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PLAN LIGHTING AND NEW PAVEMENT

12-Team Bowling League Gets Off to Big Season Tonight

60 ENTER RACE ON ALLEYS

Twenty-Three Prizes Will Be Awarded During Season

WILL ROLL FOR 22 WEEKS

Biggest Recreational Event In Torrance History Ends Sept. 4

With 60 bowlers on 12 teams all set to go, the new City Bowling League will get away to a flying start tonight at the American in what promises to be the most interesting and spirited recreational and athletic contest ever staged in Torrance.

Twenty-three valuable prizes will be awarded during the season, which will end on Sept. 4. These prizes were donated by Torrance and Southern California business firms and will be allocated for presentation in various events throughout the life of the league.

The American will award members of the winning team gold trophies at the close of the season. The twelve teams entered in the league are financed by local business firms. The teams and members of teams are as follows:

First National Bank—John McMillan, Bob Pratt, Lew Deining, Bill Stanger, Thomas Griffin. Faxman's Tigers—Walter Von Hagen, Ed Schwartz, Bob Clark, Chas. King, C. A. Faxman. City Trustees—Bob Deining, Jim Fitzhugh, Willis Brooks, Chas. Rippey, Geo. Proctor, Perry Briney, Harry Warren—Harry Warren, Chas. Vonderhake, Clem Mills, Jimmy King, Ira Young.

Ed Tansey's Barbers—Ed Tansey, Bert Sharon, Rufus Harvey, Russell Smith, Al Templeton. Torrance Hardware—Huron Reeve, Roy Hutton, D. A. Murphy, Chas. Tansey, Laurence Crowell.

Sam Levy—Sam Levy, Chas. Newby, Jack Hanson, Val Benesh, Frank Austin.

Beacon Drug—Reed Vandergift, F. J. Allen, Glen Maughn, Clarence Sleppey, Cal Alverson.

Columbia Steel Corporation—Jim Wolfe, Bill Davis, Hal Summerville, Joe Cooke, Everett Travoli. Ed Kelly—Dale Gipe, Tom Perkins, Lloyd Barnes, Geo. Jolley, Ted Lang.

Walter Renn—Elmer Clever, Earl Fisher, Bob Mantel, Jake Webb, Geo. Clever. Palmer Service—Don Baxter, Dewey Flx, Art Burmaster, Einar Gerulff, Geo. Kabeitz.

Valuable Prizes Following is a list of the prizes which will be awarded for various accomplishments throughout the season:

HOUSE OF PARR VALUES—One hand-sewed bill fold; TORRANCE AUTO ELECTRIC—Five dollars in trade; TORRANCE CLEANERS—Five-dollar cleaning and pressing coupon; HARRY WARREN—One Swift's Premium Ham; McCAFFERY'S TORRANCE DAIRY—Sterling silver belt buckle and chain; RIPPLE FURNITURE STORE—Five-dollar order to apply on purchase; TORRANCE BAKERY—Five-pound fruit cake; McCLELLAN'S BOOTERY—One pair bowling shoes; BAKER SMITH—Sterling silver cuff links; SMITH'S CAFE—Five-dollar meal ticket; DALEY'S—Five-dollar basket groceries; LaPLANTE'S STUDIO—One dozen photo portraits; MACKENZIE'S 5, 10 AND 15 CENT STORE—\$2.50 merchandise order; TORRANCE PLUMBING COMPANY—Five-dollar merchandise order; TORRANCE ELECTRIC SHOP—Reading lamp; FERNCROFT CAFE—Five-dollar meal ticket; TORRANCE HERALD—Five dollars in trade at the American; BRUNS-WICK-BALKE-COLENDER CO.—One black mineralite bowling ball; R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO.—1000 Camel cigarettes; E. A. HOFFMAN CANDY CO.—Three-pound fancy box of chocolates; H. KAMINSKY CIGAR CO.—One box CYANA cigars; KLINGENSTEIN CO.—One box Y-B Perfectos; HENRY AND NASH—Box of cigars.

Introducing Mayor Deining



Trustee Robert J. Deining, the first city clerk of Torrance, will be mayor for the ensuing year.

County Receives Bids for Sewer District Bonds

Work Will Start Soon, Chief Engineer Warren Asserts

Work will be started before many weeks on the trunk line sewer system in Sanitary District No. 5, for which bonds were voted by the people of this area.

The bonds have been duly advertised and bids were received on April 1, according to Hugh Pomeroi, secretary of the county sanitation districts.

Chief Engineer A. K. Warren declares that the formation of new districts will not delay work in this district and that as soon as the bonds are disposed of preparations for the beginning of active operations will be started.

It is estimated that the big trunk sewers will be in operation within two years.

Some of the communities which have no local sewage systems of their own are already circulating petitions asking for the construction of systems, hoping to be able to hook up these local systems with the trunk line as soon as the big pipes are ready for use.

Coming Events

Items for This Department Must Be at Office by 5 p. m. on Day Preceding Publication.

- TUESDAY, APRIL 7
 - 7:30 p. m.—Royal Neighbors meeting, Moose hall.
 - 7:30 p. m.—American Legion Auxiliary, home of Mrs. J. W. Post.
 - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8
 - 7:30 p. m.—Modern Woodmen meeting, Moose hall.
 - 7 p. m.—Rotary Club trip to Hollywood in special car.
 - THURSDAY, APRIL 9
 - 2 p. m.—Women's Club of Torrance, Episcopal Guild hall.
 - 7:30 p. m.—Torrance Chapter, O. E. S., Masonic temple.
 - SUNDAY, APRIL 12
 - Easter services in all churches.
 - MONDAY, APRIL 13
 - Knights of Columbus dinner dance, Catholic hall.
 - SATURDAY, APRIL 18
 - Eastern Star dance at Moose hall.
- Charles Bell of Long Beach was granted a temporary permit by the board of trustees to erect temporary barns and a temporary residence on his property east of the Torrance glass plant, where he proposes to engage in truck gardening. The permit was granted subject to withdrawal at the option of the trustees.

PLANNING DEININGER BODY IS NAMED

Four Representatives of Civic Bodies Selected by Trustees

ACT ONLY AS ADVISORS

New Commission Created Here Will Consider Civic Projects

Acting on recommendations from four Torrance organizations, R. R. Smith, with the unanimous approval of the board of trustees, last night named the members of the new planning commission, created in accordance with the California statute.

The four members of the commission chosen in accordance with organization recommendations are as follows: Brian K. Welch, representing the Chamber of Commerce; Carleton Bell, representing the Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion; Mrs. J. W. Post, representing the Women's Club of Torrance; W. Harold Kingsley, representing the Rotary Club of Torrance.

Willis M. Brooks was named as the member representing the board of trustees. Mayor Deining, City Attorney P. G. Briney and the city engineer are ex-officio members of the commission.

The planning commission, according to the statute which sets forth its duties and powers, is charged with consideration of civic improvements, parks and street development, zoning, and may, if deemed advisable, prepare a general city plan along the lines of which future development may gradually take place.

The commission has no executive authority and acts merely in an advisory capacity.

The commission's work, the law states, may be financed by a tax imposed by the city trustees.

In creating a planning commission the trustees acted in accordance with the modern civic idea of adopting a plan of civic development, to which all civic improvements may conform.

Another Boy's Dog Is Victim of Poison Fiend

"Rover," Pal of Ivan Melby Dies from Ground Glass

"Rover," another boy's best pal, is the latest victim of the busy dog poisoner of Torrance.

Rover was the pet of Ivan Melby, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Melby of 811 North Arlington avenue. He died yesterday after being fed ground glass.

Disprove Cutting of City's Trees Without Permit

Confronted with the fact that two builders recently have cut down trees on city property without authority, the trustees last night referred the latest offense to the police department.

"It is not our intention to be arbitrary," said Trustee Smith, "but it must be distinctly understood that trees in the parkways between sidewalks and curbs belong to the city and nobody has the right to cut them down without a permit."

Missionary Gives Interesting Talk

Mrs. A. H. Butzback, who, with her husband, recently returned from 15 years of missionary work in Hunan, China, gave an interesting talk on "China" Sunday evening at the Central Evangelical church.

Observations

Doheny, Fall, Sinclair, Justice, Dr. Cook, Three California Oil Defrauders, Justice, the Constitution and the Fool; Technicalities of Procedure

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

THE public knows that the navy department transferred the Elk Hills and Teapot Dome oil reserves to the department of the interior under Albert Fall.

The public knows that these reserves were then leased to companies controlled by Mr. Doheny and Mr. Sinclair respectively. The public knows that during these transactions Mr. Doheny sent his son to Mr. Fall with a black satchel containing \$100,000 in cash; that Mr. Fall accepted it; that Mr. Doheny contends it was a loan to an old friend.

The public knows that Mr. Doheny brought forth a note for \$100,000 which he said Mr. Fall gave to him. The public knows that the signature on this note was torn off, although Mr. Doheny declared he removed it so that in case he died Fall would not be pressed for payment of the \$100,000 loan.

The public knows that as a result of the oil exposures Edwin Denby, secretary of the navy, unwillingly resigned, and that Harry Daugherty, attorney general, gave up his portfolio.

The public knows that the government then began criminal action on conspiracy charges against the two Dohenys, Albert Fall and Harry Sinclair.

In short, the public knows that valuable petroleum reserves which oil men say are worth \$100,000,000 to Doheny and Sinclair were peddled regardless of the public interests and that the man who peddled them received \$100,000 as a "loan" from Doheny.

THE public may not understand all there is to know about the oil industry and the damage to the government interests of offset wells adjacent to the oil reserves. But the public does understand the significance of \$100,000 in cash in a little black satchel.

The public also understands that it is difficult to convict a multi-millionaire whose money enables him to retain the very best attorneys in the world. Vaguely the public realizes that in the law there are hundreds of foot technicalities rooted in the deep soil of jurisprudence, and that wise attorneys bring into play an astute understanding of these technicalities to defeat the main ends of justice.

So really the public does understand after a manner how attorneys for Messrs. Doheny, Fall and Sinclair secured dismissal of the criminal indictments against their clients.

You see, when the grand jury was investigating the oil scandal there was present in the inquisitorial chamber some individual who legally had no right to be there, and who was there to obstruct justice.

Therefore the judge dismissed the case.

OF course that is law, and the courts must guard the tenets of the law regardless of justice.

The public is not fooled. The public understands. It understands that the ruling which caused the dismissal of the indictments had nothing whatever to do with the guilt or innocence of the accused, nothing whatever to do with the \$100,000 in the little black satchel, nothing whatever to do with justice as the average man, and not the legal shark, understands it.

And the public knows very well indeed that the ability of an indicted rich man to throw up impenetrable bulwarks of technicalities subjects our Constitution and our courts to the jibes of all the world.

The public sees the main issue, unclouded by legal quibblings. There is a Chinese proverb which truthfully sets forth that "A grain of sand may hide a mountain."

The public knows that this is what happened before the United States District Court in Washington last week.

JAMES M. FERDON, W. P. Vurpillat and S. M. Wells were officers of the Co-operative Oil Syndicate of Santa Fe Springs. In an exuberance born of greed they employed the use of Uncle Sam's mail service to defraud folks by selling them oil stock that was not all they claimed for it.

So these three gentlemen were arrested, tried and convicted. They made numerous mistakes, these three dollar-chasers. They tried to defraud the people direct, instead of fleecing folks indirectly through the government.

The world has positively no respect for bungling criminals. Show us a man who carefully plans his criminal coups with reasonable assurance that he is safeguarded against conviction, and we'll show you a fellow who is entitled to a medium of reverence.

There should be a school for crooks—a national university, if you please, endowed by the proper individuals for the edification of promising thieves.

Here could be explained the exact science of insidious approach, the law of political preference, and here could be pointed out the inexpediency of the lead pipe method of collecting when contrasted with the efficacy of indirect skulduggery.

PROJECTS IN FIRST STAGES

Trustees' Desire for Cost Facts on Posts Delays Action

HOLDS UP BLVD. PAVING

Intention Resolutions Expected to Be Passed at Next Meeting

First steps toward the creation of assessment districts for the paving of Redondo boulevard from Madrid avenue to the west city limits and the installation of a street lighting system throughout the business and residence districts of Torrance were taken last night by the board of trustees.

Resolutions of intention were not passed, however, when the board decided to investigate more thoroughly before choosing a type of lamp post for the proposed lighting system.

The board did approve plans and specifications for the proposed Redondo boulevard paving. Prepared by Engineer J. J. Jessup on recommendation of the trustees, they call for a 30-foot pavement 7 inches deep of the Vibrathite type.

When plans and specifications for a lighting system came up for discussion the board unanimously decided that, before any type of post was selected, more information regarding costs be obtained.

Will Present Figures Mr. Jessup told the board that the three types of posts most generally used—concrete, cast iron, and pressed steel—cost approximately the same.

At the next meeting of the board definite figures will be presented. The tentative plans for the proposed lighting system provides for upward of 700 street lights throughout the restricted area of Torrance, the district being roughly defined as the area within the tree rows, out Carson street both east and west; on Arlington south to the city limits; out Western avenue to the north limits, and out the proposed Redondo boulevard pavement.

The tentative plan provides for lights 150 feet apart staggered on both sides of the street, with a light at every alley intersection. It is estimated that the lighting system completely installed would cost in the neighborhood of \$1,700 a front foot throughout the district to be lighted.

John Salm, president of the Salm Manufacturing Company, urged the board to erect lights in front of his factory on Artisan avenue.

Owing to the fact that the resolution of intention proposing the Redondo boulevard pavement was linked with a proposal to install lights on the street, the resolution of intention was delayed until the type of post to be used is decided.

Pavement Method The Vibrathite pavement stipulated in the specifications is a concrete pavement into which crushed rock is forced by a new method of vibration.

It is pointed out that the chief objection to concrete pavement is that it is laid wet, that the water evaporates and leaves the pavement necessarily porous. The Vibrathite method vibrates the water out of the concrete and forces rock into the dry concrete under high pressure. It is stated that after two inches of rock is vibrated into a pavement six inches deep the pavement is only seven inches deep when the process is completed.

In taking steps for the proposal of the Redondo boulevard and lighting system improvements the trustees declare that they are thus adopting means of definitely ascertaining the desires of the public. After the resolutions of intention are passed a date will be set for the hearing of protests, which must be in writing.

Otto Michelson requested a permit from the board of trustees to erect a corrugated iron garage in the rear of the El Prado apartments. The request was referred to a committee for investigation and report.

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