

Looking across the Port of the Trade Winds to Treasure Island you get this alluring view of the Golden Gate International Exposition, which makes you want to investigate every ex-

hibit palace and stand under each lofty tower. Dominating spine of beauty is the 400-foot Tower of the Sun, while on the nearest shore are the \$1,000,000 Administration Building (left to right)

Treasure Garden with its vast pool, the Yerba Buena (Women's) Clubhouse, the Hall of Air Transportation and the Fine Arts Palace. Beyond the Administration Building may be seen

the famed Elephant Towers, while far down the long court, back of the Sun Tower, is Pacific. Toward the horizon are the hills of Marin county (left) and of Richmond and Berkeley, at the right.

# MALDUM BRINGS IN NEAR-RECORD DEEP WELL HERE

Chief interest in the South Torrance oil field's "hot spot" south of 234th along Eschelmann and Walnut streets centered this week in the near-record production record of the Maldum well. It was established as a 1,375-foot flow of 300 barrels during its first few hours on the gauge before settling to about a 1,000-barrel per day. The Maldum well was banded back last night and today to the 300-barrel production set for all of the firm's producing wells in this area.

The well, which adjoins Whittier-Santa Fe Springs Syndicate's record 1,400-barrel producer, gives every indication of holding up for some time to come, officials of the company told The Herald. Maldum also completed its No. 5 well earlier in the week for an initial flow of 900 barrels of 26.4 gravity, cutting 12 percent from 5,177 feet. This well is now running 400 barrels regular.

Developing Southward Several other significant developments occurred in the "hot spot" zone during the week. The activity in the area, which is spreading south with unusual rapidity, promises to keep the Torrance field on top in state production for many months to come.

## Bandits Holdup Autoist Making Boulevard Stop

Pulling up to make a boulevard stop at Figueroa and Carson street at 12:20 Sunday morning, Roy Thompson was thinking only about getting home. But his thoughts suddenly changed when two men leaped aboard his machine, thrust a revolver at his head and demanded his money. Thompson emptied his pockets, gave up \$4.80, and the men fled to a nearby machine and sped into the darkness.

Thompson reported the holdup to local police who notified the sheriff's office because the crime occurred in county territory.

## Local Boys Face Car Theft Charge After Joyride

Three Torrance boys, 16, 18 and 18 years of age were turned over to juvenile court authorities late last week, according to police reports, following an escapade in which they allegedly wrecked a stolen car and fled from pursuing officers.

According to police records, the machine was "taken without the owner's consent" here and after joyriding thru Gardena, the boys went to Redondo Beach, where they were said to have been seen by a motorist assertingly stealing gasoline and tools from another car.

The motorist was shown by Chief Yeoman George W. Stevenson of the U. S. Navy's public relations department. They will consist of several new reels with sound accompaniment depicting Navy life and resources.

## Dry Wells Said Filled by Oil Seepage Here

Oil seepage into the city's "dry wells," used for drainage purposes, at 231st and Narbonne has interfered with the function of the dry holes and consequently storm water has been slow in draining at that location, Leon and Young, acting city engineer, told the city council Tuesday night in reply to a question from Councilman George V. Powell.

Powell stated that the stagnant water was a traffic nuisance at that intersection and should be drained. Young was instructed to see if the dry wells could be improved and to investigate any oil drainage into the street at that point.

## Wm. Rojo, Sr. Succumbs at Home In L. A.



WILLIAM H. ROJO, Sr., ... man of old S. C. family

Falling in health over a two-year period and a serious illness extending over the past three weeks combined to cause the death of William H. Rojo, Sr., part-owner and manager of the Torrance Laundry and Dry Cleaning company, at his home, 242 West 48th street, Los Angeles, last Sunday morning.

Mr. Rojo, who had managed the local laundry since he came here in 1922 from Los Angeles, had not been active in his business for many months. His death was attributed to a heart ailment. He was 53 years of age and a native of San Diego who had lived in Los Angeles since 1894.

He was a member of an old Southern California family. His father was Manuel C. Rojo, early-day Los Angeles attorney and San Diego judge. Don Manuel came to California from Peru and in 1851 he formed the first law partnership in Los Angeles (Continued on Page 6-A)

## Only 120 Students Needed to Start Jr. College Here

If 120 young people make advance registration for the free tuition offered, Torrance will have a Junior College in operation here next September.

Speaking before the combined Rotary clubs of Torrance and Redondo Beach here last Thursday night and to the Kiwanis club Monday evening, Principal Thomas Elson of the high school made an encouraging announcement. He urged the service groups to support efforts being made to establish the Junior College here with the beginning of the 1939-40 term.

Elson declared that only 120 prospective students are necessary to launch the higher educational institution. If the present postcard canvass of high school graduates through this district results in evidence that at least the required number of enrollees would enter the institution, the Junior College here will begin next September, Elson stated.

For Whole District However, a great deal depends on the response to the postcards dispatched this week to graduates for the last two years from Torrance, Gardena, Redondo Beach and Narbonne high schools. These questionnaires ask former students if they would be interested in attending Junior College in Torrance and to indicate whether of 16 proposed courses they are interested in.

"Two lines of action are being followed to obtain a Junior College for Torrance," the high school principal told the service clubs. "I am pursuing one with the full cooperation of Vierling Kersey, superintendent of schools and Mayor C. W. Wyrte, publisher of The Herald; Mayor William H. Tolson and Secretary L. J. Gill (Continued on Page 6-A)

## Legion Dinner, Program Feb. 21

A Spanish dinner will be served members of the local American Legion post and their friends Tuesday night, Feb. 21, beginning at 6 o'clock, by Post-Commander Grant Baridull and Ed Bird. Following the "comida" of chili beans, tortillas, tamales and other typical dishes, a program of sound pictures and an address by Capt. Charles C. Bayless, Marine Corps, retired, on "National Defense" will be presented.

The movies will be shown by Chief Yeoman George W. Stevenson of the U. S. Navy's public relations department. They will consist of several new reels with sound accompaniment depicting Navy life and resources.

## Local Catholics Pay Tribute to Late Pope

Far from massive St. Peter's Cathedral in Vatican City and the teeming thousands who converged on that vast cathedral and the pier of Pope Pius XI, hundreds of local Catholics gathered at the Church of the Nativity yesterday morning to add their prayers to those of millions of the faithful throughout the world, asking for the repose of the soul of His Holiness.

The solemn high mass here was none less impressive for its size than the great obsequies being held in St. Peter's. The church on Manuel avenue, soon to be converted into a community hall after the new edifice on the corner of Engracia and Manuel avenues is opened, was mantled in black. Inside, the altar was decorated in black for the deceased pope, called one of the greatest in the history of the church.

Men dressed in working clothes, women with black-shawled heads, smartly dressed matrons, business men, and scores of children, touched shoulders in (Continued on Page 6-A)

## SAFeway OPENING NEW MARKET TODAY

With a gala celebration accompanying it, the new Safeway at Sartori and El Prado is holding its grand opening Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of this week. This unit, the newest and largest of Safeway's group of Southern California community stores, is housed in a brand new building owned by Thomas L. Fletcher.

In the rear of the store, easily accessible thru a special rear entrance, is a large paved parking lot for the convenience of shoppers. Erected by Lockhart and Shattuck, prominent Southern California contractors, the Safeway (Continued on Page 2-A)

## Hundreds Attend Funeral Rites for Torrance Welch



TORRANCE C. WELCH ... man of many interests

One of this city's few remaining resident links with its founder was broken last Friday with the death of Torrance C. Welch, property developer, artist and nephew of the late Jared Sidney Torrance, creator of this community.

Mr. Welch succumbed to a heart ailment and high blood pressure, for which he had been under treatment at Torrance Memorial hospital since last Thanksgiving. He had previously sought health at Loma Linda sanitarium near Redlands. Mr. Welch was 48 years of age.

The funeral service was held Monday afternoon at Stone and Myer's chapel where hundreds came to pay their last respects to a man of such diversified interests as banking, the law, photography and literature. Rev. Thomas B. Marshall, vicar of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, officiated and the ritualistic team from the Pasadena Masonic lodge No. 272, P. A. A. was in charge of the rites.

Dr. Frank M. Booth, secretary and Past Master of Pasadena's Masonic lodge No. 272, P. A. A., was in charge of the Masonic ritual. Private cremation followed at Pacific Crest.

The tier was banked with a great many floral offerings, silent tributes to a community leader (Continued on Page 5-A)

## Expect 500 at Hospital Ball

A marked impetus in the sale of tickets to the benefit ball for the Torrance Memorial hospital will be held this Saturday evening at the Torrance Civic Auditorium was reported this week.

"We have about \$300 in cash already on hand, and there are a great many tickets still on hand from which we have good reason to expect favorable results," said Mrs. Roxie Sleeth, chairman of the ticket selling campaign being conducted by the National Business and Professional Women's club in Torrance. Mrs. Sleeth predicted that at least 500 would attend the gala dance.

The hospital staff, composed of physicians and surgeons in the district, are sponsoring the benefit ball, and everything is in readiness to provide a very enjoyable evening. Fred Graetz's augmented 12-piece orchestra of Inglewood will furnish the music for dancing, which begins at 9 p. m.

Three cash prizes in the amounts of \$25, \$15 and \$10 will be awarded those purchasing tickets. Those who have not already purchased tickets from doctors or members of the N. B. P. W. may secure them at the box office Saturday evening.

## FROLIC PAYMENT ARGUED BEFORE COUNCIL TUESDAY

A request by Attorney John Shidler to the city council Tuesday night that the Torrance Coordinating Council be reimbursed \$318 by the city for its 1938 Factory Frolic expenditures, according to an agreement of last Oct. 19, precipitated one of the most spirited discussions to be held in the council chamber in many months.

## City Now Owns Center Strip on Torrance Blvd.

There were no official comments as City Attorney John E. McCall reported to the city council Tuesday night that he now had possession of the grant deed title to the 32-foot strip in the center of Torrance boulevard from the intersection of Post and Sartori to beyond Cedar avenue.

The deed was from the Pacific Electric Railway, owner of that right-of-way ever since the city was laid out. A resolution accepting and paying \$1,000 for the land was adopted. Now the city will enter negotiations with the traction company for the removal of the electric line's tracks and switches from the strip, preparatory to its improvement.

## Shirt-Sleeve Cache Proves Safe This Time

Nick Giatrias, former local resident now living in a San Pedro hotel, hopes he'll never have to put in another 21 hours like he did Monday night and Tuesday morning.

Those 21 hours meant \$350 to him and here's the story: As he was retiring Monday night he remembered that he had cached a savings of \$350 in the sleeve of a shirt. But when he looked for the shirt he could not find it. Nick was flabbergasted. Then he recalled sending the shirt with other soiled linen to the Torrance Laundry. He called police here to ask officers to hunt up laundry workers who would open up the place and search for his \$350.

But police were unable to find anyone who had keys to the laundry and informed Nick to be there when it opened Tuesday morning. Nick spent a restless night but in the morning he went to the laundry promptly when it was opened. After a brief hunt, Nick's shirt was found and in the sleeve was his \$350.

## Credit Union Pays 6 Percent Dividend

Officers of the highly successful Employees Credit Union, composed of Columbia Steel company workers, were re-elected at a recent meeting. They were: Stanley Lowand, its president; Stewart Holland, secretary, and Nell McConlogue, treasurer. The Union heads declared a six percent dividend after receiving reports that the concern is now up in the \$20,000 class.

## STATE FUNDS CUT

Notice that the actual revenues were less than anticipated, income and that the city's share in state gasoline tax funds must be reduced \$200 was given by the city council Tuesday night by the State Highway Commission.

City Clerk Bartlett defended the Women of the Moose's appropriation, asserting they were taken out of the 10 percent fund for advertising and promotion.

Most of the discussion centered around the Factory Frolic expenditure by the Coordinating Council. The total cost of the two-day celebration was approximately \$718. The Coordinators spent \$400 of the money they had raised at the student dances and, until about six weeks ago, were engaged in paying off the deficit. This, various spokesmen for the Coordinating body asserted, was in accordance with instructions (Continued on Page 5-A)