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FAIRYLAND FESTIVAL QUEEN CONTEST OPENS

ENTRY BLANKS ARE NOW READY FOR PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES

Judges Named to Select Winner From Among Girls and Young Women of Torrance; One of First Ten to Enter Eligible For "Miss California" Title

Here we go, girls, for the grand contest for queen of the Fairyland Festival. Get your name on the dotted line and get in for the honor of presiding over the gala celebration that will be staged in Torrance, September 2-3-4. You'll find the coupon on the front page of this issue.

Girls and young women between the ages of 16 and 25 who reside in Torrance are eligible. And here's a nifty chance. From among the first ten young ladies who enroll in the queen contest, the judges, Grover C. White, George P. Shidler and Mrs. Florence M. Welch, will select one to represent this city at the Venice Mardi Gras in their bathing beauty contest. The winner of this contest will be given the title of "Miss California of 1935" and will be awarded a two weeks' contract with Universal Pictures at a salary of \$50 a week.

Remember girls, out of the first ten who enroll in the queen contest, this selection will be made, so get your coupon in to this office early. This part of the contest will close next Tuesday, as the Venice bathing beauty contest will be held on Sunday, August 18. The contest for the selection of the queen of the Fairyland Festival will close August 27. Competition for the honor of representing Torrance at Venice will not bar those who enter from being the choice of the judges for queen of the Torrance celebration.

Selection of the queen will be based on popularity. All choruses in the city will be provided with voters, which will be distributed to patrons of the stores, to be used by them in naming their choice for queen. The girl who on August 27 has received the most votes will be declared the winner.

Sam Levy, in charge of concessions, has his map prepared for locating the booths, which will be arranged along the fence inside the ball park. Already 19 organizations have tentatively selected sites, which is more than half of the number laid out. However, if there is a demand for more booths, additional space will be provided.

Those who are already enrolled as prospective applicants for the booths are the American Legion Auxiliary, Bert S. Crossland Post, Royal Neighbors, Woman's Benefit Association, Chamber of Commerce, Moose, Knights of Columbus, Artisans, Rotary Club, Kiwanis, Torrance Elementary P. T.

FDR Re-Elected



President Gen. James A. Farley, on a speaking tour of various Pacific Coast cities, stated his belief that President Roosevelt would be re-elected next year by substantially the same majority he received at the dawn of the present Democratic era.

Gold Crown Is Taken From Lung

James R. Strachan, brother-in-law of Miss Birda Paddock, Lomita postmaster, is recovering in Los Angeles from a delicate operation performed recently when a gold crown was removed from his lung. Strachan was taken ill a short time ago, a crowned wisdom tooth believed to be the cause of his ailment.

The crown was removed while Strachan was confined to bed and accidentally slipped into his throat and passed down the windpipe into his lung where it set up an infection, forming an abscess. The operating specialist stated that the 151 cases of like nature he had handled this was the most difficult since the crown was embedded in the abscess. Mr. Strachan is still very weak as the result of his illness and the dangerous operation but is making a good recovery.

Former Employee National Supply Badly Injured

Fred Patton, Jr., Sustains Skull Fracture As Car Overtakes

Fred Patton, junior, son of Fred Patton, head metallurgist at the National Supply Company, was seriously injured about 2:00 o'clock Sunday morning as he was returning to his home in Redondo Beach from a visit with friends at Santa Monica, and is still in a precarious condition at the Centinela hospital at Inglewood. He sustained a skull fracture and severe concussion, and had not yet regained consciousness this morning.

Reports of the accident state that a front tire blew out as Patton was driving along Sepulveda boulevard. The car turned over several times and came to rest in a field. Due to the darkness the accident was not discovered until 5:30 a. m. Sunday morning, when a highway patrol officer going on duty saw the wrecked car and investigated. Inglewood police were called and an ambulance carried the unconscious young man to the hospital. His parents had in the meantime started on a trip to Santa Barbara, where through the offices of the Los Angeles county sheriff's broadcasting system, they were located about 8 o'clock and immediately started for their son's bedside.

While the young man is receiving every possible care from surgeons, brain specialists and nurses, his condition is extremely serious. Fortunately young Patton suffered little loss of blood and attending physicians believe that this fact, coupled with the young man's splendid physical condition prior to the accident, may enable him to recover. While he is still unconscious this morning, he is reported to have had a good night's rest and was somewhat improved.

Patton, Jr., is a former employee of the National Supply Company here, where he was in charge of one of the electrical furnaces at the local plant.

WORK ON FIRST SEWER LINK TO START EARLY NEXT WEEK

Bonds For Faithful Performance Approved At Special Meeting of Directors Held Late Tuesday

With contractors' bonds approved at a special meeting of the directors late Tuesday afternoon, construction of the county sanitation districts' White Point outfall sewer project was slated today to begin in earnest early next week, according to A. K. Warren, chief engineer. Torrance, Lomita and other cities are served by the system.

The directors also awarded the contract for the submerged link of the sewer to Merritt, Chapman and Scott, Wilmington contractors, for their bid of \$628,059. Award of this contract had been delayed pending approval of PWA engineers in San Francisco.

The United Concrete Pipe Company of Torrance is expected to be the first contractor to begin actual construction, the Torrance firm having the contract for constructing the most northerly link of the \$2,526,000 project, beginning at the Harbor City disposal plant.

Bonds of the United Concrete Pipe Company for faithful performance and also the bonds of material men were approved by the directors at their meeting Tuesday.

The county sanitation districts' project is one of the largest PWA projects to be approved in Southern California. Directors of the several districts are to hold their regular meeting next Wednesday, Tuesday being a holiday on account of the special state election.

Spectacular Crash Sunday Injures Four

Four Cars Involved In Wild Career On New State Highway

Only four persons were injured in a spectacular crash on the new state highway a mile west of Hawthorne boulevard Sunday afternoon, in which four cars were involved. Traffic Officer Ernest Ashton, on patrol duty on the highway, was an eyewitness to the scene. Ashton said that for a time the air was full of cars whirling in all directions.

J. L. Funk, 339 West First street, Wilmington, driving a Chevrolet sedan, is said to have locked fenders with an Oldsmobile driven by J. F. Kearns, 1328 18th street, Santa Monica, in attempting to pass Kearns. Funk's car skidded across the highway and crashed into a Ford coupe occupied by Benito Ansale, 120 Vista Place, Venice, and Dan Sanchez. The Ford turned over several times and finally came to a rest in a tomato field.

At this point Funk's car also overturned and lit on its top, whirled around, and skidded on its top into the side of a Chevrolet coupe driven by R. Calkins, 560 West 91st street, Los Angeles.

All cars were wrecked.

Of the ten or more occupants of the four machines, Funk and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Porter Ansale and Sanchez were injured. The two Filipinos were taken to a hospital at San Pedro. Funk and Mrs. Porter received first aid at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital in Torrance.

MOVEMENT TO DREDGE BIXBY SLOUGH IS AGAIN REVIVED

Possibility of Federal Financing Seen As Encouragement By Those Interested in Extending Harbor to Torrance

Possibility that Torrance may become an ocean port in the near future with local industrial plants loading and unloading from their own wharfs was predicted this week by F. M. Andreani, of Los Angeles, who is actively engaged in promoting the development of Bixby Slough as an extension of the present Los Angeles harbor.

Legion Head?



Richard Welsh Jr., Riverside, Calif., nephew of the congressman, is a candidate for the post of state commander of the American Legion. The election will be held at the Legion's convention in Fresno Aug. 10.

Pointing out that the principle obstacle which has blocked such development in the past—that of finance—can now be overcome through funds provided by the Public Works Administration, Mr. Andreani in a statement to the Herald yesterday pointed out the need and feasibility of pushing the movement at this time. His remarks follow:

"The development of Bixby Slough has caused an up-to-date discussion because of several reasons. One is the availability of PWA funds, lack of finance having heretofore been the principal obstacle in the development as a private undertaking. Another reason is the demand for space in Los Angeles harbor for national defense, thus subtracting considerable acreage of the present harbor, and making the latest comprehensive plan practically impossible of adoption. Another reason is the Congressional act on Foreign Trade Zones which with the recent signing of the enabling legislation act by Governor Merriam has made possible a foreign trade zone or free port district, location of which in the Bixby Slough area is ideal.

"We might profit by the example of Houston whose harbor is now crowding the Los Angeles commercial harbor for its rank among American ports—where a deepwater canal, 40 miles to a was brought over and thence seven turning basin and thence seven miles by an eight-foot deep barge canal to the heart of the city where shipping facilities are provided for industrial plants and privately owned wharves. Last year Houston secured nearly three million dollars from Public Works Administration funds for dredging and other improvements. Houston and other industries have claims that investment of about two hundred million dollars on the waterfront, employing ten to twelve thousand men, with a daily payroll of fifty to sixty thousand dollars.

"General Lansing H. Beach, chief of rivers and harbors activities, was recently asked in court.

Torrance and Lomita Residents Are Named For Future Jury Duty

Names of 3,894 residents of Los Angeles county, including a number from this community, are on file today with the secretary of the superior court, with the possibility that any of them may be drawn for jury duty between now and next January.

The names are selected by a majority of the judges of the superior court, as provided for by statute, and are placed on a slip of paper that in turn is placed inside a large revolving drum. Not until the names are drawn from the drum are those tentatively selected notified to present themselves for jury duty. Notification comes from the sheriff's office in the form of a subpoena.

Any person holding any city or county office of profit is not eligible to serve as a court juror, according to the statutes. Neither is an engineer, fireman, brakeman, motorman or conductor. No teacher in any public school or college may serve, and no attorney or legal stenographer, or physician, dentist or druggist.

Following are the names of local residents appearing on the tentative list at the office of the secretary of the superior court:

M. L. Darling, 2371 Maricopa place; Millard J. Pix, 1023 Cota; Clarence M. Howard, 1303 Cota; Ed W. Huddleston, 1815 Andrea avenue; Mrs. Lula A. Kent, 1925 Gramercy; Rutherford Larson, 1703 Oak street, Lomita; James W. Leech, 1830 Amadola; Howard G. Locke, 1324 Andrea; Josiah L. Luch, 1856 257th street, Lomita; Milton L. May, 1633 Marcellina avenue; James P. McReynolds, Box 738.

Richard R. Smith, 2004 Carson street; Moses H. Tolson, 1695 Gramercy avenue; Frank Welsh, 716 Border avenue; W. Wlechman; Isadora Yettra, 2268 Sonoma; Raymond C. Young, 1519 Amadola street; Mrs. Charlotte C. Zahradnik, 1926 Arlington avenue.

Several of those named above have removed from the city.

Land Yacht Is Last Word In Trailers

The luxurious land yacht "Jamella" was the center of much interest among local motorists this week as it parked in front of the residence of Donald Findley on Martina avenue. The "Jamella," which is really a de luxe automobile trailer is the property of Mrs. James I. Reese, of Philadelphia, old college friend of Mr. Findley. Mr. and Mrs. Reese purchased the land yacht in Miami and are touring the national parks.

Powered by a new Ford V-Eight coupe, the trailer is truly a modern home on wheels. It is equipped with shower bath, toilet, complete kitchen equipment, hot and cold running water, and luxurious deep cushioned seats which make up into sleeping accommodations for five people. A telephone connects the driver with the trailer, which has facilities for heating as well as an electric fan for warm days. The power car and trailer cost approximately \$8,000, Mr. Reese said.

While on their way from Los Angeles Monday afternoon, a passing motorist became so fascinated with the "Jamella" that he forgot where he was going and drove into the rear fender of the trailer, but little damage was done. Mr. Findley and Mr. Hill entertained informally for Mr. and Mrs. Reese Monday evening, and they left Tuesday to resume their trip.

OFFICES AT National Supply ENLARGED

Work on an extension to the office building at the National Supply Company was started this week and will be rushed to completion in a short time. The new section will be 40x50 feet in dimensions and will add considerable more room to the quarters.

Further building operations of the National include a \$500,000 plant at Houston, Texas, where a field shop, small manufacturing plant, warehouse, and office building will be erected. This plant will serve a large territory in the vicinity of Houston, and adds another center to the number of branches maintained by this company in various parts of the country.

Attractive Offer Is Made By Bond Brokers In Anticipation of City Bond Issue

Prospects for the sale of city bonds at an attractive figure were given a boost this week. Representatives of the bond brokers who purchased the water district bonds last winter informed Torrance city officials that if and when bonds were voted for the erection of a city hall, library and auditorium building they were prepared to offer an interest rate as low as 4 1/2 percent and take all of the issue.

This is rather a contrast to their purchase of the water bonds, which went begging at 5 percent and were finally sold to this concern at 6 percent. It is also a more attractive figure than that offered by the federal government which set 4 percent as its price.

In response to the question why the bond company is so ready to buy at the lower interest figure, the explanation was made that the water bonds represented the obligation of a district, while the bonds for the proposed civic buildings will be issued against the municipality as a whole, with all the resources in a whole, with interest and taxation behind them.

At the next meeting of the city council, Wednesday evening, August 14, it is expected that the ordinance authorizing an election for the purpose of voting on the bond issue will be introduced. The council will probably at this time set the date for the election.

Further action on the matter of the withdrawal from the county free library district and the formation of a city library district will also be taken. With the increased facilities that will be afforded by the erection of a new and larger regional library serviced by the county will be considered.

Need for a new city hall is obvious, as all departments housed in the present building are cramped for space. Need for new quarters for the police department is also imperative as the old building is in a bad state due to earthquake damage and termite infestation of large gatherings, public meetings, and general civic use. All of these advantages can be obtained at small cost to the taxpayer, since in addition to the funds derived from the sale of bonds at low interest rate, an outright grant of 45 percent of the cost will be obtained from federal funds, making the actual cost to the taxpayers, only 55 percent of the total.

Permission Is Asked From PWA Officials to Proceed With Work On Low Reservoir, Mains

At a meeting of the city council held Monday, Arthur Taylor, of the firm of Salisbury, Bradshaw & Taylor, consulting engineers, was instructed to contact the PWA officials at Los Angeles, and also in Washington, in the matter of securing permission for the city to go ahead with the construction of a low reservoir and additional mains, at the same time that work on the water wells and elevated steel tank is being done. Contracts for the wells and tank have already been let and work will commence in a short time.

Under the present arrangement, contracts for the reservoir and other work can not be considered until this job is finished.

However, city officials point out that unless the low reservoir and mains can be installed at the same time, the water from the new wells will not be available for several months. Should permission be granted to do all the work at the same time, as soon as it is completed water from the city-owned wells can be turned into the mains and the necessity for continuing to purchase water from the Dominguez Water Company will cease.

Plans for the improvements are ready, and with the receipt of the check for \$125,416.67 which was placed in the hands of the city officials last week, the money is available. While City Engineer Frank R. Leonard expects to leave

Rowell Hurt In Head-on Collision

Guy Rowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Rowell, residing on East Carson street, is at the General Hospital in Los Angeles, suffering from a broken jaw and in danger of a cerebral hemorrhage as the result of a head-on automobile collision on Torrance boulevard near Redondo Beach last Friday night.

Rowell was returning from the beach about 11 p. m. At the turn in the vicinity of the Southern California Edison Company substation, his car collided head on with a roadster occupied by Jack Christensen, Stanley Gilbert and Paul Drury, who were going west. The cars were demolished. The three last named lads were thrown clear of their machine and escaped with minor injuries.

LATER—Rowell's jaw was wired, and he was brought home from the hospital late yesterday. He is getting along nicely, the danger of a hemorrhage is said to be over.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS will assemble at SAN DIEGO

Several thousand members of Royal Neighbors of America are expected to attend the observance of Royal Neighbor Day, which will be held Monday, August 19, at the California Pacific International exposition in San Diego.

Although a majority of the event will be from California camps, it is anticipated that Royal Neighbors of America from many other states will also be present. The lodge has 132 camps in California with a combined membership of approximately 18,000, while its national membership in 45 states is 596,110.

Queen Contest Entry Blank

TORRANCE FAIRYLAND FESTIVAL

Name

Address

Age Height Weight

Married or single

Occupation if any

Bring or mail this coupon, with snapshot or photo of candidate to the office of the Torrance Herald. Entry limited to residents of Torrance, between ages of 16 and 25.

VALUED EMPLOYEE of Edison Company PASSES AWAY

Clinton Gorham, an employee of the Southern California Edison Company for the past 16 years, passed away Monday morning at the Good Samaritan hospital, Los Angeles, after a brief illness. He was taken suddenly ill last Thursday.

Gorham was well known in Torrance where he had been in charge of meter reading in the business district for the company for a number of years. His death leaves a valued employee, and his associates in the Edison Company group are deeply grieved over his sudden demise. He was a resident of Gardena and leaves a widow and two sons. Funeral services were held yesterday at Gardena.