

"Public Notices"

OFFICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by and in the performance of the covenants contained in that certain trust deed dated November 30, 1936, made, executed and delivered by HENRY C. KLINE, single man, and M. H. FAITHOLM and MARCELLA BARTHOLOMEW, his wife, and ELEANOR M. MASON, a single woman, as trustors, to CORPORATION OF AMERICA, California corporation, as trustee for BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL TRUST AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, national banking association, beneficiary, which trust deed was recorded on February 9, 1937, in book 14734 page 93, Official Records of Los Angeles County, California; and

Police Will Get 2 'Tommyguns'

If you see a Torrance policeman carrying something that looks like a violin case, don't think that it's an enroute to take a music lesson. He'll be lugging one of the two 45 calibre submachine guns which the council ordered purchased Tuesday night as "emergency equipment" on recommendation of Councilman George V. Powell. The "tommygun" will cost \$105 each and two extra clips and carrying cases were ordered supplied the police department.

Western Ave. Work Proposed to County

A proposal to eliminate a traffic bottleneck on Western ave. in the Gardena section at an estimated cost of \$10,000 has been made to the county board of supervisors by O. F. Cooley, county road commissioner, in a report filed this week. Cooley advocates use of the bulk of the 1942-43 gasoline tax appropriation for improving major highways instead of for routine maintenance of comparatively unimportant streets.

"Public Notice"
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
No. 210511
Estate of ELLA AGNES SPRAGUE, deceased.
Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Administratrix of the Estate of Ella Agnes Sprague, deceased, to the Creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to present them with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice, to the said Administratrix at the office of Chas. T. Rippey, her attorney, 1335 Post Avenue, City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California, which said office the undersigned selects as a place of business in all matters connected with said estate, or to file them with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles.

Rippy Offers 14-Point Program Designed to Curb City Expenses

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which provides that the general tax levy shall not exceed \$1 without the consent of the electors. Sec. 862.23 of the same Act authorizes the use of not to exceed five per cent of the general fund for music and promotion, and Act 5180a authorizes the 'apportionment of sums not to exceed five cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation for publicity and advertising.' Neither of these two acts authorize the levy of a SPECIAL TAX.

TRANSFERRING OF FUNDS NOT LEGAL
It has been the practice of the city council for some time past to transfer funds from the Municipal Water District to the general fund for maintenance and capital outlay purposes. The boundaries of this district are not co-extensive with the boundaries of the city. In fact, the District constitutes a very small part of the city, geographically. The taxpayers of the Water District are interested in the proper use of its funds for District purposes. Moreover, the bondholders of the District have an interest in these revenues.

"The city council on behalf of the city is only specifically authorized to use the revenue of the Water District for the payment of principal and interest of the bonds issued for the acquisition or construction of the water works system. (Sec. 862.4, Act 5283). This Section, at least implicitly, prohibits the use of the Water District funds by the city for any other purpose, as it is a general rule of construction of statutes that the city can only exercise such powers as are expressly or by implication conferred upon it by the Legislature.

"Section 31, Article IV of the California State Constitution provides that temporary transfers may be made by the Treasurer, upon resolution of the city council, to meet obligations incurred for maintenance purposes up to 85 per cent of the taxes accruing for any fiscal year or portion thereof, but no such transfer may be made AFTER THE LAST MONDAY IN APRIL of the current fiscal year and must be REPLACED FROM TAXES ACCRUING THEREAFTER BEFORE ANY OTHER OBLIGATIONS are paid.

PROCEDURE IN BORROWING OUTLINED
"St. 1941, p. 1590 provides for the creation of a 'Capital Outlay fund' and authorizes a special tax to discharge the principal and interest provided the levy does not exceed the \$1 tax limit, when combined with the general tax levy. The procedure is outlined in the act, and authorizes a special election where the levy would exceed \$1. No such fund was created for the discharge of the principal and interest involved in the purchase of the buses.

"Statutes of 1939, p. 1271, Amended Statutes 1941, p. 1847 (Political Code Sec. 3719), prescribes the procedure to be followed in borrowing money, the total borrowings not to exceed 50 per cent of the tax revenue. Such borrowings can only be made after advertising and the warrants or other evidences of indebtedness must be sold to the lowest bidder. So far as I am aware, the city has not followed this procedure in connection with its borrowings.

"Increases in operation of the following departments during the past five years appear to be as follows (including capital outlays):

Table with 3 columns: Department, 1936-37, 1940-41. Rows include Auditorium, Parks, Fire Department, Library, Police Department, Street Department, City Clerk, City Engineer, Buses, and Librarian.

*Not including Chamber of Commerce. **Calendar year.

FINANCIAL DATA SUMMARIZED

"The sources of the greatest increase in costs or losses to the city are as follows:
(1) Parks, playgrounds, Chamber of Commerce, in 1941, increase over 10-cent tax \$14,740.69
(2) Auditorium, during past five years, excess expense over income 20,655.19
(3) Buses, prior to city ownership, \$7,672.12; Annual loss, \$15,400 (next five years); Total next five years, Cost of buses, \$20,385; Loss in operation, \$42,000; Loss prior to city ownership, \$7,672.12
(4) Librarian, 1941, excess expense over special tax, \$4,000.

OFFERS 14 SUGGESTIONS

"Considering the foregoing cost of operation, and the fact that there is no way in which the city can actually repay the \$20,385 borrowed from the Municipal Water District to purchase the buses, except by increased borrowings or decreased expenses, it is self-evident that in a few years the city will reach the limit of its borrowings unless expenses are curtailed.

"I have never entered into any political bickerings and I have no intention of doing so now, but the irregularities and, in my opinion, the illegal proceedings of the past few years, compel me to object to the continuation of the same and to make the following suggestions:

- (1) That an annual budget be adopted (even though the League of Municipalities deems it unnecessary) after PUBLIC HEARINGS and discussion, and that it be rigidly adhered to.
(2) Definite curtailment of expenses in all departments, not rearrangement of duties and employees, but elimination of all unnecessary activities, employees and purchases.
(3) Capital outlays should be suspended until after the war.
(4) Transfer of funds from the Water District should be stopped. In my opinion these transfers are an illegal imposition on the taxpayers and bondholders of the District.
(5) The one-cent Promotion tax should be eliminated. In 1941, this was an illegal imposition, as the general tax was \$1 and there is no authorization for a special tax for this purpose.
(6) Borrowings should be made only after ADVERTISING and should not be made by the route of transferring funds.
(7) Even if by some hair-splitting logic, the conclusion could be reached that the water district funds could be transferred for general 'maintenance' purposes, it is potentially a dangerous practice, as this method could be utilized to indirectly increase capital outlays in violation of the method prescribed by law, and has a tendency to increase the deficit of the city because the mere fact that the money is available always leads to some device to expend it.
(8) Furthermore, it is conceivable that by the use of water district funds for general maintenance purposes, the deficit of the city could very readily be run up to the point where it would take all tax funds coming in on any tax paying date to refund the moneys transferred from the water district, thus extinguishing any possibility of borrowing in an emergency. It is easier to transfer funds than borrow on the open market after advertising. In my opinion the practice was never contemplated by legislature.
(9) The water system is being purchased by a part of the taxpayers and the revenues of this system should not be used to pay expenses of other taxpayers. Example: \$8,000 was transferred to general fund in December 1940. Theoretically, at least, \$8,000 in other funds were used to buy buses, but the net result is that the tax deficit is increased \$8,000.
(10) Operation of buses to Waterbury should be eliminated until demand requires service. Thirty-eight-dollar income in six months does not justify the service.
(11) CURTAIL PARKS, STREETS, RECREATION
(12) Operation of buses should be limited to demand of Torrance residents. (At the present time an average of only 57 persons from Torrance use the buses on daily round-trips.) Buses could be routed so as to connect with the Los Angeles railway lines, the same as Gardena.
(13) There should be definite curtailments in connection with parks, streets and recreation.
(14) There should be coordination between fiscal matters and administration, and if this cannot be obtained in any other way, a full-time, paid official should be engaged to supervise both fiscal and administration operations and report to the city council.
(15) Heads of departments should not be burdened with detail. The city council cannot act as administrator. More authority should be delegated to efficient subordinates.
(16) ASK VOTERS TO DECIDE
(17) A proposition should be submitted to the voters to repeal or radically reduce the 10-cent tax for parks, music and advertising.
(18) A proposition should be submitted to the voters to determine whether the \$50 paid to city councilmen should be eliminated.
(19) Expense accounts of city officials and city employees should be radically reduced and limited to actual cash outlays.
(20) Under present conditions, curtailment of employees will not work a hardship, and any employees whose services can be dispensed with will be readily absorbed by defense industries to their advantage.
(21) The affairs of the city should be operated in a business-like manner and if the law is followed with reference to capital outlays, borrowings and imposition of general and special taxes, and the activities streamlined and limited to governmental activities, the city in a short time could eliminate its borrowings and reduce the tax rate." Rippy's letter concluded.

Herald Accepting China Relief Funds; Children Aid Orphans

Torrance school children are helping take care of the orphans of war-torn China and this week The Herald announces it will be glad to receive contributions to United China Relief, Inc. The subscriptions to aid the stricken people of that huge country which has fought the Jap so long with terrible cost.

All donations received by The Herald will be acknowledged in subsequent issues and the funds promptly transmitted to the United China Relief Committee for Southern California. In local classrooms, youngsters this week are bringing pennies, lines and quarters to send to Madame Chiang Kai-shek's organization which cares for war orphans, known as "warphans." Gifts from local residents are deductible for income tax purposes. Aid to China is a direct contribution to the war effort because of the heroic stand made by Chinese troops against Japanese invaders in the South Pacific as well as in their native land.

HAS HOUSEGUEST
Mrs. L. F. Stephenson is entertaining as her houseguest, Mrs. Ruth Porter of Marline.

Tire Boards Join War on Speeders

If you speed you won't stand much of a chance of obtaining new tires or treaders—even if you are eligible for them. Acting on a suggestion made yesterday by E. Raymond Cato, chief of the California Highway Patrol, Police Chief John Stroh said today he would give the Torrance-Lomita tire rationing board the names of all speeders arrested here in the future.

Chief Cato has suggested that tire rationing boards from upon granting of tire purchase permits to those convicted of speeding and thus wearying out their present rubber unnecessarily," Stroh said. "Tire boards have assured the State Highway Patrol they will cooperate and the local board has informed me they will not readily issue such permits to those whose names are sent in by the police department."

ENTERTAIN SOLDIER
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Davidson of 1842 Engracia entertained as their guest Saturday evening their nephew, Private Homer Abel of the U. S. Army, formerly of Pueblo, Colo.

Veteran Coast Guardsman Drowns

A veteran member of the U. S. Coast Guard, Albert Vird Reading, formerly of 2353 Place, Lomb, was accidentally drowned off the North Carolina coast last Saturday, according to information received by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Reading, who lives at the Plaza Hotel in Torrance from the War Department. Details of Mr. Reading's death were announced and as yet Mrs. Reading has received no word concerning a funeral.

The Readings have resided in the Torrance-Lomita area for the past 18 years. He was promoted to chief motor machinist about a month ago after 38 years in service. Previous to his enlistment in the Coast Guard at San Francisco, Mr. Reading, who was 39 years old, served in the U. S. Army for a year following the Armistice of World War I. He was stationed at the San Pedro base for about 12 years and when the U. S. entered the World War II he made trips to Alaska and other outposts.

He was here for a two weeks' visit with his wife the last time in January following his return from a year in Greenland on active duty aboard a sub-chaser. Mrs. Reading has resided in Torrance since last October. While the Coast Guard was his first interest he enjoyed pigeon-racing and was a member of the Gardena Pigeon Club.

A native of Murray, Utah, Mr. Reading is survived by his mother, Mrs. Andy Smith of Salt Lake City, and three sisters, Mrs. D. J. Edwards of San Francisco, Mrs. Evelyn Bruce of Salt Lake City, and Mrs. Marjorie Whitehead of Los Angeles. The body is being returned from the east and the funeral service will be held in Torrance at Stone and Myers' chapel some time next week. Entombment will be at Angelus Abbey in Compton.

Compensation for CD Workers May Undergo Test

City Engineer Glenn M. Jain's bruised nose, resulting from a collision with a wall at the Civic Auditorium during the Feb. 24 blackout, may become the basis of a court test of the state compensation insurance law. Holding that the city was not responsible for his injury (which resulted in a \$4 doctor's bill), State Compensation Fund officials denied the claim, asserting the injury did not arise out of city work. The state bureau asserted the city is not responsible for any injuries that may result to civilian defense workers.

Councilman Vern Babcock suggested adoption of a resolution stating that when city employees are called into emergency service they are directly in the employ of the city but this went unseconded. Police Chief John Stroh, director of civilian defense, has informed the council that civilian defense officials would like Torrance to "make an issue" of the case to determine definitely if CD workers are entitled to compensation.

While a squadron of Army patrol planes roared overhead on night patrol, Councilman James Hitchcock suggested that Jain take the case to the Industrial Accident Commission for a verdict and regardless of the outcome, he said the city should take the case to the Appellate court for a decision. Other cities, Hitchcock declared, are vitally interested in a clarification of this point and would probably join Torrance in the appeal. City Attorney J. E. McCall was instructed to assist Jain in preparation of his claim to the Industrial Accident Commission and to report the result to the council before proceeding further with the case.

Damage Suit Filed As Result Of Wife's Death

Damages totaling \$15,835 are sought for the death of Mrs. John C. Smith, in a traffic accident at Prairie ave. and Redondo Beach hld. last July 15, in a suit on file today in Los Angeles county superior court. J. C. Smith in bringing the action names as defendant the Universal Milling Company, owner of a truck which collided with a car driven by him. Paul D. Melback is asserted to have been the driver of the truck.

The complaint, filed through Attorney C. T. Rippey, charges negligence on the part of the defendant. Mrs. Smith died shortly following the accident.

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