

### Beer Sellers Face Welfare Commission

Pretzels or crackers are NOT a meal.

That was the admission given a score of beer vendors who have been called before the county welfare commission within the past week on complaint that they were peddling "no-meal meals" with their beer, as required by county ordinance.

Only one license has been revoked, according to Miss Irma Graham, secretary. A sandwich is considered a regular meal, dealers were informed.

### Harbor Dist. Group to Meet At Beach

Caliente Beach will be the scene of the next meeting of the Harbor District Chamber of Commerce, on August 10. Permission to hold the assembly there was granted Saturday by Raymond E. Grier, superintendent of parks and playgrounds. Ben A. Grier, in charge of the grounds is delegated to make arrangements with the concessionaires.

### Beautiful Book Tells Story of This Community

Secretary of Chamber of Commerce Receives Supply for Distribution

Secretary L. J. Gilmeister of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce has received from the county a large number of booklets entitled "Los Angeles County, California, Torrance Edition," profusely illustrated, with beautiful art cover, and intended for distribution by the local chamber to prospective residents here.

This is a lithographed booklet in which Torrance is given two full pages to tell the story of this community as a place for ideal residence. And the story is well told.

The booklet was compiled by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and to all intents and purposes serves as a fine piece of literature for Torrance. It comes to this city from the county without cost, according to Secretary Gilmeister, as a part of the work financed by the county fund for exploitation.

This exploitation fund, over which there has been some controversy in the past, as handled by the county board of supervisors has been the foundation for untold good to the entire county, and Torrance gets her full share of publicity in the last issue of the county booklet which is issued annually.

As regards the county exploitation fund it is shown that through its use in publicizing the whole of the county the Los Angeles chamber has been instrumental in building industrial payrolls and providing employment through bringing new non-competitive industries into this field. These industries have a payroll of \$280,000,000 yearly, provide employment for approximately 115,000 workers and return to the county more than \$1,000,000 in taxes annually.

### Downtown Stores Consider Opening At 9 In Mornings

A number of downtown Torrance merchants are discussing the advisability of opening their stores at 9 o'clock in the morning hereafter, instead of at 8 and 8:30 as at present. While the later opening hour is being advocated by nearly all clothing and department store proprietors, final decision on the question is being held in abeyance until other types of stores can be contacted.

### High-Hats The Public While Hobnobbing With Water Co.



Meet Sir Klusman—the High-hatter—who howled his way to public office on the cry of being one of the common folk, but who since his elevation to the mayor's chair, now snubs the public—orders press representatives interested in the public weal out of the city hall—while he dickers privately with officials of the Torrance Water Company behind locked doors in the council chamber. What a change has come over this leader of the common folk, and how strangely he seems to have forgotten the interests and the sufferings of the people he is supposed to represent.

The latest chapter in this "Strange Case of Mr. Klusman" took place Monday afternoon of this week. The Herald learned that a meeting had been arranged between the city council and E. C. Nelson, president of the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company, and that Mr. Nelson was to submit a price for the water company's system. We felt that since the water company's representative was to be present, and since the public would be called upon to pay the price if one was agreed upon, that we had a perfect right to listen in on the meeting. We spoke to other members of the city council and they raised no objections to our presence at the meeting. BUT NOT MAYOR KLUSMAN! No sir, he wanted a private meeting and we were told to leave the room, while the water company president remained.

Now we admit that if after hearing the water company's proposal, the mayor wished to dismiss the water company officials and the public in order to discuss the matter privately, it would have been quite proper. But to exclude the public and allow the water company officials to remain seems eminently undemocratic and smacks very much as if the mayor wished to keep something very private about his dickering with the water company.

No doubt Mayor Klusman was somewhat angered over the pertinent questions we asked him last week when he attempted to show that the water company's property was worth more than the maximum appraisal value placed on it by the city's consulting engineer—a man, who by the way, has been appraising municipal water systems in California for over 40 years, and ought to know what he is talking about.

However, in spite of the mayor's action in barring the press from his meeting with the water company president Monday, we learned authoritatively that the price Nelson quoted was \$165,000—or at least he is reported to have said that he "thought" that price would be acceptable to officials back East. Quite a jump from even Mayor Klusman's "suggested" price of \$125,000 and a preposterous sum compared with the consulting engineer's liberal appraisal of \$113,411, "and no more."

Mayor Klusman seems to have forgotten that the property owners of Torrance already paid for the water system once, as the cost of installing the pipe lines was figured into the selling price of the lots by the Dominguez Land Company before the townsite was put on the market. And they have paid for the system many, many times since then in exorbitant rates. Why doesn't the mayor quit hobnobbing with water company officials, and take off his high hat and begin thinking of the long suffering water consumers, many of whom helped elect him?—Well, as we said last week, make your own guess.

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### SHOEMAKER IS HELD FOR MURDER

Charles Tedesco Formally Arraigned In Redondo Court Saturday

Charles Tedesco, shoemaker, 233 Avenue B, Redondo Beach, was formally charged with murder when he was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Sam G. Austin, of Redondo, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Tedesco is accused of the slaying of John W. Whitehead, age 53, a resident at the Aberdeen Apartments in Redondo, who was found lying beside the Redondo-Wilmington boulevard, west of Hawthorne, near Walteria, on the night of Tuesday, July 18. Whitehead had been brutally beaten about the head and died shortly after he had been taken by Night Policeman Ernest Ashton of the Torrance force to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital.

A coroner's inquest was held Friday. The verdict stated that Whitehead had come to his death from injuries inflicted with a blunt instrument, and recommended that Tedesco be held.

Tedesco had been taken into custody on Wednesday and was held in the Torrance city jail booked for investigation. Officers of the sheriff's homicide squad checked up on his story of his whereabouts on the night Whitehead came to his death. Tedesco denied all knowledge of the crime and stated that he had been ill on Tuesday night and had visited a physician. Dr. J. Russell Shea is said to have treated him late in the evening, but Tedesco was unable to account satisfactorily for about 40 minutes of his time prior to the killing.

The finding of a shoemaker's hammer near the scene of the crime and the description of a car occupied by a man who notified Walter West, 3712 Redondo-Wilmington boulevard that there was an injured man lying in the road, lead officers to the investigation of Tedesco's movements. The description of the car tallied with that of the car driven by the shoemaker, and a hammer is said to have been missing from among the tools kept in his shop.

A suit sent by Tedesco to the cleaners is said to have revealed spots that appeared to be blood-stains, and marks of blood were found in Tedesco's car.

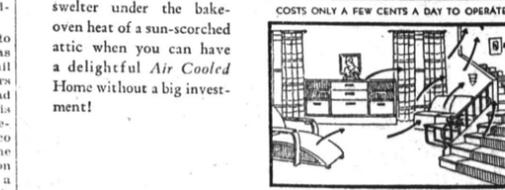
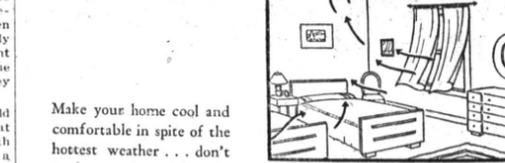
According to the story told by Ernest Mitchell, an itinerant who had been sleeping near the scene of the crime and who is said to have witnessed the scene, a second man was involved in the affair, and police were searching for Larry Ford, an employee of Tedesco, who was reported to have gone to San Pedro Tuesday night.

premium on an insurance policy for \$1000 taken out by Whitehead this month with Tedesco as beneficiary as security for the debt of a small sum of money said to have been advanced by Tedesco to Whitehead.

Tedesco plead not guilty at his arraignment and was taken to the county jail to await his preliminary hearing which will be held on August 3. He is represented by Attorney Harry Polglase, former city attorney of Redondo Beach.

BEND, Ore. (U.P.)—The grand-daddy of rainbow trout—a 29-inch, eight-pound beauty—was landed here by Joe Petronovich, Shevlin county jail to await his preliminary hearing which will be held in the Deschutes river.

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highway through the General Petroleum refinery property, and \$15,000 in unallocated reserve in order to eliminate heavy borrowing at the bank at the end of the fiscal year.

The necessity of having to pay the entire balance of \$15,000 for the municipal park, instead of spreading it over a three-year period, accounts for ten cents of the eleven cents increase in rate. It was explained by members of the council; \$9,000 of the \$15,000 to be paid the owners of the park site will be taken from the ten-cent promotion tax fund.

The extension of Cedar avenue through the General Petroleum property is deemed of primary importance to the growth of Torrance. The General Petroleum has agreed to donate a right-of-way valued at \$25,000 provided the city will pay for fencing the highway at an estimated cost of \$3000. Unless this opportunity of securing a highway through the G. P. property is accepted now, it is feared that it will be very costly to the city to condemn a right-of-way at a later date.

Last year Finance Chairman Ludlow initiated the practice of setting up \$15,000 a year in an unallocated reserve in order to eventually eliminate the necessity of borrowing huge sums of money at the end of each year in order to carry on the business of the city. Another \$15,000 in unallocated funds is provided in this year's budget, so that borrowings at the bank at the end of the year will have been reduced by \$30,000. If this plan is followed for four

### Mayor to Help Alondra Park

Traveling expense money was voted by the city council this week by Mayor W. T. Klusman in order that he may carry on his activities to secure county aid for distressed property owners in the Alondra Park area. Mayor Klusman pointed out that the city received \$5000 in taxes from his efforts last year, and suggested that he be allowed traveling expenses while attempting to secure county aid again this year.

### PERMIT GRANTED FOR BUILDING IN STRIP

Thomas Ramskill, of 1614 West 220th street, Torrance, was granted a permit this week by the city of Los Angeles to build a one-story frame dwelling at 1604 West 220th street, at a cost of \$1770. A garage also is to be built, according to the building permit.

years, the necessity of borrowing money will be wiped out, Ludlow stated.

Beverly B. Smith, chairman of the Tax Reduction League, protested the increasing of tax rates. He reminded the members of the council that they had been elected on a tax reduction program, and asked, "What good does it do the taxpayer, if we fight to get assessed values reduced, only to find that you fellows increase the tax rate?"

Mayor Cotton of Hermosa Beach, who was in the audience, and is himself a municipal auditor, stated that the reduced valuations in sixth class cities would make it necessary for them to raise tax rates from 5 to 15 per cent.