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FIRST CREW STARTS WORK ON SEPULVEDA

Grading On New Highway Through Torrance Provides Employment For Local Men

Twenty-four Torrance men started work Wednesday on the construction of the Sepulveda boulevard link through Torrance. Work started at the Redondo Beach line and will proceed in the direction eastward through this city. Grading and filling in preparation for the laying of the pavement is being done at present, and this portion of the construction is expected to last for several months.

Of the crew selected to begin work twelve men were picked who are residents of Torrance and the other twelve from the county district immediately adjacent.

Crews will be changed at the end of twelve days when a new list will be called for work. Under an agreement with the county which has jurisdiction of construction of Sepulveda boulevard, only Torrance residents will be called to work, so far as their services can be utilized. Registration for this employment must be made at the office of the city engineer in Torrance. The engineer forwards this information to the office of the bureau of unemployment stabilization in Los Angeles which department makes up the list of men who are to be given work. The men whose names are on this list are called to work in turn. Each group as called is entitled to twelve days of employment. No men are hired at the job, but only through the bureau of stabilization. Improvement of this link in the highway which connects the San Fernando valley with the Los Angeles harbor was advanced by the recent appropriation of \$34,000 by the board of supervisors. It is to be completed as a cash job through Torrance under an arrangement whereby the county takes jurisdiction for the work, the property owners along the right-of-way having delivered deeds for the land necessary to the opening and widening of the street. Portions of the proposed highway have already

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Los Angeles Men Purchase Cravens Apartments Here

Sale of Two-Story Brick Building in Down Town District Concluded

A sale of considerable magnitude financially was closed recently in the transfer of ownership of the Cravens Apartments at 1410 Cravens avenue. Parties to the transaction were J. C. Smith, under whose ownership and general management the building has reposed for the several years since it was built and the First Realty Corporation of Los Angeles, Carl F. Murrell, president, which corporation is the purchaser. Possession will be given May 1.

It is understood that the new owners will furnish the place completely and put it in first class condition. The First Realty Corporation is also the owner of the property at 1006 Sartori avenue, formerly known as the Reams apartments.

Ruling Upholds Ten Cent Tax

Chamber Directors May Resign and Leave Matter Up to Council

The ten cent promotion tax remains as is. This decision was given yesterday by Deputy County Council Jack H. O'Connor when his opinion was asked of the result of voters giving both ordinance 230 and 231 negative majorities at Monday's election. O'Connor holds that each proposition constitutes separate measures, and neither the ordinance repealing the tax nor the one amending it carried, the original ordinance 139 remains in effect, and the ten cent tax must be levied.

Board May Resign
A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce directors has been called for this afternoon by President DeKalb Spurlin to discuss the matter. Many directors feel that it was the intent of the majority of voters to wipe out the tax and the advisability of all chamber directors resigning and leaving the matter up to the new council has been freely discussed.

HEAVY FINE IS ASSESSED TO JAP GARDENER

Y. Miyawaki Found Guilty In Hearing In Justice Court On Spinach Case

Closing the "poison spinach" case, which was heard in the local justice court on Friday, April 8, Y. Miyawaki, Japanese truck gardener, who lives near this city, was given a fine of \$100 and 60 days in the county jail, as a result of his prosecution by Jonathan Kirkpatrick, chief food investigator of the county health department. Miyawaki paid the fine, and the jail sentence was suspended.

Although the defendant resides outside of the city limits of Torrance, and the case properly should have come before a Los Angeles court, Miyawaki waived jurisdiction on being informed of his right to transfer the case to another court, and the hearing proceeded.

Miyawaki conducted his own defense, his only aid being an official interpreter provided by the court.

Numerous witnesses were introduced by both sides, the prosecution seeking to establish the presence of poisonous or injurious substances in the product offered for sale, and to trace the product through the successive handlers to the grower. When several persons residing in the Beverly Hills and North Hollywood district had been made ill, after eating spinach purchased from a market on La Brea, Henry S. Marks, owner of the market, related on the stand that he had taken the matter up with the health department. Investigators sent out by the department traced the spinach from the market through the jobber and hauler to Miyawaki's ranch, where their testimony alleged that a quantity of the poisonous material and empty containers were found.

While the practice of spraying growing vegetables with a poisonous substance is general in order to control insect pests, ordinarily no danger to the public which consumes the article is thereby created, as the substances used are of a volatile nature and when the spray is used according to the

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THE VICTOR'S CROWN



—Photo by Lemney Studio, Torrance.
COUNCILMAN-ELECT WILLIAM T. KLUSMAN

"Where did you get that hat, Bill?" the Herald reporter asked the newly elected councilman.

"I won it years ago when I bet a friend of mine that Lewis B. Woolwine would not be elected governor of California, and when my friend presented me with the hat he insisted that I promise to wear it whenever I won an election," explained Mr. Klusman.

And true to his promise, Bill donned the silk topper Monday night and wore it again Tuesday as he went about greeting his friends.

In an impromptu speech to the crowd gathered at the Chamber of Commerce office election night, Mr. Klusman promised to "bury the hatchet" and asked the cooperation of all Torrance people in making the coming administration a success. He stated that he considered his election a vindication of all the charges that had been made against him during the past twelve years of political strife.

Police Pick Up Nude Man In Palos Verdes

Oregonian Gives 2 Strangers a Ride; Beaten, Robbed, Left Stark Naked

Stripped to his socks and shoes, robbed of money and his car, Lloyd Peterson, who stated that he had come to California from Ontario, Oregon, recently, was picked up in the Palos Verdes hills south of Lomita Wednesday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock and taken to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital where he is recovering from his experiences.

Peterson arrived at the hospital in a dazed condition from a blow on the head but recovered in a short time sufficiently to be able to tell his story. He stated that he had picked up in Long Beach two young men about 23 years of age who appeared to be workmen as they were wearing khaki work clothes. Peterson was returning to Redondo Beach where he claims to have friends, and as the men stated they were going in the same direction he took them in. When the party reached the dirt road leading over the Palos Verdes hills just west of the viaduct on Anaheim for some reason not stated Peterson and his passengers turned off instead of following the pavement through South Lomita.

On the way over the hills, Peterson stated that one of the men drew a gun and forced him to drink some liquor and at some point between Anaheim boulevard and the foot of Narbonne avenue strangers then apparently stripped him of all his possessions down to his footgear and fled with his car, a blue Nash sedan with a trailer.

Peterson was forced to walk naked through the hills and finally attracted the notice of County Officer Walters as he was signaling a passing car in an effort to obtain assistance. Walters took him in charge and called the constable's office in Lomita to send a car to pick him up. Constable William Neff responded and the man was taken to the local hospital as he was apparently in need of medical aid.

County police are investigating the matter.

LUDLOW, KLUSMAN CONNER, WRIGHT ELECTED TO COUNCIL

Administration Loses Every Incumbent Councilman Who Was Up For Election

CHARTER DEFEATED BY TWO TO ONE VOTE

Chamber of Commerce Entire Ten-Cent Promotion Tax Is Retained Due to Confusion

Victory came to W. T. "Bill" Klusman at Monday's election after a twelve-year battle, when the veteran politician won a seat on the Torrance City Council and carried with him all but one of the other candidates whom he had endorsed. Others elected for the long term were: Scott Ludlow and C. Earl Conner. Joseph M. Wright was elected for the two-year councilmanic term. Ludlow led the list of eleven candidates with 1419 votes. Klusman ran a close second with 1327, and Conner nosed out Mayor John Dennis for third place with a vote of 863 to Dennis' 788.

The election was an overwhelming victory for the Klusman forces and a similarly decisive defeat for the present administration. Every incumbent councilman who was up for election was defeated. Perhaps the biggest surprise of the election was the victory of Wright over Carleton B. Bell, incumbent. Wright, who was on the Klusman ticket, polled 944 votes to Bell's 653. Wright came into prominence a few months ago when he circulated a petition to repeal the ten-cent promotion tax by which the Chamber of Commerce is financed.

Matthew F. Cameron, who conducted a vigorous campaign, ran sixth in the list of eight candidates for the long councilmanic term.

The proposed city charter was defeated by over a two to one vote. The charter received only 572 "Yes" votes, and 1346 "No" votes.

The ten-cent promotion tax was retained, both repeal ordinance 230 and the five-cent amendment ordinance 231 receiving negative majorities.

Councilman-elect Klusman has arranged to meet with the new council members and Chamber of Commerce directors this afternoon to discuss future plan for the operation of the chamber.

The newly elected councilmen will be sworn in next Monday evening and the new council will hold its first meeting Tuesday night. No decision has been reached as to who will be chosen mayor.

The election was the most spirited since Torrance was incorporated in 1921, but while the efforts of the various factions seeking election was very intense, the entire campaign was kept unusually clean and free of the "mud-slinging" common to municipal elections.

A precinct tally of votes is printed on page one.

HOW THEY VOTED: Precinct Tally of Torrance Municipal Election, April 11, 1932

Candidate	PRECINCT 1 McDonald Tract		PRECINCT 2 1403 Acacia		PRECINCT 3 716 Border		PRECINCT 4 1350 Engracia		PRECINCT 5 1533 Marcelina		PRECINCT 6 911 Amapola		PRECINCT 7 1328 Amapola		PRECINCT 8 1734 Arlington		PRECINCT 9 1904 Andreo		PRECINCT 10 719 Narbonne		PRECINCT 11 2009 Arlington		PRECINCT 12 Walteria		TOTAL	
	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO		
LONG TERM	186	Registered	323	Registered	300	Registered	256	Registered	275	Registered	313	Registered	276	Registered	270	Registered	295	Registered	239	Registered	250	Registered	292	Registered	3275	Registered
CAMERON	11		77		29		49		65		50		54		26		42		35		38		35		511	
CONNER ELECTED	36		84		62		59		98		84		110		80		64		44		53		89		863	
DENNIS	26		77		56		64		93		65		82		71		60		43		55		96		788	
KLUSMAN ELECTED	91		118		121		104		98		139		153		125		128		78		118		54		1327	
LUDLOW ELECTED	69		137		107		137		139		158		153		149		134		79		104		51		1419	
MORRIS	8		10		23		26		14		18		31		30		35		9		20		15		239	
SMITH	16		32		37		38		51		24		29		38		23		9		24		49		370	
WILKES	71		62		75		53		53		97		63		60		17		40		57		28		725	
SHORT TERM																										
BELL	25		77		49		58		79		57		71		62		42		28		46		59		653	
ROELOFS	4		32		18		32		37		31		76		30		38		15		26		12		351	
WRIGHT ELECTED	68		78		82		80		78		116		73		83		97		67		78		44		944	
CITY CHARTER	22	77	66	119	37	113	45	115	90	98	51	151	55	142	42	137	43	122	25	82	30	132	66	58	572	1346
PROMOTION TAX REPEAL	60	57	77	122	85	69	71	105	94	107	115	100	112	105	98	100	85	100	61	66	76	82	62	80	996	1093
PROMOTION TAX 5c AMENDMENT	48	66	115	85	69	86	82	97	119	82	99	122	112	111	86	115	97	91	52	74	84	80	93	57	1056	1066