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Schools Open Monday; 3,100 Due to Enroll

FIRST "DIVIDEND DOUGH" AUCTION SATURDAY!

SAVE YOUR SHEKELS TO WIN GIFTS!

Thousands of dollars in Dividend Dough—the only money that will be "good" at three spectacular public auctions Saturday night, Sept. 11-18 and 25—found its way into the pockets of busy shoppers here this week.

Thousands more "Share Shekels" will be issued by 38 merchants before the first "big sale" begins at 7 o'clock this coming Saturday in the triangle park in front of the Torrance theatre.

At that time an array of valuable merchandise will be "knocked down" to the highest bidder in Dividend Dough. Every Share Shekel will count when bidding starts and all residents of Torrance and vicinity who have been accumulating their Dough should be present to "buy" the gifts given by Torrance business men and the major awards contributed by the Torrance Retail Merchants' association.

Employees Are Barred

During the week several merchants cooperating in the Dividend Dough feature "ran short" of Share Shekels and were unable to secure a supply of "currency" in time to give to patrons. For this they express their regret and hope that now, with an ample supply of the "vari-colored" money on hand, that all shoppers purchasing 50 cents or more worth of goods will be supplied without delay.

Under the terms of the Dividend Dough Days sales event, participating merchants and their employees are barred from collecting Share Shekels. Only the great mass of Torrance shoppers may bid for the awards at the Saturday auctions.

Don't fail to attend the first auction Saturday night! It will start promptly at 7 o'clock at the junction of Sartori, Marcelina and Cabrillo avenues—right in front of the Torrance theatre. One-third of \$498.31 worth of valuable merchandise will be up for bids.

Get Your Shekels!

Included in the collection of brand-new 1937-styled, attractive gifts will be a \$22.50 Nesco cooker—the first of the four major awards especially donated by the Retail Merchants' association for Dividend Dough Days.

—And every time you make a purchase of 50 cents or more, ask for your Share Shekels! The more you get, the more fun you'll have bidding for things you want Saturday nights, Sept. 11, 18 and 25.

Seek Clearing House for 17 Lomita Groups

Some 17 different service and social clubs of Lomita have been invited to send representatives to a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce in that community, Sept. 17 when formation of a Coordinating Council will be discussed.

The council will seek correlation of service work as well as eliminating interference of dates for major community events sponsored by the various organizations, according to H. H. Halladay, secretary of the Lomita chamber, who called the meeting.

He says the council will be a much-needed clearing house for work of the individual groups which affect the entire community and avoid duplication of efforts. Invited to the meeting are, among others, the Kiwanis club, Boy Scouts, three P.T.A. units, Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Masons, Amaranth, Townsend, Royal Neighbors, Artisans, F. W. and Auxiliary, Fleet Reserve and Auxiliary and W. C. T. U.

Judge Hunts With "Renfrew" They Kill Rattler in Quest for Rabbits

It's not every day that one can go hunting with "Renfrew of the Mounted" and narrowly escape treading on a rattlesnake.

That is what made Labor Day an outstanding event for City Judge Robert Lessing.

The magistrate accompanied his long-time friend, James Newell, noted singer who is starring in the screen version of that lusty outdoor radio hero, "Renfrew of the Mounted." They were north of Lancaster in search of rabbits.

While tramping over the desert, Lessing almost stepped on a rattler sunning itself. The reptile's once-heard-never-forgotten rattle made the Judge "leap 10 feet in the air," he said.

"But I blew it off and then Jimmy came up and plunked in a bullet just for good measure."

How many rabbits did the screen star and the magistrate bag? One.

New Building So Far More Than Double All of '36

Continuing the record-breaking increase in new building here that started almost with the beginning of the year, the construction permits issued by City Engineer Frank R. Leonard during August totaled \$41,175 as compared to \$14,045 for the same month last year.

Total new building during the first eight months of this year amounted to \$996,045, more than double the amount for the whole year of 1936, Leonard reported. The total for the same eight-month period in 1936 was but \$271,684. There were 145 building permits issued to Sept. 1 this year as compared to 120 for the eight months to Sept. 1 in 1936, he said.

Month Starts Strong

Divided according to building classifications, the August construction included two industrial permits, one to the General Petroleum corporation for \$29,600 for two 80,000-barrel oil storage tanks, four new residences, \$9,400; three alterations and repair jobs, \$1,250; five garages,

DEDICATORY DINNER PLANS AWAIT BUILDING'S FINISH

Because the completion date of the new Administrative building adjoining the Civic Auditorium on El Prado is still uncertain, Mayor William H. Tolson and Secretary L. J. Gilmeister of the Chamber of Commerce decided this week to postpone all plans for a dedicatory dinner in the new structure until it was actually finished.

"We cannot learn any definite date when the building, which will house the Chamber of Commerce offices, a large kitchen and several other rooms, will be ready for occupancy," Gilmeister said. "So we have agreed to hold up arrangements to postpone the building with an appropriate dinner-program until we are actually in possession of its facilities."

Construction of the fifth civic building with the assistance of the PWA started months ago but because of the labor rules of the Federal government, it has taken far more time to build than would have elapsed for any similar structure under private contract.

The dedicatory event was originally scheduled for Sept. 28 but now it looks like the Administration structure will not be finished until some time after that date. The Chamber of Commerce and city officials propose to exhibit its facilities at a big dinner-program with municipal and county officials and newspapermen from surrounding cities and communities as special guests.

Veteran Cafeman Retires From 'Behind Counter'

For 13 years Harry Roberts has sliced a thousand pounds beef, ham and pork roasts, drawn hundreds of gallons of steaming coffee, divided more hundreds of pies and entertained his patrons with breezy comments on current events, a white apron encompassing his ample girth and a white cap topping his bald pate.

This week he was missing from his stance behind the counter of the Dolley Drug Antiques and Torrance had lost a genial provider of good food. Harry and his good wife, Mrs. Hughena Roberts, had sold their fountain lunch business back to Harry Dolley, veteran druggist.

The Roberts' came to Torrance in 1918 from Long Beach because "we realized Torrance was a rapidly-developing industrial center, behind the climate and we believed the best people on earth lived and worked here." They started their fountain lunch Sept. 19, 1924, and at once welcomed a

Outing Halted by Tree Crash

A vacation trip, that was marred by a serious accident was reported to his fellow-workmen at the C. C. M. O., this week by R. A. Lamphear of Manhattan Beach.

While camped near June Lake in the High Sierras, a sudden storm came up and the high wind blew down a tree adjoining Mr. and Mrs. Lamphear's camp. The tree smashed into their car and Mrs. Lamphear was caught under the debris.

When she was rushed to a hospital it was found she had suffered a triple fracture of one of her legs. She is reported recovering at home now.

Happy Landing



Exhibiting her first real smile since she left war-torn Shanghai, Mrs. Harvey Bell, Pitts, Pa., above, saves a welcome from the liner Tatusia Maru.

Compton Host To Harbor Group

A group of Torrance Chamber of Commerce members and officials will attend the dinner-meeting of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce tonight at Compton's Pathfinder club-house. Principal speaker will be Earl Lee Kelly, state director of public works, who will discuss "Highways, Gas Tax and a Lot of Other Things You Should Know."

There will be a fried chicken dinner and special entertainment presented by the host-chamber of Compton. The dinner-meeting will begin at 6:30 o'clock.

Half of Liquor Revenue Must Go for Control

Cities and counties of California must spend the 50 per cent of state liquor license fees allotted them under the alcoholic beverage control act in enforcing the law, according to a ruling of Attorney General U. S. Webb.

The money is to be distributed semi-annually by the state controller on the basis of each political subdivision's fee contribution and Controller Harry B. Riley raised the question as to how it was to be spent by the local governments. Webb's opinion cited court decisions which held in effect that the funds must be devoted to enforcement of the liquor control statutes.

Teacher Breaks Leg In Fall at Home

Mrs. Stella Young, 1931 Gramercy avenue, teacher at Torrance high school, suffered a broken leg, when she fell in her home Tuesday. While coming down the steps in her home, Mrs. Young lost a heel from her shoe and fell down three steps breaking the fibula in her left leg.

CANDIDATE Prepares for Yuletide Rush

Let it be said to Postmaster Birda Paddock's credit that she is one postal official in the United States who is not going to be caught unawares by the Christmas postal rush of 1937.

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RANCH SCENE OF OIL WORK

The McClaran and Humphries oil interests expect to spud in a new well on Western Ranch in the Palos Verdes Hills, south of the old Lomita pump district, tomorrow or Saturday, it was learned today.

The McClaran brothers and Marie Humphries re-bored the area, where wildcat well in that area some three weeks ago. The hole is now at approximately 1,600 feet and the well is said to be drawing from 30 to 50 barrels of crude per day. The firm holds 200 acres in Tract 6785 and the derrick for its next well is already finished.

It is reported in the vicinity that this project will be taken down to the schist in search of two or more producing zones in the Weston Ranch area.

FIREMEN TO MEET HERE

The Torrance Fire department, thru Chief A. D. Stevenson, mailed circular letters of invitation this week to the chiefs and members of all departments in this area for the September gathering of the Harbor District Firemen's association. This will be held Thursday evening, Sept. 16, beginning at 8 o'clock in the central station headquarters, 1523 Craven avenue. Captain Maurice M. Clement of the Long Beach department will be the speaker of the evening. His subject will be "The Relationship Between County or Sectional Organizations and the California State Firemen's Association."

Rotary, Kiwanis Gathering Tonight

A joint dinner-meeting of the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs will be held tonight, starting at 6:30 o'clock, in the Legion clubhouse. Principal speaker will be F. R. Fysh, Los Angeles industrial executive, who will discuss labor conditions in Southern California.

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Masons Picnic in Park Sunday

The annual Masonic lodge picnic will be held Sunday at the city park and all members and visiting Masons with their families are cordially invited by Willis M. Brooks, worshipful master, to attend. E. A. Day is chairman of the picnic committee and he states that his group is ready to entertain several hundred.

The basket lunch hour will begin at 12:30 and the lodge will furnish coffee, ice cream and punch. During the afternoon the Torrance Municipal band will present a concert in the bandshell at the city park. This extra event is made possible because of a concurrence of dates for the concert and picnic.

Jewish Faith Awaits Day of Atonement

While all the nation observed Labor Day, Jewish folk the world over celebrated Rosh Hashana, Jewish New Year, which started after sundown Monday and lasted for two days this week.

And 10 days later, on Wednesday, Sept. 15, comes Yom Kippur, the day of atonement, when prayer and fasting will take the place of celebration.

Two New Buildings Ready; Registration Data is Announced

Doors of seven schools in this city, Walteria and Lomita and 387 other schools in the Los Angeles city school district will swing open to admit more than 3,100 children in this area and some 300,000 throughout the district next Monday, Sept. 13. Several score custodians, clerks and administrators have been busy here since the first day of the month preparing the local schools for occupancy.

THREE R'S SECOND TO SOCIAL ARTS

Increased emphasis is to be laid on "character education and the development of socially desirable personality traits" says Vierling Kersey, superintendent of the Los Angeles city school system, in a pre-term statement this week. "To this end we shall seek a closer home-school relationship with understanding cooperation between teacher and parent.

"As school, church, the home and community-building, agencies work together a strengthened idealism in youth will result. This is even more important than regular academic education," the Superintendent added. In addition to the "three R's" and character education, health education, training in the arts and crafts, social sciences, the cultural arts, and citizenship will go to make the student of today the well-rounded adult of tomorrow," he added.

With the opening of school one of the largest school building programs in the country draws to a close. The entire program from March 1935 involves an expenditure of \$34,708,200. The Public Works Administration provided \$13,304,065 of this amount. However, rapidly growing attendance due to influx of families from other states demands a continuous building program to provide adequate housing. The average daily attendance in Los Angeles city schools in 1917 was about 64,000; in 1937 it nears the 300,000 mark.

Principal Ellison pointed out today that no student will be served either students or teachers on the first day of school.

Six New Teachers

New teachers on the staff are: Mrs. Madeline Urquhart, who is replacing Mrs. Hazeltine Wyvell; she will teach vocational cooking and manage the high school cafeteria; Miss Margaret McGinty, who is replacing Mrs. Rae Hitzler and will teach girls' physical education; and the following who have been added "to our faculty because of increased enrollment":

FIRST OF 40 HOMES RISING

Construction began on three medium-priced homes, the first of a scheduled 40 in the tract, this week on West 214th and West 215th street between Denker avenue and South Harvard boulevard in the Los Angeles Shoestring strip adjoining the Torrance city limits.

Builder of the subdivision is the United States Construction company, a Pasadena concern, which is said to own the acreage in that vicinity. One of the homes begun this week is located on the southeast corner of West 214th and Denker, while the other two are fronting West 215th off Denker.

It is understood that the Pasadena firm intends to sell the homes at prices ranging from \$2,800 to \$3,500. The construction program is the largest started in or near this city in several years.

Democrats to Pick Officers Tomorrow Night at San Pedro

Members of the Democratic club of the 68th Assembly District will meet tomorrow, Friday, evening at the old American Legion hall, 10th and Myler street, San Pedro, to elect officers for the ensuing year.

A nominating committee consisting of representatives from various parts of the district will submit a list of candidates for the offices of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and directors. However, additional nominations may be made from the floor, according to James J. O'Toole, Torrance member of the nominating committee. All members of the club are requested to be present at this important meeting.

Administrators have been busy here since the first day of the month preparing the local schools for occupancy.

In addition to the buildings which have housed the student population of this area for years, the new Lomita Elementary building will be ready for occupancy Monday and thus relieve congested rooms and take Lomita youngsters out of the bungalow quarters which have served them for many months. That structure and the new Torrance high school gymnasium structure are the only additions to the physical properties of the school district this term.

Opening Data Given

The following information relative to the opening of the 1937-38 term was gathered today by The Herald for the information of parents and students for all schools in this district:

TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL... Students will report at 8 a. m., next Monday for a general assembly and will be seated according to the seating plan in operation at the end of the last school year. There will be a faculty meeting at the same hour with Principal Thomas H. Ellison.

The school has been cleaned and renovated and the new boys' gymnasium is ready for use. New equipment has been installed and there will be "some innovations in courses and curriculum in conformity with plans of the Los Angeles city school system."

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Mrs. Irene Langton, to the commercial department; she will teach business law, correspondence, shorthand, everyday business and mathematics; Mrs. Gertrude Hingworth comes from the Carthy Center school to teach social studies and music; Miss Muriel Duncan to the girls' physical education department and will also teach dramatics; and Egbert Merrill, who has been assigned as a full-time teacher in the physical education department. Last year he taught part-time.

Last year's teachers who are returning here include: Mrs. Margaret Allen, science and social studies; Herbert B. Andrews, printing; Leonard Austin, machine and auto shop; Frank E. Barrow, social studies and English; Miss Florence Behr, library; Mrs. Mabel T. Boynton, Spanish and attendance; Mrs. Amy Bull, clothing; James H. Burchett, mechanical drawing and shop; Miss Ethel Burnham, social studies, English and journalism; Miss Ada Chase, art; Miss Helen Collar, cooking; Roy J. Cochran, physical education; Mrs. Marjorie Eischen, music; Mrs. Lois Engel, English and social studies, and Ivan Grigsby, shop.

Noah Horning, woodshop; Miss Minnie Janevics, commercial; Miss Eva Jones, English and social studies; Miss Marguerite Jones, commercial; Mrs. Edith Kelly, English and social studies; Miss Ruth Locke, mathematics; Miss Cora Mabee, English and social studies; Miss Katherine Miller, mathematics and English; Miss Irene Mills, English; Mrs. Grace Morse,

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