

Seeks Adventurous Physician



Sir Hubert Wilkins, of the impeccable goatee, is greeted in Seattle by Edna M. Williamson, president of the Seattle Aeronautical Society, at Boeing Field. Sir Hubert plans another expedition into the Antarctic with Lincoln Ellsworth, and seeks a physician to accompany them.

CBS Engineers Render New KNX Transmitter Plant 'Disaster-Proof'

Measures taken by Columbia Broadcasting System technicians to assure continuous operation under any emergency of the new \$350,000 KNX transmitter at Hawthorne and 190th street, have made it practically impossible to cut Los Angeles off from communication with other parts of the country, according to James Middlebrooks, engineer in charge of construction of the new plant.

\$30 Pension Plan Rally Cheered by 300 Here Tuesday

Frequent bursts of applause from an audience of about 300 Tuesday night at the Civic Auditorium indicated that the idea of receiving \$30 a week for life has a potent appeal among senior residents here who are bordering or past the 50-year mark.

Three Bands to Swing It Friday Evening in Aud

Take a listen to three bands at the Civic Auditorium tomorrow (Friday) night and help the Coordinating Council decide which organization will get a contract to appear for the next four all-community dances in Torrance.

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MAYOR'S WIFE BETTER Mrs. William H. Tolson, wife of this city's mayor, is reported making a good recovery at Torrance Memorial hospital where she underwent a major operation July 27.

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Ballot Preview Going to Voters Late This Week

DEADLINES TOLD
Next Tuesday, Aug. 9, is the last day to file initiative petitions with the registrar of voters. A total of 136,378 signatures is necessary on petitions to submit initiative measures to the voters at the November general election.

Next Wednesday is the last day to become naturalized or otherwise become a citizen to be able to vote at the November election.

A preview of the Aug. 30 ballot will be given voters throughout the county when Registrar of Voters W. M. Kerr begins the mailing of sample ballots late this week. Under the law Kerr must have mailed such a ballot to every registered voter by Aug. 25.

Each registered voter also will receive a card notifying him of the polling place in the precinct in which he resides.

Official tabulation of the total registration in Los Angeles county was being prepared this week by Kerr's department. The previous high mark for the county was eclipsed several days ago, long before all the affidavits had been checked.

Kerr's office will mail a ticket of each political party to the chairman of the county central committee for each party, between Aug. 5 and Aug. 25. Each candidate also will receive a copy of the sample ballot upon which his name appears.

H. S. Printing Teacher Named

Principal Thomas Elson of the high school announced Tuesday that Charles W. Hamilton has been engaged as printing instructor, succeeding Herbert B. Andrews, for the 1938-39 term. Hamilton will come here from a year's instructorship in printing at San Fernando high school.

Warners Feted On Eve of Their Departure North

Testifying to the esteem in which he is held by his fellow workers at the Columbia Steel plant, Carl S. Warner, who has been named to take charge of all engineering and maintenance of equipment at the Pittsburg (Cal.) Columbia plant, was honored guest at the first of three "farewell dinners" last night.

This tribute was extended by the heads of all Columbia Steel departments and their assistants at the Palos Verdes Golf club. Warner, who will take over his new position Aug. 15, was presented with a sterling silver fruit bowl set. Today Mrs. E. M. Barber, wife of the local plant's general superintendent, gave a luncheon at her Palos Verdes home in honor of Mrs. Warner.

Tomorrow night the popular chief engineer will be special guest of the foremen and leaders of various units in the engineering and maintenance departments at a dinner to be given at the Hollywood Riviera clubhouse. Saturday evening neighbors of the Warners will gather at the Grover C. Whyte home on Post avenue to fete Mr. and Mrs. Warner at a potluck dinner.

Small Boys Set Haystack A-Blaze

Some small boys playing around a haystack at Redondo Beach boulevard and Arlington avenue Sunday afternoon are believed to have started the fire which consumed 10 tons of fodder valued at \$150. The hay was owned by Carl Puschke, farmer in that northern part of the city.

Convicts Buy Bus
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (U.P.)—Prisoners at the Missouri penitentiary have bought and reconditioned a second-hand bus to carry their ball teams to "outsider" games throughout rural Missouri.

Building Shows Gain of 257 Percent; Total for July is \$188,779

With South Torrance oil field derrick construction a major part of the total, \$188,779 worth of new construction—the largest monthly amount since January's record-holder of \$1,811,950—was started here in July, according to the city engineer's office. The building total for the seven months of the year to date is \$2,469,416 as compared to \$954,870 for the same period of 1937 or a gain of better than 257 percent.

New construction here during July, 1937, amounted to \$634,950 which included one building permit for the General Petroleum corporation for a \$620,000 addition to the refinery here.

Last month's building included six new residences, \$11,850; five private garages, \$975; eight alterations and repair jobs to residences, \$3,050; 31 oil derricks, \$155,000; 12 oil tanks, \$8,454; three alterations and repair jobs to business or industrial structures, \$1,500, and eight new non-residential buildings, \$7,950.

The comparative monthly totals are:

1938	1937
January.....\$1,811,950	\$41,030
February.....32,400	11,845
March.....154,250	24,155
April.....81,225	21,690
May.....81,397	204,615
June.....119,415	16,585
July.....188,779	634,950
Total.....\$2,469,416	\$954,870

AUGUST STARTS OFF STRONG IN BUILDING

Permits for new construction work here issued during the past week totaled \$42,925, of which \$38,700 was for building in the Torrance oil fields. A detailed report on this type of construction will be found with the report on oil activity here published elsewhere on this page. The other permits were as follows:

H. L. Harline, of WALTERIA, is building a four-room garage and double garage at 24418 Nece for \$1,750; H. Puppokoff, 2020 Andree, is erecting a sheet iron single garage at 2019 Cabrillo for \$75; Fur Farms, Inc., is building a 19 by 150-foot structure for chinchilla raising at 2701 West 132nd street for \$900 and S. L. Yercian of Los Angeles, is erecting a five-room stucco house and double garage at 714 Madrid for \$2,100.

SOUTH BAY CITIES BUILDING BOOMS

South Bay district building maintained its mid-summer boom with Redondo Beach and Hermosa Beach recording slight July advances, while Manhattan Beach, district leader, suffered a small drop as its building permits soared over the half-million dollar mark. New construction there totaled \$47,912 last month as compared to \$52,710 in July, 1937. Building for the year to date in Manhattan Beach amounts to \$512,495, well ahead of the 1937 record of \$455,054.

In Redondo new construction last month totaled \$20,899 and the amount for the past seven months is \$163,521 as compared with \$185,670 for the same period in 1937. Hermosa Beach July building was \$34,034 and the total for the year to date stands at \$216,899 as against \$347,275 for the first seven months of 1937.

Scouts Going to Camp On Monday

About 20 members of Boy Scout Troop 219 are impatiently awaiting Monday morning when they will leave for a three-day camp at Anaheim Landing. The Kiwanis club sponsor of the troop, voted \$50 toward the expenses of the Scouts' outing.

BEACH FRONTAGE NEAR TORRANCE LEASED BY COUNTY SUPERVISORS

Another step in Supervisor Leland M. Ford's program calling for governmental ownership of beaches along the Los Angeles county shoreline was taken Tuesday when the Board of Supervisors officially approved the leasing of some 2800 feet of beach immediately adjacent to the west city limits of Torrance in the Redondo area. The lease, amounting to \$6,900 annually, contains an option under which the county may purchase the property, and will run for a ten-year period.

Oil Boom Gains In Area; More Wells Staked

More companies are entering the new southeast Lomita and Harbor City oil field area to indicate this week that the sector opened by the D and B producer a month ago will soon rival the South Torrance field boom. The latest entrant is the Bandini Petroleum company which announced the closing of a deal for the 55-acre Hollingsworth property south of Lomita boulevard and west of Normandie.

The South Torrance deep sand rush continued unabated this week with many new projects under way. Mildon Oil has a derrick up for its No. 1 at the northeast corner of 236th and Pennsylvania and Packard Petroleum's companies are working on two new projects at 235th and 238th and Pennsylvania.

Invasade Harbor City
Rumors were rife in the Harbor City area that the entire townsite will soon be given over to oil exploitation. There was considerable talk of leases extending into the modest business district around which the county community centers, Saxon Petroleum, headed by James V. Lavin, is preparing to drill at the northeast corner of 255th and Normandie. Other work finds the D and B company selecting a site for its third well at the southwest corner of Broadwell and 253rd.

California Star Oil has a derrick erected for its Lermens No. 1 northwest of Lomita boulevard and Marigold. This company intends to drill nine wells in this vicinity. Arthur N. Macerate is preparing to start a well which will offset G. P.'s Poggi No. 9.

Weston Ranch Activity
In the Torrance field, E. D. Hopkins has set casing at a depth of 4,959 feet in his Caldera No. 1 at 235th and Pennsylvania and should finish within a few days. Elvico Oil has a derrick up for its No. 3 at 235th and Pennsylvania and A. A. Douglas is completing a derrick for his No. 1 near the same site.

Two more deep sand wells were completed during the week. The highest producer is the Lomita Drilling company's No. 2 at 233rd and Pennsylvania, flowing better than 700 barrels of 27 gravity from 5,004 feet. Consolidated Petroleum's No. 2 at the same site is doing 635 barrels of 26 gravity from 4,961 feet.

Forty acres on the Weston ranch property southwest of the Hydril plant were surveyed this week and a five-acre piece has been selected for exploratory work, it was learned. The lease (Continued on Page 5)

Figuroa Extension Gets PWA Grant

Included in the loans and grants made this week by the Public Works Administration for more than 50 California projects was \$118,070 toward a \$264,600 street improvement project in Los Angeles county. The fund will provide for the extension of Figueroa from Lomita boulevard to Wilmington among other improvements.

Damages Car to Avoid Collision

To avoid a head-on collision with a car being driven north on Narbonne by Julian D. McIlroy of Santa Maria, William Gasser, 2237 248th, Lomita, skidded into the northwest corner of 229th and Narbonne yesterday and badly damaged his Packard sedan. Gasser had pulled out from behind another car going in the same direction when he saw McIlroy coming toward him.

Trio Hurt As Machine Spills

Three local young people were injured late Tuesday night when the car in which they were riding ran off the paved portion of Torrance boulevard near Madrona and turned over when the wheels sank in the soft shoulder of the roadway.

Russell B. Evans of 807 Fortola, was driving the auto east on the boulevard and about 100 yards east of Madrona ran off the road. With him was Mary Moore, 2340 230th, and Harold Clemmer, 2119 Gramercy. Miss Moore and Clemmer were cut and bruised about their heads but refused medical aid. Evans hurt his back when he fell to the pavement from the car.

Palos Verdes Sector Considers Annexation to City of Torrance

Definitely opposed to the incorporation of any unit of the great Palos Verdes Estates as a municipality, a group of residents in the Valmonte sector of that suburban area south of Torrance is now circulating petitions asking for annexation to this city.

Final Contract For H.S. Assembly To Be Awarded

With Duff and Vanderhoogen as the low bidders, award of the contract for completion of the Torrance high school auditorium was expected to be made this week by the Los Angeles board of education. A low bid of \$30,204 was received from Duff and Vanderhoogen. Thirteen other bids were received, the highest being \$32,490, according to engineers in the office of the Los Angeles board of education.

Recreation Bond Issue Split in Three Projects

Next November at the general election, in addition to the many propositions and candidates on the state and county ballot, Torrance voters will be asked to make a decision about three proposed bond issues. These will include the extension of the municipal recreation plant which is now before Public Works Administration officials for a grant of 45 percent toward the total cost of the entire project.

The three issues will be (1) whether or not the city will obligate itself for a municipal plume, 50 by 105 feet in size, equipped with a modern bath house; (2) a municipal recreation building and illuminated tennis courts to be located in the city park; and (3) a recreation building housing library quarters, tennis courts and playground at WALTERIA.

Mayor William H. Tolson and the special committee named July 26, City Attorney John E. McCall, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett and Acting City Engineer Leonard Young, were to confer with Attorney James L. Beebe of the law firm of O'Melveny, Tuller and Meyer today regarding the proposed bond issue.

The decision to segregate the recreation project into three issues, was made in order that local voters could have an opportunity to express themselves on each proposed improvement. Some may be in favor of the entire project, others support two of the three or another group may consider one recreation expansion to be enough at the present time.

The cost of each of the three proposed extensions of the city recreation plant is to be determined at this meeting. The total will be more than \$100,000, it is understood, with the city's share about \$65,000.

BUXTON FAVORS SMALL PLAYGROUNDS

Rather than see the city encumbered with a bond issue, such as is proposed for a swimming pool, recreation buildings, tennis courts and a playground at WALTERIA, B. C. Buxton, well-known Torrance reactor, today declared that he would support any move to create small playgrounds in various parts of the city for the use of children.

"Such a playground is badly (Continued on Page 5)

Window-Glass Workers Plan Beach Picnic

With a number of Torrance residents attending a meeting of former window glass workers was held in Redondo's Mandarin ballroom last Sunday afternoon for the purpose of inaugurating an annual window-glass workers' picnic at the beach city. Charles C. Martin was chosen chairman. A. E. Wilhelm made acting secretary and Fred Vandegriff was elected treasurer.

Another meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 14, at 2:30 o'clock at the Mandarin ballroom to set a date for the picnic and elect permanent officers. The picnic, it is announced, will be for all glass workers and their families.

Democrats Plan Big Rally Here for 4 Candidates

Local supporters of four Democratic candidates for as many public offices are arranging a political rally tentatively scheduled for Wednesday night, Aug. 17, in the Civic Auditorium.

The campaigns of John B. Dockweiler for governor, William G. McAdoo for re-election as U. S. senator, Dr. Charles W. McQuarrie of Gardena to Congress from this district, and James J. O'Toole of this city as state assemblyman are to be furthered at this meeting.