

LATE NEWS FLASHES

Local Merchant Hangs Self

Alexander Calhoun, 60, owner of Calhoun's Men's Shop at 1319 El Prado Ave., was found hanging in his shop Wed. morning by Arlan Charters, salesman. Latest reports indicate no trace of a suicide note.

Beulah Calhoun, widow of the deceased, stated that Calhoun had been despondent during the past few days.

Born in Australia, Calhoun started his haberdashery in Torrance 2 1/2 months ago. The Calhouns reside at 705 Acacia St. He is survived by his widow Beulah, daughter, Alberta Beaver of San Mateo, and a son, Alexander Calhoun Jr. of San Diego.

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No More School Bonds Needed

Present bond issue funds will be sufficient to take care of the classroom needs of Torrance Unified School District, Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull told the Board of Education Tuesday night.

He said that due to the curtailment of building, the present school construction should be adequate for needs until such a time as home building is resumed on a mass scale.

CITY WAGE PLAN GETS RE-SURVEY

Stated for survey and reclassification is the entire wage five-step plan for all city employees, according to City Manager George Stevens.

Discussed by the Council at their last agenda meeting, Stevens said that the reclassification of the pay schedule is expected to be completed by the beginning of the next fiscal year, July 1, 1951.

WAGE INCREASE

Also being contemplated by the City is a blanket increase for almost all city employees. The increase is expected to be approximately \$10 a month.

At the last City Council meeting, a letter from the Torrance Fireman's Association was presented to the Council suggesting changes in the five-step plan and requesting a meeting with the Council.

Water Department employees asked the Council for a \$35 a month wage increase several weeks ago. The request, however, was tabled in favor of the re-surveying of all city departments.

Iron Lung Unit for March of Dimes Drive Here Saturday

The Iron Lung Mobile Unit of the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis is scheduled to be in downtown Torrance, Sat., Jan. 20 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. as part of the local March of Dimes campaign, announced Mrs. Clara Conner, postmaster and chairman for the local campaign.

Seeks Recruits

The Torrance Municipal Band is currently seeking new members to replace those who have gone away to college or who have been drafted into Uncle Sam's Armed Services.

The band holds weekly rehearsals on Tuesday nights in the Torrance Civic Auditorium. The band is open to advanced students and adults from Torrance and the surrounding community.

It is one of the many musical groups sponsored by the Torrance Area Youth Bands and is directed by James Van Dyck.

Supply Depot Here Slated To Hire 175

As an annex to the naval supply depot being returned to San Pedro by February 1, the Torrance naval supply sub-depot will be increased in personnel from 25 persons to 200 persons, according to Commander C. A. Weske, executive officer.

The naval supply sub-depot in Torrance is located at Washington and Arlington Ave.

The San Pedro naval supply depot is the former Terminal Island depot. Capt. George Duffy will serve as supply chief for the San Pedro depot. Terminal Island naval station Feb. 1 will revert back to its former standing as that of a full-fledged naval base. Its official name will be Los Angeles Naval Base.

Civil Defense Recruitment Begins Here

The Torrance Civil Defense and Disaster Council will open its general recruitment campaign for additional volunteer workers next week, according to City Manager George Stevens.

Recruitment has been carried on for some time for the Police and Fire Auxiliary services with good success.

Following a general meeting to be held next week of representatives from the principal organizations in the city with members of the Disaster Council, at which time the Civil Defense Program will be discussed, application blanks for volunteer workers will be available at the City Hall, Police Station and all City Fire Stations. Other convenient locations will be designated if necessary.

Many workers are needed in the following services: Warden, First Aid, Nursing, Engineering and Communications; some additional for the Fire and Law Enforcement services. The program will afford an opportunity to all interested citizens to participate in the defense of their city.

Civil Defense is considered the "Number One" job of all cities. It is everybody's job and all will have to work, sacrifice and pay. The success of the program depends on the large scale participation by the citizens.

The basic unit to be protected is the individual and the family at home. It is hoped that one member of every family in the

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Torrance May Be Court Site

Torrance may be the seat of a Municipal Court District, according to a statement made by Supervisor Raymond V. Darby at a court reorganization meeting Thursday afternoon at the Gardens Justice Courtroom.

Civic leaders, jurists and lawyers of the entire South Bay, Torrance, and Centinella Valley areas met to discuss the formation of judicial districts in accordance with the adoption of Proposition 3 at the Nov. 7, 1950, election.

Favored by Supervisor Darby and many representatives at the meeting was the plan to divide the area into three districts, with one court in Redondo Beach for the South Bay area, one court for the Torrance-Gardena-Lomita area and one court for the Hawthorne-Centinella Valley area.

According to the new law, one municipal court will be allowed for each 40,000 population. However, with the rapid growth of the Torrance area alone, it was pointed out that one judge probably serve a population of 70,000 to 75,000 persons. Depending on the term of services of the judges already serving the area, Darby said that some of the new courts will most likely not be in effect until Jan. 1, 1953.

Darby also stated, "We're going to junk all present township (Continued on Page Two)"

Four-Year-Old With Lighter Causes Blaze

A four year old boy and a cigarette lighter proved to be a costly combination in the case of the Kimmel home at 1715 W. 234th St., Torrance.

Causing a blaze which ruined most the furniture as well as much of the interior decorating of the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Kimmel late Monday afternoon was Gary Kimmel, 4 years.

STARTS IN CLOSET
It seems that Gary got a hold of his mother's cigarette lighter and decided to play with it in the clothes closet of one of the

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Borough Government Being Investigated

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, who represents the Torrance area and Harbor District in the State Assembly, has introduced a resolution calling for the creation of an Assembly interim committee on the borough form of city government.

This five-member group, financed by a temporary allocation of \$5000, would start investigations immediately on feasibility of establishing the borough system for the Shoestring-San Pedro-Wilmington-Harbor City area.

Thomas also introduced a proposed constitutional amendment designed to permit the creation of boroughs in just part of the city. The present constitutional provision requires the borough (Continued on Page Two)

Inter-Service Clubs Hear 'Y' Speaker

In keeping with YMCA Week, Feb. 21 to 27, Roger Deas, sponsored by the YMCA, will be guest speaker at the annual Spring Inter-service Club meeting 6:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at the Womens Clubhouse on Engracia Ave. The Rotary Club will act as host to the Lions, Optomists, and Kiwanis of Torrance.

"Youth Is All Yours" will be the topic discussed by Deas. Deas, who has been the executive secretary and director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, is also an important member of Governor Warren's Youth Conference. He is also former executive secretary of the State of California Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Awards to the outstanding YMCA volunteer leaders will be made at this meeting by the Service Club Council.

Torrancites May Find Shipyard Job

With the hiring of 6000 persons scheduled for the Long Beach Naval Shipyard, to be reactivated Feb. 1, many unemployed Torrancites may find work. Employment offices opened Monday at Gate 5 for the expected onrush of employment seekers. Hours are 8 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

New commander of the shipyard is Capt. Emmett Emerson, recently arrived from Norfolk Naval Shipyard. In charge of hiring will be Comdr. W. H. Howe, who helped deactivate the yard a year ago.

EX-EMPLOYEES FIRST

By Feb. 1, Capt. Sprung said, work will be actively under way repairing, altering and overhauling ships. Demolishing of the great ships already is in process.

For the present employment will be restricted to former employees, and the hiring offices will set aside certain days for different classes of applicants. The yard later will announce dates for applicants not heretofore with the yard.

Those called Monday were Group 4-A, ungraded supervisors of all trades, planners and estimators—progress men; all trades in public workshop O-7, building trades, and electronics mechanics and radio mechanics.

Capt. Sprung emphasized that applicants should stick to the schedule laid down for re-employment of workers.

Those called for hiring Tuesday, Jan. 16, included 4-A supervisors in all trades; all trades of the central tool and service shop, O-6; all trades in transportation shop, O-2; electronics mechanics, radio mechanics and en-

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Unemployment In This Area Levels Off

Unemployment in the Torrance area shows a slight drop for the beginning of the year, as compared with December figures released this week by Wilona Ellis, manager of the Torrance office of the State of California Department of Employment.

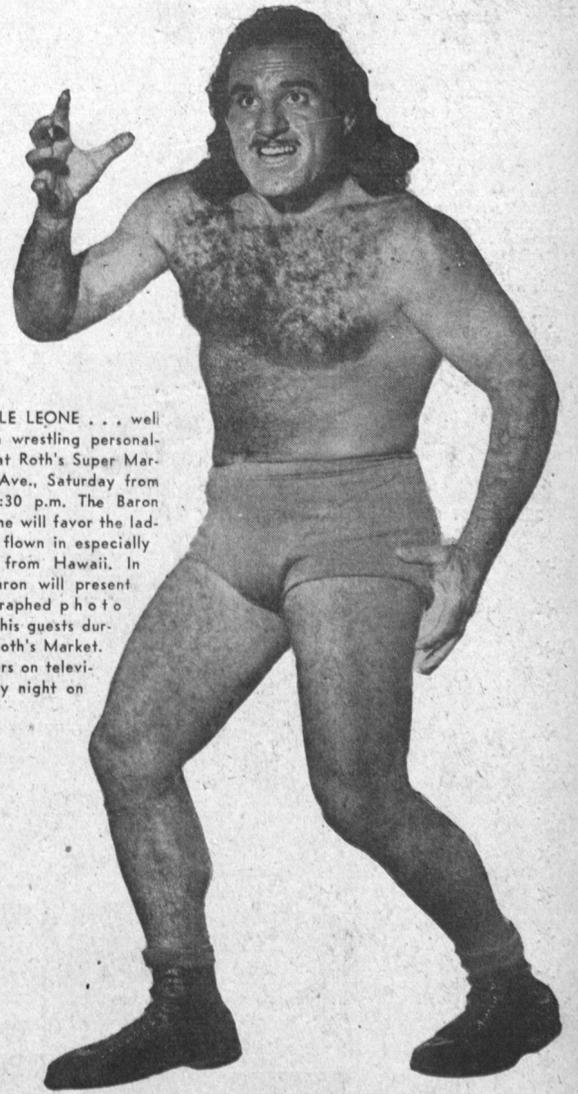
The figures, however, show that 399 more persons are unemployed now than were unemployed last November. Unemployed now are 1847 persons.

Included in the Torrance office are applicants from Gardena, Lomita, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach and adjacent territories.

Of the total number of job applicants, 850 are women and 997 are men. Most of the men are over 40 years of age and 32% of them are veterans.

Available applicants are classified as follows:
NOV. DEC. JAN.
86 103 99—Professional
336 336 286—Clerical
126 152 132—Sales
People
220 284 270—Service
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Baron Leone at Roth's



BARON MICHELE LEONE . . . well known television wrestling personality will appear at Roth's Super Market, 1321 Post Ave., Saturday from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Baron announced that he will favor the ladies with orchids flown in especially by air clipper from Hawaii. In addition, the Baron will present personally autographed photographs to all of his guests during his visit at Roth's Market. The Baron appears on television every Friday night on Channel 13.

OBSERVERS THAT K... the Baron well ment will announce a 5 minute specials at give- claim that he's really a swell guy and not a away prices while the Baron is in the store on villain as portrayed in the ring. Roth's manage- Saturday afternoon.

UNDER REHEARSAL

Jazz History At High School Band Concert

Under rehearsal is the Annual Torrance High School Band Concert to be given in the school auditorium Friday evening, Jan. 26. Highlight of the evening will be the historical depiction of jazz music.

The program is being sponsored by the Torrance High School Band and the Modern American Music Class at the high school. Faculty director is Harold M. Dunn of the high school's music department.

"The first part of the program will be the band concert. The second half of the show will be the depiction of different phases and backgrounds of American music from the birth of jazz to symphony jazz," explained Dunn. He continued, "This second half of the pro-

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Storm Fells 11 Oil Derricks In Torrance

Torrance oil field was minus 11 wooden oil derricks last Thursday as a result of a wind and rain storm which did the heaviest damage in the area on record in recent years.

Topping and uprooting trees, bringing down electric wires, smashing street lights and filling streets with lakes of water, the storm brought with it 66 inches of badly needed rain last Wed., Jan. 10, and Thurs., Jan. 11, according to the Fire Department.

The wind and rain storm swept along a two-mile path of 235th and 236th Streets on Pennsylvania, Eschelman, and Narbonne avenues last Thursday afternoon, tearing down 11 oil derricks in its path.

One rig between 235th and 236th Streets on the west side of Narbonne avenue caught fire after it crashed across power lines to 235th and Narbonne Avenue. Torrance firemen battled the blaze for three hours before com-

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Showers Bring Season's Total To 2.02 Inches

Showers Monday night brought more than a half inch of rain to Torrance. But the season this year still lags behind that of last year.

With the .66 inches of rain brought by the storm Wed. and Thurs., Jan. 10, 11, and the .52 inches brought by the showers Monday night, the season's total for this year amounts to 2.02 inches, 1.69 inch more than 2 inches behind the season last year. The total in rain inches last year for the same period was 4.61.

YMCA Week Set For Jan. 21-27

YMCA week will begin Sunday, Jan. 21, announced W. T. Tillotson, chairman of the Young Men's Christian Association board.

In recognition of the Christian emphasis of the YMCA program, local churches will dedicate this Sunday's services to YMCA week.

YMCA club groups will attend the various church services, announced Tillotson.

As a special service, Glyn Snyder, general secretary of the Long Beach YMCA, will speak at the First Christian Church, 1415 Engracia, Sunday morning at 10:45 a.m.

'Y' Building Groundbreaking

Fifteen Cars Collide In Fog

The dense fog early Monday morning was the cause of a 15 car bumper to bumper collision.

Reported to the Police Department 7 a.m. Monday morning on Hawthorne Blvd. between 101 Highway and Lomita Blvd. was the 15 car minor collision.

Most seriously damaged was a school bus when it bumped into the rear of a truck. A ladder placed on the back of the truck without the red warning flag on it crashed into the windshield of the bus, smashing it.

Groundbreaking for the \$27,000 YWCA building is set for 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22 at the site on Carson St. near the County Health Center in Torrance, announced Mrs. Lee McCoy, chairman of the ceremonies. The public is invited to attend the event.

Sharing in the groundbreaking ceremony will be representative contributors to the project.

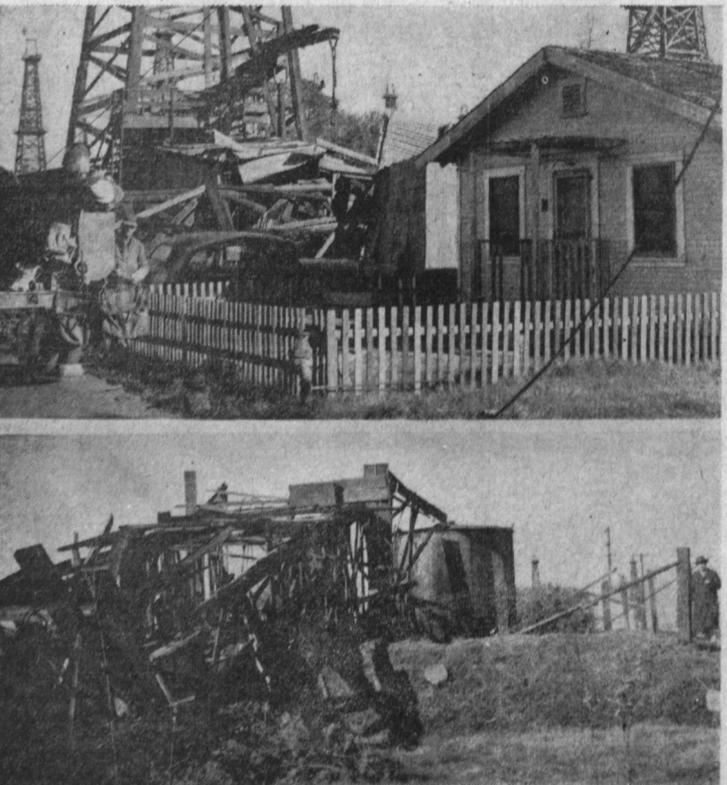
The building will contain an office, a large kitchen, a 250 person capacity meeting hall, a 10 ft. fireplace in the hall, and a patio. Architect for the building is Roscoe L. Wood of Torrance.

JUNIOR WOMEN HELP
For the past five years, the Torrance Junior Womens Club has sponsored the Torrance Queen Contest, with all money collected being donated toward a YWCA building. They will again

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SHOWN ABOVE is a drawing of the planned YWCA building. Groundbreaking for the \$27,000 building is slated for 3 p.m. this Monday at the site on Carson St. near the County Health Center in Torrance. The public is invited to the groundbreaking ceremonies. Architect for the planned edifice is Roscoe L. Wood, of Torrance.



Oil derrick remnants which barely missed the home of Torrance Police Officer Harvey Turrentine between 235th and 236th streets on Pennsylvania Avenue, are shown in the top photo. The derrick tumbled to earth late afternoon last Thursday during one of the worst wind and rain storms ever encountered here. Shown below is another oil derrick near Narbonne Avenue between 235th and 236th street which was in the two mile path of the almost 40 mile an hour wind. Also swept to earth were 10 other derricks, one of which hit a power line and caught fire, disrupting electrical and telephone service.

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