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NO WORK ON WESTERN IS CONSIDERED

The following informative letter regarding the widening, extending and improvement of Western avenue south of Carson street was received from George W. Jones, county road commissioner, this week by Charles A. Curtiss, secretary of the Dominguez Land corporation.

"The proposed width of the right-of-way of this portion of Western avenue is 100 feet and, to secure this uniform width, it will be necessary to acquire 40 additional feet on the easterly side of Western avenue between Carson and 220th streets.

"From 220th street to 228th street, the county now has a 100-foot right-of-way; from 228th street to Lomita boulevard, practically none of the rights-of-way have been secured.

"The county has no funds at the present time which can be used for either the widening or improvement of this street, and it is impossible for me to state when such funds will be available. However we all appreciate the necessity of this improvement, and hope it will be possible to finance it during the next fiscal year.

"It is not the present plan of the county to assess any of these costs to the abutting property."

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Lomita Chamber Dinner is Dec. 6

One of the largest crowds ever to attend a Lomita function is expected to gather at the social ball of the Community church next Monday night, Dec. 6, when the Chamber of Commerce banquet is held. Hugo F. Schmidt is program chairman. Principal speakers will be Supervisor Leland M. Ford, and R. B. Diemer, distribution engineer for the Metropolitan Water District.

A male quartet, accompanied by Mrs. Kathryn Buffington of Torrance, will sing and Col. Jack Forbes will lead the group singing. Mrs. Charles Airey will be accompanist.

Women Wearing Larger Shoes

LORAIN, O. (U.P.)—Shoe dealers here say the average woman is wearing shoes between two and two and one-half sizes larger than she wore 10 years ago.

Those Treasure Hunt Tickets Are Valuable!

Are you collecting your Treasure Hunt tickets with every Torrance purchase? Be sure to ask for them so you'll have a host of possible winning numbers when the Annual Hunt starts at noon, Thursday, Dec. 23.

One ticket is being given with each 50-cent purchase by the 26 local firms now displaying the large "This is a Christmas Treasure Hunt Store" signs in their windows.

Sidewalk Cleanup Suggested

Have you noticed the sidewalks in Torrance? They are very dirty and a potential health menace in the opinion of observers who asked The Herald this week to cast its editorial eye at the sidewalks.

This has been done and The Herald agrees that the walks, particularly in the downtown business section, look most unsightly.

The combination of heavy fog followed by warm sunshine is producing the film of muck that, when it dries, raises dust. It is this dust that develops disease.

Business men and residents whose walks are dirty would do well to hose them off frequently. The increased traffic on the walks due to holiday shopping make such cleaning essential to good health.

One observer opines that the city fire department could serve by hosing off the walks in the early morning hours. That is not the customary function of the fire department but perhaps Fire Chief Stevenson and his crew would perform it as a gesture of good-will.

At any rate, the sidewalks are dirty and they need cleaning.

Exterior Yuletide Displays Wanted for Cash Awards

During this coming festive Yuletide season, homes throughout Torrance may easily sparkle with a new holiday atmosphere and thus spread Christmas cheer out-of-doors. The Woman's club is sponsoring the movement here to decorate the exterior of homes and is offering two prizes of \$10 and \$5 for the best efforts by local residents.

There are but three requirements to compete in this novel contest: (1) The decorations or lighting effects must be outdoors and thus easily seen by passers-by; (2) some form of illumination, electric, gas or fire, must be used to make the display visible at night; and (3) the coupon printed below must be filled out and given to Mrs. Lillian Barrington, club president, The Torrance Herald or the Chamber of Commerce.

This last requirement is most important because the judges of the outdoor displays will make up their itinerary of homes from the signed coupons. This will enable the judges to see every entrant's display and prevent overlooking of some.

Fill out and send or mail this coupon NOW to Mrs. Barrington, 2308 Torrance boulevard, The Herald office, or the Chamber of Commerce.

Torrance Out-Door Yule Display Contest

I plan to decorate my home exterior or grounds for Christmas and would like to have my home included in the Torrance Woman's club prize contest:

Name.....

Address.....

ALL COUNTY CITIES ASKED FOR FLOOD CONTROL DATA

Torrance and all other cities in the county flood control district are asked by County Engineer Alfred Jones to submit detailed information on drainage improvements made under state acts and which might be turned over to the district.

Purpose of the requests is to arrive at an estimate of the possible boost in the flood control district tax rate that might result if the county drainage improvement districts were transferred to the flood control district. All of the 44 cities in the county are inside the flood control district.

According to City Engineer Frank R. Leonard there is no storm drain assessment district in Torrance unless the Lomita-Rose street drain includes some of this city's territory back of the Doherty Stone Drill property. Leonard is going to study the county engineer's maps to determine the boundaries of that district.

Two Acts Concerned

"We must estimate the amount of storm drain work we anticipate in the next 10 years and the probable cost of the improvement," Leonard said.

"This will include the portion of the drainage project off the Palos Verdes hills that drains into Hawthorne avenue and the Alondra Park drainage that flows into our Illinois street in North Torrance. The culverts there are not large enough to carry off the flood water."

Two acts, known as assembly bills Nos. 2190 and 2911, are concerned in the matter. The first act enables the supervisors to transfer to the flood control district "storm drain improvements, drainage improvements or drainage systems in said county."

Did You See the Eclipse This Afternoon?

The second solar eclipse of the year occurred this afternoon at 3:23 p. m. The moon began to cover up the sun at that time and a little more than half of the sun was obscured by the moon as they disappeared below the horizon at about 4:44 p. m.

The eclipse was seen as a partial coverage from the western part of North America. Along a narrow path stretching across the Pacific ocean, the moon appeared as a black disc against the sun, with a ring or annulus of the sun still showing.

This is called an annular eclipse and results from the fact that the sun is nearer and appears slightly larger than it did last June when there was a total eclipse. Also the moon is farther away and appears slightly smaller than it did in June.

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Train-Car Crash Fatal to Aged Japanese

A 53-year-old Japanese truck gardener was fatally injured Monday afternoon when he drove his Ford truck into a moving Pacific Electric car on Arlington avenue south of 160th street. The accident occurred at 3:50 in the afternoon and Sadajiro Tokayama died at Torrance Memorial hospital at 5 o'clock.

Tokayama, a resident of Redondo Beach, was driving his truck south on Arlington when he struck P. E. car No. 1051, E. T. Barrett, motorman, and V. Wahl, conductor. The victim's body was thrown 60 feet east of Arlington and 27 feet south of the tracks. His truck was dragged 183 feet east of Arlington, according to police.

Also the accident occurred at 3:50, local officers report that they were not notified until 5 o'clock when Tokayama died at the hospital. A coroner's inquest was held at Stone and Myers chapel yesterday afternoon.

A verdict of accidental death which exonerated the train crew from blame was brought in by the coroner's jury.

Cabrillo Groups Awaits Parley

Until Pacific Electric officials grant Ed Thompson, chairman of the Cabrillo Avenue Improvement association, and other key members of that group which seeks the paving of the center right-of-way street car strip, an audience to present their case, the civic betterment unit will "mark time," Thompson said this week.

"We have amassed a surprising number of endorsements of the improvement project and when the P. E. indicates that we will receive our committee I believe that we shall have no difficulty in convincing the railway officials that Torrance is solidly behind our efforts," Thompson declared.

After presenting their case to the Pacific Electric, the Cabrillo group intends to contact the city council in regard to the paving of the center strip. The railway will be asked to lower its tracks to street level and thus make Cabrillo the wide, unbroken thoroughfare it should be.

End Tests for City Positions

About 20 men took the third and final examination for positions on the police force and fire department eligibility lists Tuesday night when they appeared before the city civil service board for their oral hearings. The other tests were written and physical.

The board, headed by J. Orin Bishop, chairman, and consisting of Alden W. Smith and George L. Probert, subjected each candidate for positions of advancement in the two departments to a 20-minute question-and-answer session. The candidates were asked to keep the oral proceedings confidential, it is reported.

Within 30 days, the civil service examiners will furnish the city council with an eligibility list that will be effective for two years. No positions are open now it is understood.

Scouts and Police are Official Yule Lights Switch Throwers

Three Torrance Boy Scouts, Vern Lovelady, Howard and Leonard Bender of Troop 211, sponsored by the 20-30 club, are doing their "good turn" daily by turning on the 16 switches that control the strings of colored lights illuminating the downtown shopping district. Every afternoon about 5:30 the Scouts race from switch to switch until all are on and nearly 2,000 globes are illuminated.

Then at 10:20 every night except Saturday, police officers make the rounds and turn them off. Saturday nights the illumination continues until midnight.

Leonard Babcock, district Scout commissioner, interested Scouts Lovelady and the Benders in performing this act of civic service when he was asked by Harvel Guttenfelder, president of the Torrance Retail Merchants' association, for the assistance. "The Scouts are thus earning 'time' on their 'community service stripe,' one of which is awarded for every 10 hours of service."

The power bill to illuminate the 5,025 feet of colored globes—2,250 feet more than was strung last holiday season, runs about \$5.30 per night, Guttenfelder revealed this week. Thus for five hours during each of the 37 nights the display will be seen the electric bill will be approximately \$195.50—this to be paid by the Merchants' association.

Guttenfelder said that the cost of erecting the strings of lights, and decorating the 58 ornamental light standards was \$379. The local display is considerably larger than many of the surrounding towns and is a distinct credit to the sponsoring association.

SEASON CHANGES SOON

Winter begins December 21 at 10:22 p. m., according to information received from the Griffith Observatory.

Special Patriotic Program Free To All Dec. 7

Torrance will celebrate the 160th anniversary of the signing and ratification of the Constitution by the first state—Delaware—next Tuesday night, Dec. 7, at a special patriotic assembly for all residents in the Civic Auditorium, starting at 8 o'clock. There will be no admission charge.

Plans for the celebration were made Tuesday night by representatives of nearly all clubs and organizations in the city were asked by Willis M. Brooks, master of the Torrance Masonic lodge, to assist in the arrangements. The Masonic lodge thru-out the state, in response to an appeal by the Grand Master, is holding similar functions in every city.

Designed to re-impress American ideals on the citizenry and rebuff the efforts of Communism, Fascism and all other "isms," the Constitution observance locally will feature an address by H. E. Burkheimer, publisher of the Alhambra Post-Advocate, community singing and other entertainment of a patriotic nature. Willis Brooks will serve as master-of-ceremonies. Burkheimer is said to be a forceful speaker with an absorbing topic.

The Constitution assembly is a patriotic, not a political meeting and Boy Scouts, members of the local Legion post and other service organizations are expected to attend in groups.

Archbishop Cantwell to Confirm 60 Sunday at Catholic Church

One of the most illustrious sons of the Catholic church, Archbishop John J. Cantwell of the Diocese of Los Angeles, will make his first visit to Torrance since his elevation to the archbishopric next Sunday when he comes here to confirm a class of 60 at the Catholic Church of the Nativity.

Father Joseph V. Fitzgerald and his parishioners are making elaborate arrangements for the entertainment of the Archbishop. The visit of His Grace to Torrance is particularly interesting because the date coincides with the Dec. 5, 1917, when he was consecrated a bishop in San Francisco. On Dec. 3, 1936, Bishop Cantwell was elevated to the rank of Archbishop in Los Angeles.

The confirmation rites will be at the local church at 11 o'clock. At 10:50 there will be a procession from Rev. Fitzgerald's rectory of all the confirmandi, led by the cross bearer and two acolytes and followed by a number of visiting priests and monsignori—escorting His Grace.

Reception After Service

The service will last about an hour and will consist of Holy Mass and the examination of the class by the Archbishop who will then confer the Holy Act of Confirmation. There will be 10 adults and 50 children in the group thus enrolled in the Catholic church.

Following the service, Rev. Fitzgerald will be host to the Archbishop, visiting priests and monsignori at a reception in his rectory.

Archbishop Cantwell has had a most distinguished career and won international acclaim a year ago when he formed the Legion of Decency which was successful in its campaign for cleaner motion pictures. When he became Bishop of the Diocese of Los Angeles and Monterey there were but 80,000 Catholics in his district. Today, with two dioceses and an archdiocese under his direction, there are 500,000.

Selby Now at Sanitarium

Johnny Selby is now undergoing a thorough physical examination preparatory to receiving a course of medical treatment at Loma Linda Sanitarium near Beards as a result of the successful benefit dance held for him last Saturday night in the Civic Auditorium. Johnny, popular Torrance high school football player and graduate, was taken to the sanitarium last Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ladene Banks, chairman of the benefit, reported this week that so far \$173 has been turned in from the sale of tickets and more is expected when all of her assistants report. The dance expense was \$50 for the orchestra and rental of the Auditorium. Mrs. John W. Selby, the young man's mother, was given \$123.45 to pay for Johnny's treatment at Loma Linda.

More than 350 attended the dance. Dorothy Reddington and Tommy McNeil won the prize waltz and Walter Schlick was master-of-ceremonies.

"We wish to thank the service club of Torrance and all our friends for their generosity and thoughtfulness in raising the necessary funds to send our son, John, to Loma Linda Sanitarium," Mr. and Mrs. Selby wrote The Herald this week. "We are especially grateful to Miss Ladene Banks and her assistants who were leaders in this fine work. John is already in the Sanitarium undergoing examinations by specialists to determine the cause of his trouble which has baffled physicians here.

"Whether he comes home with that ascertained or not, he has already been benefited mentally by your expression and this alone can but reflect good upon him physically. Again we thank you for ourselves and John from the bottom of our hearts."

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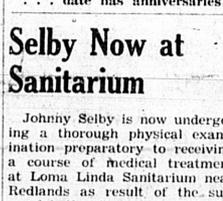
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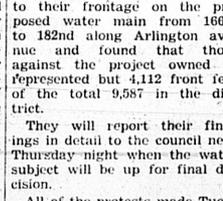
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