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## "NO-ACCIDENT-MONTH" TO BE HELD AT COLUMBIA STEEL

### Intensive Safety Campaign Opens Next Week Here; Executives Outline Program to be Followed

A safety campaign in which every employee of the Columbia Steel Company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation, will have definite duties toward eliminating every chance for accidents will be held at the local plant during the month of March, it was announced this week by executives of the company here.

An intensive program especially designed to fit conditions here was outlined by officials of the various departments, foremen, members of the General Safety Committee, Safety Captains and departmental Safety Committee members at a dinner meeting held at the Torrance Women's clubhouse last Thursday night. Among the 96 men present there were Dr. J. S. Lancaster and George F. Shidder, official physicians for the Columbia plant here.

Every Man to Assist. The Columbia's safety program is built upon the idea that each worker shall endeavor to locate and correct hazards which are found in his individual sector. To that end, every employee has been given a fixed amount of space in the great plant to cover. He will inspect his area to discover accident-causing obstacles and report his findings to departmental superintendents. In that way, every Columbia man is held responsible for the success or failure of "No-Accident Month of March."

"A man's conscience is a powerful aid to such a campaign," Lanz declared this week. "We are depending upon our men's conscience and their intelligence to prevent even the most minor accident during March. We know that if a man realizes that he, individually, is responsible for a certain small area in our plant and an accident occurs in his territory that he will suffer remorse for a long time if one of his fellow-workers is hurt. On the other hand, if an employee is on the lookout for danger spots and has reported them where they exist, his conscience is clear if an accident happens."

Assisting Lanz, Lintott and other Columbia executives in the program for March is Dr. E. M. Parlett, M. D., of San Francisco, who is manager of the Bureau of Safety and Welfare for the United States Steel Corporation; L. C. Berger, Safety and Welfare manager at the local plant, and O. A. Kresse, chairman of the General Safety Committee and open-hearth superintendent here.

Protection is imperative. Kresse acted as chairman at the dinner meeting at the Women's clubhouse last Thursday evening. In a short talk he outlined what is meant by a "safety campaign" and detailed the progress of safeguards in industrial plants during the last two years. In the earlier days, Kresse stated, safety was given but little consideration in the steel industry but now, present day conditions make it imperative that a thorough study should be made for the protection of the lives and welfare of all working men.

Dr. Lancaster spoke on the subject of infections and the importance of proper treatment of even the slightest scratches. The physician stressed the need for immediate attention to all eye injuries, on account of serious infection that might result with negligence. He stated that he was available for call anytime, day or night, to treat such injuries.

The importance of right living, eating, sleeping and good habits was urged by Dr. Shidder. He also discussed the need for carefulness on the part of all workers on account of the development of machinery and electricity in industrial plants, two factors which have increased hazards to employees. Dr. Shidder also commented on the value of such a safety program as was outlined Thursday night, paying particular attention to the look-out to be maintained by the men themselves for danger zones.

Started by U. S. Steel. L. C. Berger's position here was described by Kresse as "doing all he possibly could to save men's bodies and souls." Berger, in his talk, touched on the causes for inefficiency and resultant accidents, such as lack of sleep.

## HAPPY DAYS FOR THESE TORRANCE MEN!

### FIRST EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT CREW LEAVING FOR WORK MONDAY



—Photo by Amundsen Studio.

Everyone of these men were displaying a broad grin as they posed for the photographer early Monday morning. They had gathered at the Chamber of Commerce to start as the first of three shifts weekly who will be paid from the \$15,000 special work fund granted the city by the County Board of Supervisors at the plea of R. R. Smith and Carl Hyde of the Chamber of Commerce. The 30 men in this picture were hand-picked from the registration cards filled out at the Chamber and after investigation on the part of Torrance Relief Society officers, City Street Superintendent William Gascoigne and Carroll Ashley, who is in charge of the registration of local unemployed men and women. Gascoigne and Ashley are standing at the extreme left of the picture.

Happy days that WERE happy days rolled around this week for nearly 100 men when they started working for the city after a long period of unemployment. The labor was furnished this big crew through the allocation of \$15,000 from the County Board of Supervisors obtained last week by Councilman R. R. Smith and Carl Hyde, both representing the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Three separate groups of men are now at work. There are 30 in the crew that works Monday and Tuesday; 28 in the Wednesday and Thursday shift and between 33 and 35 will start tomorrow, Friday, and work the remaining two days of the week. Registration continues. The \$15,000 work fund is expected to furnish these men employment for the next four months. Although the members of the emergency crew only work two days a week, the Chamber is constantly on the look-out for work that will give them more time. Men that have had county relief or assistance from the Torrance Relief Society in the past or at the present time were given first consideration; then men who had families to support were chosen. They are all residents of Torrance, or the spot of the Shoostring strip immediately adjoining this city or Keystone.

### Store Manager Is Slugged and Robbed of \$195

Youth Enters MacMarr Store As Mgr. Transfers Cash To Safe Tues.

Believed by police to have been tempted by the sight of considerable money lying in a cheese box, an unidentified man slugged E. S. McNett, manager of the MacMarr store, 1407 Sartori avenue, early Tuesday morning and escaped with the sum.

Police believed that the robbery of \$175 in cash and approximately \$20 in checks, the largest of its kind ever committed in Torrance, was unpremeditated. McNett recovered from the blow of the man's fist on his head a few minutes later and with A. C. Smith, the butcher at the store reported the crime.

According to his story to local officers and deputy sheriffs, McNett had sold a package of cigarettes to the man, who was described as blond, wearing a blue shirt and having no coat or hat, a few minutes after he had opened the store. The money, representing a portion of Saturday and Monday's receipts was lying in the cheese box on the counter, the robber entering the store just as McNett was transferring his surplus cash from the cash register to the safe.

Smith told the officers that the robber drove south on Cabrillo avenue in a Model T Ford coupe as he was entering the store, was recently made manager of the store, resides at 1917 Cabrillo avenue with his wife and son.

### Rotarians Meet at New Hermosa Club

The regular weekly luncheon meeting of the Torrance Rotary club was advanced from Thursday noon in Tuesday noon and was held at the Surf and Sand Beach club in conjunction with the newly-organized Hermosa Beach Rotary club.

The local Rotarians assembled at the Legion clubhouse and went to the beach city in a caravan. This week marks the 28th anniversary of the birth of the Rotary movement in Chicago.

## MRS. ERICKSON'S FRIENDS TO RAISE HER DEFENSE FUND!

### Preliminary Hearing of Two Lomita Women Charged With Poison-Murder Set for March 6 in L. A.

Friends of Mrs. Anna Erickson, charged with Mrs. Esther Carlson in a double complaint of the poison-murder of August Lindstrom, 81-year-old retired lumberman and resident of Lomita, were circulating petitions in Lomita today to create a defense fund for the well-known club-woman of that city.

Many Lomita residents are reported calling to Mrs. Erickson's support and they and her husband, O. E. Erickson have prevailed upon Judge Joseph Marchetti, of the firm of Hardy and Marchetti, to represent the accused woman. Marchetti was formerly a municipal judge for several years and has served as deputy district attorney of Los Angeles county. Mrs. Carlson has already engaged the services of Richard Cantillon.

The two women, Mrs. Erickson, who was a neighbor of Mrs. Carlson and lived at 1359 Pennsylvania avenue; and Mrs. Carlson, housekeeper for Lindstrom, who lived at 1377 Pennsylvania avenue, were arraigned before Municipal Judge Baird on the murder charge yesterday morning. Their preliminary hearing was set for March 6.

Checking on Deaths. Mrs. Erickson's friends in Lomita are stoutly maintaining that she is innocent of the alleged crime and decent of the alleged crime go to work entering the store to raise money for her defense.

The accused woman is confined in the prison ward at the General hospital, where she is reported recovering from the effects of the same poison that deputy sheriffs and an investigator from the district attorney's office say caused Lindstrom's death. She is the mother of two talented children and has been very active in Parent Teachers' Association work in Lomita for a number of years. She is 42 years old.

As housekeeper for Lindstrom, Mrs. Carlson did not take much interest in social affairs in Lomita, it is reported. She is 62 years old and has been a widow since 1925 when her husband, Charles, died supposedly from cancer of the stomach.

## CITY WAITS CERTIFICATE OF ENTRANCE IN WATER DIST.

### Must Appoint Director to Serve on Board; Only 14 per cent Vote to Join Great Southland Project

The fourteenth community and third largest city in area to join the Metropolitan Water District is now awaiting word from the directors of the District as to when it shall appoint its own director to assist in bringing Colorado River water to Southern California.

Result of the special election held here last Saturday, in which the city voted to join the District by more than seven to one, has been air-mailed to the Secretary of State at Sacramento for filing.

## MAY CHANGE SCHOOL DIST. BY ELECTION

### Time Too Short to Permit Co. Supervisors to Act on Petition

Unless the Board of Supervisors, by a four-fifths vote, decide that the proposed annexation of the Perry Avenue School district in the McDonald Tract is an "emergency" measure, the inclusion of the Perry Avenue school in the Los Angeles city school system at Torrance will have to be decided by a special election.

This was the information given out this week by Carl Hyde, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce here who has been active in securing the change from the county system to the city system in the Perry Avenue school district.

Must Have Majority. The reason advanced by Hyde for this is because the eight-day limit between the district residents was filed with the county school authorities was too short to permit the county to investigate the matter. Hyde does not expect that the Supervisors will declare the project an "emergency."

If the change in school systems is endorsed by a majority of the heads of families in the Perry Avenue School district, then an election could be called and the matter decided by vote.

## Local Teachers Plan Welcome

### Will Entertain Delegates From New Mexico

Faculty members of the Torrance High, Elementary, Fern street and Carson street schools will entertain the New Mexico delegates to the National Educational Association Thursday, July 2, with a motor-trip around the Palms Verdes Estates and at a dinner.

This was decided this week by a committee of teachers from the local schools as their part in the program of entertainment for all delegates to the great convention to be held in Los Angeles next July.

## P.T.A. Observes Founders Day With Program

Founders' Day was observed at the Elementary P. T. A., Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. J. E. Hitchcock, president, spoke of the founding of the P. T. A., with the idea of child welfare. Mrs. Loraine Ulrich sang and her husband, Thomas Ulrich, accompanied her upon the piano.

Pupils of the second and fifth grades presented a playlet. W. M. Bell, Jr., reported that 100 children were being fed every noon in the lunch room and that the board of education had fitted the room with the minimum equipment of pots and pans. A teacher has been assigned to the school work and the meals are prepared by the cooking classes. The past presidents, Mrs. Nettie Steinhilber, Mrs. G. H. Sapp, Mrs. Carl Hyde and Mrs. N. A. Leuko were introduced and were presented with corsages. Mrs. J. H. Milburn also

Noted Lecturer in Talk at High School. Winfield Scott, noted lecturer for the California Forest Protective Association, addressed the student body of the Torrance High school this afternoon on the subject of the "Red Wood in Sentiment, Industry and Reforestation." Scott talked to the students here three years ago. He accompanied his lecture today with a large number of interesting colored slides which illustrated points in his subject.

Deseran Murder Case Continued to Mar. 3. On motion by the defendant's attorney, the preliminary hearing of the murder and assault with intention to commit murder charges against Peter Deseran, 61, of Keystone, was continued yesterday at Judge Dennis' court to Tuesday morning, March 3, at 10 o'clock.

Robert R. Stentz, Los Angeles attorney is now representing Deseran, who is accused of the murder of his wife and homicidal assault on his 22-year-old daughter at Keystone on the morning of February 10. Deseran was present in Lomita Wednesday when the case was called having been brought to the court by deputy sheriffs from the county jail.

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