

BIDS RECEIVED ON HEATING PLANT FOR HOSPITAL

According to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, two bids were received by the Board at its Tuesday meeting for addition to the heating system at Harbor General hospital, Torrance, one being for \$17,153.00, the other for \$12,590.00. This extension is necessitated by the transfer from Acton of ambulatory tuberculous patients, requiring extension of steam lines and radiators into buildings not heretofore heated. All bids were referred to the chief engineer for checking.

ENLARGEMENT OF POLICE STATION IS CONTEMPLATED

Torrance police station may be enlarged by the addition of a squad room to utilize the space between the City Hall and the station, it has been revealed. City Engineer G. M. Jain has given the City Council estimates on cost of constructing the new room in the space, now roofed and used for a garage. He said to wall up the area, put in a floor and cut a door into the City Council chambers will cost about \$536.

OLIVE RESEARCH

An intensified olive research program has been started on the Davis campus of the University of California.

OPERATING OWN BUSINESS

Nearly 2,000 veterans in Southern California are operating their own businesses with G.I. Loans approved by the Veterans Administration.

License Plates To Begin Their Appearance Here

The 1947 orange and black license plates shortly will begin to appear in the streets of Torrance and Lomita, according to word received today from the Department of Motor Vehicles. Sacramento officials of the Department said sufficient supplies of the plates have been received to start mailing them out in limited quantities to those vehicle owners whose applications for license renewal have been processed. Approximately 1,000,000 pairs have been completed by the manufacturer to date and it is expected another half million will have been completed by Feb. 4, the renewal deadline.

The still acute steel shortage, however, will preclude manufacture of the plates until about April 1. Some owners, therefore, may have to wait as late as June for their plates, especially if they wait until the last minute before penalties are due to pay their fees. Meanwhile local department officials are urging motorists of this area to come in now and pay their fees to avoid the rush. License clerks are not very busy now and can give better service than a week hence when the rush will start. Persons operating in California are asked particularly to come in now because non-resident applications frequently require more time for handling. Applicants need to present only their 1946 registration card and the amount of their fees as shown on the lower left hand corner of the card. Personal checks are not accepted.

PISMO CLAMS

Pismo clams are being found from Redondo to Venice on the Southern California coast.

Oddfellow And Rebecca Lodges Church Guests

Redondo Lodge 195 will be host Sunday, Jan. 19, to the Odd Fellow and Rebecca lodges of the 48th district in a service to be held in the Central Evangelical United Brethren church, in Torrance.

The occasion of the service will be the commemoration of the birthday of Thomas Willey, the founder of Odd Fellowship in the United States. Willey was born in the city of London Jan. 15, 1782. Rev. H. Wesley Roloff, the pastor of the host church, will be in charge of the entire service. The pastor will speak on the topic, "The Way to Life." In addition to the sermon, special music will be rendered by local talent and a visiting quartet. The Cathedral motion picture "Who is My Neighbor?" will also be shown.

The service will be held at 7:30 on Sunday night. The church is located at Marcelina avenue at Arlington in Torrance. Other services in the church are held at 9:30 and 11:00 Sunday morning.

Armed Bandit Robs Gasoline Station Of \$75

Ramon Luis Ponce, Sar Pedro, gasoline service station operator at Pacific Coast highway and Hawthorne blvd., reported to Torrance police that an armed bandit entered his station late Tuesday night and robbed him of \$75 then ordered him to "lay on the floor and don't get up." The victim described the gunman as 22 years old, dark complexion, medium build and wearing a brown jacket with matching trousers. He said the thief quietly entered the station holding a 45-caliber automatic pistol, tossed a white cloth sack near the cash drawer and ordered him to fill it with money.

Lt. F. F. Ramsey's Date Of Death Officially Told

The Adjutant General's office in Washington, D.C., last week informed Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Ramsey, 2262 W. 231st st., that a finding of death had been made in the case of their son, First Lieutenant Floyd F. Ramsey, Air Corps, and that the official date of his death had been established as Nov. 14, 1944. The parents were told that their son, among a crew of 11 men aboard a B-24 bomber, failed to return from a bombing mission over Germany on Nov. 13, 1944. The bomber was last seen by other pilots of the same mission above the Frisian Island group. The plane was banking to the right evidently planning to leave the formation for unknown reasons, returning members of the mission reported.

SALINAS REPORT

Some steelhead are being taken from the Salinas River, according to a survey of fishing conditions in Monterey county. A few fish are in the lagoon at the Little Star but this has been closed to the public by the owner. Steelhead are plentiful in Carmel Bay, but none in the river.

BUS LINES MAKE PROFIT FOR YEAR BUT FACE LOSS DUE TO EQUIPMENT NEED

Torrance Municipal Bus Lines returned an average gross revenue to the City of Torrance, of \$13,639 a month during the calendar year of 1946, according to figures of the bus department.

The 1946 gross revenue of the bus system which has been the subject of much controversy during the past year was \$163,689.58. Total mileage of the buses in 1946 was 487,591.

The City Council, in setting up its 1946-47 budget, provided for an estimated net revenue from the bus department of approximately \$12,000.

Whether it will meet or exceed that figure, it was said, will depend largely upon the ability of the city to get rolling stock to replace equipment which has been worn out in the service of the city. Of the ten buses owned by the city a year ago, one has been scrapped and others are facing the salvage pile, it was said.

If the city is to continue to "make money" with the bus department, it is pointed out, it will be necessary to replace the antiquated equipment purchased from Santa Monica municipal bus lines years ago and other units at once. Four of the abandoned Santa Monica buses were sold when the bus department was organized in 1941, and it is one of these that has been scrapped. The City now has three of these units, Whites, two Fords and four Crown buses in service, with repair costs mounting on them weekly.

However, rolling stock is difficult to find. Torrance has been attempting to locate buses for replacement and expansion of the lines, officials said.

When the buses are obtained to replace present worn out equipment and to add to the total rolling stock, the city may initiate a service between Long Beach and Inglewood, to serve both Central and North Torrance. This line is necessary not only from a local service point of view but is one badly needed for the entire area involved, according to officials.

Shortly after the purchase of the four Crown buses in 1944, the Council voted to sell the bus lines to Charles E. Koors, claiming that it would be impossible for the city to operate them at a profit due to internal politics and operation problems involved.

The city was prevented from selling the lines to Koors by a Superior court writ of mandamus, and this writ has been upheld by the Appellate court. The city maintained the right to sell its equipment to Koors, claiming that it had offered no franchise since it cannot "sell" a franchise.

The petitioner for the writ of mandamus, W. J. B. Hughes, contended that the city cannot sell the buses because they represent a "bus line," and as such constitute a "public utility." A public utility, Hughes said, cannot be sold except by vote of the people and then to the highest bidder.

The points of law involved in the contest may yet be decided by the higher courts, it is indicated.

Meanwhile, the city is finding itself in the position of having to continue service on previously "profitable" lines with equipment falling to pieces daily and expansion of the lines necessary to properly serve the people of this area.

LICENSE DENIED
The State Board of Equalization Monday rejected an application for off-sale beer and wine license to J. Earl and Martha Turk, 2030 S. Harvard blvd. The license was denied, according to the report, because premises in the application are in a residential location and would cause a police problem.

Cub Pack 240-C, sponsored by the Walteria P.T.A., will hold its regular pack meeting Thursday, Jan. 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Walteria elementary school auditorium. Jo Sullivan and Mrs. Paul Brown, den mothers, have been working with their dens on special skits, the Cubs having selected their own themes, which are being kept a secret.

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Ruth Morey Is Winner Of Lions Speaking Contest

Ruth Morey, member of the A-10 class of Torrance high school, will represent the school, and the Torrance Lions club in the region runoff of the annual student speaker contest of the California-Nevada district of Lions International.

Miss Morey won the right to compete in the region finals competing against Shirley Vandeventer, also A-10, and Jim Lutes, B-10, at the meeting of the Lions club Tuesday noon in Allens Blue Room.

Speaking on the topic "Can Youth, by Local Leadership, Strengthen the Responsibility of Government," the three students were judged on preparation, content, delivery and timing of their talks. Judges were Dorothy H. Jamieson, Torrance librarian, Leonard Babcock and Kenneth E. Bradley.

The winner was presented with an automatic pen and pencil set by the Lions club and the runners up with automatic pencils.

The region contest will be held within the next few weeks, when Miss Morey will compete with speakers from clubs representing various communities of Los Angeles County. District finals will be held at the International Convention, held in San Francisco in July.

This is the tenth student speaker contest of the California-Nevada district, and the third in which the Torrance club has participated.

Guests of the club during the meeting were Principal Raymond J. Casey, of Torrance high school, and Miss Irene Mills, coach.

MERRIAM TO TALK TO REALTORS AT DINNER MEETING
Torrance-Lomita Realty Board will be addressed by former Gov. Frank F. Merriam Tuesday night when the group meets for its annual dinner in Allens Blue Room.

B. C. Buxton, president of the board, said that Bob Haggard and G. M. Earle are in charge of the program, to which all brokers and salesmen are invited.

Former Governor Merriam has been active in realty circles for many years.

STEELHEAD RUN
A fair run of steelhead is reported to be on in the Smith River, Del Norte County, with some being landed on spinners and flies.

Building Permits

The following building permits issued in Torrance during the past week are the following:

- American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corp., 360 Crenshaw blvd., manufacturing building, (pottery plant) \$1,500,000.
- Dr. M. A. Bauman (lessee) 1425 Marcelina ave., office partitions, \$400.
- American Rock Wool Corp., 401 Arlington ave., gasoline storage tank \$300.
- Edward Goldford, 1222 Crenshaw blvd., private garage, \$500.
- H. H. Almind, 18021 S. West-ern ave., private garage, \$800.
- E. M. Reed, 1874-80 Guadalupe ave., concrete block garage building, \$6,012.
- Joe Ayola, 2260 Del Amo blvd., tool shed, \$200.
- J. C. Shaffer, 2363 W. 237th st., concrete block residence and garage, \$9,912.
- Anderson-Carlson, 1789 W. 213th st., two galvanizing equipment pits, \$1,500.
- General Petroleum Corp., 190th st. and Crenshaw blvd., foundation for treating tower, \$400 and new concrete foundation for tanks, \$500.
- Rainbow Florist, 22900 Hawthorne blvd., tool shed, \$300.
- A. J. Vollen, 2100 Cabrillo ave., residence, \$7,600, and at 2102-04 Cabrillo ave., garage and apartment above, \$7,000.

STORK arrivals

Children born to local parents in the Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week include the following:

- Mr. and Mrs. Franklin A. Marineau, Harbor Hills, boy, Jan. 12, 10:40 p.m.
- Mr. and Mrs. D. Preston Poo, 1321 W. 219th st., girl, Jan. 10, 5:38 p.m.
- Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sandgren, 20603 N. Oak st., girl, Jan. 11, 11:04 p.m.
- Mr. and Mrs. Pascual Tapia, 3430 Emerald st., boy, Jan. 13, 7:25 p.m.

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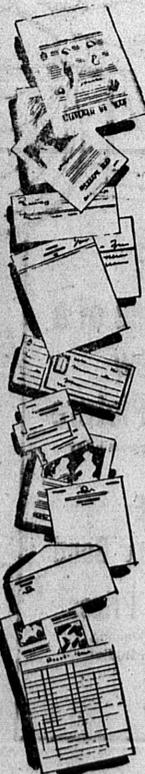
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