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Death of 36-year-old Gertrude "Billie" Landon, whose body was found July 14 near Narbonne ave. gravel dump, was declared a homicide by a coroner's jury Tuesday. The dead woman's husband, Kenneth Landon, 9635 S. Hoover st., testified he saw his wife alive the night of July 10, when she drove the family auto from their home to mail some letters.

An autopsy disclosed Mrs. Landon died by strangulation. The jury recommended renewal of efforts to solve the crime and apprehend the slayer or slayers.

Following the discovery of the body a search was begun for the car which Mrs. Landon drove from her home. It was found a few days later about two miles from her address, a sheriff's deputy reported.

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Y. M. C. A. ENCAMPMENT

More than 140 youths here expecting to spend a week at Camp Round Meadow near Big Bear will line up for their physical tomorrow night in the Torrance High gym. The boys will leave here next Tuesday morning for the Y.M.C.A. encampment, where they will swim, hunt, ride horses and sit around the camp fire at night singing songs and swapping stories.

"Public Notices"

NOTICE INVITING BIDS ON WATER DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

Public notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Torrance, California, will receive bids for furnishing said City with equipment for use in the Water Department of said City. The equipment above referred to consists of one MAINTAINER.

Full and complete specifications of equipment required is on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Torrance and is designated as "Section 1, equipment for the City of Torrance Water Department, according to Specifications No. W-17-1946" and Section 1. on file is hereby referred to and by this reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof. Copies of said Section 1, may be obtained by interested persons upon request to the office of the City Clerk in the City Hall of the City of Torrance, in said City.

The equipment above referred to must be furnished in accordance with and must conform to the requirements of "Specifications No. W-17-1946 for MAINTAINER, Torrance, California" heretofore approved by the City Council of said City, now on file in the office of the City Clerk of said City, open to public inspection, hereby referred to and by this reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified cashier's check, or bidder's bond, or cash deposit, in the sum of at least 10% of the amount bid and payable to the City of Torrance, California. The check, bond or deposit of the successful bidder shall be forfeited to said City in the event that such bidder, after being awarded the contract, fails to either furnish the materials bid upon or enter into the required contract and furnish the necessary bond for faithful performance in the sum of 25% of the total contract price, within ten days after written notice of award, or within such extension of said period as the City Council may grant.

Bidders, in bidding, should state whether or not California State Sales Tax or Use Tax is or is not included in the price bid. In the absence of any statement to this effect, it will be assumed that any such tax is included in the bid price. The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids and any item or items of any bid.

The City Council reserves the right to take all bids under advisement for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days after date of opening thereof.

All bids must be sealed and marked "Bid on Water Department Equipment" and must be either mailed or delivered so as to be in the hands of the City Clerk of said City at or before the hour of 8:00 o'clock P.M., on the 6th day of August 1946, at which time and in the Council Chamber in the City Hall of said City, all bids received will be opened, examined and publicly declared by said City Council.

This notice is hereby given by order of the City Council of said City and is dated this 23rd day of July, 1946.

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OBITUARY

FLORA A. POWELL

Funeral services were held in Roosevelt Memorial park July 19 for Mrs. Flora A. Powell, 66, wife of John A. Powell, 1108 W. Sanderson st., Wilmington, and mother of Mrs. Edsel Newton, of Waleria. Mrs. Powell died July 15 at Grants Pass, Ore., where she was visiting another daughter. Also surviving are the son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Newton: a son, Raymond Powell, of Whittier; a daughter, Mrs. Fred Scherf, also of Whittier, and her sons; two sisters and two brothers residing in Oregon and Washington.

ARCHIE LEROY BATES

Services for Archie Leroy Bates, 64, who died Sunday in the Riverside County hospital, will be conducted today in the Simmons chapel, Riverside. Mr. Bates, who for many years was an employee of Columbia Steel here, formerly resided in Redondo Beach. He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Bessie Bates; three sisters, Mrs. D. R. Snow, Torrance, Irena and Geneva Bates of West Virginia, and a foster sister, Mrs. Mary Patton, Ohio. Interment will be in the Olive cemetery.

LEROY CONFER

Funeral services for LeRoy Confer, 69, retired Pacific Electric railway clerk, were held yesterday at Grace chapel, Inglewood Park cemetery, Pierce Bros. directing. The rites were followed by cremation. Mr. Confer, who lived at 1908 Martina avenue, died July 25 at a local hospital. He was born in Iowa and had been a Southland resident for 60 years. His widow, Susie Confer, survives.

GLOOM GETS "ASSIST"

A batter in baseball has virtually "two strikes" against him on dark days, because the eye "takes pictures" more slowly when the amount of light is decreased. Like the camera, the eye records images upside down but the human mind unscrambles that by making images appear as they are.

LOOK BEFORE BACKING

Be sure the way is clear before you start to back, your car; responsibility for backing safely rests entirely upon the driver.

Torrance Children Not Entitled To Tax Funds For Schools—Garner

Opening her campaign to defeat the City Charter and preserve the schools of Torrance for continued Los Angeles control, Mrs. John Garner made several points at a meeting of the Waleria Civic Organization Thursday night, which had been intended as an open forum on the charter.

They are:
1. Torrance children are not entitled to all the tax moneys paid by Torrance for schools because the parents do not pay industries pay most and should be required to pay the continued high Los Angeles taxes to support schools elsewhere.

2. She does not care if taxes for schools go to \$5.00 per \$100 assessed valuation. She only pays \$10 a year, she admitted, and has nothing to complain about on how much Los Angeles gets from Torrance.

3. Persons who send their children to parochial schools have no business running campaigns on behalf of public schools.

Mrs. Garner's talk, filled with vilification for those citizens of Torrance who are seeking to remove the schools from Los Angeles control by adoption of the City Charter Aug. 20, took some 45 minutes of the hour allowed by the Los Angeles schools for use of the Waleria school building for the open forum.

George Powell, president of the Waleria Civic Association, realizing that the "open forum" had not given the Charter committee time for rebuttal induced the school caretaker to hold the building open for an additional 15 minutes, and then seeing that all of the questions coming up could not be answered in time promised another hearing at a later date.

James Lynch, vice chairman of the Charter Committee, opened it the forum and took some 15 minutes to give a review of the proceedings and outline the benefits to the Torrance schools under the charter.

Mrs. Garner then was introduced and opened her talk with personal attacks on those seeking to remove the schools from Los Angeles control. She said it cost Los Angeles \$390,000 to run the schools of Torrance last year. In addition, she said, Torrance share of principal and interest on bonds is \$52,922.07 for

last year and its share of junior college cost was \$25,442.11. She claimed Los Angeles got \$543,962.42 from Torrance last year, but her figures were challenged by the Charter Committee as not including all state school support funds to which Torrance is entitled. She said taxes raised \$374,962.42 and a. d. a. funds \$169,000. Paul McMahon, of the Los Angeles schools, who was there, promised to get the additional a. d. a. figures which the Charter Committee said were lacking.

Charter Committee representatives said that the Los Angeles schools will get closer to \$700,000 this year from Torrance, and that the costs will go up little if any.

Under Torrance operation of the schools, at a \$2.00 tax rate and present a. d. a. figures, Torrance would have \$769,000 on which to run the schools, it was pointed out, or \$303,636 over Los Angeles admitted costs for capital improvements, new buildings and equipment. If state school support is increased to \$120 per a. d. a., this figure will be \$130,000 more, or \$433,636. Torrance intends to cut the tax rate to \$1.10 and still have sufficient funds for capital improvements, according to Lynch.

Wave Of Petty Thieves Looting Parked Cars Told

Car owners were warned yesterday by police that petty thieves were preying on parked autos both in the shopping district and residential area. Police records reveal many reports during the past two weeks of cars broken into and articles stolen.

The majority of these thefts, police say, are where the owners failed to lock their autos, but in some instances it was shown that the looters had pried windows open sufficiently to gain entrance. Thieves have ranged from car robes, guns, radios and heaters to other articles of value, police said.

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