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DOMINGUEZ LAND LAUNCHES PROGRAM OF HOME BUILDING

Contract For First Two Houses Awarded; Many Others to Follow If Demand Warrants, Says Don Findley, Manager

An extensive program of home building, which promises to materially relieve the acute housing shortage in Torrance, was begun this week by the Dominguez Land Corporation, original subdividers of the Torrance tract. Contracts for the immediate construction of two moderate priced homes have already been let to the DeCamp-Hudson Company, Ltd., of Los Angeles, according to Donald Findley, resident manager of the Dominguez Land Corporation, and it is expected that these homes will be completed within 60 days.

The corporation has approximately 40 residence lots upon which it will build houses, if the demand for attractive, moderate priced homes warrants such improvements, Findley stated. The two homes for which contracts have been awarded are being financed through the Federal Housing Administration and will be sold on contract for approximately \$3,000 each, with small payment down and liberal terms. They are located in the Maricopa section, near the Pacific Electric Railway shops.

Designed by J. C. Pennell, Los Angeles architect, the first two homes in the Dominguez building program are of the early California type and embody many unusually attractive and interesting details. While they will be built close to the ground, typical of early California homes, positive protection against termites, rats and other pests is provided. Each home will have a large living room, 13 feet by 22 feet, a large dinette, two bedrooms, bathroom, double garage, and a large commodious service porch. They will have hardwood floors throughout, with the bathrooms and other characteristics of truly high class, modern homes. Attractive flower boxes and wrought iron decorative effects will enhance the appearance. Local labor and building supplies will be used as far as possible by the contractors, Mr. Findley stated.

Permission Is Asked To Call For Alternate Bids On Pipe For Ocean Link of Outfall Sewer

Plans and specifications for the ocean outfall link of the \$2,750,000 White Point Sewer were approved at a meeting of the boards of directors of the districts on Tuesday, and bids will probably be called on July 2.

Previously, the directors had approved plans for the tunneling section of the outfall, through the Palos Verdes hills, extending between the disposal plant at Davidson City, and the ocean shore-line.

At this meeting the directors voted to apply to the federal government for permission to call for alternate bids, covering either cast-iron pipe or steel-concrete pipe with cast-iron joints. The ocean link will be of seven-foot diameter, and will extend into the ocean 5,000 feet, ending in a fan-shaped arrangement of smaller pipes for spreading purposes.

Mayor Scott R. Ludlow, in reporting on the meeting before the city council Tuesday night, stated that certain objections to the use of steel-concrete pipe had been eliminated. Use of all concrete pipe in sewer lines has in some cases been found to be unsatisfactory due to the accumulation of gases which destroy the concrete. This is avoided by keeping the pipes full to capacity, so that there is no room for gases to form, and this is expected to occur in the case of the outfall sewer, so that the use of steel-concrete pipe would be just as satisfactory as cast-iron, and would also represent a saving of thousands of dollars in construction costs.

The steel-concrete pipe, which is composed of a thin steel wall lined inside and outside with concrete, is more flexible and can be laid in longer units, according to the report of the mayor. It is now in use in projects in Tacoma, Washington, and San Francisco.

The entire outfall project will be constructed in four contracts, the distances between the disposal plant and the shore-line having been divided into three contracts previously. This will enable practically every contractor in the county to submit bids. It was pointed out, since it will not require as much capital in this

Bond Election

City Attorney Prepares Data On Proposed Construction City Buildings

City Attorney Chas. T. Rippey was instructed at a meeting of the city council held Tuesday night to draw up the necessary papers for a bond election covering two projects, a combined city hall and auditorium and a public library building, for submission to the voters at an early date.

Mr. Rippey's report will be called for at the next regular meeting of the council, when steps will be taken to call the election. Mayor Scott R. Ludlow, in recommending the action, stated that he wished to get an expression of the sentiment of the voters on the matter, and in placing the propositions on the ballot separately by the citizens of Torrance will have a chance to accept or reject either one of both.

In view of the fact that on June 30, all federal assistance in maintaining the cash dole to unemployed will cease, and the burden will be thrown back upon the counties and municipalities, it is highly important that as many work projects as possible should be offered for acceptance under the federal work bill.

It will be the policy of the government to provide funds from the \$4,800,000,000 work bill for the construction of projects in which labor is the dominating factor, in order to supply employment and spread it out over as many workers as possible.

All unemployed must be cared for by local relief agencies. A disquieting note in the matter is the fact that estimates show that unless the county of Los Angeles and municipalities within its border supply sufficient projects to take care of its employable residents; the cost of maintaining them would exceed the entire budget for county expenses, several hundred million dollars. This burden would fall on the solvent taxpayers.

Under the new federal set-up projects which are backed by acceptable bond issues, will if accepted by the work relief commission, carry an outright grant of 45 percent, instead of 30 percent as has been the case. The proposed bond issue for the three city buildings will probably amount to \$100,000, or possibly a little less, if the government will purchase \$55,000 in bonds at four percent interest, and grant the city the balance of \$45,000 as a gift.

The city of Torrance is one of the few communities which are not bonded to capacity. This city has very few bonds outstanding. The \$400,000 bond issue for the water system is a charge on the water district and not on the city itself. The addition of \$100,000 in bonds, for the construction of needed city buildings would make a very slight difference in the city tax rate, since nearly one-half of the funds voted would be supplied by the government at no cost.

REDONDO WANT YACHT HARBOR LOCATED THERE

Hawkins Announces Intention to Resign From Recreation Club

Pleading for peace, unity and co-operation, five factions which are interested in promoting a yacht harbor off the west coast in the vicinity of Redondo Beach, met in that city recently to reconcile their differences.

Attending were representatives of the Los Angeles Pier and Harbor Association, whose chairman, W. T. Thompson, president, Southwest Recreation Club; Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce; city council; and Strand Improvement Association.

The conference resulted in a vicarious for the views of civic leaders favoring the old lake site for a "recreation harbor," says the Redondo Reflex.

In the end the executive committee of the pier and harbor association was enlarged to include representatives of the city council, Strand Improvement Association and Chamber of Commerce. Elected to the committee in these capacities were Mayor John L. McClain, Don McCarty and I. H. Hawkins.

The efforts of the committee were dedicated to the objective of securing the harbor's construction in Redondo Beach—either the old salt lake site or an ocean harbor off the foot of Beryl street being preferred. The Malaga Cove site, advanced by the Southwest Recreation Club, consisting of residents of Palos Verdes, Hollywood Hills, and Torrance, was definitely and entirely taboo.

In the interests of harmony and for the advancement of the Redondo Beach project, Hawkins announced he would sever all relations with the Southwest Recreation Club, of which he is the president.

He argued, however, and was supported in the argument by C. O. Pierpoint and Beryl Tower, that Redondo should be represented on the committee seeking the harbor for Malaga Cove in order to discourage the project and protect Redondo's priority right to the improvement.

Others, among them T. J. Hoyt, George Anderson and R. R. Freeman, insisted, however, that Redondo Beach citizens should concentrate their efforts to securing the project for Redondo. Chairman Thompson pointed out that the pier and harbor association had sent resolutions endorsing the project to 167 city councils, chambers of commerce and other civic groups throughout the county, and that gradually they were being signed and returned, indicating a

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AROUND THE COUNCIL TABLE

A permit was granted to the Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion, to erect three booths for the sale of fireworks for the Fourth of July. The latter requesting the permit, stated that unemployed men would be hired to take charge of the sales, the same as was done last year, thus providing temporary jobs for some out of work.

A communication from the General Pipe Line Company was reported as received, which enclosed a check for \$28,000, the city's percentage of franchise earnings.

A letter from Ed W. Hopkins, county assessor, gave the information that the assessed valuation of the assets in the shoeing strip of the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company, now owned by the Torrance Municipal District No. 1, is \$1,850.

The council authorized an appropriation of \$98 for the purchase of a new coupe for the use of street Superintendent William Gascolgne. The car now used by Gascolgne is a 1928 model, and will be taken over for another purpose. According to Chairman J. E. Hitchcock of the street committee, the old car will be equipped with a ladder arrangement for use in servicing the city's street lights, which duty will be taken over by the street department. The contract with a private firm which has been doing the work will expire July 1.

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett was instructed to write a letter to the subdividers of Hollywood Riviera advising them that the city does not want to be made responsible for the care of trees set out along the highways there unless previous consent to plant has been obtained from the council. It appears that a number of trees have recently been set out in the Torrance section without the knowledge of the council and since the city is responsible for the care of trees in the parkways it is up to the street department to tend and water them. According to William Gascolgne, street superintendent, some of the trees are not suitable for planting along the seacoast and will have to be removed later. This creates an unnecessary expense. "This, however, will be in the future no action shall be taken unless the city council has given its consent."

Park Commissioner W. H. Tolson and Police Commissioner W. H. Stanger made a quick trip to Orange County Park one day this week to inspect a barbecue pit, with a view to getting ideas for a similar convenience to be built at the city park. The council authorized Tolson to proceed with the construction and appropriated \$100 for the pit and a rock incinerator for the burning of papers and trash. Any unused portion of the sum will be returned to the treasury.

Charles Chaplin, member of the Torrance Municipal band, presented a request for an appropriation to pay for six band concerts to be given in the city park, or at any civic celebration, this summer. He asked for \$350. Mayor Scott R. Ludlow informed that the council was preparing to get up a certain sum, approximately \$800, in the budget for the next fiscal year, which was to be divided between the band and the Torrance Symphonic orchestra. This sum the mayor said represents one-half cent out of the stipulated tax for advertising, parks and music, and will not be an additional burden to the taxpayer.

TOP STUDENT
Andrew Fraser, Torrance student at the New Mexico State Teachers College, carried 16 hours of school work and made A grades in all of his courses during the spring term, says President Hoyt. Graham Fraser was enrolled as a freshman. Only one other student made a straight A average.

More Camps Planned

C.C.C. Units Will Be Located In Fort McArthur and Palos Verdes Hills

Two permanent Civilian Conservation Corps camps, the first in the harbor district, with an aggregate complement of more than 460 men, will be established respectively at Fort MacArthur and on the Lomita side of the Palos Verdes hills, it was announced at Fort MacArthur district CCC headquarters Saturday, says the San Pedro News Pilot.

The headquarters announced also that it will enroll and partially condition on the upper reservation June 15-20, about 5,000 new CCC's for 14 new camps in the Ninth Corps Area.

Except for 16 experienced local men to act as cooks, carpenters, and in other specialized jobs, and a dozen or so experts from the department of the interior's soil reclamation division, all the men in each camp will be from the Third Corps Area. This area includes the Carolinas and West Virginia. Two companies of 303 men each will arrive from the Third Area about June 15 to tenant the two permanent camps.

Chief work of the camp companies will be to wall, plant, and otherwise protect the soil of the Palos Verdes hills from erosion. The Fort MacArthur camp company also will work on landscaping the upper reservation. Its camp will be on the northwest edge of the reservation. The other camp will be on the Phillips ranch, about three miles west of the junction of Ansham boulevard, North Gaffey, and Vermont-Norlund avenue and above the new SERA road from this junction to Palos Verdes.

The quartermaster office of the CCC at Fort MacArthur has just issued specifications to numerous local bidders for camp construction and materials. Bids were opened in the office on the morning of June 12 and construction will start soon thereafter. When the camps will be completed is undetermined definitely. Although each will contain ten buildings, including barracks, officers' quarters, forestry building, wash house and others, both camps will be completed in less than a fortnight, however, it is estimated.

Construction of the Fort MacArthur camp will be under the direction of Lieut. J. G. Fallner, U. S. army construction corps, at the Lomita camp under direction of Lieut. J. F. Tornell, also of the construction corps. First Lieut. Remmer Gillen will command the former camp company, First Lieut. Paul Koup the Lomita company. Both officers are from the West Virginia field artillery reserve.

Harbor district youths will be accepted for CCC enrollment for the 12 other camps throughout the corps area. They must apply first, however, 1235 East Ninth street, Los Angeles. Their actual enrollment and partial conditioning will take place at Fort MacArthur. Supplies and a large proportion of other materials for maintenance of both camps will be purchased in the harbor district. It is anticipated bids will be called on a monthly basis.

BIRTHDAYS OF FAMOUS MEN
General Winfield Scott, American lieutenant general, was born June 13, 1786. Francis Beecher Stowe, author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," born, June 13, 1811.

Commencement Programs

Graduation day for students of the senior classes of Torrance and Narbonne high schools is drawing near. Next week will see a small army of young people launched upon their life careers armed with their diplomas and the assurance that their high school education has prepared them to turn to the realities of the business and social world. Some will continue their studies at colleges and universities. Others will seek employment. Girls will marry or turn to a business career. High school days will be over for the boys and girls of Torrance and Lomita. They bid their friends welcome to the ceremonies which will see them leave the adolescent stage and enter upon their responsibilities as men and women. These are the programs:

TORRANCE	NARBONNE
Thursday, June 20, 8 p. m.	Wednesday, June 19, 8 p. m.
Processional.....Class of Summer '35	Processional.....
"How Shall I Filly Meet Thee".....Each	Pomp and Circumstance
The Madrigal Singers.....Each	Duet for two pianos
Invocation.....Rev. O. D. Wonder	Derrell Harline, Irla Schmidt
Piano Solo.....Ella Levy	Oration—Our Progressing World
Presentation of Ephelban	Oration—Recent Trends in
Members.....Miss Elizabeth Parks	Education.....Harold Smith
Ell, Ell.....Traditional Hebrew	Banjo Solo.....Derrell Harline
Address.....Mr. Walker Brown	Cello Solo.....Emma Erickson
Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray.....Cain	Address.....Mr. Walker Brown,
The Madrigal Singers	Director of Instruction,
Presentation of Honors.....	Los Angeles City Schools
Miss Irene Mills	Announcement of Honors.....
Roses of Picardy.....Haydn Wood	Jack Weber, Ephelban Society
Senior Double Quartet	Presentation of Class.....Miss Griffin
Presentation of Class to Mr.	Awarding of Diplomas.....
Waldelich.....Roger McGinnia, Pres.	Mr. Walker Brown,
Presentation of Class.....	Director of Instruction,
Mr. Waldelich	Los Angeles City Schools
Presentation of Diplomas.....	Song—Alma Mater.....By the Class
Dr. Edward W. Hauck	Recessional.....
	Pomp and Circumstance

MAN SUICIDES BY HANGING IN TORRANCE JAIL

Prisoner on Vagrancy Charge Takes Own Life Monday Morning

Arnjot Sigurd Kjelstrup, age 53, a native of Norway, who has been residing at 5114 Elizabeth street, Bell, committed suicide in the Torrance city jail early Monday morning, by hanging himself with his belt from a water pipe in the shower room. His quivering body was found at 3:15 a. m. by Officers Everett Travoli, Percy Drake and Frank Dolton, who had just placed another prisoner in the cells.

Kjelstrup was arrested Saturday afternoon at the Torrance beach where Deputy Fish and Game Warden Smith is said to have found him in an alleged felonious participants man, but Smith was able to overtake the man and took him in charge. At that time the sheriff's radio car, which patrols this district, came on the scene and Kjelstrup was turned over to Deputies Penler and Love, who brought him to the Torrance jail.

Smith accompanied the officers, and signed a complaint against the prisoner, but owing to the escape of the juvenile found with him at the beach, the serious charge against him could not be pressed, and Kjelstrup was booked on a charge of vagrancy. His hearing was set for 9 o'clock Monday morning.

At 1:25 a. m. Monday Hawthorne officers arrived with two prisoners, George Perry, 449 Acacia street, Hawthorne, and Roy R. DePaul, 343 Fourth avenue, Venice, for whom they requested booking until they should call for the men later in the day, and Kjelstrup was then found to be quiet in his bunk.

At 3:15 a. m. Officers Travoli, Drake and Dolton booked Jose Munoz, a drunk picked up at the P. E. depot. When they placed him in a cell, Kjelstrup was missing from his quarters. Officers looked for him in the shower room, the only place he could be out of sight and found him hanging from the water pipe.

He had fashioned a small loop in one end of his belt by taping a sheering through the holes, this loop fitting around the pipe. Apparently he drew the other end of the belt through the buckle until it fitted closely around his neck and so strangled himself. Life had barely fled when the officers cut him down. A physician was called who worked over the man for an hour but was unable to resuscitate him.

A coroner's inquest was held Tuesday morning at Stone & Myers mortuary where a jury found that he came to his death by hanging with suicidal intent.

Kjelstrup went about the business of destroying himself so quietly that neither of the two prisoners in the cells heard anything amiss. One of them slept through the affair, and the other who was awake said he saw Kjelstrup enter the lavatory, but heard no noise of an unusual nature.

Kjelstrup left a note giving the telephone number of a friend in Los Angeles with a request that she be notified. He is said to have a wife and son who are now on a visit to Norway.

A PROCLAMATION

By the Mayor of Torrance

WHEREAS, the home is of supreme importance as the basis of our community life, constituting, as it does, an essential factor in the health and happiness of both present and future generations; and
WHEREAS, the Torrance Better Housing Program is helping our citizens to build new homes and to modernize homes which they now own, thus putting men back to work, and contributing in a concrete way to industrial and business recovery.
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott R. Ludlow, Mayor of Torrance, do set aside and appoint Saturday, the fifteenth day of June, 1935, to be known as Torrance Better Housing Day; and I call upon all our citizens to join with citizens of other communities throughout the land in marking the day with appropriate observances, in order that the benefits of the Better Housing Program may be brought to a still greater number of our people.
(Signed) SCOTT R. LUDLOW,
Mayor City of Torrance.