

Normandie Ave. Opening Contract Let

Contract for the opening of Normandie avenue from the Harbor area to downtown Los Angeles and to Hollywood has been awarded to Arthur A. Johnson of Laguna Beach on his low bid of \$218,872, according to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby.

This opening of Normandie, the last link in making the road a major traffic artery, is the fulfillment of a long dreamed-of hope of Darby as well as of other local citizens.

Under the contract, Johnson is

to construct a 56-foot-wide road from Imperial boulevard to Rosecrans avenue, a two-mile-long strip which has been unimproved and closed to traffic.

Supervisor Darby said this work is scheduled to be completed in December.

Normandie avenue joins Ver-

mont avenue at Anaheim street in Wilmington. From that point San Pedro becomes a direct route via Gaffey street.

Normandie avenue now ends on Franklin avenue in Hollywood.

Camino Budget Cut

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Ph. D. from Stanford University with a major in educational administration. His administrative experience includes work as a high school principal, student personnel work in the Arizona State College and several years as Director of Research for the Arizona State Department of Education. He has been President of the Eastern Arizona Junior College since 1944. He is married and has three children.

Robert Russell, president of the El Camino board, in announcing the selection of Dr. Harless stated, "We feel extremely fortunate in securing the services of Dr. Harless as Director of Instruction for El Camino College. We feel that his wide experience in college administration plus his admirable background of educational training will make him a very valuable addition to our administrative staff."

STUDENT PERSONNEL DIRECTOR

The Board also selected as Director of Student Personnel Merl P. Sloan of Inglewood who has served the college as Assistant Director of Student Personnel since the school was organized. Sloan holds a B. S. degree from Northern State Teachers College, Aberdeen, South Dakota, a M. S. from the University of Southern California and has completed his comprehensive examinations toward a doctoral degree in education from USC. Before joining the El Camino administrative staff he was Boys' Vice Principal at Leuzinger High School. He is married and has three children and is a resident of Inglewood. Sloan replaces Herman J. Sheffield who has resigned to accept a position as Director of Admissions at USC. In recommending Sloan for the position Sheffield stated to the Board, "In my fifteen years of school administration I have found no school administrator whose all around ability and loyalty I would place above that of this man."

OTHER ACTIONS

In other actions the Board authorized the following:

1. Accepted with regret the resignation of Dr. Lois Swanson, Assistant Director of Student Personnel. Dr. Swanson has accepted the position as Associate Dean of Students at Long Beach State College beginning Sept. 1, 1951.
2. Authorized the employment of Llewelyn Davies of Compton as an Instructor in Carpentry and related fields. Davies is a former instructor at Compton College.
3. Authorized the awarding of Associate in Arts degrees to 258 graduates of the college. Graduation exercises will be held in the college stadium at 4 p. m. on Friday, June 15.
4. Authorized the attendance of Instructor Richard Robbins at a General Education Workshop to be held at UCLA during the summer and authorized the attendance of Instructor John de la Haye at a meeting of the American Political Science Association to be held in San Francisco in August.
5. Authorized the attendance of Instructors Erlin and Fursdon at a meeting of the California Agriculture Teachers Association to be held at San Luis Obispo June 25 to 29 and authorized the attendance of Instructor Charles Toyne at a Trade and Industry Educational Meeting at Contra Costa Junior College from July 30 to Aug. 10.
6. Authorized a contract with Hammond Sadler of Palos Verdes as landscape architect and land planner for the ensuing year.
7. Authorized the Director of Business to employ three additional custodians and to make various changes in personnel.
8. Authorized the employment of Mrs. Marguerite M. Robinson and Mrs. Buelah W. Grace as Instructors in the new school of cosmetology which is to be established at the beginning of the school term in September.

Body of Local Boy Killed in Korea Returned

The body of 18-year-old Pfc. Joe E. Hooker, killed in Korean fighting on August 26, 1950, is now en route to San Francisco, from where it will be sent to Hutchinson, Kansas, for burial, according to Mrs. Grace Pearson, the mother, of 1645 W. 228th street.

Mrs. Pearson received a telegram June 13 notifying her that the body would reach the States from 11 to 12 days from that date. It is being sent to Kansas for burial next to the grave of her late husband and father of the boy, Robert A. Hooker, deceased since 1937.

Mrs. Pearson with her daughter, Mildred Keaton, of 1565 W. 219th street, will leave here for Kansas to be on hand for the burial, pending arrival of her son's remains at San Francisco.

Pfc. Hooker attended Narbonne High School while living here. He had resided in Torrance about three years before being sent overseas on August 1, 1950, his mother said.

Patrons Ignored

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In the schedule, because he was not in favor of restoring the bus service anyway. Blount declared he was "outvoted" by other members of the Transportation Committee of the Council, Brennan declared.

Blount is chairman of the Transportation Committee.

Brennan continued, "we expect that the cry will go up again to 'ELIMINATE THE RIVIERA BUSES' after a few months, because they are not being patronized."

"We ask the gentlemen of the Council and the Bus Department: 'How are you going to make a bus line pay which does not serve the people when they need the service?' We want buses for the working men and women, buses that connect with the Los Angeles line, both morning and evening. If you give the people service, the line will pay. But even if it does not pay, service and convenience of the people come first."

DRALE SPEAKS

Councilman Nick Drale, champion of bus service, declared: "The bus line is not supposed to make a profit, nor is any other municipal service. It is operated for the convenience of the people, and the cost should not enter into the question."

"If the service is restored at the time the people want it, it will get more patronage as the years go by, but it must be good, dependable and regular service."

"I feel that if the Transportation Committee and Bus Department really try to work out this situation, they will succeed and make the line pay."

"But, the bus line has been kicked around for years, and I don't think that it is fair to make a political football out of a municipal service as important as this."

"The people voted down an attempt to sell the bus line, and that was an ultimatum to get down to business and serve the community."

"Certain interests in Torrance have been trying to sabotage the line for years, but they are doing it against the best interests and welfare of the community. These interests choose to ignore the two to one majority which said 'keep the bus line.'"

Lamb Installed

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Army, 17 months of which were spent overseas in the Philippines and Japan.

RAPID GROWTH OF GROUP

Looking forward to a successful year to come, Lamb remarked on the paradox between the growth of Torrance and that of the Jaycees. Going into its third year, the 50 name membership of the Junior Chamber has more than doubled its size since being organized, similar to the tremendous recent growth of Torrance.

Lamb now resides at 1740 Date street with his wife, Phyllis, and two children, Lee, 6 years, and Janis, 4 years.

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Dump Menace

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children who live in the area.

Drale has supported the residents, and has urged the closing of the dumps at once. Also, he has offered suggestions for dumps sufficiently removed from human habitation as to not jeopardize the health of residents of the areas.

"What more important thing is there than to close that filthy dump?" Drale asked in reporting the conversation. "I want the people living in the dump area to know what the Council is thinking about, and to continue their fight to close down that dump. We have the money and it is the most important thing that can be done — because it involves health and sanitation."

Meanwhile, it was reported that George Green again would get the garbage and rubbish collection contract for the next year or two, receiving about 25 cents per dwelling unit per month.

The Council, it is said, will drop the plan to assess a \$9.00 per year garbage and rubbish collection fee to residents of Torrance for "recreation and parks," and will allow a recreation department budget of \$34,000 for next year.

The garbage fee plan would be subjected to a vote if adopted, it was predicted. The idea was offered by Mayor Haggard through the Recreation Commission, for the purpose of raising about \$90,000 a year to buy new park sites and to finance the recreation program in the parks.

Additional employment will be provided industrial workers in the harbor district with completion of the new Farr Company main factory and office building in El Segundo just announced by R. S. Farr, president.

Movement of the company from its factory on Southwest Drive in Los Angeles is now complete and full production is under way. The new plant, necessitated by business growth, has

New Industrial Plant Opens in Harbor District

more than double the former manufacturing area in Los Angeles.

The plant, located on a 10-acre site on Rosecrans avenue near Aviation boulevard, has a floor area of approximately 50,000 square feet. Further expansion on the same property is planned for the future. Company officials stated plans for increased production will require additional employees and those living in nearby communities will be given priorities by personnel of-ficers.

After a hectic period of grinding out publicity copy for newspapers, radio and television, we now have a few minutes to draw a deep breath and thank some of you people who did so much to promote the Red Cross fund raising campaign.

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to the editor

Summer Session Registration at ECC is June 25

Registration for summer school classes at El Camino college will be held Monday, June 25 in the college's personnel office from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m., according to an announcement made by J. S. Sheffield, Director of Student Personnel. Classes begin June 26th.

To be eligible to enroll in a class the individual must be over 18 years of age or a high school graduate.

A wide variety of classes will be offered during the six-week summer session with the majority of classes being presented in the afternoon and evening.

Included will be classes in music, auto shop, wood shop, ceramics, laboratory sciences, English languages, mathematics, speech, engineering, social science, art, gym and many other fields.

According to Sheffield summer session offers a splendid opportunity for students who due to some irregularity of their high school or college programs have fallen behind their regular class group.

Till Tapper Nets \$30 from Local Service Station

While his companion asked the service station operator the location of a Torrance street, Monday morning, June 18, a till tapper dipped into an outdoor cash box at the station on 228th and Arlington streets and removed \$30, according to police report.

Taken were four \$5 bills and ten \$1 bills.

The attendant, Ralph Hastings, said that the three men drove up to the station, two in the front seat, one in the rear in a bluish green 1940 or '41 four door Chevrolet sedan.

While one of the men seated in the front seat inquired as to the location of Victor street, the driver of the car he was gassing apparently removed the cash and then drove away.

Benita Mussolini was shot and killed at Dongo near Lake Como, Italy, as he was fleeing toward the Swiss border.

2000 Pound Safe 'Lifted' by Armed Bandits

Three armed bandits, one a woman, escaped with a 2000-pound safe from the Torrance branch of a water company at 503 E. 213th after they bound and gagged a company driver, Monday, June 18.

Donald Thackeray, 54, of Los Angeles, told Firestone deputy sheriffs that the woman held a gun on him while the men tied him up.

After unsuccessfully trying to open the safe, which contained an estimated \$1000 in cash and checks, the trio loaded the safe on a hydraulic lift from the yard and transferred it to one of the company trucks and drove off.

The abandoned truck was found later in South Gate. The safe was missing.

Parents Column

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If you have children, don't miss Donald M. Maynard's "Parents' Problems," which begins in today's issue, another helpful service of the Torrance Press.

Groundbreaking

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commanded San Pedro's Battery A of the 682nd Anti-Aircraft artillery battalion, turned the first shovel full of soil.

The work will complete the armory at 891 Thirteenth street.

The ceremonies also served as a reunion for members of the old 21st AA battalion which went from here into active duty in 1940. Two former battalion officers who since have moved into top positions in the post-war battalion and group were on hand to exchange reminiscences with guardsmen who have continued in the new battery here.

They were Col. Clifford C. Beyers, who is commanding officer of the 234th AAA group, the parent organization of the battalion, and Col. Willis T. Lyman, now commander of the 682nd AAA gun battalion.

Bids for the armory work were opened May 16 with the award going to the C. W. Driver, Inc.,

The people of the area were told during the election campaign to adopt the Inferior Court plan that there would be a judge for every 40,000 population. This would have meant four or five judges for this area.

Since Torrance will have a population of 40,000 in the next year or two, it is predicted, a cry went up to have a court established in Torrance. This was a lost cause, but it will be renewed if the matter is not settled at this session of the Legislature, Councilman Nick Drale, leader of the fight for a Torrance Municipal Court, said.

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