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FEDERAL FUNDS TO PROVIDE WORK FOR HUNDREDS OF MEN

Torrance Receives \$2400 Appropriation; Expects to Obtain \$18,240 Addition For February

R. F. C. LOANS TO INCREASE MONTHLY

Money Not to Be Paid Back Through Taxes, But By Government Withholding Aid In Future Years

The generous purse of Uncle Sam opened up this week to provide paid employment for many Torrance workmen who are sorely in need of funds with which to support their families. Twenty-four hundred dollars has already been furnished and it is expected that another \$18,240 will be forthcoming this month. Funds are coming from the loan the county obtained from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation recently.

The \$2400 already received was petitioned for at a special meeting of the Torrance city council called last week by Mayor Klusman. The council was again called together this week Tuesday afternoon by Mayor Klusman, and an additional \$18,240 was asked.

Following receipt of the first \$2400, twenty men were put to work Wednesday morning grading streets around the new municipal park. Eldorado and Fern avenues, leading to the new Fern avenue school, are also to be graded under the first \$2400 appropriation.

The additional request for \$18,240 is divided into two parts—one of \$4800 for 1500 man days' work to be expended on park and parking development and maintenance. Under this appropriation it is planned to grade and beautify the railroad right-of-way on Torrance boulevard, as far west as Date street. City Engineer Leonard was requested to communicate with the Pacific Electric Railway Company to secure its consent to this work.

A second request for \$13,440, or 4200 man days' work, is to be used in grading Hickory and Greenwood streets for the two blocks between Sonoma and Torrance boulevards; to grade six blocks of Eldorado street between the Fern avenue school and Maple street; and to grade Madrona avenue between Torrance boulevard and the Dominguez Water Company reservoir. Further improvement of Sepulveda boulevard is also listed among the projects.

All work will be done under the supervision of Torrance officials and the city agrees to furnish necessary equipment.

City Engineer Leonard explained that the federal funds were being expended on grading, because the city had no available funds with which to buy materials. However, plans are under way for securing sufficient municipal funds to purchase materials for the widening of Torrance boulevard three feet on each roadway.

A third request for \$2400 with which to purchase materials was also authorized at this week's special meeting of the council, which, if granted, will enable the city to carry on additional improvements.

Federal Loan
The money made available for giving work to local unemployed is provided out of a \$1,770,000 loan secured for the state by Harvey C. Fremming, county stabilization director, from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. For Los Angeles county, there is \$300,000 available for February. The money is in the federal reserve bank at San Francisco. In March, probably \$2,000,000 will be available to the county, and the funds will be increased until June, Fremming advises.

"These R. F. C. loans are not paid back through taxes," Fremming said. "Instead, the government withholds a portion of the federal aid money allotted California, commencing in 1935, 35 per cent a year, and pays it back in that way. This is an ideal way to complete worthwhile projects, benefit the unemployed, put money into circulation and improve the general situation."

Other Cities
Other cities and the allotments either granted or expected to be granted for February are as follows: Long Beach, \$175,000; Redondo Beach, \$28,800; Hermosa Beach, \$30,000; Manhattan Beach, \$28,000; and Gardena, \$17,000.

MRS. ALLEN PAULL ILL AT HOSPITAL
Mrs. Allen Paull, 936 Esplanade, Redondo Beach, well known in Torrance, is at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital where she underwent an operation on Wednesday, February 8. Her condition is reported satisfactory.

THAT'S SOME GUARANTEE!
A ten-year guarantee against further "leaks" at the city hall was given the city dads this week for \$95, which in these days of political turbulence seems pretty cheap. We imagine certain Los Angeles office-holders would pay much more for such assurance. But the joker lies in the fact that W. L. Reeve's guarantee covers only rain drops and not eavesdropping. Anyway, Reeve got the job of repairing the roof on the city hall and jail, and he guaranteed the work for ten years.

Local Dealers To Display New Ford V-8 Sat.

New Product Predicted to Cause Real Sensation; Details Withheld

A big surprise is promised visitors at the salesrooms of Schultz & Peckham, local Ford dealers, 1514 Cabrillo avenue, Saturday, when the new Ford V-8 will be on display for the first time. Details of the new car have been carefully withheld, but sufficient information has leaked out to cause considerable gossip among motor-car enthusiasts. It is freely predicted among "those supposed to be in the know" that the new Ford V-8 will cause a real sensation. But there is little definite dope available at this time, except that the new car will be on display in Torrance at Schultz & Peckham's salesrooms beginning Saturday this week. The public is cordially invited to come and inspect the latest creation of the Ford Motor Company.

Elena Avenue To Be Improved As State Highway

Bids for the completion of Elena street in Redondo Beach as a continuation of the Roosevelt state highway, may be asked soon, according to a recent announcement on the part of S. V. Cortelyou, district engineer of the state department of public works.

The Redondo Beach link would complete the highway through this district from the intersection of Sepulveda boulevard and Torrance boulevard in Redondo, passing over Elena street to "I" street where it joins the section which follows the Palos Verdes foothills road known as the Wilmington-Redondo boulevard through South Lomita, Harbor City and Wilmington to connect with State street in Long Beach.

Right-of-way for the Elena street project has been given by the city of Redondo Beach. The construction cost, estimated at \$68,000 and the engineering costs of \$11,000 are to be paid by the state and county, according to present plans.

The proposed construction of the Elena link will have no deterring effect on the completion of Sepulveda boulevard through Torrance, according to City Engineer Frank Leonard, who pointed out that when the deeds are secured for the right-of-way through this city, Sepulveda will be completed as a county and not a state job. The Elena avenue project is under the control of the state department.

Official Opening Ceremonies At New Health Center, February 24

According to Dr. H. C. Smitley, in charge of the Redondo-Torrance health center, the official opening ceremony when the handsome new building will be thrown open to the public will be held on Friday, February 24. Supervisor John R. Quinn, Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, head of the county health department, and many other county officials and representatives of the public health service from all parts of Los Angeles county, are expected to be present. Full arrangements for the program have not been completed but will be announced next week. The building will be open to the public all day, but the dedication ceremonies will be held in the afternoon, closing with a dinner to be served at the Woman's club house at 6:30 o'clock. The building has been in use by the health department and a branch of the county welfare department, which was moved here from Inglewood, for several weeks, but owing to the necessity for a few minor changes and the addition of equipment the public opening was delayed.

Torrance Theatre Management Is Taken Over By D. B. Van Derlip



DeWitt B. Van Derlip, who until recently owned and operated the Granada and Inglewood theatres in Inglewood, this week announced that he has purchased the lease and equipment of the Torrance Theatre from Kaplan Theatres, Inc. Mr. Van Derlip took over the active management of the local theatre last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Van Derlip plan to take an active interest in Torrance affairs and were busy this week making arrangements to move to this city to reside.

Contracts were signed this week with practically every important motion picture producer, assuring a high type of entertainment for local theatre patrons. Among the producing companies with whom contracts have been signed are: Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Paramount, Warner Brothers, First National, United Artists, and Universal. For the past ten years, Mr. Van Derlip has been in the theatre business in Inglewood, where he was regarded as one of the city's most progressive citizens. He was a member of the Inglewood Rotary Club, the Knights of Pythias and the Elks lodge. He has a life membership in the Southern California Athletic and Country Club. His high standing among his business associates in Southern California is attested by the fact that he is a past president of the Southern California division of the Motion Picture Owners of America.

TORRANCE C. OF C. DIRECTORS DISCUSS NEED OF TAX RELIEF

Conference On Vital Topic With Legislators of Harbor Area to Be Arranged; Federal Expenditures Must Be Lowered

At a meeting of the directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, held last Monday evening, the urgent need of stimulating public awareness of the real emergency confronting the taxpayers was the subject of considerable discussion. To more effectively express this need of tax relief the Torrance Chamber directors will urge a conference with the legislative representative of this area, therefore a meeting with Assemblyman John T. Rawls will be arranged in the near future, soon after which expressions of opposition to any adverse legislation will be submitted for consideration by our representatives during the March session of our state legislature.

Cognizance was taken of the United States Chamber's advocacy of a net reduction of \$800,000,000 in federal expenditures for 1934 as compared with 1933. The national chamber strongly emphasizes the importance of community action on this question, by a vigorous and determined showing of public interest in the soundness of approximating a balance of the federal budget, as a result of which the Torrance Chamber directorate at its recent meeting authorized the preparation of proper resolution, and submitted to our members of Congress, both of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Because of the need of the American manufacturer to compete with ridiculously low prices of foreign goods enabled by depreciated currency, which has permitted an increase of 55% in importation of Japanese canned tuna, and a consequent destruction of California tuna canning industry, as expressed in a letter from the California Fish Cannery Association, serious consideration of this problem was given by the board of the Torrance Chamber, whereupon was authorized the preparation of a resolution urging the adoption by our Congress of Representative Hill's bill recently introduced.

The appointment of President Bert W. Lanz, of the Columbia Steel Company, as a delegate from the Torrance Chamber to the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce, and Director Sherwood McIntyre, of the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company, as a member of the industrial committee of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce, were approved at the meeting held last Monday. Further steps in the industrial program recently adopted by the chamber were approved by the board's appointment of a committee of three, to undertake the compilation of detail covering the resources of Torrance industrially. It is planned to prepare a booklet containing interesting information on this community, to be sent to industries seeking new sites in their industrial expansion.

Mrs. Jessie Suttle Is New Manager of Veterans' Relief
Joe Sana was elected member of the executive board of the Veterans' Relief Association at a meeting held last Thursday night. His election fills the vacancy left by the resignation of H. W. Beach, former member of the board and manager of the association. At a meeting of the executive board held the following day, Mrs. Jessie Suttle, who has been acting manager for several weeks, was elected manager. C. E. McNow has been named as her assistant. The association is planning a series of weekly dances, the proceeds of which will go into its treasury. The first dance will be held February 22, on Washington's birthday. More than seven tons of potatoes and 500 pounds of pink beans were received at the warehouse this week, shipped here from the northern part of the state. Joe Sana has been made foreman of the warehouse, replacing A. J. Hopkins.

JIM KENNEDY RETURNS FOR 'NEW DEAL'

Long months ago before the Democratic landslide, Jim Kennedy painted a sign on his Modern Sign shop in Post avenue, that read, "Closed until we get a new President." And true to his promise, Kennedy came back this week, rubbed the sign off the window, and opened again for business. Jim's been laid up with yellow fever in Texas, but with the "New Deal" scheduled to begin on March 4, he is fast recovering. His son, Kenneth, and wife returned with the veteran sign man to make their home in Torrance.

Emergency Call to Legionnaires Will Be Sounded Friday

SAN FRANCISCO.—From all sections of the state, members of the American Legion have been called upon by Department Commander Warren H. Atherton to concentrate upon their individual posts on the evening of February 10. Orders will be radioed from San Francisco over the National Broadcasting network at 6:30 o'clock by Commander Atherton, who will summon the World War veterans to march singly or in groups to their meeting places, where they will be received by their respective commanders.

Torrance Boy Scouts Will Become Kings for A Day

Kings for a day, Saturday next, February 10, Torrance will do honor to 31 uncrowned youthful kings, when the members of the Boy Scout troops of the city take over the reins of government as a climax to the observance of national Boy Scout week, which began last Monday. Scouts are to be installed as heads of all the city departments, and as chiefs of many of the mercantile establishments about town. George Bradford, Eagle Scout, whose record for merit badges is surprisingly long and varied, will be mayor. His natty Scout uniform will NOT be topped off by Mayor W. T. Klusman's silk dicer but by the regulation service hat which George admits will be infinitely more comfortable.

Mayor Bradford's lieutenants will be Phil Jensen, Joe Gossiaux and Robert Steeth as councilmen; Alford Steeth as the legal advisor of City Attorney Harry Bell. Civic order will be maintained by Police Chief James Miller, aided by Policemen Joe Bay and Jack Peterson, disturbers of the peace will be frowned on by Police Judge Roland Brown.

Working Committee of Fifteen To Be Named On New Commission

With Torrance represented by Mayor W. T. Klusman, the board of supervisors' county-wide commission to study ways and means of effecting economy in city and county government, was formally launched, Wednesday, February 1, at the Hall of Records in Los Angeles. No radical changes affecting Torrance or any of the other 43 incorporated cities are planned. Incorporated Frank L. Shaw of the board assured the delegation of 75 city officials at the outset of the conference. "Simplification" of governmental functions is the basis of the supervisors' proposal, Shaw explained. The plan does not encompass a "consolidation," "secession," or a "separation" program, Shaw stated at the outset of the meeting.

Replying to Mayor Klusman's objections to so-called experts being placed on the commission, Chairman Shaw stated it was proposed to have a group of five governmental experts and economists from universities only in an advisory capacity. Chairman Shaw also assured Mayor Klusman that the proposal was not to create a separate county, in reply to Klusman's statement, "I have a horrible suspicion that the plan is to make a county out of Los Angeles city."

BROTHER DIES
News has been received by Mrs. Arthur Mullin of the death of her brother, William Fitzgerald at Sydney, Nova Scotia. Mr. Fitzgerald, who had been mayor of Torrance for many years, died from an attack of pneumonia.

ROBBERY OF SMITH JEWELRY MAY BE SOLVED BY ARREST

Two Men, Two Women, Taken in Custody Following Search of Premises Which Discloses Large Quantity of Goods

Five Killed As Car Hits Truck Carrying Steel

Five persons, four of them members of one family, were killed Sunday night in a tragic accident near Banning, when a car driven by Edward Downs, 204 East Livingston street, Banning, crashed into the rear of a trailer and truck loaded with steel. Downs, age 40, his wife, Thelma, their two children, Leslie, age 11, and Robert, age 7, and a passenger, Norman Reinhardt, are the dead. The truck was driven by Boyd Hudson, 1413 Madrid, a driver for the Tolson Transportation System, and was loaded with a consignment of steel from the Soule Steel Company. It was proceeding east through Banning, Highway patrolmen who investigated the accident were unable to determine the cause of the crash. The tail lights were said to have been burning. The truck was proceeding up a hill in second gear, going about six miles an hour, according to the driver's report. An inquest was held Tuesday at Banning to inquire into the matter. Their search disclosed a quantity of miscellaneous goods, among which was a radio identified by Gus Hayden, 2595 Pacific avenue, Long Beach, as his property, and a large number of dresses and women's wear, which were identified by Mrs. Irma Skofstad, 1521 Wilmington boulevard, Wilmington, as part of the stock which had been stolen from her store several weeks before. The officers then went to the home of Townsend at 943 Ocean avenue, where more dresses, pajamas, etc., were found, also claimed by Mrs. Skofstad as part of her stock. More than 100 dresses, besides numerous other articles of women's wear, were recovered, also a pair of wooden shoes taken from the Skofstad store, which had no value but which officers humorously declared must have been carried away as a souvenir. Other property brought to light at the South Main street address, includes guns and other articles, subsequently identified as part of the stock of the E. J. Amos Sporting Goods store at 450 W. 15th street, San Pedro, a quart of wrapped pennies and a number of jewelry boxes marked with the name and address of Baker Smith, Torrance jeweler, whose store was burglarized shortly before Christmas.

Ex-Service Men Invited to Hear Noted Speaker

A cordial invitation is extended by Bert S. Crossland Post American Legion to all ex-service men to attend the especially fine program which has been arranged for Monday evening, February 13. Homer Chailleaux, as guest speaker, will discuss many interesting phases of national economy. Dr. Sebastian of the Ambulance Corps will give a 30-minute demonstration work. Entertainment and refreshments will be provided.

Abby to Become Club

LONDON.—(U.P.)—Modern business knows no boundaries! Beckington Abby, near Freme, once the home of monks, is to be converted by a Dutch syndicate into a dance club and restaurant.

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