Saturday...Dollar Day In Torrance

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Flash! Dollar Bill Announces His Day!

"This is Station ONE BUCK broadcasting with Ol' Dollar Bill at the mike, folks! And wotta story I've got to tell! "In silver or paper I'm going to be worth my weight in gold to the people of Torrance Saturday (all day) Feb. 25! That's MY day, folks—DOLLAR DAY in TORRANCE! "There never will be a shopping event like next Saturday in Torrance. For weeks, your local merchants have been rushing hither and yon accumulating REAL, GENUINE BARGAINS for MY day . . . And believe me, they're got 'em! Just take a look inside these pages and see what's waiting for you in most of the stores in TORRANCE—right here at HOME!

"Every DOLLAR DAY SPECIAL has been checked and double-checked for its value and has been pronounced worthy of your investigation. Every DOLLAR DAY SPECIAL has been purchased especially for SATURDAY'S big event. I've never amounted to as much as I will on MY day!

"Those bargains you see inside—and many others, too—will be available as soon as TORRANCE stores open SATURDAY morning. Many will be sold out early—so you'd better get 'em while they last.

"So, take the advice of Ol' DOLLAR BILL and shop in TORRANCE on MY day, Saturday, Feb. 25!

Sons of Legion to Hold District Caucus Here Saturday Night

A junior edition of an American Legion convention—minus all of the horseplay and much of the color of the ex-service men's powwows but completely equipped with "inside politics" that characterize any organization—will be held here next Saturday night.

This will be the first caucus and organization meeting of the 19th district Sons of Legion at the Torrance Legion clubhouse. More than 200 boys and Legionnaires are expected to participate in the selection of the district officers.

Those chosen will hold office only until next August when the Sons' convention will be timed with the parent American Legion district parley. Torrance, Harbor City and Compton squadrons of the junior order will serve as hosts to the Saturday caucus.

Band to Give Concert

Thirteen Squadrons are expected to attend from as many cities in the 19th district Legion sector which embraces 26 cities and 30 Legion posts. Torrance, because it has the largest squadron in the district, will have the largest number—eight—voting delegates. They are:

Captain Dean Barkdull, Leland Bender, Clifford Totten, Robert L. Lewellen and son, Bobbie; Paul Smith, Marvin Lee and James Post. Alternate delegates are Charles Grubb, Bennie Peterson, Wallace Post, Jr., and Lowell Beckman.

One band, the Sons of Legion musical unit from East Los Angeles, will furnish entertainment during the session. The Torrance Sons are offering but one candidate for a district office—Leland Bender for chaplain.

To Award Citations

According to the advance program, Capt. Barkdull will open the caucus and then turn the proceedings over to Lewellen who will introduce distinguished guests present and conduct the election. M. L. Airey of Harbor City, 19th district head of the Sons of Legion movement, will be in charge of the program.

Citations are to be awarded squadrons parading their colors. Those expected to make short talks before the business meeting starts are: Detachment Commander John Taylor, Charles Warren, 19th District commander; Col. N. F. Jamieson of the local American Legion post, and Mayor William H. Tolson. The local entertainment committee arranging for the caucus is composed of Art and Bennie Peterson and Lowell Beckman.

Local School Still Has Many Absentees

Although the incipient measles epidemic showed signs of abating in Los Angeles county, the list of absentees at Torrance Elementary continued above 100 during the past week, it was learned at the principal's office yesterday.

The Torrance institution on Martina avenue was the hardest hit in this city and Lomita by measles and colds.

P. E. Schedule Changes Sunday

Effective Sunday, Feb. 26, all schedules on the Redondo via Gardena and San Pedro via Torrance lines will be routed via Athens between South Los Angeles and Strawberry Park, operation via Delta being discontinued.

Shuttle rail service will be operated between Torrance (Plaza Del Amo and Border street) and Hermosillo, connecting with thru trains from and to Los Angeles. One thru round-trip will also be operated daily except Sunday between Los Angeles and Torrance, 7:14 a. m., from Torrance, 6 a. m., from Los Angeles.

Two round-trips will be operated between San Pedro and Hermosillo, leaving San Pedro at 5:23 a. m., and 2:37 p. m., and leaving Torrance at 2:27 p. m., and 10:46 p. m.

Train now due to leave Los Angeles at 5:25 p. m. for Torrance and San Pedro will be discontinued, and connection for Torrance will be provided at Hermosillo with Redondo Beach train leaving Los Angeles at 5:15 p. m.

Time tables showing revised schedule and operation may be secured from conductors and Agent W. H. Bratton at the station.

Three Hurt in Walteria Crash

Three persons were injured, two of them seriously, in a broadside collision of two cars last Friday night at the intersection of Highway 101 and Newton street in Walteria. Drivers of the machines were hurt as well as Mrs. Vera Jehu of Long Beach, mother of Richard P. Hardesty, 16, of San Pedro, who was driving one of the cars.

Eddie Skillman, 45, of 24400 Hawthorne boulevard, Walteria, was the other motorist involved. Police were informed that Skillman had been drinking and are making further investigation of his sobriety at the time of the accident. Skillman is confined at the county general hospital with a broken hip, cuts and abrasions on his right hand and about his head.

Young Hardesty suffered a broken right wrist and his mother is confined to a Long Beach hospital with three broken ribs. Hardesty claims that Skillman made a left-hand turn into Newton street from the highway without giving sufficient warning. Skillman was going west on Highway 101 while Hardesty was proceeding east on the same road. The cars collided almost broadside.

Board Considers Re-Districting County Divisions

A plan for redistricting the county in order to balance the population in the five supervisorial districts, is being discussed informally by members of the board of supervisors, it was reported today at the Hall of Records.

The First, Fourth and Fifth districts all fall within 2,300 of being equal in voting strength but the Second district has 6,800 votes less than the smallest of these three and the Third has still fewer by 12,500.

Some changes in district lines to conform with other governmental boundaries, such as those of cities, also has been under discussion, it was intimated, although various members of the board declined to comment at this time.

Hauge Favors Equalization

Any change that is made must be made before next November if it is to be effective at the next election, a year from that time, under the law.

Long Beach is now divided between the First and Fourth districts and there is some talk of putting it all into one district. Supervisor W. A. Smith, only supervisor who now has no part of the city of Los Angeles in his district, has declared himself as opposed to including a section of that municipality in his territory.

Supervisor Oscar Hauge, Fourth district, declined to comment beyond saying he would favor a change which would equalize voting population. Pasadena, once split between the Fifth and First districts, was all included in the Fifth a few years ago.

Director Casting First Players' Comedy Here

Try-outs for roles in the three-act comedy drama, "Meet the Duchess," which William Faris says will be the first production of the proposed Torrance Community Players, were held Monday night immediately following election of an advisory council for the amateurr theatrical group.

Faris appeared intent on launching the Players, yet to be formally organized and financed, at once on a play for presentation some time next month. The try-outs will continue until he is satisfied he has a good cast for the comedy.

About 20 local residents attended the meeting Monday night in the city council chamber. Dale Riley served as temporary chairman and Miss Juanita Davidson took notes as temporary secretary. Three of those elected on the advisory council—Dean Sears, William Day and Mrs. Mary Lou Barnes—were not present. The others chosen were Don Mitchell and Mrs. Karmee Dolley.

Three were named as alternate counsellors in case any of those chosen are unable to serve. They were Mrs. Dulcie Brooks, Mrs. Sara Armstrong and Tom McGuire. The council is expected to confer with Chamber of Commerce and city officials relative to a city subsidy for the Players group, elect a chairman and secretary and map a program of activities.

COUNCIL MEETS FEB. 28

Next meeting of the city council is Tuesday night, Feb. 28, at 7:45 o'clock.

Naval Hero of '98 and Retired Steelworker Visits Local Plant

PROTEST WAR CARGO . . . Seattle Chinese, augmented by white sympathizers, protest with a dock picket line the sailing of the Heian Maru for Japan with a cargo of war materials.

JAPANESE USES SHOTGUN TO 'SCARE' MEXICANS, ARRESTED

When a Japanese truck gardener successfully "scared off" two Mexicans who he claimed were trespassing on his property in an attempt to obtain some gasoline without cost last Saturday afternoon he found himself charged with possession of firearms, a felony offense for an alien.

The Mexicans likewise were arrested for trespassing and disturbing the peace. Police confiscated a new 20 gauge shotgun, assertedly used by the Japanese in defending his property. The farmer, Tamaki Nakahara, 38, living at 182nd and Redondo Beach boulevard, fired two shots in forcing the Mexicans off his property.

Jesus Martinez, 35, a WPA worker on Spencer street, and Joe Mendoza, 31, Moneta steelworker, were released on $50 bail each. They will have their hearing today. Nakahara was given liberty on $500 bail.

When the Japanese appeared for trial Tuesday, the charge of possession of firearms by an alien was dropped since the act includes only weapons which can be concealed and Nakahara was released.

According to information given authorities here, the Mexicans demanded that the Japanese drain some gasoline out of his car when the farmer informed them his regular gasoline tank was empty.

Nakahara refused and ordered them off his place. When they refused and threatened to "beat him up," he obtained the shotgun and fired twice in their general direction. Meanwhile, police had been summoned and arrested all three men.

Elson to Address Educators' Group

Principal Tom Elson has been invited by Director Roscoe C. Ingalls of Los Angeles City College to be one of the speakers this week-end at the Secondary Educators' conference in Poly high school, Los Angeles. Elson said he would discuss the inadequacy of regular high school courses to meet the needs of graduates seeking post-graduate work.

New Building Total Advanced $19,760 In Week

Building permits issued out of the city engineer's office during the past week totaled $19,760 and included grants for three new homes, three moved-in residences, a barn, alterations and additions to two homes, an oil derrick and eight oil tanks. The permits were issued to:

Calvin R. and Oma Allen for a five-room frame house and garage at 903 Madrid, $2,480; S. R. Greene for a five-room frame stucco house and double garage at 1751 Andreo, $3,000 and Michael E. Scanlon a six-room frame and stucco residence and double garage at 1805 Arlington, $3,400.

T. H. Wright for a 12 by 24-foot barn at 1803 West 190th, $100; S. Tamura for a moved-in house at 16301 Arlington, $300; L. M. Hudson for a double frame garage at 1907-09 220th, $200; M. Miyamoto for two three-room frame moved-in houses on Lot 1, Tract 7873, $200, and Susie Confer for an addition to a house and erection of a frame garage at 1908 Martina, $300.

W. E. McCaslin for a wooden derrick at 1948 237th, $5,000, and two 1,000-barrel oil tanks at 1957 238th, $500; D. W. Elliott for two 1,000-barrel bolted oil tanks on the Kettler lease near Well No. 9 off 237th, $1,200; Plymouth Oil company for two 750-barrel welded oil tanks at 2054 236th, $1,400, and Pettyjohn Oil company for two 1,000-barrel welded tanks on 238th, $1,680.

STEEL MAN ILL

Henry T. Lintott, assistant general superintendent at the Columbia Steel plant, is making steady improvement from an emergency appendectomy performed at a Los Angeles hospital early last Friday morning.

'SAILOR OF FORTUNE' IS 81 NOW

"Soldiers of fortune"—those devil-may-care buckaroos who find release from mundane affairs by sniffing powder smoke and enduring war hardships in various and sundry places of the globe—are fairly common.

"Sailors of fortune"—men with the sea in their blood and a propensity for enjoying shot and shell whistling over ocean waves any place on the seven seas—are few and far between.

One of the latter and more exclusive fo'castle fraternity is "Captain" Bill Spicer who visited General Superintendent E. M. Barber and other Columbia Steel men at the local plant Monday. Capt. Spicer recently retired at the ripe age of 81 years from his duties as foundry room cleaning foreman at the Pittsburg (Cal.) Columbia Steel plant.

Hero by Act of Congress

Carrying his years with ease, Spicer spent the day here touring the Torrance plant and having lunch with his friends. He is on a visit in Southern California and expects to return to his Pittsburg home shortly. But Capt. Spicer is more than a retired steelworker. He is a naval hero by act of Congress.

Born in Media, Pa., in 1858, Bill Spicer began shipping aboard ocean-going vessels at an early age. But a sailor's life was too dull for him and so, before he was out of his teens, he began seeking berths with any government having trouble with another country on the water.

He can recall many interesting and thrilling experiences but the one that stands out in his memory was the 24 hours early in July, 1898 in Havana harbor, Cuba.

Cut Mines Free

Spicer was then one of the six divers in the U. S. Navy. He was attached to the U. S. S. Marblehead. The Spanish fleet, under Admiral Cervera, was resting in Santiago de Cuba behind

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HAGERSTROM ADMITS GUILT

After several postponements and a change of venue from the Torrance city court to the Compton justice court, Charles Hagerstrom, 45-year-old Hollywood film laboratory worker, plead guilty Tuesday before Judge Kauffman to lewd conduct in the presence of three little local girls here Jan. 23.

He asked for probation. Judge Kauffman referred this plea to the probation office and set March 13 as the time for passing sentence. The court stated, however, that Hagerstrom would receive a jail term for his offense, according to reports received here.

Two other charges, that of vagrancy and driving while intoxicated, were dismissed by the court with the consent of the district attorney's office. Because Hagerstrom plead guilty, testimony was not asked from the little girls, aged eight, nine and ten.

Large-Scale Building in Sight Here

Possibility that the long-overdue rush of home-building on a large scale may become a reality in the very near future appeared bright this week. Leonard Young, acting city engineer, disclosed today that several inquiries have been received at his office from construction and finance companies relative to building groups of as many as 100 homes in this city.

The engineer has furnished building information to several large building agencies who indicated they were interested in the development of the Meadow Park tract near the Fern Avenue school and along Torrance boulevard west of Cedar (or Crenshaw) avenue.

If such operations are started here, the building boom will mean a great deal to Torrance. While industrial construction has soared here since Torrance was first opened to such industries as the National Supply company and the Columbia Steel company, construction of homes has not kept pace. The result has been that many local workers who want to live here cannot find homes for residences.

Chamber Seeks State Baseball Tourney in July

Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce acted on several matters of community interest at their meeting Monday afternoon. They decided to apply for the franchise to hold the State Semi-Pro Baseball tournament here next July and today the application was in the mails, bound for the headquarters in Wichita, Kansas, of the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress.

If the city is successful in obtaining the franchise (and all indications appear favorable) the outstanding teams in Southern and Central California will be invited to participate in an extensive schedule of games at the city park diamond.

The Chamber men also approved the applications of three new members to the civic group. They were Robert J. McCallum of the Torrance Sheet Metal Shop, Carney M. Emmet of the El Prado Furniture Shop and John Ellwood of Ellwood's Dress Shop.

Will Grant Fund—If

After considering the request for an appropriation of $10 per month to the Walteria Recreational Center to pay for transportation of entertainers to that community group, the directors decided to grant the subsidy from the Chamber's membership fund if the city council will reimburse the Chamber's treasury. This appropriation had been approved by the city council several months ago but the actual payment was held up by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett who said he was not certain of its legality.

The Chamber voted to urge Southern California assemblymen to help in the passage of Assembly Bill No. 79 which provides for an appropriation of $250,000 by the state to the Department of Public Works for drainage of Nigger Slough.

Many File for Lomita P. O. Job

Nearly 30 blank applications were issued thru the Lomita postoffice during the past two weeks to those desiring to take the Civil service competitive examination for postmastership of that office. The application period closed Tuesday night. Otis Woolpert, Lomita civil service board secretary, said that other application blanks could have been obtained directly from Washington, D. C.

Miss Birda Paddock, incumbent postmaster whose term expires this spring, was one of those filing application for the examination. Investigation of qualifications of applicants for the test will take several weeks before the examination will be scheduled.

Jr. College Plan Gets Responses

Every mail is bringing highly favorable responses to Principal Thomas Elson from the postcard questionnaires addressed to graduates from Torrance high school relative to their interest in the proposed establishment of a Junior College here.

Elson said the local returns to date have been satisfactory and he is getting out the postcards now to some 500 Gardena high school graduates whose names were submitted by the principal of that school. As yet Elson has not received a list of prospective Junior College students from the files of Narbonne high school.

He expects to contact Redondo Union high school heads next week to seek their cooperation in the effort being made here to launch the Junior College next September.

Need Early Replies

"I hope that those who have received our postcards asking their choices of Junior College subjects will check them off, sign their names and drop them in the mail at once," Elson said yesterday. "We must have the returns as soon as possible if we are to create a Junior College here by the start of the 1939-40 term in September."

"Principal Raymond E. Pollich of Gardena high school has given us the names of 500 graduates of his school and has agreed to receive the returns there and turn them over to us. I am hoping that Principal John Abbott of Narbonne high school will do the same," Elson stated.

Offer Free Instruction

From the early replies, local high school graduates have manifested considerable interest in the proposed Junior College studies as outlined on the postcard questionnaires. A number also indicated other subjects they were interested in, particularly art which had a number of write-in selections. Other writeins were for aeronautical engineering and other studies allied with the aviation industry.

If 120 or more students enroll for the courses, the Torrance Junior College will be started here next fall. The free instruction would be open to all high school graduates in this district, Torrance, Lomita, Gardena, Redondo, San Pedro and Wilmington.

Parole Breaker Given Stiff Sentence

For two violations of city ordinances, one of the state motor vehicle code and violation of probation, Fred McIntosh, 31-year-old steelworker living at 1614 Cedar avenue, must pay $100 by April 1 and have a 60-day county jail sentence hang over his head for two years.

McIntosh was given probation Dec. 15, 1938. Saturday night he was arrested again at 190th and Cedar avenue for: drunk driving, failure to make a boulevard stop and driving with one headlight.

City Judge Robert Lessing fined him $100 or 50 days in the county jail for the latest offenses and allowed him to April 1 to pay the fine. The court also gave him the suspended 60-day jail term for violation of probation.

Fairless Cites Steel's Increase

In an interview on business conditions, Benjamin F. Fairless, president of the United States Steel Corporation, said Saturday that this year isn't far enough along to make a definite prediction but "so far it looks better than 1938."

"The steel industry is operating at 50 percent of capacity now as against only 32 percent a year ago," he declared in Phoenix, Ariz., according to reports. Fairless said the national defense program, "if it involves much in the way of increased armaments, will help the steel business."

"Hot Spot" Oil Zone May Be Extended Into Lomita; Alford Gets 1,040-Barrel Well; 34 Near Completion

Alford Oil's No. 12, which was completed this week in the "hot spot" Eshelman and Walnut area of the South Torrance oil field, was the biggest new producer reported. It came in flowing 1,040 barrels of 26.0 gravity from 5,179 feet. The completion rates as one of the largest of the active sector.

Long Beach and Los Angeles oil developers reported negotiating for leases this week on property in Lomita as result of the favorable returns from the area in the vicinity of Eshelman and Walnut avenues south of 235th street.

Among the leases recently signed was a deal for an acre at 243rd and Eshelman, owned by Belmont and Gardner of San Pedro. The California-Western Oil company plans to sink a well on the property within the next month.

Three wells are being completed along Eshelman within the Lomita limits. Another at 243rd and Walnut is in the Los Angeles Shoestring strip.

Bolling Oil re-completed its Autry No. 1 on the pump this week for an unestimated yield. Whittier-Santa Fe Springs Oil is now finishing its Torrance No. 2 from 5,181 feet and W. E. McCaslin is completing Spring No. 1 from 5,170 feet. Plymouth Oil is completing No. 2 from 5,158 feet.

Twenty-seven other wells are in various stages of the development in the "hot spot" and its several extensions. Those preparing to compete are C.C.M.O.'s No. 41, General Petroleum Poggi No. 13 and Texas Company's Oakley No. 3.