

Supreme Court To Adjudge On Draw Poker

Whether or not draw poker is not in violation of state and county laws in a question which, in the not too distant future, the State Supreme Court will be asked to decide.

G. P. Boosts F. C. King

F. C. King has been appointed Assistant Manager of General Petroleum Corporation's Engineering Department. C. M. Reading, department manager, announced.

Street Improvements Recommended

Improvement of Senator Avenue between 225th street and 255th street by construction of a crushed rock and oil paving, concrete sidewalks, gutters and curbs is recommended to the City Council by the Los Angeles City Engineer.

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Seaside... Ranchos

Dear Editor and Friends at Seaside: Well, at long last we have returned from our vacation (which by-the-way, was more business than anything else) and we're back in the old homestead in the throes of excitement and activity. Why? Because we're going to move! And in the next few weeks I'll be pulling everything but the walls down on top of my head.

We're moving to Chico. Ever hear of the place? Awful pretty, awful nice. It's about a hundred miles north of Sacramento. While we were gone we bought the lots for the shop and house. So most of the time now you'll find me tearing through house magazines and drawing cute little "plans." At least in THIS house all the mistakes will be mine and I promise to love each and every one of them.

Did you ever try to plan a house? Not just any house, but THE house. It's as bad if not worse than picking the right man. My theory (for the house, not the man) is to plan everything I could possibly want and then start cutting out (you know, Boss, like you cut my column.)

So anyhow, the house and shop plans must be finished soon so that building can begin. Then comes the BIG job of packing. Have any of you seen our garage? Then you didn't have to wonder why we leave the cars parked outside every night. How can any two people collect so much junk? (Pat's too young to have contributed more than a playpen, buggy, swing, bassinet, etc.)

And to all you nice people in Seaside—this is officially goodbye although I'll be around for months yet. I think you're all grand and Seaside is a wonderful place to live. You all did a super job in putting over the Carnival and, although I wasn't here, I was thinking of you—as I shall think of you often in the years to come.

Lola Suter P.S. Anyone want to buy a very nice house? L. S. Mrs. Lola Suter Seaside Ranchos Columnist Torrance, California My Dear Mrs. Suter: You can't do this! Sincerely, "Boss"

FAMILY GROUP Mrs. Ben F. Hannebrink Sr., returned this week from Yreka where she visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Grazer. Accompanying her north were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Grothman, of South Gate and her brother-in-law Henry Kracht, of Torrance.

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Fiscal Year Ends

How has the City Fared Under the City Manager Type of Government?

Ed. Note: With the passing of July 1, businessmen tore from the calendar the final month in the 1948-49 fiscal year. It is a time when many businessmen compile a Profit and Loss statement—a time when they look over the past year to determine what accomplishments, what gains they have made in the past twelve months. The job of running a city is a business—big business! We wondered just how the City of Torrance fared during the past year—the first full fiscal year under the city manager type of government.

In search of answers to our questions we turned to George W. Stevens, city manager. Stevens took a hold of the city's purse strings on January 1 of 1948—in the middle of the business year. We found the volume of material to report was much too comprehensive to include in one issue of the Herald. So we started with buildings—since residential home construction in the area is soaring at the moment it seemed a natural item with which to begin this "Report to the Citizens of Torrance." In due time, we will attempt to report the progress—or the possible lack of it, as the case may be, on the street situation, the police and fire departments, and other departments of the city government.

Here then is what happened in construction within the City during the period July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949. A total of ten projects were completed or are underway at the present time. The city metered out \$24,850 to nine low bidders. One of the projects, the North Torrance Fire Station, is presently on the drafting board of City Building Inspector John Patrick. The land for the site already has been purchased and paid for, according to Stevens.

Here are the nine projects completed during the past fiscal year: 1. Walteria Recreation Building. Moved in and remodeled with the help of the Walteria Civic Organization—\$1,500. 2. Walteria Library—a war surplus building, bought for pennies on the dollar, replaced a rental building housing the Walteria Library. Cost—\$2000. 3. Providing the only public rest rooms in the downtown area (located in the civic auditorium) took another \$700. 4. Construction of rest rooms and a storage room in the El Retiro Park in the Hollywood Riviera section was accomplished for \$1000. 5. With most of the work furnished by members of the Torrance Fire Department, an addition to the Walteria Fire Station (serving Hollywood Riviera, Walteria, and Seaside Ranchos) was built for the nominal sum of \$1500. 6. Biggest item on the building budget is the metal garage and shop building at the city yard being built at a cost of \$12,500. The building also will house the office of the municipal bus lines. 7. Sprucing up the civic auditorium and library with a complete paint job was accomplished at a cost of \$1400. 8. A much needed acoustical ceiling in the council chambers brought the council's activities within earshot of all the audience at a cost of only \$450. 9. Needed even more than the acoustical ceiling in the council chambers was the improvement of the acoustics in the civic auditorium. The job of building a false ceiling and covering it with sound absorbing material improved the auditorium many fold. Cost—\$3800.



ONE OF NINE... municipal building projects started during the past fiscal year is the \$12,500 garage and service building nearing completion at the city's transportation yard.—Herald photo.

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Boy Scout Age Limits Dropped

After September 1st, a boy may join the Boy Scouts of America as a Cub when he is eight instead of nine, and the age level of the other two Scouting groups also will be lowered one year, according to a statement made recently by Arnold C. Sorenson, Scout Executive of the Los Angeles Area Council which includes Torrance and Lomita. The new plan was announced by president Amory Houghton at the recent National Council meeting of the youth organization in Boston.

According to Sorenson, the change means that boys in the movement will be Cubs from eight years to 11, Boy Scouts from 11 to 14, and Explorers from 14 to 18. All boys in the senior Scouting program will be known as Explorers, whether they remain in their own group or join another, which is not required.

The new set-up provides that the Explorer program may be carried out in a Post, a Ship, a Squadron, or in a Crew within a Troop. In the latter case, an Explorer advisor will be appointed by the Troop committee. All Scouts in the senior age level will have on their uniforms the designation "Explorer, B. S. A." They will also wear a green tie instead of the former neckerchief. "This change in Scout ages has been under discussion for some years," said Sorenson. "It will have far reaching effects, particularly on membership, which will gain increasingly throughout the nation."

Metallurgist Honored by Gavel Club

Robert C. Bean, 1420 Beech avenue, Monday evening will be installed as Deputy Governor of the Long Beach Gavel Club at the club's regular weekly meeting at the Willmore Hotel, Long Beach. Bean, who is assistant works metallurgist of Columbia Steel Company's plant here, will serve for a one year term. The club, which is affiliated with the Toastmasters International, was the eleventh club to be chartered by the Toastmasters.

AT JONES HOME Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Jones are entertaining as their house guests Mr. and Mrs. William Young and the Misses June Young and Joy Hamilton, all of Winnipeg, Canada. Also at their home is Mrs. Sonia Zanular, of London, England.

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The part of Mr. Stanley, the city slicker, is well played by Boris Woolley, who has a pleasing voice and stage appearance. Josephine Weickert plays the Widow Miller in a truly convincing manner, and is ably supported by Audrey Wright, as Emma Lou Beggs. These two girls are so realistic in their parts that they seem to drip hayseeds. Voice and action were perfectly matched to their parts and the girls show wonderful talent. Each of them deserves an orchid. Margaret Vail plays the part of Linda to the full and like her, which shows that she too knows how to act.

Hezy Slick, played by Dick Miller, comes courting the Widow in a loud and breezy manner, but if all men had as much trouble proposing, the girls would all be single. Hezy impresses all who meet him as a witless soul, but he is shrewd enough to outlick Mr. Stanley.



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