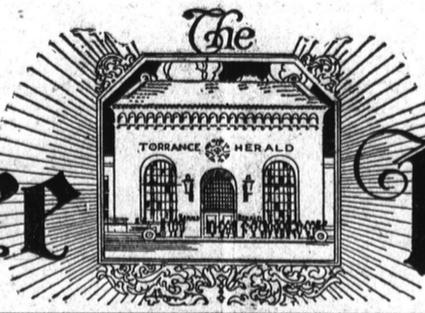


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Immediate Action Required On G. P. Road

An Editorial

After many months of effort on the part of city officials and civic leaders to secure a highway through the General Petroleum Corporation's property so that employees at the refinery and residents of the McDonald Tract may have easy access to the business and residential sections of Torrance, a plan has been offered which is acceptable to General Petroleum officials.

While admitting that they have no need for such a road, and even stating that highways through refinery sites are undesirable because of the fire hazard from careless smokers, General Petroleum executives are willing to meet the city of Torrance more than half way in its endeavor to provide a direct north and south boulevard between Western and Hawthorne avenues.

Under the agreement reached between City Engineer Leonard and Neil C. Needham, manager of General Petroleum's land department, the oil company will donate a 100-foot right-of-way through its property for the extension of Cedar avenue to connect with Cypress avenue at 190th street. The immediate construction of this boulevard is most important to Torrance. It will provide a direct connection between the big new two million dollar G. P. refinery and the business and residential sections of Torrance. At present, workers at the refinery have to drive to either Western or Hawthorne avenues to reach this city, and while the refinery is within the corporate limits of Torrance, employees find it more convenient to live in other communities, such as Redondo, Hawthorne, and even Inglewood. Thus the lack of a direct roadway connecting this city with the new G. P. plant is depriving Torrance landlords and Torrance merchants of valuable patronage from G. P. workers.

We must take a broad view of the situation. While the present payroll at the General Petroleum refinery is considerable, it is but a fraction of what it will be when the thousand-acre site is fully developed. Before many years, the G. P. payroll will be among the largest of any of this city's major industries. It is certainly good business for Torrance to make every effort to encourage G. P. employees to make this city their home.

Then, too, additional highways are needed through Torrance. And Cedar avenue is destined to become an important artery. Under the plan developed by City Engineer Leonard and G. P. executives, Cedar avenue will connect directly with Cypress avenue and thence north through Hollywood. To the south, Cedar avenue crosses Sepulveda boulevard, Lomita boulevard, the state highway and thence over the Palos Verdes hills. Cedar avenue will provide a direct connection between the McDonald Tract and Torrance stores, which is much desired by residents in both parts of the city.

Apparently the only obstacle in the way of the immediate improvement of Cedar avenue through the General Petroleum property is the question of financing the construction of a steel fence on either side of the roadway through the refinery site. General Petroleum has agreed to donate a 100-foot right-of-way through its property, which amounts to ten acres. Only recently, General Petroleum bought up the 225-foot abandoned Hollywood-Palos Verdes Parkway right-of-way which had been reserved by the Dominguez Estates Company in its original sale to General Petroleum. And the price paid was \$2500 an acre, which would make the value of the ten acres offered to the city for the Cedar avenue extension \$25,000. In return for this gift, General Petroleum asks that the city arrange for the construction of a steel fence, estimated to cost about \$9000, on either side of the roadway through the refinery property. The oil company also requests that the city or county lower 16 lines of pipe, and pave a 30-foot road, without cost to it.

City Engineer Leonard has been assured from county officials that the work of lowering the pipe lines and paving the roadway can be financed out of welfare and gasoline tax funds, without cost to the city. However, the \$9000 necessary for the erection of a steel fence is proving a problem to city officials. It is indeed a small price to pay for the great benefits to be derived, and every effort should be made to raise the money somehow. There is no time to lose. General Petroleum officials may change their minds if the offer is not soon accepted, and then the only possible way of securing a right-of-way would be by the much more costly method of condemnation. The court costs alone would amount to as much as the entire cost of the fence, to say nothing of the value of the land which would have to be paid under condemnation proceedings. Now is the time to act, and it is hoped that the city council will find a way of doing its part in this most important development while the opportunity is available.

No small amount of credit is due Frank R. Leonard, city engineer, for his tireless efforts in securing an agreement with General Petroleum officials for the Cedar avenue extension. Other notable accomplishments in which the city engineer played an important part recently, is the successful negotiations with D. W. Pontius, president of the Pacific Electric Railway, for the leasing of the railway company's right-of-way on Torrance boulevard, which is soon to become one of the beauty spots of the city.

Examinations For West Point To Be Held 20th

Congressman Colden Asks That Those Who Wish to Participate Notify Him Immediately

Congressman Charles J. Colden announces that an examination for designation for appointment to the military academy at West Point, New York, will be held by the civil service commission in the post office building, Los Angeles, on Saturday, May 20, 1933. From those passing this examination, Mr. Colden will nominate a principal and a first and second alternate.

Candidates for nomination must be not under 17 nor over 22 years of age on the date of admission to the academy (July 1, 1933) and not less than five feet four inches in height. This examination will include the following subjects: Algebra, plane geometry, English composition and literature, U. S. history, general history, English grammar and physics. The importance of thorough preparation in the subjects of mathematics and English is emphasized.

The nominees will qualify mentally by educational certificate, with or without a validating examination, for admission to the military academy, this validating examination to be held at West Point on June 21, 1933.

The civil service commission suggests that, because of the exacting physical requirements, candidates appear before a qualified physician and undergo a thorough physical examination, thus obviating possible disappointment and expense should they be rejected because of physical condition if nominated.

Representative Colden states that it is very important that all who may wish to take this examination should communicate with him as early as possible in order that the civil service commission may have printed and forwarded to Los Angeles a sufficient number of examination papers, and that each candidate may have a letter from Mr. Colden to be presented as his credential for entering the examination room.

R. F. C. Loan to Be Available Immediately

Continued Relief For Needy In County Is Assured

Continued relief for needy residents of Torrance and other sections of the county was assured today with announcement that the \$2,007,576 R. F. C. loan granted the county Tuesday will be made available at once.

News of the granting of the loan was received with great relief by county officials, who had appealed to the R. F. C. to continue its grant in order that destitute persons might not go hungry. The new loan is to be administered entirely by the county welfare bureau, no part of it being available for work relief through the employment stabilization bureau, despite the praise that has been given Harvey C. Fremming, director, for his work. The bureau will continue to function but will bring together the unemployed and the employer, it was stated.

Two classes of persons will be entitled to relief under the new R. F. C. rules, it was pointed out today. One class is the destitute and those who are dependent upon county charity for aid, while the second group is those out of work and who cannot liquidate their holdings.

Seven hundred additional deputy county clerks, at least one of whom will be available in this locality every day, have been added to the county roster. The new deputies are field workers in the county welfare bureau, and were authorized to be sworn in as deputy county clerks in order that they might administer oaths and receive them from persons making statements during investigations of welfare cases. No additional compensation is provided for.

RAINFALL
At Lomita, the rainfall during the past few days measured 1.8 inches, a total of 12.94 for the season. Last year's total at the same date was 16.67.

NEW BASE BALL PARK OPENS TOMORROW NIGHT; FOLLOWED BY SECOND CELEBRATION SUN.

Public Invited To Participate In Gala Dedication of New Park. No Admission Charge at Either Friday or Sunday Festivities

Double-header opening ceremonies with day and night performances have been arranged for the formal dedication of the base-



ball diamond at the new Torrance municipal park on Arlington avenue.

The first of the grand opening ceremonies will be held tomorrow (Friday) evening and will feature a game between the Torrance Bluebirds and Anaheim, last year's league champions. This is the first home game of the season in the National Night Ball League. Mayor W. T. Klusman will pitch the first ball and Mayor Charles H. Mann of Anaheim will attempt



to catch it. Other dignitaries to participate in the opening program include George Peterkin, president of the National Night Ball League; George W. Reid, secretary of the Anaheim Chamber of Commerce, and Jim Heflon, manager of the league and editor of the Anaheim Bulletin.

The Torrance Legion Drum Corps and drill team will head a parade from the Chamber of Commerce to the new park ball field. Ceremonies at the park will begin Friday at 7:30 p. m. and the game will be called at 8:00 o'clock, according to D. A. (Spud) Murphy, manager of the Torrance team.

Eastern Executives to Be Told of Industrial Advantages Here

At the meeting of the board of directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, held last Monday, the printing of 2000 copies of an industrial survey of Torrance was authorized. During the past several weeks a committee created by chamber directors has been conducting research

self-regulation, the Torrance group favors the development of measures which will permit the responsible heads of enterprises engaged in each field of business to formulate standards, the adherence to which, by all units in that field, will be enforceable through the authority of the federal government," said Secretary L. J. Gilmeister.

The board of directors appointed a committee of four members, with President Bert W. Lanz as ex-officio member, will compose the nominating committee for the purpose of selecting six candidates for the three directorships which will expire on June 30 of this year. These candidates are to be voted on by the chamber membership on the first Monday in June. Directors whose terms expire June 30 are J. W. McQuaid, F. M. Buffington and B. C. Buxton.

MAYOR KLUSMAN MADE DIRECTOR OF LEAGUE
The election of Mayor Klusman as a director of the Los Angeles County League of Municipalities was ratified by the Torrance city council last evening.

NEW COMPANY FORMED
Ivan R. Dow of Gardena is a director of the R. L. Armstrong Corporation, for which articles of incorporation were issued this week. Associates of Dow in the venture are Robert L. Armstrong, Leach Armstrong and Russell B. Menchman, all of Los Angeles. Capital stock is given as \$25,000.

E. M. Kingsley Taken By Heart Attack At Home

Father of W. Harold Kingsley Passes Away Wednesday Morning. Was Active In Welfare Work In Torrance

Enos M. Kingsley, aged 71, formerly of Torrance, died early Wednesday morning at his home in the Palos Verdes Estates of heart failure. Mr. Kingsley had complained of heart attacks for several days.

Since leaving Torrance nearly three years ago, Mr. Kingsley had remained active in welfare work in Torrance. During the past year he has devoted his entire time to work with the Veterans' Relief Association.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Kingsley moved as a boy to Flint, Michigan, where he later engaged in retail business. Ten years ago he retired and moved to Torrance where he invested in real estate and built two houses on El Prado. Three years ago he and his son, W. Harold Kingsley, formerly of Torrance and now managing editor of the Long Beach Sun, erected a home at 3221 Via Palomino, Palos Verdes Estates.

In addition to his son, Mr. Kingsley is survived by his widow, Mrs. Frances A. Kingsley, of Palos Verdes; a brother, Chester, of Detroit; a sister, Carrie Kingsley, also of Detroit; and a sister, May, of New York.

Cremation was arranged by Cate and O'Shea of Redondo Beach with private funeral rites.

FEDERAL BANK EXAMINERS TO BE HERE SOON

Authorities Will Arrive In Response to Request For Permission to Reopen

Word has been received that federal banking examiners will arrive in Torrance the latter part of this week or the first of next week, it was stated by J. W. Post, president of the First National Bank of Torrance, this morning. As soon as the examiners arrive, they will begin the task of checking the bank's records in response to a request of the bank's officials that the pioneer financial institution be permitted to reopen on a normal basis. It is expected that the examiners will be here for several days, as a very rigid examination is required by Washington authorities before a bank is permitted to resume normal operations following the appointment of a conservator, which is the plan under which the First National is now operating. In a recent statement to the local depositors' committee, the chief bank examiner for Southern California said emphatically that the requirements demanded of a bank before it is permitted to reopen were so rigid that it would be impossible for it to close, once it was given authority to reopen.

In the event permission is granted to reopen under the trustee plan developed by the depositors' committee, the bank is required to give 15 days' notice before terminating its period under a conservatorship and resuming full operations.

Fire Department Answers Two Calls

A smouldering cigarette stub was blamed for a fire at the Wilson service station and garage at WALTERIA Saturday night. Damage to the amount of about \$25 was reported.

The Torrance fire department was also called to the Mayfair Creamery early Monday morning, where a backfire set fire to gasoline overflowed from the carburetor in a milk truck. Practically no damage was done.

WATER BOND ISSUE DELAYED A WEEK

No action on the proposed issuance of water bonds was taken at last evening's council meeting, as City Attorney Jensen stated that "pending legislation, so important to the matter, makes it advisable to delay action a week or so."

G. P. AGREES TO EXTENSION OF CEDAR AVE. TO 190TH ST.

Cost of Constructing Fence On Sides of 100-foot Highway Through Refinery Seen As Only Objection to Project

A tentative agreement for the extension of Cedar avenue as a 100-foot highway through the General Petroleum property and connecting with Cypress avenue at 190th street, was reached this week in a conference between Neil C. Needham, manager of the land department of the General Petroleum Corporation, and Frank R. Leonard, city engineer of Torrance.

Under the agreement, the General Petroleum will deed a 100-foot right-of-way directly across its property, which is equivalent to 10 acres of land, for which the oil company recently paid \$25,000. In return for this 100-foot strip, the city or county is to lower 16 lines of pipe, pave a 30-foot roadway, and construct a steel fence, seven feet high, on each side of the right-of-way. Mr. Leonard states that he has received assurance from county officials that the lowering of the pipe lines and the laying of the pavement can be done at county expense, out of welfare and gasoline tax funds.

However, the erection of the fence on both sides of the roadway offers somewhat of a problem for city officials as it is estimated to cost about \$9000, and must be financed by the city. While no satisfactory method of raising the necessary funds was suggested at last night's city council meeting, members of the council expressed a strong desire to proceed with the project as soon as funds can be raised. Additional information relative to this important project are given in an editorial on this page.

Beautification of Torrance Blvd. Assured; City Signs Lease With P. E.

The widening and beautification of Torrance boulevard between Cravens and Cedar avenues was definitely assured last night when the Torrance city council ratified a lease signed by the Pacific Electric Railway Company for the use of the railway company's right-of-way between the two roadways. The action of the city council last night culminates many years of negotiations and clears the way for the immediate beautification of the most important artery leading into the city from the west.

Under the terms of the agreement, the Pacific Electric leases its right-of-way to the city between the two roadways, for a nominal rental of one dollar a year, beginning April 1, 1933, and annually thereafter, so long as the railway company does not need the right-of-way for railroad purposes. As there is little likelihood of the railroad company ever constructing tracks on the property, the effect of the agreement is equivalent to a perpetual lease. The city is restricted in its use of the right-of-way to beautification and cultivation.

Permission is also given by the railroad for the city to widen each of the two roadways, three feet. In return for the lease agreement, the city deeds its reversionary rights to the property over to the railway company.

The widening and beautification of the parkway will be undertaken by the city and financed by an allotment of money from the county welfare fund, according to plans of City Engineer Leonard.

The city council also accepted a deed from the Santa Fe Railroad for the widening of Torrance boulevard west of Hawthorne avenue, which work is now in process.

School Board In Explanation of Mowry's Recent Clash With Mayor

Reverberations of the recent clash between Mayor Klusman and Guy Mowry, evening high school principal, were heard at last evening's city council meeting when Mayor Klusman read a letter he had recently received from the Los Angeles board of education, signed by H. E. Griffin, assistant secretary.

Mayor Klusman had written the school board criticizing Mr. Mowry for certain remarks, which Klusman stated were made out of order, at a recent meeting of the city council, when the repeal of the city's "Little Volstead Act" was being considered. In the mayor's letter, Mowry was charged with making the alleged threat just before the council voted on the ordinance to repeal that "if any councilman votes 'yes' on a certain question, he will face a 'recall,' and furthermore—that the name vote of the council members is the 'greatest farce ever pulled over in Torrance.'"

The letter in answer from the board of education read in part as follows: "Please be advised that at a meeting on May 1, 1933, the board of education authorized that you be informed that the board understands that at a meeting of the city council of Torrance on March 28, the question of a motion to repeal the city ordinance regulating the sale of liquor was being considered; that Mr. Mowry states that he had difficulty in getting permission to speak on the motion and that it appeared to him that those in favor of the motion were given preference, and that very little opportunity was given those opposed to the motion; that as nearly as Mr. Mowry can remember, he rose and addressed the council just before the vote was taken, as follows: 'If the public is not allowed to speak against the motion, members of the council may face a recall'; and that Mr. Mowry did not mean to imply that the vote of the council members is a farce," but that

* LOCAL MERCHANT *
* CATCHES 13 1/2-INCH *
* RAINBOW TROUT *
* * * * *
* Frank Buffington, manager of the J. C. Penney *
* Company store in Torrance, *
* came back Monday evening *
* from a fishing trip to Little *
* Rock, near Palmdale, smiling *
* from ear-to-ear. *
* Reason—a 13 1/2-inch rainbow *
* trout, which Buffington *
* landed after a long struggle *
* with numerous re-bait *
* ing of the hook with salmon *
* eggs. *
