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MEDIATION BOARD IS SET UP TO ADJUST NRA COMPLAINTS

Chamber of Commerce Directors Name Group to Hear Grievances, Advise Employers and Explain Remedies Under National Recovery Code

At its regular monthly meeting, held last Monday, September 11, the directorate of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce concluded the creation of a mediation board whose duty shall be to induce compliance with the President's Re-employment Agreement, by education, conciliation and mediation as far as possible. This action was requested by the National Recovery Administration at Washington, D. C. It is felt that most of the complaints which have come to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will be ironed out if the employer is talked to and shown how he can comply, without ruining himself. Many employers do not understand their remedy under paragraph 14 of the President's Re-employment Agreement, and this must be explained to them. This is not to be done through fear or force, but rather through education and explanation. In the case of violations it is contemplated that all complaints against consumers or employers will be registered with the local mediation board, the members being Rev. O. D. Wonder, Beverly B. Smith, L. B. Kelsey, Chas. T. Rippey and J. J. Gilmeister, secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Several new members were added to the membership list of the Chamber of Commerce, they being Dr. R. A. Bingham, dentist; Dr. R. E. Bishop, dentist; Superior Oil Company represented by Floyd Jones, superintendent; David Jacobs, plumber; J. O. Toole of the Sanitary Dairy, and S. S. Worrell, hardware merchant. The directorate authorized the Torrance chamber's endorsement of a resolution adopted by the Los Angeles county board of supervisors in its application to the federal emergency administration for a \$33,000,000 allocation from the federal public works fund. The county's application is regarded with high favor due to the fact that Los Angeles county has already expended more than \$44,000,000 in similar projects, much of this amount within the national forest preserves. A further outstanding reason for highly favorable consideration of the county's request is the fact that close to 10,000 men will be given employment.

An expression of appreciation was extended to the Torrance city council for the installation of several public drinking fountains located at various places in the Torrance shopping district.

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Possibility that this township will be involved in a county-wide consolidation move in the interests of economy was seen today when it was learned that the board of supervisors is to act shortly upon a comprehensive report of the county bureau of efficiency. Abolition of many of the smaller townships to reduce the number of judicial districts to approximately 25 is contemplated. It was learned upon good authority. Present terms of the justices of the peace end December 31, 1934, all coming up for election next fall. It was stated. Therefore, any action taken by the supervisors now would not become effective for more than a year. It was pointed out.

Detailed studies have been made of the activities of the justices of the peace, constables, deputy constables and the justice courts in each of the 47 townships. Some of the justices, it was learned, seldom have a case, but draw substantial salaries as set up in the county salary budget.

Consolidation, enlargement, by annexation or elimination faces many of the following townships of the county: Alamo, Antelope, Arroyo, Azusa, Belvedere, Beverly Hills, Bixby, Burbank, Calabasas, Catalina, Chavez, Compton, Covina, Dominguez, Downey, El Monte, Fairmont, Franklin, Gardena, Glendale, Inglewood, La Brea, La Crescenta, La Rambla, Lomita, Machado, Malibu, Monrovia, Montebello, National Home, Norwalk, Pasadena, Redondo, Rowland, San Antonio, San Dimas, San Fernando, San Gabriel, San Jose, Santa Monica, Signal Hill, Soledad, South Pasadena, Talamantes, Universal, Venice and Whittier.

Highway Patrol To Watch Over School Busses

Public Warned of Laws Governing Safety of School Children

Thousands of school children, dependent upon school buses for transportation to and from classes, will find their safety has been even more carefully safeguarded due to the activity of the California highway patrol during the past few months. While these children, their parents, teachers and others were enjoying vacations, hundreds of state traffic officers throughout the state have been working with school officials and school bus owners, improving and changing the equipment to make the children more comfortable and secure.

In Los Angeles county a squad of state traffic officers working under W. F. Cannon, district inspector, have in addition to checking and approving equipment changes, instructed and examined bus operators. The most important change in equipment this year is the distinctive color, medium chrome yellow, which all new equipment will be painted. All older equipment will be repainted as rapidly as possible.

Since the equipment and operators have had attention all summer, every California highway patrol officer, commencing with the opening of schools, will strictly enforce the California vehicle act provisions covering the duty of automobile and truck operators on the highways. "Operators of trucks and automobiles must stop their cars on the highways outside of incorporated districts, whether following or meeting school buses stopped on either side of the highway," Chief E. Raymond Cato cautions in a bulletin. "It seems unnecessary to caution car operators against passing school buses which have stopped to take on or leave off school children," he said, "but our experience is that many car drivers pay no attention to the rights of others. Children have the right to expect safe conduct between their homes and schools, as well as have their parents and others. We have done our utmost to increase safety in equipment and by instructing operators to be cautious. The California highway patrol will do all it can to strictly enforce the traffic laws to make the highways safer. We are especially proud of our past record in this important school work and realize the tremendous responsibility in our hands. The motoring public should and must co-operate. Arrests for flagrant violations will be made; there will be no half-way effort in this respect. School buses are properly identified and there is no reason for motorists whizzing by them, endangering, injuring, or even killing some child. This year many private cars will be used to transport crippled children to schools. These will have large signs visible to the rear indicating the fact that school children are being transported. These cars have the same legal protection as the larger buses. Every state traffic officer is strictly enjoined to enforce the law and to do his part to make lives of little children safe on our highways."

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An extension of time for the payment of \$9000 to the General Petroleum Corporation as the city's part of the agreement to extend Cedar avenue to connect with Cypress avenue at 190th street, will be sought by the city from G. P. officials according to action taken at Tuesday's city council meeting. The 120-day limit expiring October 10, was specified by G. P. officials when they agreed to donate the \$25,000 right-of-way through their property in exchange for the city agreeing to pay for the construction of a fence bordering the highway. The city is now asking that the time be extended to January 1, 1934.

CARSON STREET U. C. R. A. HOLDS MEETING TOMORROW

Members of the Carson Street Unemployed Co-operative Relief Association Unit No. 52, will hold a meeting tomorrow night at their headquarters, 1623 Carson street, to discuss the \$60,000 federal relief fund. W. F. Wolf, head of the U. C. R. A. unit in this district will be the speaker.

Is Mayor Klusman Helping or Hindering The Water Loan?

An Editorial

City officials and other citizens interested in the construction of the new municipal water project in Torrance were much concerned this week as to what effect Mayor Klusman's attitude toward the project may have with NRA officials in approving the city's application for a \$375,000 loan with which to proceed with the work. The developments of the past week have prompted many to question whether Mayor Klusman is using his influence as the city's chief executive to favor the granting of the federal loan or to encourage protests, inspired by water company officials, which may be used to delay federal approval until such time as the requests of other communities have exhausted the NRA funds.

The following developments this week are significant: On Tuesday at 2 p. m., City Engineer Frank Leonard was in the office of Col. E. A. Evans, federal officer in charge of the Torrance application at the NRA offices in Los Angeles. Mr. Leonard asked Col. Evans if there was any additional information required concerning the city's application, and was told by Mr. Evans that there was none, and that the application had been forwarded to San Francisco, the regional headquarters of the NRA. Col. Evans had previously informed Mr. Leonard that the city's application was very complete. Remember, this was at 2 p. m. Tuesday.

At 7:45 p. m., the same day, when the Torrance city council met, Mayor Klusman reached into his pocket and brought forth a letter from Col. Evans, dated Tuesday, September 12, in which the federal officer stated he had been informed that there were on file with the Torrance city council certain protests against the water project, and if such protests were attached to the application, such protests be forwarded to be attached to the application.

Now the question arises,—how did that letter from Col. Evans, written apparently after 2 p. m. when Mr. Leonard was in the Los Angeles office, reach Mayor Klusman the same day unless he or someone else secured it directly from Col. Evans in Los Angeles? Mail posted after 2 p. m. in Los Angeles is not delivered in Torrance until the following morning,—unless, of course, it is sent "special delivery." But,—and here is the significant thing,—the letter which Mayor Klusman pulled from his pocket at the council meeting was NOT an envelope.

The "protest" referred to was a petition circulated some weeks ago by J. W. McQuaid, a director of the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company, which asked the city council not to do anything in connection with the water problem which would increase taxes or industrial water rates. It contained five signatures: G. B. Smith of the California Oil Tool Co., John Salm of Salm Manufacturing Co., J. W. McQuaid of the D & M Machine Works, R. R. Smith of the National Supply Co., and R. C. Young of the International Derrick & Equipment Company. Before the petition was read at the city council meeting, both Mr. Young of the International Derrick & Equipment Company and Mr. Smith of the National Supply Company, communicated with City Clerk Bartlett and requested that their signatures and those of their companies be removed from the petition. Furthermore, City Clerk Bartlett states that J. W. McQuaid, who circulated the petition, also asked that it be returned to him and not presented to the city council. However, the city clerk is not permitted to return a petition, but in consideration of the fact that two of the five persons who signed it had requested that their names be removed, and since Mr. McQuaid, who circulated the petition, had requested its return, City Clerk Bartlett merely read the petition at the following council meeting and stated it contained five signatures,—without reading the names.

Furthermore, the petition in question did not "protest" the construction of a municipal water plant, but merely requested that no action be taken which would increase taxes or industrial water rates. Under the self-liquidating plan developed by City Engineer Leonard, no taxes will be levied and the industrial water rates under the municipal rate set-up, are lower than those now charged by the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company. For this reason, and those given in the previous paragraph, the petition was not considered in any sense as a "protest" against the granting of the federal loan by city officials in preparing the application.

Now comes another significant chapter. At this week's council meeting, Mayor Klusman INSISTED,—(although other councilmen and citizens at the previous meeting denied the fact)—that the names on the petition had been read, and Mayor Klusman appeared MOST ANXIOUS that the petition be forwarded as a "protest" and made a part of the city's application for the federal loan. The council consented to forwarding the information, but instructed City Clerk Bartlett to give full explanation of the case as outlined above.

Why is Mayor Klusman so anxious to throw obstacles in the way of approval of the city's application for the loan? That is what other city officials and citizens are asking this week. One thing is certain that unless Torrance can present a united front in seeking a loan from the NRA, there are grave doubts as to its being granted. Already Secretary Lokes has stated that California has secured a lion's share of federal funds, and if all the loans from the state are granted which have been applied for, they will absorb over one-third of the entire federal appropriation of \$3,300,000,000 set up for public works. With this condition, it is to be expected that only a small portion of the communities seeking federal loans will receive them. Certainly, a community which does not stand unitedly behind its application will have little chance of securing its approval.

As the city's chief executive, Mayor Klusman is supposed to represent the opinions of a majority of the citizens of the city. And unless Mayor Klusman is wholeheartedly and sincerely supporting the city's efforts to secure an adequate municipal water system through the loan of federal funds, we do not feel that he is representing the majority of people in this city. All of which prompts us to inquire,—HOW LONG ARE THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL GOING TO PERMIT MR. KLUSMAN TO REMAIN AS MAYOR!

Oil Man Injured In Odd Accident

Henry Watella, 3049 233rd street, was treated at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital early Tuesday morning for a gash on his head and chest injuries, sustained while at work at an oil well on his property. Mr. Watella was called out of bed about 6 o'clock by neighbors who informed him that peculiar sounds were coming from the machinery at the well. While Watella was investigating and trying to make repairs, a loose rod struck him on the head and as he straightened up, struck him again in the chest. He sustained a long scalp wound and bruises.

Early Morning Crash On Hawthorne Blvd.

Milton Michaels, 182nd and Hawthorne boulevard, driving south on Hawthorne at 7:45 Monday morning, attempted to turn east on Lomita boulevard and collided with a Maxwell touring car driven by Howard Bingham, registered to V. R. Hamaker of Welteria. Norma Bingham, age 20, and Ed Krauskopf, age 23, riding with Bingham, were cut and bruised. They were given first aid at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital and were able to go to their homes.

Moose to Lead Big Parade In City Tomorrow

Gala Celebration Planned By Local Order For Initiation Ceremonies

Preliminary to entertaining members of Moose lodges from Santa Monica south to Long Beach, the Torrance lodge will stage a parade Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Visiting delegations and local members will form in front of the city hall and proceed south on Craven to Carson street, thence north on Cabrillo to Sartori, and west to the lodge rooms at the corner of Portola and Torrance boulevard.

Many interesting units will be found in this parade, in addition to large representations from the various other communities. One of the features of the parade will be a full-grown moose. There will also be floats carrying several hundred children ranging in age from 4 to 10 years. There is still room for about 100 children in the floats, and children ranging in age from 4 to 10 years are requested to register at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Uniformed drill teams will march to the music of the official 19th district American Legion drum corps of Torrance.

It is expected at the initiatory ceremonies to put through approximately 75 candidates. Friday evening in the Carson street hall, the American Legion drum corps, in conjunction with the Moose lodge, are giving a dance and entertainment. The boys of the drum corps are very desirous of having the support of the people of the community at this affair, since any profits that may be derived therefrom are needed for coming competitions.

In addition to dancing to the music of an especially fine orchestra, they have obtained the services of the well-known entertainer, Mr. Paul Gilliland. There will be a number of other special entertainers beside Mr. Gilliland. A small admission fee will be charged.

Invite Highway Women Leaders To Meet In City

Mrs. Susie Renn Asks Highway Beautification Group to Visit Torrance

Mrs. Susie W. Renn, 1434 Post avenue, was one of 50 women members of the city and highway beautification committee of the Women's Auxiliary of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, who visited Long Beach last Thursday to hold a committee meeting and who were taken on a tour of the city to view the parks, playgrounds, thrift gardens and other spots of interest in their line of activities.

The party assembled at the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce for the monthly business meeting and were entertained at luncheon at the Wayside Colony where they were addressed by Major Harry L. Bateman, originator of the thrift gardens in Long Beach, and Dr. C. C. Campbell, chairman of the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce beautification committee.

The luncheon was followed by a boat trip through the Long Beach harbor and visits to the parks, playgrounds and thrift gardens.

Mrs. Renn extended an invitation to the committee to meet in Torrance at a later date, probably in October, when a program of interesting entertainment for the ladies who represent a number of communities in Los Angeles county will be offered.

City Officials to Attend Convention

Councilman Scott Ludlow, City Engineer F. R. Leonard and City Attorney J. R. Jensen will represent the City of Torrance at the state convention of the California League of Municipalities at Santa Cruz, September 18 to 21. They expect to gain much valuable knowledge in the conduct of municipal affairs. The city council authorized the payment of expenses for the three officials, but cautioned them to "keep the expenses down."

ALL SCHOOLS IN TORRANCE SHOW INCREASED ATTENDANCE

Figures At Present Incomplete Owing to Belated Arrivals During Opening Week of School; New Teachers Assigned to Duty Here

With an opening day registration of 653, as against 622 for the opening day in September 1932, affairs at the Torrance high school got under way speedily and smoothly. While the first day's figures are higher than last year's, the registration by the end of the week is expected to show a still further increase, as a number of pupils are coming in daily and not until next Monday will the list be considered as complete.

Four new teachers have been assigned to duty at the high school. Raymond J. Casey will be a student councillor,

assistant registration officer and drafting teacher; Miss Hazelton Wyzell is assigned to the home economics department; Benjamin M. Woolsey, social science and English; Raymond D. Crawford, band and orchestra. Mr. Crawford is on a half-time schedule. Coach Bernard J. Donahue, who was transferred from Torrance last spring has returned and is in charge of the athletic and boys' physical education program.

The new time schedule went into effect Monday, with 60-minute periods for classwork and study, and the new recreation program was also put into operation.

School discipline has been placed in the hands of the Varsity Club, who are taking their responsibilities with due seriousness.

At the Torrance elementary school, registration totaled more than 690 pupils. This is a drop from the opening figures of last year when 853 pupils started, but the drop is largely explained by the change in boundaries at the beginning of the spring semester when a large number of pupils were transferred to the Fern street school. No new teachers have been assigned to the Torrance elementary, but Miss Le Ella Murphy, who resigned last spring to be married.

Principal Guy Holliday of the Fern street school reported an enrollment of 320, as against 146 for last September. The increase is due to the same reason given for the drop at the elementary school, change in boundary lines which gave the new Fern street school a larger territory. Principal Holliday said, however, that the opening day enrollment exceeded by about 25, the number on record in the closing day of last spring.

New teachers at this school are Mrs. Lily Fligan Johnson, who replaces Miss Carlson in the kindergarten department, and Mrs. Mary Cameron Bateman, assigned to the A-4 B-5 class.

Those Troublesome Eucalyptus Trees On El Prado Again

What to do with the eucalyptus trees on El Prado,—a question that has puzzled every city council for the last decade,—came up again for discussion at this week's meeting through a letter received from B. C. Buxton. When the matter was mentioned, members of the council grinned, and suggested that Mr. Buxton contact the residents of the street in an effort to learn their wishes. In all previous discussions of the troublesome bark-shedding trees, residents of the street have been unable to agree on a common plan, but Mr. Buxton stated that he would be glad to interview property owners in an effort to settle the long-disputed matter.

Public Drinking Fountains Provided

The Torrance city council made good in its year-old promise to furnish free drinks (of water) to all the thirsty, this week, when three public drinking fountains were put into operation. The fountains are located at Sartori and Marcelina, El Prado park at Craven, and Craven at Cabrillo. A letter of thanks was read at Tuesday night's council meeting by B. C. Buxton, who also expressed the wish that the city would soon be able to install a public comfort station in the business district.

Councilman Ludlow, who headed the committee to provide the fountains, stated that stone steps would be installed at the fountains for the convenience of children.

ON BUSINESS
E. C. Nelson, president of the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company, was in San Francisco last week on business.

Republicans Hold Lead In Registration

Republicans still continue to outnumber the Democrats by a considerable majority in Los Angeles county, records of the county registrar of voters disclosed today as party leaders made plans for the coming state election 11 months hence when more than 100 offices are thrown open to competition.

Nearly three Democrats are registering for every Republican, but the Republican lead of 135,000 as of last January will not be overcome for some time, it appeared on perusing the records. Since the special state election June 27 only 1040 new Republicans have registered as against 2928 new Democrats, figures for the city of Los Angeles show. In this and other cities and in unincorporated areas the Democrats have 1324 on their rolls compared with 589 new G. O. P. members.

Republicans in Los Angeles county had 536,913 on their rolls last January when all non-voters were stricken from registration lists. Democrats had 407,695. Registrar Kerr's records show. At the last presidential election there were 626,989 Republicans registered as against 505,620 Democrats. The swing to the Democratic column was attributed by Kerr to the belief of many persons that they might profit from employment and jobs which might be available to Democrats.

ORANGE STREET P. T. A.
The first fall meeting of the Orange Street Parent Teachers Association will be held on Tuesday, September 26.