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County Budget Hearings Start Tuesday, Aug. 10

With public hearings on the new budget to open next Tuesday, August 10, copies of the new preliminary budget available today show that taxpayers will be asked to raise a total of \$43,679,000 for general county government, special county funds and special county districts for 1937-38.

The grand total is \$8,000,000 more than the \$35,649,000 raised by taxation last year. Copies of the new budget now are available at the office of the board of supervisors at the Hall of Records.

Last year's preliminary budget was \$45,000,000, which was cut nearly \$10,000,000 to bring it down to the \$35,649,000 figure in the final budget. The final budget is adopted after the public hearings on the preliminary budget each year, and the new tax rate is set September 1.

Continue for 10 Days
Requirements for county salaries, topped by five \$10,000-a-year-jobs, total \$20,847,000 in the preliminary budget as against only \$15,847,000 in the final budget last year. The supervisors propose to raise a total of \$529,000 for exploitation purposes this year, as compared with \$454,000 spent last year.

Requirements of the flood control district total \$3,237,000 this year, as compared with \$3,969,000 last year. This difference of some \$700,000 will be more than absorbed by the district if the supervisors vote to transfer county drainage improvement districts to the flood control district, however. This decision has not yet been made.

Budget hearings will continue for 10 days from August 10, and taxpayers and organizations are given the opportunity to express objections to any items in the budget at that time. The board has just finished sitting as a county board of equalization, to adjust valuations of the county assessor where it was decided changes should be made in favor of certain taxpayers.

Centinel Group Due Here Monday

To extend a personal invitation to all residents of this community to attend the annual Centinel Days celebration in Inglewood, a motorcade headed by Inglewood mayor and city council with the president and other officials of the chamber of commerce, will visit here next Monday. In the party will be groups of gayly dressed entertainers to give a full taste of the good times in store.

Finsler's Comet Now Visible to Unaided Eye

Finsler's comet, newest celestial phenomenon, should be visible to the naked eye until August 15, according to an announcement by the Students' Observatory of the University of California.

The comet will be nearest the earth on August 9 at a distance of about 50,000,000 miles. It will be nearest the sun on August 15, at a distance of about 80,000,000 miles.

The spectacular visitor was discovered by Dr. P. Finsler at Zurich, Switzerland, on July 4. At that time it was visible in a small telescope. On August 1 the comet was in the polar constellation Camelopardalis, about midway between the bright stars Merga and the pole star Polaris. The comet may be observed in the northeastern sky before dawn.

On August 8 the comet will be in Draco about two-thirds of the distance between the pole star and Delta Ursae Majoris (the star of the Big Dipper where the handle joins the bowl). The comet may be seen during the early evening hours and its brightness is about the same as Delta Ursae Majoris.

Slough Valuations Slightly Reduced

Claims of the Dominguez Estate company and Del Amo Estate that their holdings in the Nigger Slough area were "worthless" failed to win but slight reductions in their assessed valuations this week from the county board of equalization.

Four of the larger parcels in the Del Amo Estate, originally assessed at \$443,660, were reduced \$23,000 to \$420,660. Reductions were denied on two of the parcels, upon the county assessor's recommendation. Supervisor Leland M. Ford, in whose district the property is located, favored a sharper cut in the valuations, however.

Assessor Hopkins stated he had made a personal tour of the area and found the condition to be partially due to the fact that "someone had constructed a concrete fill in the drainage channel at 223rd street and Wilmington boulevard."

Desirable for Homes
City Engineer F. R. Leonard of Torrance, in answer to a request for a statement, pointed out the urgent need for relief in the slough area, and there also was a statement filed from the Torrance Investment company, stating that the area was desirable for laboring men's homes, if it was drained properly.

"Statements of H. H. Cotton, representing both estates, that the land is worthless cannot be considered," Hopkins stated. "It is the assessor's opinion that these lands do have a value and should be assessed, as the flooding nuisance should be corrected and the cost is not prohibitive."

"Relief of this flood situation would be of general benefit to the county at large and the expense of relief should not all be charged against the few thousand acres that are flooded. Cost of the necessary bridges should not be charged to drainage but to highway construction. Hopkins said about 3,000 acres were flooded with the drainage from 67 square miles to the north and northwest.

Legion Launches New Officers

The largest turn-out of members yet to assemble for an American Legion post meeting gathered at the Bert S. Crossland clubhouse on Carson street Tuesday night to receive and welcome Commander-elect Grant Barkdull and his respective staffs.

Preceding the session a hearty ham-and-eggs dinner was served by a group of past-commanders of the local post. Charles Walters of Long Beach, commander-elect of the 19th district, who will be installed at the Stockton state convention next week, was installing officer.

The retiring head of the Torrance post opened the meeting and, thru the courtesy of Commander Barkdull, closed it for the last time as presiding officer. Boyle was presented with a past-commander's badge by James Burchett, former junior starter. Charles Myers, first vice-commander, was announced by Adjutant Thomas Babbitt that 10 members had paid their 1938 dues already.

Names Committee Heads
With the Wilmington post installing team assisting the district commander, Barkdull and the following officers were installed: Charles Myers, first vice-commander; Dewey Godard, second vice-commander; B. F. Peterson, sergeant-at-arms; James Wilkes, chaplain; Lyle Doan, finance officer; D. A. Murphy, service officer; Louis Deininger, historian; and Thomas Babbitt, adjutant. Members of the executive committee are Doan, William H. Stanger and George P. Thompson.

Barkdull announced the following committee assignments: George Thompson, membership for Lomita; Myers, membership; Ray Begue, Sons of Legion;

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21 YEARS ON JOB



Sam Nourse, the benign gentleman on the right, came to the Torrance plant of the Columbia Steel company in February, 1916.

He was employed to build a board fence around what was then the Llewellyn Iron works. The fence has gone but Sam remains as maintenance carpenter. He is the oldest employee from standpoint of service.

Shown with him is John Gallaretto, the other member of the carpenter maintenance gang. "The Steel Blade," monthly Columbia publication allowed The Herald the use of their picture today.

Only Few Minor Changes to be Made in School Budget

Minor changes in the budget of the Los Angeles city school district, which serves Torrance and a dozen adjacent cities and communities in addition to the city proper, are being made this week as result of a public hearing Monday night at Polytechnic high school.

A majority of those present at the public hearing appeared to favor the budget as submitted, school officials said. As a result, the total of \$40,905,000 is expected to stand, as there was no mass protest against any of the items in particular.

Several speakers objected to the district's new \$15,000,000 pay-as-you-go building program which is to be carried out over the next four years. Former Supervisor John R. Quinn was among those who spoke against the building program.

August 10 Deadline

Others included Anthony Pratt, secretary of the Municipal League of Los Angeles; Oscar Trippett, who said he represented the Los Angeles Junior chamber of commerce; Joseph Scott, J. W. Buzzell, Mrs. H. V. Davis and John A. Gaudin.

Accounting for the \$6,000,000 increase in the budget, Vierling Kersey, superintendent of schools, said that the building program, salary restorations for teachers, retirement provisions for teachers and non-certificated personnel, additional teachers and maintenance of new school plants accounted for the millions.

Firemen's Benefit Dance at Auditorium Saturday

Their new uniforms pressed and brass buttons shined, members of the regular force of the Torrance Fire department are ready to welcome a capacity crowd to their benefit dance tomorrow night at the Civic Auditorium. Attractive decorations have been placed to lend a festive note to the mid-summer frolic that will begin at 8 o'clock.

The Milt-Marr 11-piece orchestra will play. This band has attracted wide attention of "swing-time" devotees and is considered one of the best in the Southland. Dancing will continue until 1 o'clock, according to Fire Chief A. D. Stevenson who is general chairman of the event.

The regular firemen will attend in their full dress uniforms, modeled after the Los Angeles department's garb. Committees in charge of the dance are Publicity, J. J. Benner, Ben Hannebrink, Jr., and Charles McConville; Tickets, J. R. Winters, John McMasters, W. C. Silencé and Cordon Northington; Floor, Walter West, R. J.

Seven Laundry Strikers Fined Over \$600

Fines totaling more than \$600 were assessed against seven former employees of the Torrance laundry after they had been adjudged guilty in Los Angeles county superior court early this week of contempt of court.

In addition, two of the defendants, Virgil Shinn and Eva Rosenau, were given jail sentences to serve. Stay of execution was granted by Superior Judge Joseph W. Vickers until next Monday, August 9, for payment of fines and serving of the jail sentences imposed. Each defendant is to serve one day in jail for each \$5 of the fines remaining unpaid at that time.

Emma Allgood was the only one of the eight defendants who were cited who was found not guilty.

Violate Injunction
Gladys Brownlee was found guilty of contempt on July 8, 9 and 10, and fined \$50 on each count. It was alleged in all of the citations that the defendants had violated the provisions of the temporary injunction granted by Superior Judge Emmet H. Wilson several weeks ago, after a temporary restraining order had been granted.

Blanche Cunningham was found guilty of contempt on July 8, on the affidavit of Bernice King, and fined \$50. She also was found guilty of contempt on July 8 on the affidavit of Nellie Lewis, and fined \$75 on this count.

Library Contract Okayed Monday by City Council
At an adjourned meeting of the city council Monday afternoon the only business transacted was the adoption of a resolution authorizing Mayor William H. Tolson and the City Clerk Bartlett to sign a contract with the county library for 1937-38.

This agreement assures continuance of the present service at the Public Library on Post avenue and the branch library at Waverly. The cost to the city will be \$7,680.

Rotary Delegation Going to Catalina

Grover C. Whyte, president of the Torrance Rotary club, will head a delegation of local Rotarians attending the annual assembly of presidents and secretaries of the 107th district next Tuesday and Wednesday at Avalon, Santa Catalina Island. Others in the group planning to make the trip are: David L. Roberts, secretary; Sam Levy, sergeant-at-arms; and Bernard Bunje, editor of the Rotary Rig.

Dairy Picketed by C. I. O. Here

Periodic picketing of the Colbrook dairy, one of Supervisor Roger Jessup's holdings, on Huntington avenue west of Hawthorne boulevard started Tuesday night when the dairy workers' union affiliated with the C. I. O., sought to enforce a contract with the dairy-owners. The C. I. O. group is reported to have demanded that Jessup begin the terms of the agreement as of August 1. The owner of the plant claims that he was given until Sept. 1 to start operations under the pact. Between 75 and 100 pickets appeared at the dairy Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. They disbanded when the milking period was over and returned Wednesday afternoon.

Township Clerk Position Open

Saturday of this week, August 7, is the last day for file applications to take the examination to be given for assistant court clerk of the Inglewood township justice court. The job will be half time, and will pay \$77.50 per month upon appointment.

Only electors of Inglewood township (which includes Torrance and Lomita) may take the examination, which is to be given Monday, August 9, in Los Angeles. Applicants must be at least 21 years old, have a full high school course or its equivalent, and at least a year's recent office experience.

INDEPENDENT UNIT SEEKS SHARE OF RESPONSIBILITY

Taking its place in the vanguard of labor groups who who realize their responsibility to employers and public alike, the Employees' Association of Workers of the National Supply company is completing legal arrangements to file incorporation papers. The documents, being prepared by officials of the independent union with the assistance of Kenneth Hughes, local attorney, will be dispatched to the Secretary of the State for review and granting of corporate powers.

New Bldg. Leaps Past Year Total

There were only 11 permits issued but new construction in Torrance during the month of July surpassed in amount annual figures clear back to 1928.

The July total was \$634,950 which made the building figure for the year to August 1, \$954,870. In all of 1936 new construction here amounted to only \$53,978 and yet last year's building more than doubled the amount accomplished here in 1935.

Sole reason for the outstanding leap in construction during the past month was the \$620,000 building permit taken out by the General Petroleum corporation for the continued expansion of its Torrance refinery. Only three new residences were started during July and there were five industrial jobs launched and three alteration and repair permits issued.

Raps C. I. O. 'Contracts'
"We have learned a great deal from the statements of the C. I. O. to develop class hatred and distrust," Babcock, who has been with the National Supply company for the past nine years, stated. "We know that nothing good can come of labor's attempt to dominate industry by the use of force. Labor must insist upon its rights but in a way that is economically sound and for the public's security."

"For that reason we have undertaken the expense of incorporating. Whatever contract we may want with our employers we want it to place the same responsibility on us as it does on the National Supply company," he continued. "Any other means to effect collective bargaining is worthless. The C. I. O. has been signing 'contracts' that are not worth the paper they are written on because C. I. O. union groups lack corporate powers. If those contracts were individually signed by each and every C. I. O. member with his employer then they possibly would be valid. But such is not the case."

Babcock said that plans to incorporate were adopted shortly after the Employees' Association was founded last February. He declared that the election

G-Men Arrest Aged Walterian

Writing another chapter to the adventurous career of Frank Mallo, who says he is 65 years old, Department of Justice agents arrested that Walterian last Thursday on a charge of making fraudulent statements in regard to his veteran's bonus "for the purpose of defrauding the government." When he was arraigned in Federal court this week, Mallo pleaded not guilty and his bail was reduced from \$1,500 to \$500. His trial will be set after Sept. 12 before Federal Judge McCormick. He is in the county jail.

Lomita Brothers Rob Japanese of \$90, Watch

Two brothers, 12 and 10 years of age, residing in Lomita were picked up in Redondo Beach late Friday afternoon, a few hours after they allegedly took nearly \$90 in cash and a 17-jewel watch from the home of Tautonu Mochezuki at Sepulveda and Susanna streets.

When observed flourishing considerable money at the beach city, officers there questioned them in regard to the robbery and they are said to have admitted the theft.

One of the boys had \$55.90 in cash and the watch in his pocket. He said they had buried the rest at home. Local officers then proceeded to the boys' residence and dug up \$24.17.

The money had been taken, Mochezuki reported, from a shoebox on the table of his home. The door to the Japanese man's place was open. The recovered money and watch were turned back to the owner and the boys were turned over to juvenile authorities.

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