promotion expenses for the Greater Torrance shopping days, December 6 and 7.

The council also appropriated \$150 for the annual Christmas party sponsored by the Torrance fire department on behalf of the children of the community.

An ordinance authorizing the vacating of a portion of Neece avenue in WALTERIA was passed on first reading.

The city council approved a bill of sale to the city of Los Angeles covering water meters in the shoestring strip, and also approved a transfer of portions of pipe line between the two cities. Service of water to the shoestring strip which has been made by the Torrance Municipal Water district ceased on October 21, when the new Los Angeles line bringing water from Owens Valley was completed to the harbor.

Councilman J. E. Hitchcock reported that he had contacted business men and residents along Torrance boulevard in regard to planting flowers and beautifying the parking in the center of that street. He said he learned that the business men were not in favor of the planting, and the some of the residents favored it. Since at present the city has no money to devote to the project, action in the matter was deferred until later.

On recommendation of the county planning commission, action was taken to change the names of Cedar avenue and Cypress street in Torrance to Crenshaw boulevard. These streets in Torrance, when the link through the General Petroleum Corporation property is completed, will form an extension to Crenshaw boulevard and by changing the names of these streets, less confusion to motorists will result. South of Sepulveda boulevard in this city the extension, as yet unopened to traffic, is known as Crenshaw boulevard. The city of Inglewood is also changing the name of Eighth street, which is a link in the boulevard to Crenshaw.

A communication signed by seven business men whose interests are located at the corner of Carson, Cabrillo and Cravens, asked the council to do something about the flood water which follows a rain and makes that corner a menace to property as well as to traffic. City Engineer Frank Leonard stated that already there are six pipe lines under the P. E. tracks at that point, which were expected to carry off the surplus but that this number is not enough and the street department will take some action to add to the number of lines, or find some other way to take care of the unpleasant situation. This spot is the lowest in elevation in the city and naturally collects more water than any other intersection.

The council asked for bids from board and non-board companies on insurance, covering the construction work on the proposed new buildings, library, city hall and auditorium.

Purchase of next year's supply of chemicals from McKesson Wholesale Drug Company, for use in the city water system was approved Tuesday night.

On advice of James L. Beebe, bond expert, the council adjourned to December 3, when action will be taken on the bids on the bond issues and contracts will be awarded for the erection of the proposed city buildings.

Favorable Action

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same time. The improvement of this boulevard will meet with approval among the residents along its line and in South Torrance who have been urging it for a long time.

Favorable action has also been taken by the WPA officials on providing funds for sewer service and a comfort station at the city park. Request for funds was made some time ago, and the money will soon be made available. The city will pay 20 percent of the labor, materials and supervision costs, amounting to about \$900.

Sore Throats Result of Dirt In L. A. Streets

Number of Influenza Victims Doubled In Past 10 Days, Says L. A. Reporter

With local merchants reporting increased Christmas business under ideal shopping conditions, metropolitan stores in the Los Angeles shopping area are faced with the problem of doing business in a city where the streets and gutters are overflowing with filth and dirt.

As yet, no settlement is in sight over the deadlock between the city council and Supervisor John Anson Ford regarding appropriations for keeping the streets clean. Trash containers have not been emptied for some time and refuse lies deep in the gutters. Hollywood streets, in Ford's district, present an equally uninviting appearance.

Influenza in Los Angeles has increased more than double the past ten days, according to advices received from the Herald's Los Angeles correspondent. Exceedingly dusty streets, made worse by the shuffling and crowding of Christmas shoppers, does not help such an epidemic. Continual passage of street cars and automobiles up and down the streets throws much dust into the air and aggravates the situation. Sore throats and colds are very prevalent among Los Angeles citizens, and the continued inhaling of germ-laden dust particles is in no small way responsible.

Crew At Work Clearing Road For Extension

Western Avenue Project Between Lomita and San Pedro Under Way

More than 125 men were at work this week on the Western avenue extension, which is being put through the Palos Verdes Hills between Lomita and San Pedro as a WPA project.

No power equipment had arrived on the job yet early this week, and the 125 laborers were engaged in clearing the right of way and preparing a starting place for tractor-drawn rosters, blades, graders and similar equipment. Trucks will be used to transport the earth that must be moved for fills across ravines, and it will be packed by sheeps-foot tampers.

Men for the job are being drawn from all over the southwestern corner of the county, it is understood by county road department engineers who are supervising the construction work. The foreman on the job, Mr. Coskey, is from the Long Beach employment office, however, they said.

As the work progresses, it is expected to give impetus to a move to open Western avenue along the east city limits of Torrance. The right-of-way lies on the line between Torrance and Los Angeles city for some distance, but at the south edge of the city limits Western avenue as proposed swings easterly and lies entirely within the Los Angeles shoestring addition.

Girl Scouts Make Attractive Favors

Members of the Girl Scout Troop No. 9, Elizabeth Bucher, president, surprised the staff of the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital this week by presenting them with a number of favors for the patients' trays on Thanksgiving Day. The favors are in the shape of small turkeys made of pine cones, and are very cleverly done. The hospital staff was greatly pleased at the remembrance and express their appreciation to the Girl Scouts for their thoughtful gift.

WOUNDED GIRL AT HOME

Betty Jane Smith, who shot herself in the chest last Thursday, has been removed from the General hospital to her parents' home in Hermosa Beach. She is said to be making a good recovery.

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LOMITA MAN FINED

F. C. Oehlman, 24840 Lucile street, Lomita, plead guilty in the Inglewood township justice court, last week to a charge of drunk driving, and was fined \$100 or 60 days. One-half of the fine was suspended and Oehlman was given a short stay of sentence to give him time to raise the balance.

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