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## WOMEN TO GET WORK UNDER RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE

Unemployed Women in Torrance May Register At Office of City Engineer For Turns at Garment-making

Reconstruction Finance Corporation funds for the relief of unemployed women in Torrance are now available, according to a statement by City Engineer Frank R. Leonard, in whose department the registration of women will be handled, the same as has been that of unemployed men recently.

These funds are available through the bureau of employment stabilization for the employment of women to relieve distress. Under the terms of the proposition unemployed women in the city will be required to register at the city engineer's office, but no one is eligible to register if she is already getting welfare aid, or if any member of her family is already registered in the men's department of the stabilization bureau.

Single women who register will be entitled to receive five days in each month, at a wage of 40 cents an hour or \$3.20 for an eight-hour day. If a woman has dependents, she will be entitled to receive additional days up to five, making 10 days in all, according to the number of persons for whom she is the sole support.

In order to take advantage of this proposition, it becomes necessary for some individual or some organization to provide a room where the work, which is sewing, may be carried on, sewing machines and material for the work.

If the material is provided by local groups, the garments as completed are to be turned over to them for distribution among the needy of this city.

If it becomes necessary to apply to the Red Cross for material, the garments must be turned over to that organization when they will be distributed where needed, and it may be that Torrance under this arrangement would not receive as much direct benefit as if the material were furnished by home organizations.

According to Mr. Leonard, steps must be taken at once to provide the room, equipment and material, in order to get the work started within a brief time.

Women will be registered at the city hall, and work orders will be issued to them in regular order the same as is done in the case of the men who are now being employed under the same system. All interested parties, whether they register for work, or to offer their services in providing means for handling this employment should get in touch with the city engineer's office.

## Three Lomita Residents Are Taken By Death

Percy E. Fuller, age 60, 26039 Narbonne avenue, passed away Friday, April 14, and was buried today at Rosedale cemetery, Los Angeles. Funeral services were held at 3:30 this afternoon under the direction of Stone & Myers, Torrance morticians.

Mr. Fuller is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lillian Fuller; a daughter, Mrs. H. Langdon, of Lomita; and a brother, Charles E. Fuller, of Fullerton. The family had resided in Lomita for the past five years.

Oscar Wesala, age 47, a native of Finland, who had lived in Lomita for nine months, died at his home at 2040 Lomita boulevard, on Saturday, April 15. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Aino Wesala. Funeral services were held at Stone & Myers chapel in Torrance at 2 o'clock Wednesday, with interment at Roosevelt Memorial Park.

Mrs. Betty Locke, age 66, passed away at her home, 1949 267th street, Lomita, Monday, leaving her husband, George Locke; two sons, Francis Locke of Modesto, and Clarence C. Locke of Lomita, and a daughter, Mrs. Julia McEwen of Harbor City.

Mrs. Locke was a native of Tennessee and had resided in Lomita for several years. Funeral services were held at Stone & Myers chapel in Torrance at 3:30 Wednesday afternoon, with interment at Roosevelt Memorial Park.

Onions Bought Dance Tickets. Lodi, Cal. (U.P.)—"I'm dancing with tears in my eyes," was an appropriate song at a dance here. Admission was paid by foodstuffs and several persons brought onions.

## JAPANESE VISIT HARBOR SCHOOLS

Japanese sailors who entered the port of San Pedro yesterday morning with the Imperial training squadron under Vice Admiral Genzo Hyakutake spent the day visiting schools in San Pedro, Long Beach, Wilmington and other harbor district cities, where they were interested spectators of all the school and playground activities.

Although few of them were able to speak or understand English, they took copious notes on all they saw, with the intention of probably making use of what they learned here in their own land. The squadron, manned by 1544 officers, cadets and enlisted men, will lie at anchor here for five days, during which the Japanese will visit many points of interest in this section.

## County Dry Law Goes Off Books Next Thursday

Licenses to Sell in Unincorporated District Now Ready

Application blanks for licenses to sell 3.2 per cent beer and wines in Lomita, Harbor City and other unincorporated territory were available today at the office of the county tax collector in Los Angeles. The licenses may be secured in advance, although they will not become operative until April 27, when the county's "Little Volstead" law goes off the books.

Providing the necessary investigations can be made by the public welfare commission, several hundred licenses were expected to be reported on by midnight of April 26. This investigation is but one of the points in the county's regulatory ordinance, adopted by the board of supervisors on Monday, Supervisor Hugh A. Thatcher of the First district, the only supervisor to vote against repeal of the "Little Volstead" act, last March 27, voted for the licensing ordinance, explaining that now that the dry ordinance had been repealed, regulation was required.

Misstatements in the applications for licenses will be grounds for denial or revocation, according to the new county law. Violations are punishable by a maximum fine of \$500 or six months in jail.

Answering queries that have flooded the board of supervisors' offices, it was announced today that it will be perfectly legal on and after April 27 for residents of the unincorporated area to serve 3.2 per cent beer and wine in their homes. Los Angeles city, with the exception of a small downtown area, still has its Gantt ordinance, and certain other cities have not yet licensed 3.2 liquors.

## Athletic Club Fights Proposed Sewage Disposal

A protest by the Los Angeles Athletic Club against plans to provide an outlet for all harbor sewage by way of the south shore of Terminal Island yesterday was referred by the Harbor board to General Manager Wirsching.

The club holds a 30-year lease of an area for a yacht club on the south shore of the island. This lease was revoked several years ago by the harbor board on the ground that the club had failed to live up to its promises to build such a club. The athletic club obtained a decision in the appellate court restoring the lease.

The harbor board now has under consideration the request of the board of public works for a right-of-way for an outfall sewer at Terminal Island which would take care of Wilmington and San Pedro sewage now being emptied into the harbor.

Wirsching stated to the board that the water along the south shore of Terminal Island already is affected by raw sewage, which he asserted is being emptied by Long Beach into the ocean and which he said is carried to the Terminal Island shore by currents.

## Harbor District Committee To Review Study of Proposed Canal

Recent studies on the development of a waterway following Bixby and Nigger Slough, which would bring the Los Angeles harbor to within a short distance of Torrance, will be discussed at the meeting of the survey committee of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce, of which John F. Craig of the Craig Shipbuilding Company of Long Beach, is chairman, and Carl L. Hyde of Torrance, is secretary.

The meeting which is for members of the committee only will be held at Earl's Cafe, Friday, April 21, beginning at noon.

The committee will review the findings of their investigators and discuss the feasibility of the plan which has been under consideration by various groups for several years. William J. Fox, chief engineer of the regional planning commission, will be one of the speakers.

Major land interests which would be affected by the move, should the plan be brought to an active conclusion, are the Oakley Corporation, George A. Peck, Palos Verdes Estates, R. A. Rowan & Company, Burkhardt Investment Company, and many other owners whose holdings are comparatively small.

The proposed construction of a ship canal through Bixby and Nigger Sloughs from the end of the west basin in San Pedro has been one of the topics to command serious consideration by a number of groups. The Harbor District Chambers of Commerce took up the survey some time ago to determine whether the plan was workable and whether the benefits to be derived would warrant such a move.

## McQuaid Decries Loss to Workers By Steel Imports

Torrance Industrialist Lauded After Speech Before L. A. Purchasing Agents

At the luncheon session of the sixth annual industrial exposition of the Purchasing Agents Association, held at the Alexandria Hotel in Los Angeles, Wednesday, April 19, under the auspices of the domestic trade department of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, J. W. McQuaid, an official of the D & M Machine Works and director of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, was one of the principal speakers.

Mr. McQuaid's address, of timely and industrial importance, was an appeal to Southern California industrialists and purchasing agents to be ever alert to the continued unemployment distress because of the enormous importations of foreign-made products, especially steel. He emphasized the importation to Los Angeles harbor of over \$2,000,000 of foreign made steel, which would have involved the expenditure in Southern California of almost \$5,000,000 had this quantity of steel been manufactured in Los Angeles county.

Mr. McQuaid's remarks were of keen interest to the large number in attendance at the luncheon session, and numerous expressions of appreciation were extended to him after the meeting.

## Local Water Bonds May Be Sold to R.F.C.

Congress Clears Way For Financing Projects Such As Torrance System

WASHINGTON, April 20.—That Torrance will be able to sell its \$400,000 municipal water bond issue to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation seemed certain today as the House banking committee approved the Wagner-Lewis bill with its provisions for direct relief grants to the states. The Senate has passed the bill.

The bill removes the restriction that loans must be self-liquidating and would only require that they be "useful and in the public interest." Most certainly the construction of Torrance's new water system comes under that classification.

## HARBOR CITY POSTMASTER PASSES AWAY

George E. Preston Dies At Sierra Madre Last Night

George E. Preston, for 20 years a resident of Harbor City, and one of the most widely known citizens of the harbor district in which he had taken an active part in every civic movement affecting his territory, passed away last night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Rudolph Hartman, of Sierra Madre.

Mr. Preston had been in failing health for the past six weeks and with his wife, Mrs. Lena Preston, had gone to Sierra Madre to recuperate. News of his death caused profound regret and sorrow among his host of friends in the harbor district. He was 66 years of age, and leaves to mourn his passing, his widow, four daughters, Mrs. Rudolph Hartman, Mrs. Arthur Evans, both of Sierra Madre, Mrs. Avis Tarter, of San Francisco, Mrs. Margarette Pegler, of San Gabriel, and one son, Warren O. Preston, city councilman of Sierra Madre.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at Grant funeral home, Sierra Madre, with interment at Sierra Madre cemetery. Rev. Ben H. Lingenfelter, former pastor of the Christian church of Torrance, will conduct the services.

## 69 Tax Suits Are Filed In Justice Court

Owners of Personal Property Cited to Appear On May 4

Continuing a method of collecting delinquent personal property taxes unsecured by real estate which was inaugurated last December, Deputy Assessor George A. Shepard of the county assessor's office appeared in the Lomita justice court Wednesday and filed 69 cases in the small claims court against present or former residents of Lomita township, which includes Torrance, Lomita and the Palos Verdes hills.

The claims range in amounts from 50 cents to \$50, and are past due, some of them for as much as four years.

The defendants in the cases are cited to appear to answer on May 4. Court Clerk Mrs. Bertha Wilcox was busy yesterday afternoon entering the cases in the docket and mailing out notices to a number of the interested parties. Personal summons will be made on others and those in this list, who cannot be reached will be mailed a notice by registered mail in order to make the service a matter of record so that judgment may be entered against them in case of their non-appearance.

Since the practice of filing suit was begun in December on unsecured personal property has been collected, the deputy said.

## Tax Moratorium Applies To Only One Half of Sum New Date Set For Aqueduct Celebration

Planners for the huge Colorado river aqueduct progress celebration, to be held at Cabazon near the eastern end of the 13-mile San Jacinto tunnel, moved ahead today with new impetus, as Saturday, May 13, was definitely set as the date of the affair.

In outlining plans for the affair, Chairman John G. Bullock of the district's public relations committee called attention to the fact that the celebration will be held on the May 13 date rather than on April 29, the time tentatively set several weeks ago.

"It seemed advisable to make the change in date," Bullock said, "because towns from all parts of Southern California came forward with offers of co-operation, making it advisable for us to revise and enlarge our original plans."

Bullock also announced that an invitation to attend the celebration was dispatched yesterday to Governor James Ralph, Jr., in Sacramento.

That large delegations from each member city of the district will attend the affair was indicated by reports received by the celebration committee during the last few days.

## BRIGHT INDUSTRIAL FUTURE FORECAST BY CHAMBER HEAD

Establishment of Base Price For Steel On Coast Seen As Big Boom to Development By B. W. Lanz

A bright future with increasing industrial development was forecast by B. W. Lanz, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, in an informal talk at the quarterly membership meeting of the chamber last Tuesday evening. Excerpts from President Lanz' talk follow:

Much new industry is coming to the coast. Automobile companies are moving fast. While the banking holiday temporarily checked the motor manufacturers in their programs, they are doing lots of investigating. Chrysler is going to make automobiles on the coast this year or next. Ford may do nothing this year at Long Beach, or he may erect a complete plant here.

## Jensen Takes Seat As Member of Water Board

Plans for Big Celebration at Cabazon Rapidly Take Shape

Rapid progress was being made today on the Colorado river aqueduct celebration, to be held at Cabazon near the eastern end of the 13-mile San Jacinto tunnel of the aqueduct, following approval of plans for the event yesterday by Metropolitan water district directors.

John G. Bullock, chairman of the board's public relations committee and head of the citizens group staging the affair, reported to the directors on details of the celebration.

At the same time, the board inaugurated J. R. Jensen, Torrance city attorney, as the new director from that city. Jensen was elected by the Torrance city council to succeed John Dennis, who resigned his directorship because of the press of other business.

The board also approved the faithful performance bonds and the material and labor bonds submitted by the Dravo Contracting Company and the Hamilton and Gleason Company, contractors who were awarded the Valverde and Bernasconi tunnel jobs.

General Manager and Chief Engineer F. E. Weymouth reported to the directors that the contract for the Bernasconi tunnel has been signed by both parties, and that the Valverde contract will be signed by the district as soon as it reaches here from Pittsburgh, where it received the signature of officials of the contracting firm.

The general manager indicated that work on the two bores is expected to be started within the next few days.

To carry forward plans for the aqueduct celebration, the board approved the addition of Director John R. Richards and General Manager Weymouth to Bullock's committee.

## Two Programs to Be Presented at Torrance High

Observance of Public Schools week, which begins April 24, will provide two programs at the Torrance high school, the first arranged by the Girls' League to be held on Thursday afternoon.

The girls' program, which is supervised by Miss Elizabeth Parks, vice principal, will be in the form of an exhibit of girls' work in home economics, and will be held in the home economics room from 1 o'clock to 3:30. Garments and articles for the home will be on display all afternoon, with living models to display some of the dresses and wraps.

From 2 to 2:45, visitors will be entertained with exhibition games of speed ball, kick ball and archery. From 2:45 to 3:50, afternoon tea will be served in the home economics room.

## Public Schools Week Observed With Programs

Public Schools Week will be observed at Narbonne high school throughout the week of April 24-28, and various classes have arranged special programs, to which parents are invited. Among the plans is the presentation of a play by the Spanish students.

Dr. Willard F. Ford of the University of California, school of education, has been invited by the Walteria entertainment committee to speak at the program to be presented on Friday evening, April 28. The auditorium of Narbonne high school will be shared with the Lomita, Orange, Harbor City and Walteria elementary schools for the community entertainment.

According to Miss Clementina De Forest Griffin, principal, the attendance in past years has averaged 1200 persons for this annual affair.

Orchestra and string ensemble selections will be offered by students of Narbonne high school. A glee club will come from Harbor City, while Orange and Lomita will send their combined orchestras.