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## FREE WATER OFFER BRANDED "IMPRACTICAL" BY COUNCIL

Nelson's Offer to Allow City to Irrigate Garden Patches of Unemployed Is Attacked at Council Meeting

The offer of the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company to permit the city to furnish free irrigating water to the unemployed prompted a lively discussion by members of the city council as well as those in the audience at Monday evening's special session. The impracticability of the water company's offer was pointed out and even the sincerity of the water company's expressed desire to "help the unemployed" was questioned.

"If the water company is sincere in its desire to help people in distress, why does it shut off the water in homes of families who are unable to pay their bills?" asked Councilman R. R. Smith, who suggested that the water company cooperate with the Torrance Relief Association in serving deserving families.

Impactical  
The water company states that no vegetables are to be raised for sale, but must be eaten by the family which grows them," stated Councilman Steiner, who added, "it would be less costly for the city to give a family its vegetables than to hire men to run fire hose and irrigate a small garden patch." Councilman Bell stated he had been advised that the water company would only furnish irrigating water for a period of 60 to 90 days, which would only permit the raising of cheap garden vegetables. "It would be useless to go ahead unless the water company could be depended upon to furnish water until the middle of September, as crops such as potatoes, corn and other worthwhile produce, require the hot summer months to mature," said Bell. City Engineer

## Drum Corps In Broadcast Over KGER Saturday

Radio Fans Hear Unexpected Program by Popular Local Organization

Torrance radio fans who were listening in to KGER about 10:30 Saturday night, had the unexpected privilege of hearing the American Legion drum corps of Torrance put on a short program. The Bert S. Crossland Post organization had a busy evening Saturday, as they had gone early to Wilmington where they marched three miles in a parade and later appeared at the Wilmington Bowl on behalf of the local benefit show to raise funds for the relief of unemployment.

On invitation from Daddy Wrango, of KGER, the boys went to Long Beach after the Wilmington show and played several numbers. A big audience at the studio listened to their selections. As proof of the popularity of the Torrance drum corps, several phone calls came into the studio following their broadcast, asking for more of the same. The boys were led before the microphone by Fred Sineox, who organized and trained the group last year. Alex McPhail, bugler, is now in charge as leader.

Next Monday night the drum corps will go to Los Angeles to march in the parade in honor of the visit of the national commander of the American Legion, which will play later in the evening at the program given at the Shrine Auditorium.

The Torrance drum corps is gaining steadily in popularity and their services at out-of-town affairs are in great demand.

## Local Chamber To Remain Neutral In Oil Bill Campaign

Efforts to have the Torrance Chamber of Commerce commit itself on the Sharkey Oil Control Bill were lost this week when chamber directors voted unanimously to table the matter. Various major oil interests and the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce have endorsed the Sharkey bill, but a large number of independent oil interests are opposed to the enactment of the state control act. But so far as directors of the local chamber are concerned, the Torrance Chamber of Commerce is neutral.

Live Easter bunnies, 50c. Fred's Poultry Mkt., 1775 Carson. Adv.

## Sepulveda Work Order Is Signed

May Begin Construction of Torrance Link in Highway Within Two Weeks

Work on the construction of the first Torrance link of Sepulveda boulevard, between Redondo Beach city limits and Hawthorne boulevard, will begin within two weeks, according to information brought back from Los Angeles Tuesday by City Engineer Frank Leonard.

A work order, authorizing the beginning of construction, was signed on that date, all details necessary to the undertaking having been completed.

This action follows as a result of the joint resolution adopted by the board of supervisors and the city council of the city of Torrance, whereby the county takes complete title of the work and will complete it as a cash job. Deeds for the right-of-way have been obtained and delivered.

The work order calls for paving in Torrance a strip 26 feet wide, with rock and oil shoulders 10 feet wide, along the Sepulveda right-of-way which is eventually to be completed as a 100-foot boulevard linking the San Fernando Valley with the southern end of the state. It will connect with the Coast highway into Mexico at Long Beach. The road is now completed through Manhattan, Hermosa and Redondo Beach.

Proceedings on the south branch of the highway which would pass through Lomita over Lomita boulevard (formerly Weston street) have been delayed due to the objections of property owners along that section, but later developments in regard to this link seem to indicate that eventually it will be made a part of this great highway system.

An understanding arrived at early in the proceedings for development of the highway through Torrance, between the city council and the county provides that so far as possible only Torrance men shall be employed on the construction work.

## Wild Flowers Protected By Laws of State

The spring wild flowers are the greatest glory of Southern California mountains and deserts, so don't be selfish and pick them. Not only is this the most considerate way, but it is also the safest and best policy to follow when you visit the desert and foothills this spring to see areas of colorful wild blossoms, according to George H. Cecil, executive secretary, Conservation Association of Los Angeles county.

State laws and county ordinances regulate the picking of wild flowers and plants, and unless one is certain of his legal rights, he should be content to look at the flowers and leave them where they are, warns Mr. Cecil.

"Los Angeles county protects the yucca plant against destruction or mutilation, whether such plants are growing upon public or private land, by a law which provides for a maximum fine of \$50 and a jail sentence of not more than 30 days."

## Taxpayers Meet Tonight at the Torrance High

A mass meeting of the Torrance and Lomita Taxpayers League will be held tonight at 8 o'clock at the Torrance high school auditorium. A number of prominent speakers will be heard. The meeting is called by the president, Beverly B. Smith.

## City Buys Trees at Bargain Prices

Jack Frost played havoc with many of the city's young shade trees this winter, and it was necessary for the city council this week to purchase 150 new trees to replace those which had been killed by frost. A bargain price of 25 cents each was obtained by Dept. of Streets Gascoigne, who explained that the customary price is 65 cents.

**SMALL FIRE**  
LOMITA—The Lomita fire department was called to the home of W. Schlenker, 1751 Oak street, Friday night, where a brooder house had caught fire. Total damage was reported as being about \$75.

## CHAMBER DIRECTORS ENDORSE MOVEMENT FOR LOWER TAXES

Local Group Acts in Conjunction With Harbor District Organization to Relieve Taxpayer

The movement for lower taxes now being conducted by the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce was endorsed by directors of the Torrance chamber this week, when they approved the following resolution:

"WHEREAS there is a general agreement that present tax levels seriously impede economic recovery, and menace Los Angeles county welfare. Taxes, already oppressive, are becoming confiscatory in many parts of the county. General demands for tax reduction—groups of citizens storming meetings of municipal and county councils to insist upon lower taxes, the clamor for remedial legislation—all these point to the need for drastic remedies, and

WHEREAS the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce, through the research of its Finance and Taxation Committee, urges assistance by its constituent members in the formation of committees composed of respective members of each constituent body. The selection of such committees should be based on requisites of unselfishness, unbiased and knowledge of land values, to meet and discuss with members of Los Angeles County Assessor's office for the purpose of presenting such facts as their findings may reveal, and which should, therefore, be a sound guide for the Assessor's valuation basis in this period of readjustment, and

"NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Finance and Taxation Committee of the Harbor District Federation submit this resolution to the Resolutions Committee, soliciting approval, and a special dispensation order from the officers of said Federation, to enable the transmission of this subject matter and the creation of supplementary committees so that the function may pursue without delay, as the Field Assessors are now embracing the territory."

## To All Candidates

The HERALD invites all candidates to submit their platforms for publication, without charge, in one of the two remaining issues before election day, April 11. This offer is in keeping with the established policy of this newspaper to be fair and to provide a medium of expression for all groups. Articles submitted will be printed without alterations, except the deletion of libelous statements.

Due to the large number of candidates, the HERALD requests that each article contain not over 1000 words, and that they be left at the Herald office not later than Tuesday of the week in which they are to be published.

## STATE LABOR CAMPS CLOSE ON APRIL 1ST

New Experiment in Unemployment Relief Boon to Hundreds of Men

The California State Labor Camps that have been operating during the past four months on a \$100,000.00 appropriation from the State Emergency Fund will be closed about April 1st, according to a statement made by S. B. Black, chairman of the California Labor Camp Committee. "Plans have been worked out," said Black, "whereby the camps will be closed without throwing a large number of penniless men upon any community at one time. While the forestry labor camps contained 2,650 men during the peak of the season, the number in camp on March 15 had decreased to 2,240 because of the voluntary leaving of men in search of employment. The camp closing policy of the committee is designed to take advantage of the natural decrease of men in camp resulting from this voluntary departure with no men entering into camp after March 15. Rather than run all 26 camps at reduced capacity, which means higher cost, some camps will be kept running at full capacity by transferring the crew from other camps in order that the camps from which men have been taken may be closed. This will result in a gradual closing of the camps over a period of several weeks.

"In fairness to the communities that have cooperated with the state in making the camp project an outstanding success in the relief of the transient unemployed man problem this past winter, the Labor Camp Committee is determined that in no event shall a large number of penniless men be turned away from camp at one time to become a burden on nearby communities.

"With the closing of the camps, California will have completed a new experiment in unemployment relief. Many people believe the California system to have been the one new practical method of meeting the serious problem of caring for thousands of transient indigents.

"Thousands of men have been

## City Flagpole Is Tottering

The city flagpole is in a dangerous condition, City Engineer Leonard told the city council this week. Corrosion on the inside at the base of the pole has weakened it to the extent that "it is no longer safe," the engineer stated. Estimates submitted for replacing the pole with a new flagstaff varied from \$145 to \$358. The council deferred action until its next meeting.

## Klusman Accepts Challenge

Letter to Rippy Indicates Willingness to Meet Charter Champion in Public Debate

William T. Klusman, avowed opponent of the proposed city charter which will be voted on April 11, has accepted the challenge made him last week by Charles T. Rippy, chairman of the board of freeholders, to debate the charter at a public mass meeting. The challenge was communicated to Klusman by personal letter, a copy of which was published in the Torrance Herald last week.

March 20 was the time limit set for acceptance or refusal of the def, and on March 19 Mr. Klusman indicated to Mr. Rippy that he would enter the lists. His letter of acceptance was published in the Torrance Herald last week.

Mr. Klusman failed to state whether he will meet Rippy in a single debate, or whether he will bring an assistant.

These details and the exact date, time and location will be settled by the principals within a short time.

## Legion Issues Call to Attend Mass Meeting

Community Invited to Discuss Local Unemployment Relief at Clubhouse Friday

N. F. Jamieson, chairman of the American Legion unemployment committee, has sent out a call to the community to attend a mass meeting to be held at the Bert S. Crossland Post headquarters, the American Legion clubhouse on Carson street, tomorrow, Friday, evening, March 25, at 7:30 o'clock. The topic to be considered will be the relief of local unemployment.

In broadcasting his plea for community interest in the undertaking, Col. Jamieson says: "You have probably observed press advices concerning the national program under auspices of the American Legion, designed to stimulate employment and thereby relieve, to some degree, the economic pressure of present general conditions. This program is national in character, and was primed through a call from President Hoover.

"A group meeting with representatives of local industries, at the request of this organization, was recently called and well attended. Other steps in the national program are being carried out in Los Angeles county, and the local post is doing everything within its power to fulfill its responsibilities in this meritorious undertaking.

"The order, however, is a big one and the American Legion realizes that its maximum fulfillment can only be possible through the active cooperation and sympathetic understanding of the citizens in developing this understanding a meeting has been arranged to be held in the American Legion clubhouse, Friday evening.

"You are urgently requested to be present at this session and to cordially invite anyone to attend with you that you believe is interested in the emergency of the present conditions, and the necessity for cooperative activity for its solution."

## Don't Pick Flowers Now in Bloom On City Vacant Lots

Spring wild flowers, sown by the city on vacant lots are coming into bloom in Torrance. Many of the flowers are seen this year, and the effect is beautiful.

Children and enthusiastic lovers of flowers are warned to refrain from picking the blooms, as they have been planted to delight the eyes of many, and not to satisfy the desires of a few.

## Membership Fees To Defray Costs

No tax money will be used to promote the five-cent promotion tax proposition to be submitted at the April 11 municipal election, Chamber of Commerce directors agreed this week. An appropriation of \$100,000 was voted, however, from the chamber fund raised by membership fees, which will be used to cover the cost of campaign literature favoring the five-cent tax and the repeal of the present ten-cent levy.

## ELEVEN CANDIDATES ENTER COUNCILMANIC RACE HERE

Spurlin Withdraws at Last Minute; G. L. Morris Is Surprise Candidate for Long Term; Four to Be Elected

When the zero hour for filing petitions in the councilmanic race arrived Tuesday noon, City Clerk Bartlett counted 11 hats in the ring. Thus begins one of the most colorful municipal elections in the history of Torrance. In the group will be found representatives of every faction in the city's political life. There are candidates sponsoring the present administration and others opposed to it. There are wets and drys, conservatives and liberals, Republicans and Democrats, all entered in the battle for votes which began Tuesday this week and closes when the votes are counted April 11.

Four councilmen are to be elected, three for the long or four-year term, and one for the two-year unexpired term of E. C. Nelson.

An effort was made last Saturday to eliminate some of the candidates by effecting a compromise between the incumbent councilmen and others in the race, but the overture failed when only the incumbents offered to withdraw.

DeKalb Spurlin, president of the Chamber of Commerce, decided at the last minute to withhold his petition and thus eliminated himself from the race.

## CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL

- FOUR-YEAR TERM**  
(Three to Be Elected)  
CAMERON, Rev. Matthew F., 1606 Post avenue, Christian healing practitioner.  
CONNER, Earl, proprietor of Earl's Cafe, 1625 Cabrillo avenue.  
DENNIS, John, incumbent mayor and justice of peace, Lomita township.  
KLUSMAN, Wm. T., engineer, 2018 Carson street.  
LUDLOW, Scott, 1329 Engracia avenue, paymaster, Union Tool.  
MORRIS, G. L., 2108 Cabrillo avenue, real estate dealer.  
SMITH, R. R., incumbent councilman, 2004 Carson street, employment and welfare manager, Union Tool.  
WILKES, Thos. J., 2717 Carson street, section store-keeper, Pacific Electric Shops.
- TWO-YEAR TERM**  
(One to Be Elected)  
BELL, Carleton B., incumbent councilman, 1544 Marcelina avenue, chief clerk, Pacific Electric Shops.  
ROELOFS, Richard V., unemployed, 1328 Amapola.  
WRIGHT, J. M., retired, 1024 Arlington avenue.

## FASHIONS OF NEW SEASON ON DISPLAY

Auxiliary Aids Local Department Store in Presenting Style Show

During an attractively arranged desert bridge party in the Easter motif, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary at their clubhouse yesterday afternoon, the guests were privileged to witness a fashion show of advance spring and summer styles presented by the J. C. Penney Company of Torrance, with Miss Edith J. Mott, New York stylist associated with the New York office of the J. C. Penney Company, as interpreter of the models displayed. Mrs. Frank Buffington at the piano played the accompaniment for the models.

The showing featured an around-the-clock schedule of garments modeled by Mrs. Velours Murphy, Mrs. Marie McCune and the Misses Julia Quayle and Edith Howell, attractive members of the Auxiliary.

Beginning with the morning dip bathing costumes which were followed by a showing of California "slacks" with colorful accessories suitable for beach or lounging costumes. Then morning dresses in tulle. Then morning dresses in cotton fabrics and soft colorings in sports costumes with suitable hats and accessories succeeded this group and many models of afternoon dresses suitable for bridge luncheons and informal wear. The group was completed with a display of the more formal type of dress suitable for evening wear. The use of red or blue and white color combinations and their attractive possibilities in this year at the Olympics and the Washington Bicentennial celebration was stressed.

The American Legion Auxiliary

## Torrance Firms Have Exhibits at Oil Show

Third Annual Exposition at Compton Attracts Scores of Visitors

More than 150 firms are represented in the vast exhibit of the Third Annual Oil and Engineering Exposition now in progress at Compton. Exhibits range from huge derricks set up outside the exposition building to tiny models of drilling equipment, set up and in place in the booths inside.

One of the exhibits which is attracting the most attention is the booth allotted to the New York corporation which represents the Russian Soviet government in America. Pictures and graphs tell the story of the development of the oil industry and other production in Russia. Included are detailed photographs showing Russian workmen in action.

Among the firms represented are the D. & M. Machine Works, Doherty-Derrick Drill Corporation, Emisco Derrick and Equipment Co., International Stacey Corporation, Axelson Manufacturing Company, Ltd., Blackwell & Sande, Union Oil Company, all located or having branches in Torrance.

The exposition closes Sunday night, March 27.

## LAST CHANCE

Mrs. Laura Anderson, local registrar of voters, will be at her post in the lobby of the Masonic Temple building tonight until 9 o'clock to receive registrations. Those who have not yet signed the book may see her there, or find her at her home, 1546 Engracia, after 9 o'clock.

Registrations close at midnight. Those who have not registered must do so today in order to vote in the May primaries.

If a voter has moved since registering, he must register again.

Mrs. Edna K. Lynne, registrar in Lomita, will be found at the post office lobby in Lomita from 7 to 9 o'clock.

## HOPE REVIVED FOR AN EARLY APPROPRIATION

New Bill in Congress Would Provide Means for Federal Buildings

Torrance may yet secure an early appropriation of funds for the construction of the proposed new postoffice building in this city, should the bill be introduced in Congress within a few days be adopted.

The bill is sponsored by Senator Wagner of New York and will be a sister measure to that offered a week ago by the senator providing for a bond issue of \$1,100,000,000 to provide the money for the building of all new federal structures for which the treasury has made allocations.

Recently appropriations for new federal buildings not actually in process of construction were stricken out of the budget, since no money was in sight for the purpose. Senator Wagner's bill would provide the means, and place in circulation a vast amount in payments for material and labor, the benefits of which would be felt all over the country.

Projects in California for which the treasury has made allocation, and for which specific appropriation will be made in the Wagner bill should it pass, include buildings in 84 cities, Torrance being on the list to receive an appropriation of \$84,000. Other local projects include Redondo Beach, Wilmington, Compton, Inglewood and South Gate.

## KLUSMAN ACCEPTS

Torrance, Cal.  
3-23-32.

Mr. Rippy  
Dear Sir

Referring to our conversation of March 19th regarding to the debate of the charter:

As I have to speak at three more public meetings this week and also next week, it will be impossible for me to debate on the charter in this time.

I believe that you will agree with me that between April the 4th and April the 9th will be the appropriate time anyway. In the meantime the High School Auditorium can be secured and all other arrangements can also be made between you and myself regarding this, the important Public Question, the Charter.

Yours very truly,  
W. T. KLUSMAN.