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## BIDS OPENED SAN JACINTO TUNNEL

Los Angeles Firm Is Low Bidder In First Aqueduct Project

The Metropolitan Engineering Corporation of Los Angeles was the low bidder on the construction of the 13-mile tunnel through the San Jacinto mountains, when bids on this portion of the construction of the Metropolitan Water District aqueduct were opened Tuesday. Their bid was \$7,333,315. This is more than ten per cent below the estimated cost of the project.

The building of the tunnel involves the furnishing of approximately \$700,000 worth of cement and steel, so that the total cost will be about \$8,000,000. Six years will be required to complete the job.

Frank E. Weymouth and his staff will immediately check the bids, and make recommendations to the directors as to acceptance of one or rejection of all.

Actual commencement of construction of the Colorado river aqueduct moved materially closer with the official call of the directors of the Metropolitan Water District for bids on the first block of aqueduct bonds to be offered for sale. Bids will be received and an award made on December 12.

Bids are asked on a \$2,016,000 block of bonds, the sale of which will provide sufficient funds for the financing of the first 60 days of construction, according to district officials.

It was pointed out that the district is assured of a bid from the Federal Reconstruction Finance Corporation on the securities now being advertised. The corporation pledged itself, several weeks ago, to bid on aqueduct bonds up to the amount of \$4,000,000.

Under terms of the resolution passed by district directors in calling for bids, the bonds will be advertised for a period of at least ten days prior to December 12, the date set for the opening of bids. It is estimated that funds can be secured shortly after the middle of December.

Money thus made available by the sale of bonds will be used, district officials indicated, to put under way the construction of a field headquarters building at Banning, and a temporary power transmission line, which is to run from Colton along the aqueduct route. Contracts of these jobs have already been awarded.

Another step which is to be financed by the pending sale will be the launching of construction of the 13-mile San Jacinto tunnel, most important unit of the entire aqueduct.

### New Rector Begins Work at Episcopal Church Next Sunday

On Sunday, December 4, the Rev. F. Murray Clayton of Wilmington, will begin his work in Torrance as vicar of Christ Episcopal church. Holy communion will be celebrated and the new vicar will preach. At this time a corporate communion of the men and boy communicants will be held in honor of St. Andrew, whose feast is held on November 30. It is hoped that all male communicants of the church will attend this service which is at 9:00 a. m.

### Lobster Fisher Is Given Two Fines

Lars Holdén, San Pedro, arraigned on charges of having unauthorized lobsters in his possession, and of fishing without a commercial license, was fined \$20 or 10 days on the first count of which \$15 or 5 days was suspended, and \$10 or 5 days on the second which was suspended provided Holdén appear in court and show a commercial license before he does any more fishing.

## Men Put to Work Cleaning Tract Bought For Park

Start This Week to Get New Playground Ready For Use

No time was lost following the decision of the city council to acquire a small tract of land on Arlington avenue for park purposes in setting to work to make improvements.

This week a crew of men cleared the tract of weeds, trash, trimmed up the trees, while City Engineer Frank Leonard and his assistant, Herbert J. Summers, ran survey lines in preparation for leveling off the tract and laying out the ball ground and tennis courts.

The equipment will be moved from the former location at Border and Carson street, to light up the new diamond and the bleachers will be set up around it as soon as the grounds are laid out.

A street crew was also at work repairing the pavement in front of the tract this week.

## Bus Company to Abandon Service In Harbor City

Motor Coach Asks Permit to Leave Inland Town Off Route

The Motor Coach Company of Long Beach, has applied to the railroad commission for permission to discontinue service over the following routes:

From the intersection of Anaheim and Wilmington boulevards north of Wilmington boulevard to Lomita boulevard (formerly West street), thence via Lomita boulevard to Narbonne avenue in Lomita, a distance of four miles;

From the intersection of Lomita and Redondo-Wilmington boulevards, a short street also known as Redondo-Wilmington road, thence via Redondo-Wilmington boulevard to Walnut street, thence via Walnut street to Redondo-Wilmington boulevard, thence via Redondo-Wilmington boulevard to its intersection with 258th street, a continuation of Anaheim boulevard, at Reed street in Lomita;

From the intersection of Redondo-Wilmington boulevard and Narbonne avenue in Lomita, thence via Redondo-Wilmington boulevard, Redondo-Wilmington road, Redondo boulevard, Hawthorne boulevard, and Walnut boulevard in Welteria to Avenue I in Redondo Beach, thence via Avenue I to Esplanade, thence via Esplanade to Catalina street, thence via Catalina street to its intersection with Pacific avenue and Torrance boulevard, (formerly known as Opal street), a distance of four and nine-tenths miles;

From the intersection of Water street and Pier street (also known as Pier A street), thence via Pier street to the Los Angeles Steamship Company's docks, a distance of approximately 1.7 miles.

## Torrance City Is Still Fifth In Area

Although the area of Los Angeles city today has passed 500 square miles by its most recent annexation, that of Lakeside Park, Torrance still is the fifth largest in the county, according to a table of comparative areas of cities prepared by the county regional planning commission.

Los Angeles city's area, with the recent 85-acre annexation in San Fernando valley and which was approved by an ordinance adopted this week, today stands at 535.51 square miles.

Area of Gardena is given as 2.59 square miles, Redondo Beach 5.76 square miles, Manhattan Beach 3.81 square miles and Hawthorne 1.35 square miles.

## Cheaper Contract For Health Service

A new agreement between the city of Gardena and the county health department, providing for a health service for the ensuing year was approved this week by the board of supervisors.

The new contract, according to health department officials, provides for a service that will cost the city \$500 less this year than last.

## LOCAL BANKS MAIL \$15,000 XMAS SAVINGS

Christmas Club Checks Being Sent Today Will Stimulate Holiday Gift Buying

Approximately \$15,000 is being mailed today in Torrance to members of Christmas savings clubs by the First National Bank and the Torrance branch of the Bank of America, according to reports from the two banking institutions.

This flow of cash, representing savings deposited from December 1, last year, will undoubtedly stimulate Yuletide buying to a great extent in the Torrance trading area. Month by month, members of the Christmas savings clubs have been depositing small sums for the express purpose of obtaining it back, with interest, at a time when the family pocketbook yawns to the limit to meet holiday expenses.

True, a considerable amount of this \$15,000 will be used for the payment of taxes, but a greater proportion, it is believed, will go toward gift buying and general Yuletide cheer. Banking executives assert that despite economic conditions, depositors in Christmas savings clubs have kept up their payments much better than in previous years. As a result, a much larger percentage of depositors will receive substantial checks and have ready money available for gift buying.

Already the Yuletide spirit prevails throughout the downtown district, where many merchants have dressed up their stores and windows with Christmas trimmings. Holiday stocks in local stores are also on display, and merchants point out that early shoppers will benefit by wider selections and current low prices.

Both local banks have already opened their Christmas club accounts for 1933 and report a considerable number of people already enrolled for next year.

## Gas Company Asks Injunction Against Ordered Reduction

The anticipated five per cent reduction in gas rates for patrons of the Southern California Gas Company, ordered by the state railroad commission to begin December 1, will be delayed, as the result of an injunction sought by the gas company to prevent the order being carried out.

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## Committees Meet to Draft Legislation

Legislative and executive committees of the County Supervisors Association of California are to meet in Los Angeles on December 9 to prepare legislation to be sponsored at the forthcoming session of the state legislature. Chairman Henry W. Wright of the county board of supervisors, issued the call for the meeting.

Suggestions for changing the system of taxation, and a "new deal" in the allocation of the state gasoline tax and vehicle license monies are two of the matters to be discussed. The meeting is to be attended by representatives of 58 counties.

## Mrs. Fess Learns of Uncle's Death

News has been received by Mrs. J. H. Fess of the death of her uncle, Burr McClelland, of San Bernardino. Services were held at El Monte. Mrs. A. E. Shug, his sister, and a number of nieces and nephews are the survivors. Mr. McClelland has been a frequent guest at the Fess home on Arlington avenue.

## YOUNGEST PRESIDENT



Kiwanis President, "Dick" Bishop

"The youngest president in Kiwanis International,"—this is the proud boast of the Torrance Kiwanis Club following the election this week of Dr. R. F. Bishop to head the club's activities for the coming year. President "Dick" as he will be known to his fellow Kiwanians, will be 27 years old next month, and his elevation to the presidency of the Torrance Kiwanis Club marks another epoch in the young dentist's rapid rise to success.

Dr. Bishop graduated from the College of Dentistry, University of Southern California, in 1927, coming directly to Torrance where he opened his present dental office on Cabrillo avenue. He has enjoyed an exceptionally successful practice in the past five years, and is recognized as one of the most successful dental physicians of his class at U. S. C. Dr. Bishop is a native of Colorado but has lived in California from Montana ten years ago.

Commenting on his plans for the Torrance Kiwanis Club, President Bishop stated that he would emphasize the friendship phase of the organization. He also stated that he would endeavor to have the local club take a more active interest in the high school Key Club and Boy Scouting. President Bishop plans to meet with the newly elected board of directors this week to select a secretary and appoint committee chairman.

## Motorists May Apply Today For License Plates

Applications Will Not Be Filled Until After Holidays

SACRAMENTO.—Applications for 1933 license plates will be accepted on and after December 1st by the department of motor vehicles if sent by mail.

This announcement was made today by Registrar Russell Bevans. Bevans said that although such applications would not be filled until after the holidays, the department is anxious to get in as many early applications as possible in order to avoid congestion and give better service to the public.

Bevans pointed out that it is extremely advantageous for the motorist to use this means of getting his plates inasmuch as it will relieve him of making a special trip to some branch office for them.

To make application by mail it is only necessary that the motorist send the amount of his fee and his white certificate of registration direct to the Department of Motor Vehicles, Division of Registration, Sacramento, California.

To those who contemplate using this method to obtain plates Bevans gave the following instructions:

1. Do not send currency. Send money orders, bank drafts or certified checks. The fee is the same as last year.
2. If you have moved since the last issuance of plates, cross out the old address on your certificate of registration and write or print your new address above the old.
3. If you have completed payments on your car during the year, send both your white and pink certificates and an additional \$1 as your transfer fee.

## Bishop Named President of Kiwanis Club

New Group of Officers Will Be Seated On January 2

Dr. R. F. Bishop was chosen to lead the Kiwanis Club as its president during the ensuing year, when the club elected new officers at its regular meeting held Monday, November 28.

Bishop succeeds Henry F. (Hank) Ulbricht, who piloted the organization successfully through a bad year of tight money, no business and a hectic presidential campaign.

With Dr. Bishop on the new line-up of officials will be R. J. Deininger, vice president; C. T. Rippy, treasurer; H. F. Ulbricht, past president; L. Turner, Robert Lowellen, Floyd Jones, Alden Smith, W. E. Shawger, Howard Locke and L. Gilmeister, members of the board of directors. Gilmeister's new clubmates are congratulating him on his speedy elevation to office, as he had been a member of the Kiwanis for only a few days when he was chosen to be a director.

A new secretary to succeed J. W. Leech, who is retiring from office, will be named at the first meeting of the new officers.

Installation of the new officers will be held on January 2, when an appropriate ceremony will be carried out.

## Clean-up Work In Progress At Nigger Slough

Supervisors Set Aside Cash For Water Conservation Project

Allocation of \$1470 to pay for salaries and incidental expense in cleaning up Nigger Slough, which some day will be an indispensable part of the county's water conservation system, was made this week by the board of supervisors.

A number of residents of Watts, all of whom are on the county charity rolls, are being employed in the work of "cleaning up" the slough. In addition four men are being employed to supervise the laborers.

According to E. C. Eaton, chief county flood control district engineer, the work will require 40 days. The supervisors' allocation provides \$150 for supplies for chemical analysis and \$260 for mileage for the four foremen, with \$960 for their salaries at \$40 a week.

Elimination of noxious odors is the purpose of the clean-up. The slough also is the breeding place of millions of mosquitos.

In the ultimate plan for the development of Nigger Slough, a large reservoir would be established just south of the Dominguez Hills, and a channel angling north-easterly to Inglewood would feed the reservoir water into a series of large shafts sunk to a depth of 80 or 100 feet. This would permit flood waters, which would fill reservoirs, to penetrate subterranean reservoirs and keep salt water from encroaching further inland in these underground reservoirs, engineers claim.

## High School Boy Struck By Auto

Robert Vaughan, Lomita, Narbonne high school student, was knocked down by an automobile as he was leaving the school grounds Monday afternoon, to go to his home across the street, and was slightly injured. The boy was taken to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital at Torrance where he was treated for friction burns on his legs.

## Harbor District C. of C. to Meet

The Harbor District Chambers of Commerce will meet on December 1 at the Florence Women's Club, 1315 E. 71st street, Los Angeles. Dr. Frederick P. Woelner, associate professor of education, U. C. L. A., will speak on "Human Engineering."

## TO TURN ON MORE LIGHTS IN BUSINESS DISTRICT TONIGHT

Many Lamps In Residence Area to Remain Dark, Despite Additional Cost of Only 1/2 Cents Per Home Owner

Things will be looking brighter tonight or tomorrow night in the downtown retail district in Torrance, as the result of a decision of city officials to turn on about 59 additional units in the ornamental street lighting standards in the business district. A few additional lights in the residential district will also be illuminated beginning December 1, according to city hall officials.

Alley lights throughout the city, however, will remain dark, as well as a number of lamps in the double standards.

The increased lighting in the business district is the result of a petition signed by practically every merchant in the city which was filed with the city council following an editorial appeal by the Torrance Herald. The merchants' petition, as well as the Herald's editorial, asked for full illumination of all ornamental street lights throughout the city, but only the additional lights in the business district were authorized by the street committee.

A study of the city's electrical bill reveals that out of the total account of \$1066 in October, ONLY \$274.26 WAS CHARGED FOR CURRENT USED IN THE ORNAMENTAL STREET LIGHTS. The balance of the bill was for overhead lights in the outlying districts and other miscellaneous electrical items. The ornamental lighting bill for September was ONLY \$233.73 out of a total of \$1160 paid the Edison Company.

Cost 1/2c Month  
When asked by the Herald, what the additional charge would be if all the ornamental lights throughout the city were re-connected, City Engineer Frank Leonard said it would cost "about \$20 a month more." Interpreted in terms of the average taxpayer owning a house and lot in Torrance, the increased cost for turning on all street lights would be about 1/2 cent per month per home owner.

Outlying Lights Costly  
Contrary to the common opinion, the electrical current cost of ornamental street lights does NOT constitute the major portion of the city's electrical bill. By far the largest item in last month's account of \$1066, was the cost of overhead lights in the outlying areas, which was approximately \$700, or over 2 1/2 times as much as the cost of maintaining the ornamental lights, which was only \$274.26. Even if all lights in the ornamental standards were turned on, the cost would be only approximately half that of overhead lighting in the outlying districts.

## School Teachers Give to Local Relief Society

Torrance Elementary Divides Contribution With Home Aid Group  
Donors of money, groceries and time toward the distribution of Thanksgiving baskets have the grateful thanks of the Torrance Relief Society, which was responsible for the packing and distributing of the supplies to needy families in Torrance.

The Co-operative Relief Association gave the vegetables and fruits and also furnished men and trucks to handle the distribution. The Sunshine Club, the operators at the local telephone office, a member of the high school faculty and the Girls' League at the high school gave money and supplies, and a \$5 order for food was also received. Cash donations from all sources, amounted to \$68.50, of which \$50 was given by the teachers of the Torrance elementary school.

The teachers' gift was accompanied by the following explanatory note: "Each year when the faculty of the Torrance elementary school is called upon to contribute to the Los Angeles community chest, they show a desire to give a part of their contribution to welfare work to the Torrance Relief Association. The teachers have always met instant response when they have requested relief for any of the boys and girls in their charge, so they desire to show their appreciation by giving locally."

## Two Liquor Cases Set For December

Maude Edwards, 1347 223rd street, arrested by the sheriff's dry squad November 23 on charges of possession and sale of liquor, plead not guilty when arraigned before Judge John Dennis, and was released on her own recognizance to appear for trial on December 17.

Harry G. Johnson, 1769 Oak street, Lomita, arrested on similar charges, plead not guilty on November 26, and will appear for court trial on December 27. He was released on \$500 surety bond.

Both cases are brought under the Wright act, which remains in effect until declared repealed after the official canvass of voters of the November 8 election is completed and the result declared.

## EARTHQUAKE

A slight earthquake shock was felt by Torrance residents at 3:30 o'clock Monday afternoon.