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Storms Advance Rain Total to Record 24 Inches

All local rainfall records have been drowned out as result of the storms that caused additions to the 1940-41 total of 24.22 inches, while the season's average and yesterday and today in March. Last year at this time the total rainfall was 15.03 inches, while the season's average is around 10 inches.

So far this month 1.85 inches of very damp moisture have been recorded by city firemen in their gauge atop the fire department garage.

Only two streets here have been inundated with flood waters and only one of them was closed, necessitating a detour. This was at Narbonne at 231st street. Hawthorne ave. near Walteria was flooded but passable all thru the storms. City street department crews are pumping off the water at Narbonne and 231st st.

Highways Flooded
The wind and rain storm Monday night in which the Marine exchange recorded gusts at 48 miles per hour, resulted in little reported damage, but the added rain further flooded port area highways, putting Roosevelt highway five inches under water where it crosses Bixby slough.

Slow signs held traffic to a slow pace between Vermont ave. and Figueroa st. in Lomita Highway 101 was covered with mud and traffic climbed over several inches of silt near Eshelman ave., while county scrapers strove to clear a path. A similar partial blockade occurred at Hill-worth ave. near Walteria.

The wind-driven waters of Nigger slough created a new problem as the waves pounded at Main st. near the Broadway fork at 190th st. and wiped out huge chunks of the road embankment and carried away 25 posts marking the road edge. County crews sand-bagged the east side of the road in an effort to stop the damage.

Water in the slough went higher still with water from the upper end of the Gardena valley and houses along Avalon Blvd. stood up to their window sills in the flood.

NINE COWS KILLED DURING RAINSTORM

Nine Holstein cows owned by Jacob Schipper of the Lomita Home Dairy were electrocuted during Monday night's rainstorm when a high-tension power line was blown down across a wire fence that the animals were huddled against. The cows were in a field adjoining Schipper's dairy farm off Sepulveda boulevard. Schipper said he had no insurance on the animals and they were valued at about \$1,200. Hauled off to a rendering plant the cows brought \$40. Ninety more cows of his herd of 120 were in a corral near the field.

Beating Victim Found Today

Victim of a brutal beating that badly injured his head and body, Arnold Acosta, 34-year-old longshoreman living in Wilmington, was found early today wandering in a dazed condition on Carson st. between Avalon and Main sts. He was taken to Torrance hospital by a passer-by.

Acosta, at a late hour today, had been unable to give a coherent statement to Wilmington police investigating the case.

NOT ALL GREAT

"Great races do not die from oppression," declares Herbert Hoover. However, great numbers of all races die because of it, and that is of primary importance.

A Scout's Living Oath



"On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight."

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Building Here Continues to Show Increase

Continuing the gain in building that began with the new year, February construction permits issued from the city engineer's department totaled \$39,344 as compared to \$24,155 for the same month in 1940. The total building for the first two months this year is \$63,319 as against \$48,065 for the same period last year.

During February three new homes were erected at a cost of \$8,050, 13 new non-residential structures were built for \$28,394, four alterations and repair jobs were permitted at \$2,760 and one demolition job was reported costing \$150.

Building permits issued during the past week were: Vincenzo Burchiere, single garage at 4758 Redondo Beach Blvd. \$100; Isaac Becham, frame streetcar at 3612 245th st. \$994; Electric Products Co. neon sign at 2053 Torrance Blvd. \$100.

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Two Homes Ransacked By Same Marauder, Local Police Believe

Two homes here were entered Saturday and Sunday night and ransacked, police reported. In both cases, the method of entry—removal of a screen from a bedroom window—was the same indicating that the same marauder was involved in the house-breakings.

Ray Stepply reported his home at 1229 Madrid ave. was entered between 9:45 and 11:15 o'clock Saturday night. Although the house was ransacked, nothing was taken.

Carl Angel lost \$5 in bills and "small change to the house-breaker" who entered his home at 1626 Cedar avenue Sunday night.

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FOURTH DRAFT MARCH 20

The fourth draft call-out for the local Selective Service board has been set for Thursday, March 20, when 14 men will be sent into Army training from this district. Secretary Carl Marsteller announced today. He expects at least six or seven volunteers to be among the contingent.

C.A.A. Official Says S. Torrance Ideal for Airport

"Your Torrance-Lomita area gives every indication of being an admirable location for a future 'Detroit of the Air,'" Col. Arthur Ayres, supervisor of airports for the Civilian Aeronautics Authority, told Secretary L. J. Gilmeister of the Chamber of Commerce this morning.

Col. Ayres, after conferring with Gilmeister at the chamber office, made a personal inspection of the Weston ranch location off Highway 101 and Hawthorne boulevard which has been suggested for an airport. He said that area is ideally suited for several reasons.

"It is about midway between Los Angeles Municipal Airport, Gardena airport and the Douglas plant in Long Beach," the C.A.A. official stated. "It is in the center of the 'labor pool' which is important when you consider the number of men who are now employed and the ever-increasing number who will be employed in the future. And it looks as tho the property in South Torrance is large enough to accommodate every airplane facility, north-south and east-west runways, hangars and whatever allied industry wants to locate there."

Col. Ayres informed Gilmeister that this city and others in the vicinity should take steps to secure a WPA project for the improvement of the field if it can be purchased from Ben Weston, owner. He said the C.A.A. naturally would cooperate to the fullest extent in assisting the project because of the urgent need for airport facilities in the harbor area.

The Weston ranch site proved its excellent drainage during the recent storms. Only a small portion of the acreage was flooded and these low spots are confined to the upper part.

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Local Boy Held for Attempted House Burglary

After being identified as one of the two youths who were surprised in the act of ransacking the L. B. Kelsey home at 817 Madrid ave. Feb. 24, David Rausa, 17, of 708 Acacia ave. has steadfastly refused to name his accomplice, police reported today.

Young Rausa, who had been granted probation early this year following the theft of several tennis rackets at the high school with three other boys, is in custody of juvenile authorities awaiting trial.

Kelsey and his son were in bed on the night of Feb. 24 when the front door bell rang. Before they had time to answer it, they heard the rear door being opened and persons entering the home.

One boy, said to have been Rausa, entered young Kelsey's bedroom and switched on the light. When he saw he was observed, he ran and his accomplice also got away.

Following investigation, Rausa was arrested Feb. 27 and booked for attempted burglary. This charge was filed on him Tuesday after police and juvenile authorities had failed to crack his refusal to name his accomplice.

"I'll tell you if you are right if you name him," he defiantly replies to all questions, according to Police Chief John Stroh. Even last weekend in the county jail failed to shake his refusal to cooperate.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When The Herald reported the tennis racket theft at the high school no mention was made of the names of boys involved in the case because they were juvenile "first offenders." This has long been the policy of this newspaper. However, young Rausa has, by his arrest for the Kelsey "job," become a "second offender" and thus is not entitled to the courtesy of anonymity.

Britain has ordered the chemical thiam chloride put in flour to supply vitamin B.

"Dollar Days" Boon to Thrifty Shoppers Galaxy of Bargains in Torrance Stores Friday and Saturday

Many Torrance merchants are uniting tomorrow and Saturday, March 7 and 8, to present a parade of values that promises to make Torrance Dollar Days the most successful undertaking of its kind ever attempted here.

The event will not be limited to \$1 items but will include many other unusual merchandise values which have been stocked for the sale. That's where the "Values" are in the title of the event. Many items, under and over \$1 in cost have been marked down to make the sale an all-inclusive shopping incentive.

Dollar Days mark a sincere effort on the part of the participating merchants to prove to harbor district residents that Torrance has a shopping center, which sponsors highly worthwhile sales features that are "easy on the pocketbook."

"Last Chance" Prices
Hundreds of items have been marked down and the Dollar Days stores have laid in new stocks purchased especially for the weekend. Included also are the spring and pre-Easter showing the newest styles.

Merchants arranging for the special event point out this fact: Prices will certainly not be duplicated on many items for a long, long time because of the expanding national and world market.

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Sewer System Completed

Final inspection was made of the Vista Highlands sewer extension Monday, according to Glenn Jain, acting city engineer, and now that \$177,000 project is completed.

West Torrance residents in the territory covered by the extension may now connect with the sewer on payment of the \$25 connection fee—the only charge to be made for the major improvement.

The system was installed as a WPA project. The city spent considerably less than \$200,000 for engineering costs as its share of the work which was launched by the county sanitation district. Construction of the extension began last May.

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"Consent Cards" for Alondra Re-finance Sent Land Owners

"Consent cards" have all been mailed to property owners in the Alondra Park assessment district, it was learned Tuesday, and now those receiving them are urged to sign the blanks and return them promptly to speed the re-financing of that Mattoon Act area.

The cards should be returned to the clerk of the County Board of Supervisors. As soon as they are received, the cards will be checked against property lists to determine the percentage of owners favoring the re-financing.

It's Not a Fire!

IT'S THE CASH REGISTER!

If there's a great clanging in the neighborhood, don't be too disturbed. Chances are, it's not the fire department at all. It's likely to be just the clang of the cash register in the store near your corner. In case you haven't heard, retail buying is zooming; business is improving — and young 1941, only two months old, is making a noise which sounds like money in the till!

The tempo of store sales has hit the fastest pace in 11 years, according to merchandising accountants, and the experts are now forecasting that retail buying in the nation this year will aggregate 50 billion or more, a tremendous jump of 10 billion over 1940.

There's plenty of good news boiling over the telegraph wires, despite the war in Europe and maneuvers of the Japanese fleet in the Pacific. Last week, merchants reported cash register totals averaging 12 to 20 percent above the same period in 1940. And greater employment, fatter pay envelopes and all the other symptoms of good times have started a turnover in retail stores that is something to write home about.

Hear that dollar bounce. See that five spot on the counter. Yep, it may sound like a general alarm, but it isn't. It's just the clang of the cash register!

Port Breakwater Extension Bids Due March 25

Contractors started preparation of bids this week on the final link of the Los Angeles harbor breakwater, to extend it to a point opposite the San Gabriel river outlet at Alamitos Bay and thus provide one of the best-protected outer harbors in the world.

March 25 was announced as the date for opening bids on the project, which calls for a rock wall 13,854 feet long, in addition to a 6000-foot section that is well under way. Bids are to be opened by the United States district engineer, whose sole work concerned the harbor until a few years ago when the office took over extensive flood control construction program for the Southland.

Some idea of the magnitude of the great harbor can be gained from the plans which show that the total length of the breakwater when completed will be 44,000 feet. Minimum depth at low tide will be 40 feet, sufficient to accommodate the largest and heaviest battleship safely.

Cost to Be 30 Million

Additional room will be given seaplanes to take off, including both warcraft stationed at Reeves field, and commercial craft such as the China Clipper and those that ply between Catalina Island and the mainland. The breakwater has a 2000-foot gap opposite the inlet to the Los Angeles inner harbor for ships to pass through.

When completed, the cost will have exceeded \$30,000,000, it is estimated. President Roosevelt last month asked Congress to speed an appropriation of another \$17,674,000 so that the contract for the last link of the breakwater might be awarded.

Inside the breakwater, Terminal Island today is a beehive of activity with shipyard and naval base costing \$160,000,000 under way. Newest is a shipbuilding yard where 31 new freight vessels are to be built for the U. S. Maritime Commission at a cost of \$52,000,000.

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Three Held on Drunk Driving Charges Here

Three men, one of them a sailor attached to the U.S.S. Louisville, were arrested during the past weekend on drunk driving charges. The seaman was arrested following a collision near the east Torrance city limits in which Parris B. Tuttle, 48-year-old longshoreman living at 24241 Hawthorne Blvd., was knocked unconscious and suffered cuts about the face.

Erwin Wood Roberts, 26, whose ship sailed for Hawaii Monday, just managed to be aboard the craft. He paid a \$50 fine, paid Tuttle \$75 for the damages to the Walterian's car and also settled Tuttle's hospital bill.

Roberts, driving while drunk, crashed his car into the rear of Tuttle's machine, causing it to swerve between a power-pole and a guy wire.

The other two men charged with drunk driving are John Philip Jordan, 39, of San Pedro who was arrested Sunday night at Torrance boulevard and Maple st. He was released on \$100 bail to appear for trial Saturday morning.

Jordan was accompanied by Albert Hampel, 28, San Pedro, who was charged with being drunk in an auto. He was released on \$25 bail pending his trial Saturday.

Charles Howard Daniels, 39, El Prado apartments, was arrested Saturday on El Prado and charged with drunk driving. Released on \$100 bail he appeared yesterday for trial, was fined \$200 and had his driver's license revoked. He arranged to pay \$25 per month.

Guidance is Said Essential



"The Boy Scout Movement represents a new era of moral force in America," President Roosevelt said recently. "Its future growth will depend upon the realization of our manhood that must assume the responsibility of leadership. It will depend upon the generosity, the willingness and enthusiasm of American leaders to guide the millions of American boys — to the goal of health, happiness, loyalty and reverence."

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Alondra Park Airport Site Plan Pressed

Alondra Park, largest in the county's system, could conceivably be made the site of an emergency landing field for Los Angeles county now that it has become the Pittsburgh of the nation's aircraft industry, without encountering insurmountable legal barriers, in the belief of some county officials.

Once established as an emergency field, the state courts might be made to see that it would be possible to permit a related development, such as manufacturing, on a portion of the field. Whether it might be possible for the federal government to condemn a portion of it could not be learned.

Proposal to turn the 345-acre Alondra Park into an airport has originated with Torrance civic leaders. It was indicated that a legal opinion might be sought from the county this week.

Courts Differ

First step would be construction of a runway. This could be built so that it would be as wide as a tennis court or as wide as the length of a tennis court. Facilities for suspending nets could be imbedded flush with the surface, so that while it would be instantly converted into a runway during the nation's emergency, it would be instantly converted into a battery of tennis courts afterward.

Next step would be construction of a hangar to house planes that might land there. This could be built so that it would serve as an auditorium for the park after the national emergency.

County attorneys said they had not studied the question of whether Alondra Park actually had not been used for park purposes as yet, but the land was bought for park uses, and while the courts held up to some months ago that "once a park always a park," the state supreme court took a much broader view when the highway was cut through Westlake Park.

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CHAMBER MEETING

The East Torrance Chamber of Commerce will meet next Tuesday night, March 11, at Gene Hamilton's real estate office, 1612 Carson street.

Our Four-Star Folks' History

"People You Should Know" has made its official debut in The Torrance Herald—and what a debut. Its popularity is being enjoyed by practically all of the readers. It won't take much of your time to get one of our free gifts and does not require a great deal of "gray matter" from your brain. Curious? Then turn to "it" on second page for full details.

Opportunities knock not once for free prizes, but every week in the columns of the new Herald history contest. "Round and round she goes; where she stops nobody knows," but our two dollar prize stopped today at the home of Mrs. Lester James Dougherty, 980 Arlington; Caroline King and Lucille Strub tied for the dollar award.

High in Torrance's sky line we find Gaston Aree, Louis Leppe and Eugene De Bra but few of you know which one has the biggest feet. Keep your eyes on the paragraphs and you will learn—much.

Rally Tonight Will Launch Scout Drive

Determined to establish the Boy Scout movement to its rightful position in Torrance, a corps of 84 civic-minded men will go out among their fellow townsfolk beginning Friday morning with a two-fold purpose:

(1) To acquaint everyone in this community with objectives of the Boy Scout movement and the need of encouraging it here;

(2) To request a financial contribution to help pay salaries of full time trained Scout leaders and other administrative costs essential in properly coaching volunteer Scoutmasters in carrying out a well rounded program of Scout activities which include hiking, camping, adventure, health, service and comradeship.

A rally of all campaign workers will be held tonight at 8:15 p. m. at the city hall, where final plans for the campaign will be perfected. J. W. Post, district chairman; C. Earl Conner, finance chairman, and O. B. Matthews, assistant executive in the Los Angeles area, are scheduled to address those present. While an organization of 84 workers has been selected from local organizations, Chairman Post emphasized that anyone interested in assisting the Boy Scout movement is urged to attend the rally tonight and take part in the campaign.

"This is a community wide movement to help all local boys and every father or other adult worker who is willing to assist us will be more than welcome," Post stated.

84 Workers

The campaign workers, enrolled to date, include:

KIWANIS CLUB Division, Jack Barrington, Major; Gaston Aree, Robert J. Deinger, Howard Locke, Jack Miller, Ernest Mubbs, James Rahn, C. T. Rippey, William Rojo, J. E. Scorton, and Dean Sears, captains; William Gee, James Jones, Robt. McCallum, George Moore, Mike Holliday, Ray Begue, Jack McQuaid, Les King, Dr. W. I. Laughon and Dr. R. F. Bishop, lieutenants.

ROTARY CLUB Division, F. L. Parks, major; Sam Levy, Harvel Guttenfelder, J. Hugh Sherley, Dr. C. L. Ingold, B. C. Buxton, William Brattton, H. E. Appenzeller, John B. Melville, Baker Smith and William Wylam, captains; Dr. M. A. Bauman, David L. Roberts, W. H. Stanger, Hillman R. Lee, George Peckham, J. M. Christensen, Rev. Thomas R. Marshall, H. J. Bishop, Jr., Thomas A. Mitchell and Harry M. Abramson, lieutenants.

AMERICAN LEGION Division, Vern Babecek, major; Grant Barkdull, W. E. Bowen, Tom Babbitt, Louis Deinger, Charles Dunham, James Scott, D. A. Murphy, James Wilkes, J. Hal-langer, and Ralph Satchell, captains; John Lynn, Ray Begue, O. W. Butterfield, P. B. Rhodes, Dewey Goddard, V. C. Manning, James Burchett, C. Schler, F. H. Robinson and James Brodie, lieutenants.

MERCER Division, Ray Stepply, major; John Buffalo, Homer Kirkpatrick, Fred Polts, Luke Nichols, Ray Schumacher, Carney Emmet, Howard Lee, Ralph Sach, John Boos and Ben Stewart, captains.

Lieutenants are being appointed and will be announced at the rally tonight.

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