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SHOESTRING STRIP TO GET WATER FROM OWENS VALLEY

Consumers Now Being Served by Torrance District to Get Water Supply Through New Pipeline On Western Avenue

Water from the Owens valley aqueduct soon will serve the entire Los Angeles "shoestring" area and San Pedro, it was announced today by the Los Angeles water and power department, following receipt of bids on a \$400,000 pipeline project in Western avenue.

The department plans a 31-inch pipeline in Western avenue, starting at approximately Manchester boulevard, connecting with the huge Western avenue tank and proceeding south directly to the harbor city.

The work will be done by force account, as soon as the department has decided which of the various bids received will be the most acceptable, according to water department engineers.

Employment will be provided for several hundred workmen. The pipeline will be laid alongside existing pavement until the present end of the improvement terminates at Torrance.

San Pedro, Wilmington and the entire harbor district is at present served by wells in Nigger Slough, Wilmington and San Pedro. Danger of retreating water wells, with the accompanying danger of salt water seeping in from the ocean, has prompted the city to lay the large pipeline and thereby make it unnecessary to pump as heavily from the underground basins.

A greater available water supply for manufacturing plants along the Shoestring addition was seen by engineers with installation of the pipeline. Some of these, including the new Hughes-Mitchell Process plant on Normandie avenue, are now served by water purchased from the Dominguez Water Company, which company also furnishes water to the municipal water district in Torrance. However, the Torrance municipal system has plans completed for developing its own water supply, and bids for the laying of wells and erection of a pressure tank on the newly acquired water plant site at Torrance boulevard and Cedar avenue will be opened this month.

While the construction of the new pipeline by the Los Angeles water bureau will mean a loss of approximately 190 consumers to the Torrance municipal water district, it will also eliminate a large share of waste from "lost water," which seeps out of the antiquated riveted steel pipelines serving the Shoestring, according to City Engineer F. R. Leonard, manager of the Torrance water department.

Under the terms of the contract for the purchase of the local water system from the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company, the City of Torrance agreed to continue to serve consumers in the Shoestring Strip until such time as the Los Angeles water bureau extended its lines to serve this district. However, all of the profit from the sale of water to the Shoestring Strip, except a 10 percent administrative charge, goes to the former Torrance Water, Light & Power Company and for this reason the discontinuance of service to the Shoestring Strip will not materially affect the earning power of the Torrance municipal system.

CHAMBER PLANS TO PRINT FOLDERS OF TORRANCE

Attractive advertising folders depicting the advantages of Torrance as a desirable place to live and work are now being prepared and will be ready for the printer shortly, according to L. J. Gilmeister, secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. The folders will include an up-to-date map of the city, and it is expected that chamber directors will authorize 5,000 copies printed, which will be distributed to interested parties.

Money Saved On Torrance Blvd.

Improvement of Torrance boulevard was completed for \$6,898.86 less than the allocation, it was disclosed this week by the county road commissioner, George Jones. The supervisors authorized Jones to cancel the unexpended balance of the appropriation, and transfer it back to the supervisors' special road improvement fund, which is made up of gasoline tax receipts from the state.

Concerted Drive On "Chiselers" To Be Started

Persons On Relief and Private Payrolls Will Be Smoked Out

A concerted drive on "chiselers" in the Torrance district will be undertaken immediately, according to Mrs. Anastasia White, district director, in accordance with instructions from Harry Hopkins, FERA administrator at Washington.

The purging of relief rolls is to be accomplished by checking these rolls with the payrolls of local industry and in the event that names are found to be duplicated on these lists, drastic measures against the offending persons will be instituted. Special investigators will go into the doubtful cases, and all efforts will be made by the authorities to remove from the lists those who are receiving relief at the same time that they are privately employed. Furthermore, says Mrs. White, the names of the "chiselers" may be published in the local newspaper.

The L. A. C. R. A. is appealing to every citizen to aid in cleaning up the situation by giving information, if they possess knowledge of such unfair practices. Headquarters of the LACRA in this district is located at 1951 Carson street, where all complaints, by mail or in person, concerning ineligible relief recipients will be handled.

There are about 500 families in Torrance and Lomita who are now listed on the relief rolls.

The Baron Has Nothing On This Guy

Boy, page the original Baron Munchausen!

Judge Frank Carrell, of the Inglewood justice court, has handled many an untruthful defendant in his day, but last Sunday night and Monday he met the kingly of them all, or so he says, when Officers Cope and Benson of the state highway police brought a young man before him for a traffic violation.

Benson and Cope had exhausted their talents on the youth when they halted him in the Palos Verdes hills after observing his highly irregular manipulation of his car, but they were unable to get anywhere. His answers to all questions simply did not match up with anything except his erratic driving, and in order to save their reason and their pride as officers they cited him before the judge.

Judge Carrell was called to his office at 8 o'clock Sunday night to listen to the offender's plea on a charge of reckless driving and violation of Section 122, which prohibits driving on the left side of the road when the right side is possible.

Being forewarned as to the glib character of the offender, Carrell thought he'd try his hand at extracting the truth, but after questioning which lasted till midnight he gave up, and ordered a hearing for Monday morning when the young man was found guilty and a later date set for a sentence.

This is his story: My name is William W. Wright. The name on the driver's license, Charles Lee Wright, is my name. I use both names. The name on the license is my brother's name. It is his license I am using it. He used to be in the Marines, that's why the license has a San Diego address. I never was in San Diego, I am from Oklahoma. I used to be in the Marines. I enlisted in 1929. I am 22 years old. I took out this license when I was in the Marines in 1932. I gave another name because an arrest for traffic violation would hurt my rating in the Corps. I stayed in the Marines 18 months, until some time in 1930 or 1931. I am an interne in the General Hospital in Los Angeles, and you can't hold me because I have to perform a brain operation tomorrow morning. Et cetera, et cetera, et cetera.

In view of the flippant character of his replies, the right or wrong Mr. Wright was asked to become a guest of the county for a few days while Judge Carrell ponders his sentence and officers attempt to check up on his previous activities.

REDONDO ROTARY CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR

J. E. Moon, prominent food merchant, was elected president of the Redondo Beach Rotary Club this week. Other officers chosen for the coming year by the Redondo Beach club include: C. C. Bartlett, district manager of the Southern California Edison Company, vice president, and Harry McCandless, instructor in the Redondo public schools, secretary.

COMMITTED TO JAIL

John Bustya, 1011 1/2 West 90th street, and Ray Herren, 3552 East 8th street, Los Angeles, were committed to the county jail to serve sentences of six months each, on petty theft charges preferred by the Columbia Steel Company. The men were apprehended last week and given a trial on March 27.

FAMOUS EVENTS IN HISTORY

The "Walk-in-the-Water," first steamboat on the Great Lakes, was launched April 4, 1819, at Buffalo, New York.

Alarming Shortage Of Dwellings In Torrance Threatens Future Growth of Community

Everyone interested in the future of Torrance is urged to keep this date open—Tuesday evening, April 16.

On this date, the most pertinent problem facing this city—the acute housing shortage—will be discussed by leading industrial, business and civic leaders at the quarterly open forum meeting of members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Many new employes of local industries who are anxious to make this city their home are being denied the advantages of living in Torrance by their inability to secure living quarters here. The shortage of houses is becoming alarming, according to a prominent industrial leader, and something should be done about it at once. Further delay in facing this important problem will result in retarding the commercial growth of the city as well as act as a deterrent to further industrial development. It is a problem that must be solved. Plan to be at this meeting—Tuesday, April 16, at 7:30 p. m., at the Chamber of Commerce offices.

Fugitive From Justice Arrested

Extradition papers for the return of Archie Button, who after a search of several months was located and arrested in Marshfield, Oregon, were signed by Judge Frank Carrell, justice of the peace of Inglewood township this week.

The papers were placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff John Keenan of Sub-station No. 8, who left by plane to bring Button back to face charges of kidnaping and rape preferred by Jessie Potterville.

The crime, of which Button stands accused, was committed in Gardena township last November. Button and Denzel E. Hager are alleged to have picked up two young girls, Jessie Potterville and Robina McLaren, residing in the shoestring strip near Torrance, as they were returning home from school. The young men are said to have driven the girls to a secluded spot near the Western avenue golf course, and there subjected them to a criminal attack.

Hager was arrested immediately afterwards and arraigned before Judge Carrell, who held him to answer to the superior court. At the conclusion of his trial he was found guilty and is now serving a sentence in San Quentin.

Button disappeared and since that time has been the subject of an intensive search, which came to an end this week when he was apprehended at Marshfield. He will be arraigned in the justice court as soon as Deputy Keenan returns with the prisoner.

Mr. Bingham says: "I wish to express to you and the committee my sincere appreciation for the splendid report in connection with the completed canvass for the SERRA housing survey in Torrance and Lomita, and I am forwarding your report in full to the attention of our headquarters in Washington.

Townsend Club Has 100 Members

The Townsend Club, recently organized in Torrance, held its fourth meeting last Thursday evening at the M. E. church with 60 people in attendance. The club has now reached its first objective, the registration of 100 members, and the club will receive its charter. A mass meeting will be held Thursday evening, April 25, at the Christian church when the charter will be presented. One or more speakers and some good music will be included on the program for that evening.

ARM BROKEN IN FALL FROM LADDER

E. E. Spencer, 20414 North Florence, Torrance, an employe of the Hughes-Mitchell plant, fell from a 20-foot ladder Friday, and broke his arm at the shoulder. He suffered numerous other small cuts and bruises. He is recovering at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital.

CAR DAMAGED

Mrs. Anna Pegors, 1723 Martine, escaped injury Friday when her car overturned after a collision with a truck driven by William Rice Terry, 121 West Clark street, Baldwin Park. The crash occurred at the intersection of 231st street and Pennsylvania avenue. Mrs. Pegors' car was badly damaged. Neither driver was hurt.

TO OPEN 3rd FURNACE AT COLUMBIA MONDAY

The third open-hearth at the Columbia Steel Company mills in Torrance will be fired Monday morning, which is the first time in over a year that more than two furnaces have been in operation at the same time. As the open-hearth department is considered by steel men as an accurate barometer of conditions throughout the plant, the expanded operation of this department is taken as an indication that increased production and employment in other departments will naturally follow.

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Local Committee Is Praised For Work In Better Housing Campaign

Sherwood McIntyre, chairman of the Torrance-Lomita Better Housing program committee of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, is in receipt of a letter from W. G. Bingham, associate director of the Federal Housing Administration in Southern California, which praises the work of the Torrance committee very highly.

Mr. Bingham says: "I wish to express to you and the committee my sincere appreciation for the splendid report in connection with the completed canvass for the SERRA housing survey in Torrance and Lomita, and I am forwarding your report in full to the attention of our headquarters in Washington.

"The committee should be well pleased with the results of their campaign to date, and with the attendant benefits enjoyed by Torrance and Lomita, which is so clearly indicated by over 40% increase in building permits of the period during your campaign, as compared with the similar period of 1933-34.

"Permit me again to congratulate you and the Better Housing committee for their splendid cooperation with our Better Housing program, and I trust that your campaign will continue in order that the interest created may result in actual work with its natural return of your unemployed to jobs with private payrolls."

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Gettins, Buyer In Close Race L. A. Council

Two Progressive Liberals to Fight It Out In May Elections

After see-sawing in the count all night, Edwin G. Gettins, Epic endorsed candidate for the Los Angeles city council in the 15th (Harbor) district, nosed out Franklin P. Buyer, incumbent, in the final count by a mere 222 votes. The complete count gave Gettins, 5,629; Buyer, 5,407. They will go into the finals in May backed by well organized progressive and liberal groups.

Gettins, who won the headquarters endorsement of the End Poverty League, is a mechanical engineer, 41 years of age. He is a member of the Democratic State Central Committee and chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee, 6th Assembly District.

Both Buyer and Gettins are staunch supporters of municipal ownership projects, adequate relief measures for the unemployed and other liberal principles.

Three other candidates in the race for nomination from the 15th councilmanic district, ran far behind with the following vote: R. S. Riddle, 2,073; F. O. Adler, 1,882, and John T. Rawls, former state assemblyman, trailing the group with 1,422 votes.

Bill Pending In Legislature Discussed

Bill now being considered by the state legislature was the major topic of discussion at the regular meeting of directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce held Monday afternoon, according to L. J. Gilmeister, secretary, and a number of communications were ordered dispatched to the lawmakers at Sacramento.

Resolutions expressing opposition to the movie film tax, revenue bonds, and state ownership and operation of liquor stores were passed. Chamber directors recommended favorable action for Senate Bill 329, which proposes to place trucking companies under state regulation.

Favorable consideration of the proposed plan to construct a \$1,300,000 Los Angeles county yacht harbor and a \$170,000 county pier at Redondo Beach was also requested in a communication addressed to officials handling federal public works projects.

New Orchestra Makes Its Bow On April 26

Thirty Piece Symphony Group Plan Concert at Woman's Club

Torrance's newest musical organization, a 30-piece symphony orchestra, will make its initial appearance Friday evening, April 26. The concert will be given at the Woman's clubhouse, 1422 E. Grand, under the direction of the leader and organizer, George N. Mershon. Mr. Mershon, proprietor of a local music store, was formerly instructor in band and orchestra at the Des Moines, Iowa, University.

Featured on the program will be the Long Beach String Quartet, famous in the Southland as radio performers, and Paul Gilliam, Torrance tenor soloist.

During the course of the evening, the audience will be given an opportunity to approve a name for the orchestra. Mayor Scott R. Ludlow has been given the honor. Rev. George G. Elder, pastor of the Christian church, will be master of ceremonies.

Reservations for tickets may be made with members of the orchestra, at Clark's Stationery store, the Star Furniture store, or at Mershon's Music store, which moved last week from Cabrillo avenue to 1335 El Prado.

All music lovers are cordially invited to be present. Owing to the small seating capacity of the auditorium, those who wish to attend are asked to make their reservations well in advance of the date.

The new orchestra has been rehearsing regularly for some time, and is now prepared to give Torrance a real performance.

"STEEL-TICKET" CANDIDATES LEAD IN SCHOOL BOARD RACE

Three of Group Pledged to Construction of Steel School Buildings Lead Entire Los Angeles District At Election Tuesday

Three of the four candidates on the "Steel-ticket" for nomination to posts on the Los Angeles city school board lead the race at the primaries last Tuesday and will go into the run-off in May with a powerful backing. The fourth candidate on the ticket, whose members are pledged to the construction of steel buildings for elementary schools, Guy L. Matteson, was defeated by George A. Briggs, who polled a total of 69,372 votes against \$3,603 cast for Matteson.

The leading four are William H. Henry, incumbent, who received 96,118 votes; Clara Norris Rakestraw, 94,455; Robert H. Keen, 83,584; and Briggs, 69,732. Their opponents, who campaigned under the banner of the Security of Schools Federation, are Margaret L. Clark, 78,881; Roy J. Becker, 71,179; Gertrude H. Rounsaville, 65,873; and John F. Dalton, 58,312. These eight will be in the run-off in May for election to the four seats on the school board.

In the eight precincts where Torrance, Lomita and a section of Gardena cast their votes, the "steel ticket" lead by 120 votes, precinct:

The following table shows the vote for all candidates in each precinct:

	1798	1799	1800	1801	1802	1803	1804	1805	Total
Becker	39	28	41	36	63	17	55	44	323
Briggs	54	26	26	30	36	16	26	23	237
Clark	29	28	45	33	54	21	50	42	302
Dalton	30	23	39	34	50	16	46	32	270
Henry	105	51	40	50	23	24	41	26	360
Keen	101	51	40	49	35	21	30	30	357
Matteson	61	21	13	19	10	6	14	10	154
Rakestraw	100	47	44	49	40	23	33	30	366
Rounsaville	38	25	47	41	65	17	38	44	305
Adams	16	4	8	6	3	5	4	2	48
Bird	14	3	4	18	3	8	3	5	58
Carr	12	3	6	18	3	8	14	4	68
Coleman	0	5	2	3	1	4	5	4	24
Costerian	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Dakin	11	3	1	4	1	0	4	4	28
Dale	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4
Edwards	14	7	3	19	1	9	7	1	61
Engstrom	11	3	3	18	1	10	8	1	55
Frank	2	3	5	6	2	2	2	10	32
Gale	2	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	7
Ganey	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
Gordon	1	2	2	0	2	0	1	1	9
Kingsbury	2	0	3	3	2	2	1	0	13
Macurda	4	1	2	2	1	1	1	4	16
McLain	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	5
Price	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	3
Regan	0	2	2	1	0	2	1	1	9
Rinaldo	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	7
Seyfried	1	1	4	4	2	1	2	3	18
Watts	3	4	5	6	5	0	3	4	30
Weaver	2	0	2	1	2	1	2	2	12
Total vote cast	172	88	102	116	106	57	100	88	829

PERMIT ISSUED FOR elementary SCHOOL WORK

A permit in the sum of \$68,000 was issued Tuesday to the Los Angeles board of education for rehabilitation work on the Torrance elementary school. Bids for the work will be called for at an early date and the contract let. The building will be improved, probably in the same manner as the high school, by the granite process of reinforced concrete.

Building permits for the month of March totaled \$9,043, with several small dwellings included in the list.

LOSES TOES

Thomas Ford, employe at the Columbia Steel, was taken to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital yesterday morning for the amputation of the toes of his right foot.

PENNY RUMOR

Denied by Ford: No, you cannot get a new Ford automobile for a 1922 Lincoln penny. In some mysterious fashion a rumor has spread over the country that the Ford Motor Company would redeem 1922 pennies with new Fords. So both—some have the thousands of letters and phone calls on the subject become, both at the home office and the Long Beach branch headquarters.

Officials wish to definitely state the rumor is entirely without foundation and completely untrue.

TURN TO STORY ONE

Public Schools Week Program Will Be Given

Public Invited to Attend Meeting in High School Gymnasium

Twelve civic groups in Torrance are uniting to sponsor the program given in observance of National Public Schools week, on Friday evening, April 12, at the high school gymnasium.

Alfred Gourcier, chairman in charge of arrangements, announces that the following are co-operating with him in making the event successful: Masonic lodge, represented by Alfred Gourcier and John Boyd; Torrance Chapter, O. E. S.; Archie Lewis; Job's Daughters; Marguerite Lincoln; Cheriou Club; Mrs. R. R. Howe; National Business and Professional Women; Esther Z. Maxwell; A. O. U. W.; Wallace H. Gilbert; Knights of Columbus; Carl Gramling; Loyal Order of Moose; Thos. J. Wilkes; Catholic Ladies; Mrs. Lon Ralston; Woman's Club; Mrs. Mae Sideloth; American Legion Auxiliary; Mrs. L. H. Deininger; Torrance Elementary Parent Teachers Association; Mrs. J. O. Bishop.

The program, starting at 8 o'clock, will be as follows: Selection, by the Torrance Elementary school orchestra; combined Torrance elementary and Fern avenue schools program; high school "Hillbilly" band playing "La Cucaracha" and "Old Faithful"; address by Dr. David K. Bjork, associate professor of history, University of California at Los Angeles.

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