

Float Fund Drive Off to Good Start

The "opening guns" for an energetic campaign to raise \$5000 for Torrance's entry in the Tournament of Roses Pa-

rade is off to a good start, according to Chairman George A. Bradford of the sponsoring Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Councilman Bradford said interest is high as a result of the announcement last week that Torrance will also be represented by a band for the first time in "Modern" history. Chamber officials again pointed out that no city tax funds are used for the parade entry. "We believe the citizens and businessmen of Torrance should have enough pride in their community to insure that over 100 million people will see our entry — and, we don't subscribe to the belief that city government should pay for the float from tax funds!" Bradford added that most of the other floats in the parade are paid for by city funds.

Reconstruction Of Lomita Water Lines Due Soon

Work will soon be commenced on reconstruction of a portion of the distribution system of the former Narbonne Ranch Water Company No. 2, it was disclosed today by County Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Chace said County Engineer John A. Lambie is currently studying eight bids for the installation of 12,200 lineal feet

of water mains in the old system which was recently acquired by County Waterworks District No. 13.

This first phase of rejuvenating the old Narbonne Ranch installation will affect customers in an area bounded on the north by Lomita Boulevard, on the east by Oak Street, on the south by 248th Street, and on the west by Pennsylvania Avenue.

Bids received by the County ranged from \$99,900 to \$139,899.

The apparent low bid of \$99,900 was submitted by the Edward R. Siple Company of 2545 San Fernando Road, Los Angeles. The low offer is \$35,100 under the engineer's estimate of the cost of the improvement.

The County Engineer said he will recommend the award of a contract for this work in two weeks. Upon completion of the work all customers in the area involved in this contract will receive water at a pressure of 67 to 70 lbs. per square inch from the County Waterworks District.

The work is to be completed within 90 days after the execution of the contract.

Local Fire Department on 120 Fire Runs in August

Fire continues to be a problem in a city covering as much area as Torrance, even though its fire department is one of the highest rated, according to Joan Phipps Luup, chairman of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce's Fire Prevention Committee.

Mrs. Luup, who has just led a successful Fire Prevention Week, suggested the motto for November should be, "Don't Gamble with Fire—The Odds are Against You."

In the month of August a total of 120 alarms were recorded in Torrance's nearly 24 square miles of territory; Mrs. Luup said. According to the Fire Department statistics, a total loss of \$7950 resulted

from the 120 alarms, quite evenly spread between residential (\$3000), Merchantile (\$2300) and Manufacturing (\$2000). Non-residential alarms accounted for an additional \$650 of loss.

Another significant figure, Mrs. Luup added, is that Torrance's hard-working and efficient Fire Department recorded 640.6 miles in answering alarms. Despite these figures, August was considered a "slow month." Mrs. Luup concluded by saying that her committee and the Chamber are hopeful that releasing the above figures will arouse public awareness to actual fire conditions in Torrance and to the practice of improved Fire Prevention.

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Theater Bus Deadline Set

Deadline for reservations for the Recreation Department's next theater bus trip has been set for Wednesday, Director Harry Van Belleh reminded theatergoers yesterday.

The outing will be on Friday, Nov. 11, and will be a trip to the Biltmore Theater for the staging of "Once Upon a Mattress," featuring Dody Goodman and Buster Keaton.

Reservations and ticket information may be obtained by calling the Recreation Department.

Carol Mathlin Cast In Redlands Theater

Carol Mathlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Mathlin, 1115 Cerise Ave., has been cast in the University of Redlands production of Thornton Wilder's American folk classic, "Our Town," which will be staged Nov. 17, 18 and 19. Miss Mathlin is a freshman at Redlands.

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