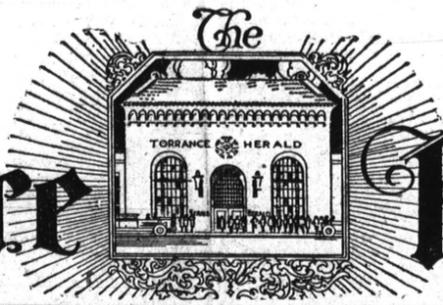


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## WORK FOR 330 LOCAL MEN PROVIDED

### CWA PROJECTS IN TORRANCE TO START EARLY NEXT WEEK

Three New Local Improvements Rushed Through City Council and Forwarded to Federal Officials

Regular jobs for 330 additional men in Torrance, who will be given employment the first of next week under the Civil Works Administration, is the welcome Christmas gift to many Torrance families from the federal government. A great many Torrance residents, who have been unable to qualify for work under the county welfare department, will receive work orders for employment the first of next week on three new Torrance projects, which are expected to be approved tomorrow by CWA officials in Los Angeles.

In an endeavor to speed action on Torrance projects, the city council met in special session Tuesday of this week and rushed through the following applications for improvements in Torrance to be financed by the federal government:

(1) Grading one mile of Catalina avenue in Hollywood-Riviera from the end of the state highway to the Palms Verdes Estates. City Engineer Leonard estimated that this work will require 200 men, working two shifts of 100 men each. Huntington Lapid and Improvement Company offered to donate the use of equipment for this work.

(2) Improving of Cabrillo, Santa Fe, Lincoln and Gramercy avenues around the Torrance municipal park. Streets will be paved and curbs and sidewalks laid.

(3) Improvement of Torrance boulevard, Eldorado and Elm avenues around the Fern avenue school; and also the installation of irrigation systems in nine Torrance parks and parkways, including work in the municipal park.

The two latter projects will require about 130 men, according to City Engineer Leonard, and the present program will take about 90 days to complete. City Engineer Leonard went to Los Angeles yesterday afternoon to personally present the Torrance projects before CWA officials, and was given assurances that the local improvements would be acted upon immediately, so that work orders could be issued next week.

### Light Vote Cast In Special Bond Election Tuesday

A very light vote was cast in Torrance and Lomita Tuesday at the special election called to pass on the \$170,000,000 bond issue for the proposed water project in the northern part of the state, and the local proposition in reference to tango games.

A total of 832 votes were cast in Torrance, 596 in Lomita, and 63 in the Los Angeles city precinct No. 1411 (shoestring strip).

The vote was divided as follows: In Torrance, water bonds, yes 286; no 515. Operation of tango games, yes 187; no 621.

In Lomita, water bonds, yes 176; no 323. Operation of tango, yes 50; no 407.

In the shoestring strip, water bonds, yes 25; no 37. Tango games, yes 9; no 52.

According to late returns the proposition to permit licensing of tango games in the unincorporated portion of Los Angeles county lost by more than 4 to 1, and the water bonds were approved by over 80,000 majority with only a few scattered precincts in the northern part of the state still to hear from.

### Cedar Avenue Deal With G. P. Is Postponed

Upon request of the Torrance city council, General Petroleum Corporation officials agreed this week to extend the time limit in the agreement for the extension of Cedar avenue through the refinery site to July 31, 1934. Under the agreement, the city is to pay for the construction of a steel fence bordering the highway in exchange for the oil company's donation of a 100-foot right-of-way. The original agreement called for payment for the fence on December 20, but has now been extended to July 31, 1934, according to a letter received this week from S. J. Dickey, vice-president of the General Petroleum Corporation of California.

### Veterans Relief Party For Members

The Veterans Relief Association is sponsoring a party on Saturday evening, December 23, for its members. The party will be held at the Military Academy at 230th and Border at 7 o'clock. There will be a Christmas tree and entertainment for young and old. All members are requested to come and bring their children for a treat.

### Moneta Avenue to Be Improved to Main Street

Allocation of \$13,000 for the improvement of Moneta avenue between Figueroa street and Harbor boulevard was made this week by the county board of supervisors.

On motion of Supervisor Roger Jessup, the board first allocated \$8000 for the grading and other work on Moneta avenue. In a following resolution, the supervisors appropriated \$5000 for construction of a large wooden culvert over Nigger Slough, in order that construction of the roadway might not be delayed.

Had this bridge been constructed by contract a delay would have resulted. Road Commission member George Jones informed the board members, explaining why he wanted to construct it by force account. Also, the road department had about 90 per cent of the necessary materials in stock, Jones stated.

Immediate construction of the boulevard would enable the county to take advantage of an application to the Civil Works Administration for federal funds for the project, Jones stated.

The supervisors also made an additional allocation of \$1058 to the Dominguez Water Company for the cost of relocating its pipe lines to clear the right-of-way for the extension of Figueroa street. Estimated cost of the work was \$1700 and actual cost was \$2758. Allocation to cover the additional cost was made on motion of Supervisor Roger Jessup, chairman of the board's highway committee.

The supervisors also voted to accept \$77.40 from an insurance company for damage to the pavement on Riverside-Redondo boulevard, caused by a burning truck and trailer recently.

### Secretary of Land Company Is Sentenced

H. Newkirk Wheeler, secretary of the Citizens Land Association, today was under sentence of five years in federal prison for his part in a small fraud scheme in connection with a \$1,000,000 home-ownership promotion plan involving lands in the Ex-Mission San Fernando and Rancho Palms Verdes. Wheeler, a Los Angeles attorney, was the only one of four defendants in the case found guilty after an extended trial in Federal Judge George Cosgrove's court. The jury was out four days before reading its verdict. The acquitted men are Williamson S. Summers, Othie A. Adams and Harry White.

### P. T. A. IN NEED OF CHILDREN'S CLOTHES

The Torrance Parent Teachers Association is in need of children's clothes. If you have any wearable garments which you are willing to donate, please phone the president, Mrs. J. O. Bishop, 237-W, or Mrs. O. Tom Waters, 392. They will be glad to come and pick up the garments.

### Alleged Plan to Hold Up Theatre Halted By Police

Torrance police interfered with an alleged plan to hold up the Torrance theatre Saturday when they took charge of three men who were wanted in San Pedro for the hold up of a taxicab driver who informed officers of that city that he had overheard the trio discussing such a project. The men were turned over to the port city authorities.

### QUANDT IMPROVING

Charlie Quandt, Walteria, is improving from his recent illness although he is still confined to his bed. Mr. Quandt expects to be up and around again soon.

### Sergeant Edwards of Local Police Goes to Pasadena

Sergeant J. B. Edwards, who has been with the Torrance police department for the past nine years, resigned last week, to accept a position with the police department at Pasadena, where he was stationed for five years previous to coming to Torrance. He expects to begin his duties at Pasadena January 1.

In appreciation of his long service with the Torrance department, the police committee of the Torrance city council tendered Sergeant Edwards ten days advance pay, and he is taking a short vacation before beginning his work at Pasadena.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards expressed regret at leaving their many friends in this community, but Mr. Edwards stated that he believed his new position offers greater opportunities for advancement.

### TORRANCE STORES OPEN

Torrance Stores Are Remaining Open Every Evening Until Christmas.

### Ten New Radio Equipped Cars to Go On Patrol

#### Success of Experiment In Past Two Months Leads to Expansion

Unincorporated territory adjoining this community will be patrolled shortly by radio-equipped cars operated by the county sheriff's department. It was asserted today.

Purchase of ten new radio-equipped automobiles for the sheriff's deputies was approved Wednesday by the county board of supervisors, upon recommendation of the bureau of efficiency, Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz had asked for 30 new cars, to replace worn-out equipment.

"Two months of operation of several radio-equipped cars in the sheriff's department has proved the effectiveness of this equipment," the efficiency bureau wrote the supervisors. "We recommend the purchase of 10 new cars at this time, which will provide two standby cars for emergencies. We disagree with the sheriff about the type of automobiles for this purpose, however, and recommend purchase of light cars, at approximately \$900 each."

The supervisors allocated \$10,800 with the understanding that the cars are to be fully equipped, with radio, red lights, spotlights and special generator to charge heavy-duty storage batteries.

Coincident with this action, the supervisors set up another \$2500 for payment to the Los Angeles police department's radio station, KCPV, for broadcasting sheriff's department calls at 15 cents each. Bills for the five preceding months were shown to be \$94 for July, \$91 for August, \$95 for September, \$227 for October, and \$280 for November. Calls increased from 629 to 1874.

Discontinuance of the fruit patrol has thrown an unforeseen load upon the radio patrol in the districts where there are large groves, the efficiency bureau informed the supervisors in recommending the allocation for purchase of the radio-equipped automobiles.

### D & M Employees Will Frolic At Annual Gathering

Following their usual custom of several years past, the D & M Machine Works employees and employees will get together in a jolly Christmas party Saturday evening at Earl's Cafe where a sumptuous dinner will be served and the hours following will be spent in dancing and entertainment of various forms.

Gordon McPherson, former leader of the State theatre orchestra, will be there with his six-piece band to play for dancing, and a number of professional singers and dancers will entertain the guests during the dinner hour and later.

Gifts to the employees will be distributed, which will include the regular cash bonus to all and notices of increase in salary to the worthy employees who have been with the company, some of them for a number of years.

### FREE CANDY TO KIDS AT CHRISTMAS MATINEE

Manager Van Derlip of the Torrance Theatre has 200 pounds of fine Christmas candy which he is anxious to give away to all children who attend the matinee on Christmas afternoon at his theatre. Don't forget youngsters, that a good show and a nice bag of candy awaits you at the theatre that afternoon.

### TWENTY-SIX SITES OFFERED FOR NEW POST OFFICE HERE

#### Wide Variation In Property Values Disclosed In list of Bids; Work On Structure Expected to Begin Within Next 60 Days

Twenty-six sites for the new post office in Torrance were offered to the federal government Monday morning when bids were opened by Postmaster Alfred Gourdier. Prices quoted ranged from \$4250 to \$15,000, which is the maximum sum allotted for the purchase of a post office site in Torrance. Public Works Administration recently allotted \$63,800 for the purchase of a site and erection of a new post office building here.

Postmaster Gourdier was instructed to open the bids Monday morning and forward a summary of the properties submitted to Washington. Postmaster Shea of Redondo Beach, who witnessed the ceremony, stated that by an odd coincidence, there were exactly 26 sites offered in Redondo the week previous.

A postal official is expected to visit Torrance in the near future and go over the various properties submitted and made a recommendation to Washington. Actual construction of the building should begin within 60 days, Postmaster Gourdier stated. The list of sites offered is given on Page 2 of this section.

### Quiet Title Suits Filed to Test Liquor Restriction Clauses

Property owners in this and other sections of the county today were awaiting with considerable interest the trial date in Los Angeles county superior court of a quiet title action that will have bearing on property which has been leased for liquor vending purposes.

Late Monday a new complaint was filed in the suit, which involves several Long Beach lots in the Tabernacle tract. If the court upholds the provisions of the grant deed—and there is declared to be few in any instances where restrictions have not been recognized—the ownership of these lots will revert back to the Long Beach Land and Water Company, subdividers of the tract, as "original owners."

Since what is true in Long Beach applies to numerous other sections of the county, this is explained more fully as follows: A number of years ago the provision was written into many deeds that if the property described in the grant was used for vending, keeping or consumption of liquor, ownership should thereupon revert to the original owner. In some instances there was a limitation of 25 or 50 years placed upon this clause, but in many cases it was made perpetual, according to veteran employees of land title concerns at the Hall of Records, who can remember when they wrote in these clauses in their hand.

Helene S. Hoffman of Long Beach filed the first quiet title action that promises to go to the supreme court as a test case. Another quiet title action involving Long Beach property was filed Monday by Ruth Elizabeth Aston, against the same defendants. In this instance it is alleged the restriction regarding liquor was inserted through a mutual error of both parties when the grant deed was executed. Both will be carried to the highest court to test them, it is indicated by attorneys. Deeds are filed at Hall of Records.

### Torrance Officers Break Up Raids of Three Night-Cruising Bandits

Alert action on the part of the Torrance police department put an end to the raids in this district of the three young bandits who are alleged to have staged more than 20 hold-up and burglary jobs in the vicinity of Torrance, Gardena and in the city of Los Angeles during the past six weeks.

Night Officers Ernest Ashton and Frank Schumacher are credited with making the important arrest, when they answered a call to 174th street and Cypress avenue in the north part of the city about 3:20 last Thursday morning, on information that a suspicious car was cruising in that section.

The officers located the car and took into custody R. S. Lawrence, 21, who gave his address as 10295 1/2 Birch street, Lennox, and James Harrington, 22, of 11222 Eucliyptus street, of the same city.

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## COMMUNITY TREE PROGRAM

Arranged By Local Church Organizations

Christmas Pageant  
Carols  
Old-Time Hymns

Nuts and Candy  
Distributed Free to All Children

Torrance Municipal Park (Arlington Ave.)  
Friday, December 22 At 7 P. M.  
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