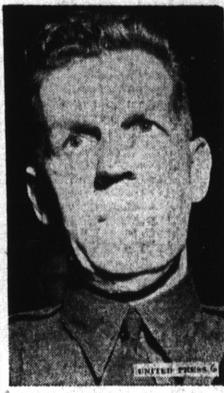


FAY PARKS AND COMMITTEE START PLANNING '39 FROLIC

Losing no time in setting up his organization for planning and conducting the second annual Torrance Factory Frolic next September, Fay L. Parks, general chairman of the community event, this week announced his committee chairmen. Parks, owner of the Torrance Plumbing company and chairman of the Hobby and Handicraft show of the 1938 Frolic, was elected head of the celebration last week at a meeting attended by representatives of nearly all organizations in the city.

Parks will be assisted by a general committee, composed of Mrs. Ethel Sears, Mrs. Flora McDonald Wright, L. C. Doan, E. E. Murchison, Harry Abramson, George Figueredo, Thomas Wilkes, Dr. O. E. Fossum and John E. Miller, who was head of last year's Frolic. Dr. Fossum was elected secretary-treasurer, a post he also filled in 1938.

In letters to the city council Tuesday night, Chairman Parks revealed that the dates of Sept. 28, 29 and 30 have been chosen for the second Frolic and that the Civic Auditorium will be used for exhibits. It is tentatively planned to place all sidewalk booths and other attractions on El Prado, between Sartori and Cravens avenues.



TOP L. A. COP . . . Here is Arthur C. Hohmann, new 43-year old police chief of Los Angeles who took office this week.

City Engineer Attends P. E. Hearing in L. A.

An interested observer today at the final hearings in Los Angeles when the State Railroad Commission resumed consideration of numerous applications of the Pacific Electric Railway company and its affiliates was City Engineer Leonard Young. He was asked to represent Torrance at the session by Mayor William H. Tolson.

Officials of some 25 cities and residents of more than 50 Southern California municipalities were directly concerned in the hearings which are expected to result in new applications by the traction company concerning rates and schedules; revised recommendations by the commission and objections and counter-objections by city representatives.

Chiefly concerned in the matter under consideration are Glendale, Pasadena, San Bernardino, the beach cities and numerous other points served by the P. E. A great part of the testimony taken on the railway matters during the past two years concern an interim order the P. E. obtained April 11, 1938, when executives testified the company faced financial disaster unless fare increases were granted. Part of this was approved.

State commission engineers have openly favored bus service wherever feasible. Specific subjects being considered at the hearings include not only reconsideration of rail and bus service but the matter of increased rates for the P. E. Motor Transit company and Los Angeles Motor Coach company.

Aged Woman Hurt in Crash

Ida V. Hogeland, 83, of West Los Angeles, suffered an injury to her left wrist in an auto crash Tuesday afternoon at Hawthorne avenue and Torrance boulevard. She was treated at Torrance Memorial hospital and then removed to her home. She was a passenger in a car, driven north on Hawthorne by N. D. Sanders, Los Angeles, when it was assertedly struck by a machine going east on Torrance boulevard with Helen O'Brien Zurate of 4222 Redondo-Riverside boulevard at the wheel. Both cars were badly damaged.

Walteria Skipper to Take Island Schooner to Manila

Within the near future the 104-foot schooner Lanikai will once more breast the blue Pacific as she skirts southwest to the Philippines under command of Capt. Edward Newton of Walteria. The Lanikai, which served as a "prop" in the motion picture "Hurricane" and other South Sea films was recently sold to the Luzon Stevedoring company of Manila.

Capt. Newton will have a crew of eight on the voyage which will touch Honolulu. Beyond the Hawaiian Islands he will pick up the trade winds and continue to the Philippines via Guam. Capt. Newton is a retired navy chief petty officer and a native of the harbor district.

The schooner, now being fitted for her long trip, was built in 1913 and plied the South Seas trade for many years. She has been a familiar figure around Los Angeles harbor for several years, having been used as a yacht by some of the Southland's "saltiest" amateur sailors. The Lanikai has a 150-horsepower heavy duty Diesel engine as an auxiliary which will come handy in navigating the stretch from here to Hawaii.

School Budget May Raise Tax Rate 16 Cents

Public hearing on the largest budget in the history of the Los Angeles city school district, serving this area, carrying a probable increase of \$2,212,294, over the current year and totaling \$44,154,024. Budget requests for the year 1939-40 were \$6,730,847 in excess of the 1938-39 budget but the board and Budget Director Harry Howell lopped off \$4,617,705.

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In the year 1932-33 the district tax rate was \$1.80, but this included 65 cents in county taxes. Next year's levy threatens to approach within three cents of this figure without the county tax.

Restores Salary Cuts
Requests for salary requirements for the teaching staff and all other school-month employees were based on a 200-day school year, according to Howell. The tentative budget includes \$1,150,000 for restoration of the final one-third of a depression salary cut.

Dr. E. Vincent Askey, board member, described the constant increase in per capita cost of educating Los Angeles school children and asked for a clarification of the tentative nature of the budget declaring "there are still a lot of things I don't understand."

Short-Circuit Causes Fire

Altho a number of them cracked from the heat, windows in the house at 2263 Carson street owned by A. C. Wampler did not break out in the fire that started from a short-circuit near the radio at 3 a. m., Tuesday morning. This prevented a blaze that would have destroyed the home, according to firemen.

Wampler had just cleaned the interior of the place and furniture with cleaning solvent and the fire was making rapid headway when firemen arrived and extinguished the blaze. Wampler, his housekeeper and her daughter were asleep in the home when the fire started. The girl gave the alarm.

Damage to the home was estimated at \$300. No estimate was made of the loss in furniture and furnishings.

Three Boys Nabbed for Theft at Brick Yard in N. Torrance

Three 19-year-old youths received suspended sentences of 180 days in the county jail Monday when they pleaded guilty to charges of petty theft of pipe and equipment from a brick yard at 174th and Western avenue.

The boys, two of whom lived in Los Angeles, and the other in Gardena, were apprehended by workers at the yard and held until police arrived last Friday.

Youth Charged With Attack

Accused of attacking a minor girl, LeRoy Ingram, 21, of 1902 Plaza del Amo, was arrested by local police Saturday afternoon on a warrant. Tuesday morning he was released on a \$500 bail bond and his primary hearing has been tentatively set for July 5. A deputy district attorney will come here to prosecute the case.

Kiwanis Clubs to Hold Joint Meeting

A joint dinner-meeting of the Torrance and Lomita Kiwanis clubs will be held here Monday, July 3. The Lomita club will not hold a session on its regular meeting date next week that is July 4.

Local Kiwanians heard an inspirational talk by Rev. Peter Solvang, member of the Westwood Village club, at their meeting this week.

RECEIVE LICENSE 'OUT'
This city's share of the motor license fees collected by the state from Jan. 1 to March 31 was \$4,769.11, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett reported to the city council Tuesday night.



"FIRE WHEN THEY PITCH, BOYS!"
Prepared to defend their home field—the Torrance city park diamond and hoping to grab the large gold trophy they're surrounding—the Torrance-Lomita Merchants are ready to clash with 19 other teams entered in the State Tournament to be held at the Torrance city park diamond, July 8 to 30, inclusive. Manager Walt Morris surveys the surrounding oil derricks for signs of other aspirants to the California Semi-Pro Baseball crown.

Free Season Passes to Tourney Games Await Former Players

If you live in Torrance and (2) if you've ever played baseball with a "regular" team and (3) if you have a photo of that aggregation of potential big-league stars in uniform then—

You're entitled to a free season pass to all 38 or 39 games to be played here July 8 to 30 when the State Baseball Tournament is in progress.

All you have to do is bring that photo—no matter what condition it is in—to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, identify yourself in it and receive your season pass.

This is the Chamber of Commerce's Tournament committee's way of saluting former ball players who have coveted with sandlot, elementary, high school, college, university or town teams.

Dig up that old photo of your baseball team and then attend the Tournament games as guests of the committee! The offer is open only to residents of Torrance.

Many Kids Earning Fireworks Orders; Stands Open July 1

Bright and early (8 o'clock) the two Torrance American Legion fireworks stands located at Cabrillo and Carson and on Torrance boulevard west of Arlington will open for business Saturday morning.

And it appeared certain today that most of their first young customers will be many boys and girls who have won orders from The Herald that will entitle them to an assortment of fireworks valued at \$2.25.

These orders are being given by The Herald to youngsters who secure new subscriptions for one year to this newspaper. Each yearly subscription entitles a boy or girl to an order for 520 pieces of brand new fireworks which may be obtained at either of the Legion booths.

Anyone who has not been receiving The Herald since Jan. 1, 1939 is considered as a new subscriber. An order blank is published in an advertisement announcing the fireworks offer elsewhere in this issue.

The Legion has stocked its two booths with more than \$300 worth of choice pyrotechnics. Herb Robinson is in charge of the stand at Cabrillo and Carson and Lou Deiningger is head of the sales force at the Torrance boulevard—west of Arlington location. The stands will be open from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m., from July 1 to 4 inclusive. Thomas Babbitt, post adjutant, is again in charge of the Legion fireworks sales.

Pencil Portraits of Prominent Personalities

Sketched by ELIZABETH LOCEY
Elected general chairman last week of the 1939 Factory Frolic, Fay L. Parks is continuing a Torrance career of 22 years' civic service by planning a community celebration next September that will be bigger and better than the first Frolic.

A native of Hancock, Wis., where he was born May 6, 1897, the proprietor of the Torrance Plumbing company and employer of five experienced men has long been active in civic affairs here.

He came to California in 1911 and to Torrance in 1917. Parks is a director of the Torrance Mutual Building & Loan Association, past president of the Retail Merchants Association and a member of the Masonic lodge and Rotary club. His wife, Mrs. Addie W. Parks, is past president of the National Business & Professional Women of Torrance.

A firm believer in the city's future, Plumber Parks has given his aid to every worthwhile civic improvement proposed here. His business has prospered because of his integrity and ability.

Right now his chief interest outside of his business is the coming Factory Frolic. Last year he served as chairman of the



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heads 1939 Factory Frolic

Hobby and Handicraft show which turned out to be one of the outstanding features of the first Frolic.

He wants the cooperation of every group and resident to make the 1939 Frolic a success.

3 Col. Steel Units Closing for Holiday

In order to give employees their annual vacation the week of July 4, three major departments of the Columbia Steel plant will close down next week, Superintendent Henry T. Lintott announced yesterday. The departments closing for the week are Open Hearth, Rolling Mill and Sheet Mill.

"We expect to operate the Rolling and Sheet Mill's finishing and shipping departments during next week to fill customers' orders," Lintott said. "And due to the pressure of business it will be necessary to work the Foundry next week."

The departments closing for the week's holiday will resume operations on July 10. Vacation checks to all workers will be issued tomorrow, Friday, Lintott stated.

TAX-DEEDED LOTS TO BE AUCTIONED

First step in a move to dispose of 888 tax delinquent vacant lots within the city of Torrance, which have been deeded to the State because of non-payment of taxes over a number of years, was taken by the city council Tuesday evening when a contract with C. W. Hyde, Jr., tax authority, was authorized.

While a survey of the vacant properties shows the 888 lots have an assessed valuation of \$71,260, Hyde states that he believes most of the original purchasers of the property had given them up as lost and if the city expects to ever get them back on the tax roll, it will be necessary to sell the lots to new owners.

Under the procedure used by Hyde successfully in disposing of more than 4,000 lots in Orange county, new owners of the tax-deeded lots obtain good and merchantable titles, the city profits by securing the excess of the sale prices over the costs of conducting the sale and, most important, the property is again returned to the tax roll and begins bearing its just share of governmental costs.

No property upon which homes or other buildings are situated are included in the list of lots to be sold.

Procedure Outlined
Because of the highly involved and very technical procedure, it was decided to retain the tax expert to handle the matter. He will be paid 20 percent of the amount realized by the city as his entire compensation under the terms of the contract authorized by the city council.

Briefly, the main points in the procedure to be followed are:
1. City will purchase from the County the tax title now held by the State.
2. City offers the record owner of each lot a small sum of money in cash for a quit-claim deed to his lot. The city thus secures a good and marketable title to the lot and cancels all city taxes and penalties to date.

3. Where quit-claim deeds to lots are not secured quickly and at a very small cost, the City immediately institutes a court action to quiet title to such lots.
4. Upon the court's decree, granting title to the City, (it is expected that most parties

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City Ready to Begin Its 18th Fiscal Year

By adoption of 16 resolutions renewing city contracts, reappointment of three members of the public library board and purchase of new equipment, the city council Tuesday night prepared for the advent of another fiscal year—the 18th in Torrance municipal history. Most of the session was devoted to year-end business in anticipation of the new fiscal term that begins Saturday, July 1.

At the request of City Engineer Leonard Young, the city board adopted for first reading the "uniform building code" that is being followed by some 160 other cities in the state. This measure will repeal the present building regulations, which Young said were obsolete in many instances.

Indicating that another city building will soon be under construction, the engineer's department was authorized to furnish an estimate of costs for a new public library building in WALTERIA, the size to be according to plans suggested by the county library.

Location Uncertain
The structure, if it follows these specifications, will be 24 by 32 feet in size, constructed of stucco and cement and contain one large room, workroom, toilet facilities and a porch. The estimated cost is between \$1,920 and \$2,304. Location for the library has not been decided but it may be erected east of the Walteria fire station on a lot owned by the city.

In brief, the council session saw the following business matters aired: Richard A. Turner, Los Angeles attorney and owner of a share in several lots here, urged the council not to include his property within the fire district. The request was referred to the Planning commission.

Engineer Young was authorized to represent the city at the meeting of the County Regional Planning Commission, July 12, when a master plan for streets and highways in the county is to be adopted. Municipal tax allocations depend on streets named major highways, hence the local interest in this meeting.

Back Redondo Project
A letter expressing gratitude of the Torrance high school for the use of the city park diamond during the recent baseball season was received from Principal Thomas Elson. It was also signed by Marvin Goettsch, commissioner of athletics, and Coach Robert Barr.

A statement will be prepared, in response to a request by Redondo Beach civic workers, expressing this city's interest in plans to extend the Redondo breakwater now under construction. The statement, together with a similar commendatory message from the Chamber of Commerce is to be submitted to the U. S. Engineering Service during a hearing at the beach city July 7.

Recommended by Oscar Butterfield, city electrician, an amplifying system for police and fire calls will be studied by the Police commission and a report returned to the council at the next meeting. It is estimated that the system will cost about \$100 to install.

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Children Asked to Keep Out of Vacant Houses

Local real estate agents and owners of homes for rent this week appealed to The Herald to broadcast a request to all parents that would probably end what has been a growing nuisance here. This is the house-breaking activities of small boys and girls around vacant homes, courts and other buildings.

The agents and owners believe that if parents would tell their children to stay away from vacant places much of the damage that has been done to empty houses in recent weeks could be stopped. In some instances this damage has cost owners of the homes awaiting occupants considerable money to clean up and repair the premises.

Those in charge of vacant property understand that most of the abuses to their holdings have not been malicious but the thoughtlessness of youngsters playing around the premises has been costly just the same. In several cases, vacant houses have been forcibly entered and the interiors badly damaged, it was reported. So, a word to your youngsters, parents please!

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