

Latest Dominguez Bid for Cityhood Fails

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HONORED . . . Clyde Wilkinson, left, displays new 45-year service award pin as he shakes hands with William G. Davis, Jr., general superintendent, U. S. Steel's Torrance Works. Wilkinson who began his steel career in 1918 heads a list of 15 veteran employees saluted for long on-the-job records. W. Ken Scott, center, superintendent of engineering and maintenance, was runner-up with 40 years of service.

Company Honors Veteran Workers

Fifteen veteran employees of U. S. Steel's Torrance Works were special guests at a Service Award luncheon at the Palms restaurant.

Clyde Wilkinson, with more than 45 years service topped the list of employees receiving honors for long records of employment. He began his steel career as a helper at U. S. Steel's Homestead Works near Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1918 and is now a member of the local mill's plant production unit.

Leonard J. Ransome, machinist, 2222 178th St.; Ronald E. Dill, millwright, 1750 Fern Ave.; Elmer B. Foulk, rolling mill, 22622 Kathryn Ave.; George Pochato, crane man, 1303 Greenwood Ave.; and Harry D. Gray, welder, 1583 W. 211 St. Other 25-year men were: Kenneth E. Davie and Geary L. Brown.

\$800 Taken In Thursday Bank Holdup

Pretending to have a sawed-off shotgun under his coat, a bandit robbed a North Torrance branch of Security First National Bank of \$800 Thursday morning.

Josephine Vidal, a teller at the bank, said the man approached her window about 11:15 a.m.

The woman said the man put the bills in his pocket and walked out of the bank, located at 5108 W. 190th St. Police learned the man was driven away by an accomplice.

Coroner's Inquest Frees Man in Ex-Wife's Death

New Try To Begin In July

An attempt to incorporate a 25-square-mile area as the City of Dominguez has failed, Gordon Nesvig, clerk of the Board of Supervisors announced Thursday.

Proponents of the incorporation, armed with a survey by the Gold-Thompson and Co., are expected to make a new bid for cityhood next year.

Nesvig said the present attempt failed because supporters of the move did not file incorporation petitions with the Board of Supervisors before the legal deadline. The group had sought to incorporate virtually all of the unincorporated area east of Torrance.

Excluded in the petition was an area of about two square miles which rejected an incorporation move last year. The area could not be legally included in the last filing.

The latest bid for cityhood began last February when the City of Long Beach was seeking to annex about 1,190 acres in a strip which extended across the middle of the area.

After initial petitions were filed, the Dominguez Industry Committee hired Gold-Thompson and Co. to conduct a feasibility survey but the survey was not completed in time to meet legal requirements.

The entire area is expected to be included in the next cityhood bid. Initial papers will be filed about July 1, 1965, if the timetable recommended in the survey report is followed.



COLD CASH . . . United Crusade chairman Stan Williamson, Shell Chemical Company manager, gets a realistic idea of what the Harbor Area's 1964 campaign goal of \$237,698.00 looks like in cold cash. Pacific State Bank employe Mrs. Gary Mumble shows Williamson that it's all genuine U. S. Treasury issue.

Area Demo Leaders To Meet President

Four area Democratic Party leaders will motor to South Gate Park for his speech.

The motorcade to and from the park will cover some 22 miles of Long Beach streets.

A plan to use the freeway route to South Gate Park for security reasons apparently has been vetoed by the President, who wants to travel along streets accessible to the public.

The trip, one of the last stops in a campaign swing through the Southwest, was first announced Tuesday.

Thursday, the Secret Service announced the trip was off, and later the same day the White House announced the President would make the trip.

The speech is scheduled for 1 p.m. today, with the President's arrival in South Gate set at 12:45 p.m.

No Evidence Of Homicide In Shooting

A 29-year-old Torrance steelworker has been released from sheriff's custody in the gun death of his former wife when a coroner's inquest failed to produce sufficient evidence to hold him.

Released Thursday was Peter Wakefield Knox, who had been arrested by sheriff's deputies Tuesday night after his former wife, Theresa, 28, was fatally shot at her home, 23229 Meyler Ave.

Knox maintained to investigating officers that the shooting was accidental. He said he was taking a pistol from a closet in the Meyler Avenue home to loan it to a friend when Theresa grabbed his arm. The pistol discharged, sending a bullet into her head between her eyes.

KNOX WAS released following the inquest verdict that there was insufficient testimony to indicate whether the shooting was intentional or accidental as Knox maintained.

Knox said he and his wife had been divorced, but that he had returned to care for the couple's three small children while she went to Hawaii. He said they had been living together since she returned about a month ago.

FUNERAL SERVICES for the victim have been scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday in the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel. Interment will be in Roosevelt Memorial Park.

She is survived by her three children, Ricky, Wayne, Shelly; her mother, Agnes C. Vahalek; her father, Monty Rich; and a brother, Monty Rich, Jr.

Local Student at Dallas Seminary
Nathan D. Smith, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Smith, Sr., of 2010 Martina Avenue is a fourth year student at the Dallas Theological Seminary and Graduate School of Theology, Dallas, Texas.

Executive Will Attend Seminar
Heyward Grimsley, of 20707 Anza Ave., has been invited to attend a conference of the top management of Automatic Retailers of America in St. Charles, Ill., near Chicago, Thursday through Saturday.

Grimsley, assistant to an ARA group vice president, will be one of 90 company officials from throughout the country to attend the sessions at Pheasant Run Lodge.

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WADE E. PEEBLES Arraigned for Perjury

Peebles Plea Due Oct. 22

Former Torrance City Manager Wade E. Peebles, indicted Thursday on three counts of perjury by the county grand jury, was arraigned before Superior Court Judge Frank J. Macklin Friday after surrendering voluntarily on the indictments.

Peebles, who left his city post under pressure last February, has been accused of lying under oath to an attorney general's board of inquiry last Nov. 21 and 22 about his knowledge of events leading to the arrest of former Councilman Robert Jahn.

A third charge concerns his testimony about payment for a swimming pool at his home. Bail which had been set at \$2,500 was waived by Judge Macklin and Peebles was released on his own recognizance.

Peebles will return Oct. 22 to enter a plea. His attorney, Irving Lessin, asked for the two-week delay.

The indictments Thursday came after investigations stretching over nearly 13 months which were touched off after two Torrance police officers were arrested on robbery charges in Los Angeles.



NEW TRANSFER TABLES . . . Key units in a modernization program at U. S. Steel's Torrance Works—get cutting and fitting by Jess Davenport, mechanic, as C. Leon Perry, supervisor engineering and utilities, double-checks specifications. Designed to expand and update mill facilities, the construction program will improve the quality of a wide range of products and customer services when completed in late 1965.

Modernization Work Due At Torrance Steel Plant

Third step in a construction program to expand and up-date the 12-inch bar mill facilities at United States Steel's Torrance Works was announced Saturday by William G. Davis Jr., general superintendent.

Part of a modernization program currently under way at the plant, this phase is scheduled for completion in late 1965.

The resulting changes at the mill will enable Torrance Works to improve the quality of a wide range of bar products made on the unit and permit the plant to produce bars for application in the automotive, agricultural equipment, construction, forging and cold drawing industries, Davis said.

Deliveries to customers also will be improved as part of the program, Davis said.

CONSTRUCTION on the third phase is slated to begin later this year. It will be carried out by Torrance employes whenever possible and scheduled to avoid delays, down time, or interruptions in production.

It calls for converting and improving the existing 8-pass rolling mill to a 10-pass mill capable of higher delivery speeds.

A 3-high, 3-pass roughing mill will be installed and the present finishing stands will be relocated and lined up for continuous finishing in tandem with two new stands. Equipment will include transfer tables, repeaters, a flying shear and a 200-foot cooling bed.

The first phase of the Torrance modernization program, completed about a year ago, began with construction of a new reheating furnace and mechanical handling units for steel billets from which the products are rolled.

Phase two, scheduled for completion late this year, calls for installation of new equipment to improve intermediate processing sections of the 11-inch mill. Main units are two repeaters and a special transfer table which can move semi-finished steel shapes from stand to stand or bypass some stands when rolling certain products.

Demo Headquarters Opens . . .

Grand opening of the Downtown Torrance Democratic Headquarters at 1876 Torrance Blvd. has been scheduled for today. Bill O'Leary, coordinator for the 68th Assembly District; directors Nick Drale and Curt Smith; and businessman Sol Burns have organized the headquarters. The offices will be open daily until election day, Drale said.

Music Lover at Work . . .

About 150 classical records and a portable television set were taken from the home of Charles Henderson at 2107 W. 183rd St. sometime Friday evening. Henderson told police entry was gained through a bedroom window.

Carpentry Tools Stolen . . .

Carpentry tools valued at \$200 were taken from the garage at 16816 Crenshaw Blvd. early Friday afternoon. Mrs. Walter Zanewski, who reported the theft, said she discovered the tools missing when she went to the garage to replace a saw.

Fancy Lights Taken . . .

A pair of ornamental ceiling lights valued at \$100 was taken from an apartment building under construction at 23812 S. Ocean Ave. Friday. Emille Mignacca of B & D Construction, reported the theft about 1:30 p.m.