



This unusual photo taken from a Canadian boat shows Rainbow Bridge at Niagara Falls nearing completion. Ironworkers are placing last bolts and painters are applying double coat of aluminum paint on bridge, which will offer pedestrians and autoists unobstructed view of both falls.

Construction of Ten New Houses Will Start At Once in New Sub-Division

Erection of ten new houses on the Park Knoll tract south of Plaza del Amo between Cabrillo and Gramercy avenues, will start soon it is learned. Applications have been filed in the city engineer's office for the issuance of permits, covering the proposed dwellings. Each house will be of frame and stucco construction, garage attached, and will contain five rooms. Location of the houses will be on Andreo avenue, beginning with No. 2416 and continuing in consecutive order to No. 2440 on the east side of the street. Three houses, at 2427, 2431 and 2435 will be erected on the west side of Andreo ave. All Modern Homes

Mrs. Evans' Son, Canadian Flier, Killed in London



EARL WELLINGTON WATSON ... crash victim

A transport plane crash in London last Thursday night claimed the life of First Flying Officer Earl Wellington Watson, son of Mrs. Martha W. Evans of the Torrance Gift Shop; 11 other American fliers enlisted in the trans-Atlantic bomber ferry service and 10 Britons.

CITY TAX RATE UPPED 10c

Seek Supreme Court Writ To Exclude Six Candidates

An attempt to get the State Supreme Court to prohibit the listing of six Torrance councilmanic candidates on the September 10 ballot was disclosed yesterday when Attorney Royal S. Riddle of San Pedro presented a request for such action with the Los Angeles offices of the State Supreme Court. The application was mailed yesterday from Los Angeles to San Francisco where the seven-man Supreme Court is now in session.

Selectee Dies In War Games

Death ended the army career of Tommy Kazaki, one of the first selectees to go from S. S. Board 269, located at 1225 W. Manchester yesterday. Kazaki was killed when a truck overturned on a steep grade near Elmo during the war games now in progress in Washington.

The young man resided at 11410 Crenshaw boulevard, Inglewood, and on induction into the army was assigned to the 17th Infantry at Ford Ord.

New Order Calls For Daily List of Draftees

New regulations sent out to all Selective Service boards, which went into effect August 18, require the posting daily of the names of enrollees who have been classified for service, together with their order number and classification.

Carl E. Marsteller, clerk of the local board, received his instructions by telegram Monday afternoon, and immediately prepared a list of enrollees for that day, which list is now posted on the bulletin board. New lists will be posted daily.

Two were inducted into the service yesterday, Frank Tomohoko Seto, 25, truck driver of Gardena, and Edward Andrew Cessa, 23, of Harbor City, who came from Alaska to be inducted from his home board. Seto, it is said, will be missed by boxing fans, as he appeared numerous times in Southland arenas to good advantage.

Six selectees are listed to go in the 16th call, which will be some time in September, actual date, not yet set.

2-Way Police Radio Plans Being Drawn

Specifications for a two-way police radio system are being prepared by Police Chief John Stroh and City Engineer Glenn Jain. The equipment, which will cost in excess of \$2,000, will have a 50-watt output covering a 30-mile radius.

Stroh declared this week that installation of the new equipment would bring his men the alternative of qualifying for a second class federal radio operator's license or "walking a beat" since sets will be placed in the department's three squad cars and in the fire department's scout truck.

"They'll have to learn how to operate the system or go back to patrolling on foot," Stroh stated. The radio hookup probably will be installed this fall if its purchase is approved by the city council.

The Torrance equipment will be similar to that now in use in Manhattan Beach, El Segundo and other south bay cities, Stroh pointed out.

Keystone Woman Asks Aid in Finding Car

Any information leading to the recovery of a '36 Chevrolet coach bearing the license 85Y770 owned by Mrs. Nina Griffin of 449 East 213th street in Keystone will be greatly appreciated.

The car was stolen last Friday at about 1:00 o'clock from a vacant lot adjoining the J. C. Penney Company store in Wilmington while Mrs. Griffin, a widow and her small daughter, were enroute to Long Beach to visit her invalid mother. A number of articles of clothing were in the car.

Wages of All City Workers Increased

An ordinance setting the municipal tax rate for 1941-42 at \$1.20 per \$100 assessed valuation in District No. 1 (original townsite) and \$1.17 in District No. 2 (annexed territory) was adopted by the Torrance city council last evening. This is a ten cent increase over last year's levy and is the highest municipal tax rate in the city's history. Increased wages rates for all city employees, as well as all employees of the water department, together with advanced prices of materials and equipment are the principal reasons given for the higher rate.

Street department employees, who have been paid at the rate of 7 1/4 cents per hour are advanced to a ten cent increase for a 40 hour week, or equivalent to 76 1/2 cents per hour. Other employees of the street department who have been paid 72.2 cents per hour will hereafter receive a flat monthly wage of \$140 for a 40 hour week, or approximately 82 cents per hour. All other city employees, including those in the water department, will be given a \$10 per month increase. There are 88 municipal workers besides those in the water department, who will benefit from the new wage schedules. The salary advances were made to compensate for the increased cost of living, members of the city council explained.

Bus Drivers Advanced A substantial wage increase is also contemplated for municipal bus drivers, although the exact amount of this advance has not been definitely established, according to Mayor Tom McGuire. In a recent communication to the city council, the bus drivers requested \$170 per month, based on a 40 hour week, with time and a half for work in excess of 40 hours a week. This is equivalent to approximately \$1.00 per hour, and is in excess of that paid by the Los Angeles Railway and Los Angeles Motor Coach companies. Both of these transportation systems recently adjusted its bus drivers wages to: 76 cents per hour for the first year; 82 cents for the second year; and 85 cents for the third year. No overtime rate is allowed and Los Angeles bus drivers work 48 hours a week.

No Advertising Fund Despite the advanced tax rate, all funds have been allocated, and unless some revisions are made in the tentative budget, none will be available for advertising. The entire ten cent tax which is collected for "parks, music and advertising" and out of which heretofore has been paid the \$7400 annual subsidy for the Chamber of Commerce has been allotted to other municipal activities. It was explained, however that some revisions may be made before the final budget is adopted.

Items making up the \$1.20 tax rate include: General budget \$1.00 Parks, Music and Advertising .010 General Promotion .001 Public Library .003 Interest and Sinking Fund, Bond Election of 1922 (Tax District No. 1 only) .003 Interest and Sinking Fund, City Hall and Jail bonds .002 Interest and Sinking Fund, Civic Auditorium .001 Assessed valuations for the 1941-42 tax year are: District No. 1, \$9,168,915; District No. 2, \$11,023,640; Total, \$20,192,555. Last year's assessed valuation was \$20,333,285.

M. W. D. LEVY CUT ONE CENT TO 48 As a result of drastic economies effected in final construction costs and in its operating organization, directors of the Metropolitan Water District Friday announced the District's tax rate for 1941-42 will be reduced one cent under last year's rate, and will be fixed at 48 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

The tax rate was slightly reduced rather than increased, despite the fact that this year marks completion of the giant Colorado river aqueduct in its initial development, a construction program which involved an

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Japanese-American League Gives Patriotic Program

Demonstrating their faith in America in an impressive program, several hundred Japanese-Americans and scores of other citizens from surrounding cities expressed their fealty to their adopted and native land Saturday night at the Gardena high school auditorium. It was an exhibition of patriotism, arranged by the Japanese American Citizens League that was marked by a note of deep sincerity and reverent appreciation for all that America stands for.

Following the advancement of the colors by the uniformed Boy Scout drum and bugle corps from the Dashi Mission in Los Angeles, Fred Ikeguchi, president of the Gardena chapter of the League, introduced the invited guests. These included Commander Ed Bird of the Torrance American Legion Post, who presided over the final half of the program, and Chairman Carl Steele of Selective Service Board No. 280 of this city.

While patriotism was the keynote of the meeting, entertainment was not overlooked and this was provided by Billy Morris, accordionist of Gardena; Harriet Pegors, soloist from Torrance, and Ernie Strong, a banjo artist.

James Yoshinobu of Torrance presented JACL plans to several selectees from the Gardena Valley area and the talks were by Mayor Wayne Bogart, Fred Tayama, president of the Los Angeles Chapter JACL, who gave the Nisei (second generation Japanese-American) viewpoint of unaltering loyalty to the nation; Stroh, who expressed his interest in the many evidences of patriotism shown by Japanese-Americans, and Gongozo Nakamura, president of the Los Angeles Central Japanese Association, who delivered a stirring address on why his people were so keen about living up to American ideals.

The Japanese-American speakers explained that their Citizens League is a civic betterment organization whose endeavor is to create greater appreciation for the American rights and liberties, to foster good citizenship and to create closer friendship between their people and native Americans.

From the many expressions heard made by native Americans many of them members of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, following the close of the patriotic rally, the program won the Citizens League much good will and better understanding. It was an expression of the highest type of patriotism because the Japanese-American and native American speakers voiced their hope that present war clouds gathering over the Orient will clear and a new day will bring renewed friendship between all nations.

Torrance buses will refrain from accepting local (Los Angeles) passengers between 69th street and Hoover if the Los Angeles buses will waive any further protests or agreements. It was pointed out at the council meeting last evening that the revenue from traffic between Manchester and the downtown terminal at 945 South Hill street last month was only \$84 out of a total month's receipts of \$1,962. Furthermore, by omitting these stops in the heavy traffic area, the Torrance buses could pull away from the slow moving lanes near the curb and cut the running time considerably by using the faster center traffic lanes between 69th street and the downtown terminal.

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Mrs. Kelsey Is New C. C. Clerk

Mrs. Marguerite Kelsey, 817 Madrid avenue, has been employed as clerk at the Chamber of Commerce, and assumed her duties last Monday morning. Mrs. Kelsey replaces Miss Dorothy Jensen, and will have charge of the office pending the settlement of the present marketing period which followed the action of the city council in withdrawing city funds for the maintenance of the Chamber. L. J. Gilmeister, former secretary, will remain in charge of the municipal bus lines until Sept. 1.

Gilmeister stated this week that his plans for the future include about a month's vacation, the first he has taken since he became secretary a number of years ago.

APPROPRIATE \$50 Purchase of four flush tank services for the water department at a cost of \$50 was authorized by the Torrance city council last evening.

Buses May Give Non-Stop Service North of 69th St.

Whether Torrance municipal buses will be permitted to pick up passengers north of Manchester ave., or possibly 69th street—is expected to be determined at a hearing before the Los Angeles Board of Public Utilities and Transportation scheduled for tomorrow (Friday) at 10 a. m.

The Los Angeles board is protesting the present practice of Torrance buses in picking up passengers north of Manchester and Hoover streets as well as accepting passengers in Los Angeles for discharge north of Manchester on southbound trips.

An agreement to further restrict Torrance bus traffic, except for through passengers, as far south as 118th street at any time in the future that the Los Angeles bus line may extend its Figueroa street line south of Manchester is also sought by the Los Angeles board.

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PRIORITIES SOUGHT On recommendation of the National Institute of Municipal Offices, the Torrance city council last evening authorized the filing of an application for an order from the Office of Production Management to establish priority in the purchase of repairs for municipal equipment and other supplies.

Santa Ana Man Found Dead at Torrance Beach

Domestic troubles were recited as the cause of the suicide of John C. Waycott, 32, whose lifeless body was found in a car parked near the shore in Hollywood Riviera at 3:15 p.m. last Friday. Gas from the exhaust had been piped into the car and Waycott was beyond aid when police arrived on the scene.

Waycott, who had been living with his parents at Santa Ana, left a note saying he could not endure the separation from his two young sons whose mother had divorced him and remarried. Waycott had gone to Burbank where his former wife, Mrs. Ruth Anderson, resided and had taken her car for his last journey to a rendezvous with death. In his farewell note he apologized for having taken the car without her knowledge.

Court Orders Powell and Murray Names Listed on Election Ballot

The names of former councilmen George V. Powell and John V. Murray must appear as candidates on the ballot at the special municipal election, Sept. 10. This was the ruling of the District Court of Appeals following hearing of the case in Los Angeles Monday morning. Presiding Judge P. J. York, with Associate Judges J. Doran and Walter Desmond heard the case.

Powell and Murray are seeking re-election to the seats on the Torrance city council from which they were recalled by a majority of the vote cast at the special election July 29. On advice of City Attorney John E. McCall, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett refused to accept their nomination petitions, and the recalled councilmen through their attorney, P. G. Briney, obtained a writ of mandamus last week from the Appellate Court demanding that Bartlett either place their names on the ballot or show cause why he refused to do so.

In defending his opinion before the court Monday morning, McCall pointed out that Powell and Murray were recalled by a majority of the voters; and that if they were permitted to run for re-election in a field of candidates, it would be possible for a minority of voters to return them to the offices from which they had been removed by a majority.

Citing many cases to substantiate his argument, McCall stressed that the recall procedure should be construed "liberally" by the court. However, Judge York commented, "liberality works both ways."

Judge York stated that the court had made a search for any provision in the law prohibiting the recalled councilmen in running for reelection, but that no such inhibition had been found, and therefore the peremptory writ will remain. He ordered the final writ issued forthwith, which was subsequently served on Clerk Bartlett yesterday.

In opening the case, Judge York explained that such matters are usually returned to the Superior Court, and that the reason the case was being given original jurisdiction in the Appellate Court was due to the limit in the length of time prior to the election.

The court decision brings the lists of candidate names on September 10 ballot to eleven; five for the long term (expiring in April, 1944) and six for the short term (expiring April, 1942). However, William H. Day, who filed for the short term has withdrawn, although his name will appear on the ballot.

More Workers For Red Cross Wanted

Mrs. L. G. Barkdull, in charge of the production center for the Torrance Red Cross, sends out an appeal for more workers. Women who can sew or knit are wanted immediately to the number of five to work on the first four days of the week. Those who will give their services are asked to call at the Levy Bldg., 1526 Cravens avenue.

"I Am An American"

Last Friday night, as usual there was a boxing card at the Hollywood Legion Stadium. Among those entered in the flatie program was a little fellow, who has been seen often in such arenas, giving a good account of himself against various opponents.

Of this little fellow, Dick Hyland, sports writer for the Los Angeles Times, had quite a bit to say later, and this is what Dick said:

"At the Hollywood Legion Stadium, last Friday evening, a boy named Frankie Seto crawled through the ropes to a battle. He took a licking. He had the skin, the build, the flat features, and the eyes of a Japanese. He is an American. Yet, as he again crawled through the ropes above me, this time battered and bleeding, I saw that across the back of his robe was embroidered 'I Am An American.' He wore that robe with shoulders squared even though he had just been licked. He couldn't do otherwise, that little fellow, Not with that 'I Am An American' proudly displayed on his robe.

"As one American of another, I was proud of him. Proud that he thought enough of being an American to tell the whole cock-eyed, and slant-eyed, world that he, little Frankie Seto, of Japanese ancestry, was an American. And I was proud too, that an American could take that whipping that he took and come back for more, round after round." Little Frankie Seto took the bus out of Torrance yesterday morning to go to serve his year, 18 months, or whatever Uncle Sam requires of him, learning to be a soldier of the American forces. His Japanese friends, all displaying their little American flags, were out early to see him off. Americanism means a lot to Frankie, and to the loyal Japanese of this country. We venture to say that when Frankie gets into his uniform, he won't have to embroider his slogan on the back of his coat. It will be written all over him, 'I AM AN AMERICAN.'"