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CALL FOR BIDS ON WATER WELLS AND ELEVATED TANK

To Be First Units Constructed in Development of Local Water Supply; Gravel Type Wells Decided Upon

Calling of bids for the drilling of two water wells and the construction of an elevated steel water tank and concrete tank foundation was authorized by the Torrance city council yesterday afternoon at an adjourned regular meeting. These two projects will be the first to be undertaken in the development of a local water supply for the Municipal Water District.

The action was taken following a prolonged discussion with Consulting Engineer Alfred Taylor as to the advisability of the type of wells to be constructed. It was decided by the city council to follow the advice of the consulting engineer and specify "rotary gravel envelope" type of water wells, which have a gravel lining to eliminate sand and other substances before the water is pumped to the surface. While bids for two wells are requested, it is understood that the second well will not be drilled until the first one is completed. Bids for the wells will be opened at 3 p. m. April 16.

The elevated water tank will have a capacity of 250,000 gallons, and bids including the construction of the tank, tower and foundation will be opened at 3 p. m. April 23.

A minimum wage rate for the various tradesmen to be employed by the successful bidder must be paid, in compliance with state laws and the condition which the federal grant was made.

THREE PERSONS ARE INJURED IN HEADON CRASH

W. H. Dinglo, his sister, Miss Bella Dinglo, 2903 1/2 Palm Grove avenue, Los Angeles, and J. W. Patterson, 506 Elvira, Redondo Beach, were taken to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital last night for first aid after a head-on collision on Hawthorne boulevard near Sponser street, in which all three were injured and both cars were wrecked. Dinglo and his sister sustained scalp lacerations, and Patterson received a broken nose and minor cuts. According to Dinglo's report to Torrance police this morning, he was going north on the boulevard when the car driven by Ben Trump, 3001 South Figueroa, Los Angeles, swerved to his side of the street. On account of a ditch on his right, Dinglo pulled out to try to pass Patterson on the left, when Patterson pulled back to the right side of the road and the cars met head-on. Dinglo swore out a warrant for Patterson, charging drink and reckless driving.

Post Office Building to Be Beautified

By tomorrow night, all the concrete work up to and including the first floor of the new post office building will be completed, Harold Hansen, general contractor, stated this morning. Steel reinforcing work up to the first floor was finished last evening and cement was being poured this morning. Mr. Hansen estimated that it will require about four months to complete the building, and unless something unusual develops, he expects to have the new postoffice ready for occupancy August 1.

The design of the exterior of the building has been materially changed from the original drawings in order to beautify the structure, and work has been held up pending approval of the changes by Washington authorities. However, now that the revised plans have been approved, work will proceed rapidly, and it is expected that plumbers, electricians and heating plant mechanics will be busy in a few days in the basement.

Among the changes made are the addition of a tile roof in place of a flat roof as originally planned. A number of windows have been altered to improve the appearance of the building. The two square windows in the two-story portion have been replaced by a larger arched window below and a smaller opening above. All windows in the front of the building will be recessed with attractive columns separating them. Altogether, the changes authorized at the suggestion of Louis R. Smith, government inspector, and Harold Hansen, contractor, will greatly improve the exterior appearance of the building, and Mr. Smith and Mr. Hansen are to be congratulated for their interest in providing Torrance with a much more attractive federal building than was originally planned.

Many Candidates Listed For Nominations to School Board at Primary Election

Thirty-one candidates will make the race for nomination to the Los Angeles city school board positions at the primary election to be held April 2. The 31 are split into groups, running on separate platforms, two groups being most active in setting forth their claims to preference.

Library Building To Be Attractive

The new Torrance library building will be a structure of exceptional beauty, and is destined to attract wide attention as an example of the modern trend of steel construction, if the city council adopts the design of building now being considered by the citizens' library committee appointed by Mayor Ludlow. Two such plans have already been submitted, one jointly by V. W. Travis of Redondo and J. S. Dresser of Torrance, and the other by Earl C. Rahn of Los Angeles. Two other architects are scheduled to present their drawings on Monday and Tuesday evening of next week.

All the plans so far considered call for steel frame structures with granite walls. The building is composed of an attractive entrance opening into a central room where is located the circulating desk. Off of this central room are wings to provide a large reading room, children's room, reference room, etc. Also included are a large auditorium, a gymnasium, and a play area. The building, as well as an office for the librarian. Particular attention is being given to lighting and ventilation.

The library committee expects to meet with Miss Helen Vogelson, county librarian, tomorrow evening to discuss the question of whether to remain a part of the county library system or organize a separate municipal library district.

At a meeting of the library committee held Monday evening, it was recommended by a five to one vote that the city build the new library on the corner of El Prado and Cravens, which property is now owned by the city. Councilman W. T. Klusman, chairman of the committee, favored a site on Carson street between Gramercy and Arlington avenues.

CHIEF CHEMIST OF local plant DIES SUDDENLY

Townsend McNery, age 38, chief chemist for the Hughes-Mitchell Products, was found dead in his room at a local hotel Friday morning. McNery had been at work the day before, seemingly in his usual good health. An autopsy disclosed that he had succumbed to lobar pneumonia, a phase of the disease which has exceptionally swift development. The body was placed in charge of Stone & Myers mortuary and shipped to Denver, where McNery's father, said to be his only living relative, resides.

MASS MEETING OF candidates HELD TONIGHT

Candidates sponsored by the Security of Schools Federation for election to the Los Angeles city board of education will address local voters at a mass meeting tonight, starting at 8 o'clock in the Torrance Woman's clubhouse, 1422 Engracia avenue.

All four candidates on the ticket, John F. Dalton, Roy J. Becker, Mrs. Margaret L. Clark and Mrs. Gertrude H. Rounsaville, are scheduled to address the meeting in Torrance, to which the public is invited.

Opens Supply House In Del Rey Field

E. H. Barlow, of the Barlow Oil Tool Machine Works, located on South Normandie avenue, is opening a supply house April 1 in the new Del Rey oil field. Mr. Barlow expects to have on hand there a full line of oil field equipment, so that he can take care of his customers in that section without delay or inconvenience to them.

Officer And His Tooth Are Parted

"You are fined \$100 or 50 days in jail," said Judge Robert Lessing yesterday, when R. H. Williams, employe of the Golden West Dairy, appeared before him in the city police court, "unless, and here the judge put on his severest expression, 'you are willing to pay a dentist to fix Officer Leigh Drake's tooth. In that case I will suspend \$90 or 45 days, and you can pay the balance or take your time.'" Williams hurriedly did a sum in mental addition and subtraction, and chose the dentist's bill, thereby getting off for ten bucks.

Williams, with John Abrams, 107 Venice avenue, Long Beach, and J. J. O'Toole, was accosted by the officer in the vicinity of Cravens and Carson street Tuesday night, where Williams and O'Toole objected to being placed under arrest. During the argument, in which Drake obtained the assistance of Officers George Dolton and Everett Travill, Williams is said to have struck Drake, knocking out a tooth. Abrams, apparently took no part in the fracas, but refused to leave the scene and go home after being told four times by the officers, and was placed in custody. He was given a fine of \$25 suspended for two years.

Williams was charged with being drunk, resisting an officer and assault. He was given a jail sentence of six months each on the first two charges, both suspended, and \$100 or 50 days on the assault charge, of which all but \$10 was suspended.

O'Toole, taken into custody later on a warrant alleging the same offenses, is now at liberty on \$100 bail.

Around the Council Table

On request of the regional planning commission, which asked for maps and data concerning the projects for which Torrance is planning to ask federal aid, City Engineer Frank Leonard was authorized to furnish this information to co-ordinate all this work, and by having the data on file will be able to suggest possible improvements, and point out overlapping proposals. Information as to the character, location and probable cost will be furnished.

'STEEL' TICKET is opposed to SUPT. BOUELLE

Because they are definitely pledged to the policy of using steel frames for all one-story elementary school buildings in the Los Angeles city school district; and because they are reported by their campaign manager to be opposed to retaining Frank Bouelle as superintendent of schools, William H. Henry, Robert H. Kee, Guy E. Matteson and Mrs. Clara Norris Bakerstraw, candidates for membership on the Los Angeles city board of education, are expected to win strong support from voters in Torrance at the election next Tuesday, April 2.

Superintendent Bouelle has drawn much unfavorable comment from amateur sports fans, because of his attempt to prevent local school athletes from participating in contests held outside of the Los Angeles school district. It is also reported that delegations from Torrance who have sought to interview Mr. Bouelle in behalf of local athletes have not been met with any too much courtesy at the hands of the elderly superintendent.

Then too, Torrance being a steel town, has considerable interest in seeing a more liberal use made of steel in the construction of school buildings, not only because steel construction is more earthquake resisting, but also because it means more payrolls for Torrance steel workers.

Other planks in the Henry-Kee-Matteson-Bakerstraw ticket platform include: (1) Immediate action in the building program to get small children out of tents; (2) Opposition to the vested interests dominating the building program of our school buildings; and (3) Opposition to retaining the architects and engineers to build our new buildings, who have been demolished by the earthquake.

The new Torrance Municipal band was given permission Tuesday night to meet on Wednesday evening each week at the Chamber of Commerce rooms. The band has already held rehearsals elsewhere, but finds that the new location will be more suitable. New members are welcome to join any time.

Co-operation Of City to Help Scout Jamboree

Big District Event Held For First Time in Torrance

Councilman W. H. Tolson and City Clerk A. H. Bartlett were appointed at a meeting of the city council to co-operate with the district committeemen George Derris, Clem Christie of Wilmington, and Robert Lewellen, of Torrance, in the Scout jamboree which will be held in Torrance May 11. The city representatives have been instructed to lend all the aid possible to make the affair held for the first time in Torrance, a success.

The jamboree will begin Friday night, May 10, since the city has given permission to the Scouts to make camp in a section of the municipal park where the events of the following day will be held. At a meeting of the district committee Monday night, the complete program was prepared. The jamboree will consist of test-passing, stunts and a general good time for all scouts who attend. The men in charge are planning to ask permission of the Revolver and Rifle Club of Torrance to use their range for tests in marksmanship. The Wilmington troops have been practicing on a range there for the past year and have attained a high degree of skill.

Cities which will be represented in this district affair are Torrance, Lomita, Harbor City, San Pedro, Wilmington, Terminal Island, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Gardena and Moneta.

Petitioners Ask Deed To Right of Way Through Kettler Ranch for Highway

Headed by Dr. Alden W. Smith, who presented a petition signed by Cabrillo avenue property owners, a number of such owners attended the meeting of the city council Tuesday night to urge the further co-operation of the council in their plans to make Cabrillo a through street, adequately widened and paved.

As a result City Engineer Frank Leonard was authorized to continue his efforts to secure a deed for the right of way, consisting of a few hundred feet, through the Kettler ranch. With this deed secured, state or county aid will be solicited for the completion of the highway, which is the natural north and south outlet through Torrance for traffic bound in either direction.

The petitioners point out that although the residents along Eshelman have long ago signified their desire for the opening of this street, it has been allowed to remain unopened. The opening of this portion of the highway into Torrance will give those residents free access to the business district of this city.

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1. The present commendable plan to improve part of Cabrillo avenue should be enlarged to include a right of way to connect Cabrillo avenue with Eshelman avenue, the cost of which be included in the public works program or other budget without assessment against property. The right of way needed for this purpose is but a few hundred feet in length.

2. In order to avoid delay in securing a deed to connect these two streets, Cabrillo avenue should be considered as a separate project from the Sepulveda widening and paving project. It is not justice to Torrance that the connecting of these two local streets be held up on account of Sepulveda, a highway conceived primarily to connect San Fernando Valley with the harbor district.

3. Cabrillo avenue is the logical street to carry the increasing north and south bound traffic through Torrance to connect with Western avenue. In spite of this evident fact, Cabrillo avenue has been allowed to remain a dead-end street that is both unsightly and dangerous.

4. Property owners along Eshelman

HUNTING TRIP CUT SHORT BY SHOT IN LEG

Horace Andrews Dangerously Hurt by Accidental Discharge of Gun

Horace Andrews, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Andrews, 1816 Date street, was brought home from Death Valley on March 24, suffering from a severe wound in his right leg and is now at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital where he is recovering.

Andrews had been on a hunting trip, and in pursuing a rabbit which had run into some brush, accidentally discharged his shotgun, the charge entering the calf of his leg. The young man was given first aid at Death Valley Junction and placed on a train for home. At the hospital Monday pieces of his leather boot, sock, the wadding from the cartridge and a number of buckshot were taken from the wound. The charge entered at the upper part of the calf, and lodged around his ankle. It was feared that the leg might have to be amputated, but this will probably be avoided with careful treatment, and unless infection sets in the young man will probably recover in a short time.

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To Buy or Not To Buy Lot for Location of New Public Library

Oral communications lent a lively air to the meeting of the city council Tuesday night, particularly when the subject of uniforms for the baseball team, and the location of the new city library were under discussion.

City Councilman W. T. Klusman precipitated a snappy debate when he inquired whether all the merchants of Torrance who are in the clothing or sporting goods business had been asked to bid on the new uniforms for the Torrance All-Stars, and followed it up by asking pointedly whether the city clerk had made the purchase himself or had left it to an outsider to spend the city's money.

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, to whom the questions were directed, countered by saying that he had not been given the authority by the council, either to call for bids, or to make the purchase, and referred to the merchants of the present meeting to support his contention that no orders had been given to him to act in this capacity.

The minutes as read by the clerk merely stated that an appropriation of \$100 for the benefit of the baseball team had been sanctioned.

The clerk stated that he had turned over the check to Jack Silva, manager of the baseball team, on his assurance that all merchants had been approached to make a bid, and that the uniforms as purchased represented the result of those contacts.

Two merchants in the audience stated that they had not been asked to bid. Hearty laughter greeted the statements of one merchant, who declared that due to the idiosyncracies of a certain manager, who concentrated on buying snappy coats for his men, and so had no money left to buy pants, caps and socks, this team now had coats but no pants, "and you can't play baseball without pants," he concluded. "Unless you spend at least \$150 for uniforms," he said, "before the season is over you have no uniforms. One slide into a base, and a pair of cheap pants is ruined."

According to Bartlett, the manager of the new baseball team had secured uniforms for \$84, spending the rest of the \$100 on balls and bats, and other gadgets required by the team. Klusman asked whether this had been authorized, as it was his understanding that the money was to be spent for uniforms. Reference to the previous minutes disclosed that no stipulations had been made as to what the money was to be spent for, therefore the manager was

Public Schools Week Program At Narbonne

Four Schools Combine in Community Night Entertainment

In preparation for Public Schools Week, April 7 through April 18, several classes at Narbonne are planning exhibits of the semester's work. The week will be climaxed by a joint community night program given by the Lomita, Orange street and Harbor City elementary schools and Narbonne high in the Narbonne auditorium.

Mrs. Grant's Spanish students have been compiling notebooks for several weeks that will be of interest to parents. Landscapes of the high school grounds are to be displayed in the art room by Miss Mallis's classes.

The Community Night program on Friday, April 12, will include a combined orchestra from Lomita and Orange street grammar school, an accordion solo, a play, a folk dance, an address by a prominent speaker, and selections by the Narbonne Glee Club. Miss Moore, Narbonne's music teacher, is in charge of the musical numbers and program arrangements.

The adults of the community are urged by Miss Griffin and the faculty to visit the school, attend classes and be present at the Community Night program during Public Schools Week.

WHITTIER MAN will speak on MEXICO

Dr. Wilbur S. Tupper, faculty member on the staff at Whittier College, will lecture tomorrow evening at the Woman's clubhouse, under the auspices of the Church of Latter Day Saints. He will speak on "Mexico and the Mexicans." Illustrating his talk with pictures taken during his extensive travels in that country.

Bishop H. V. Jordan, of the local church, invites the public to attend. No admission charge will be made, and all are welcome. "Dr. Tupper is one of the most eloquent speakers on the lecture platform today," said Bishop Jordan, "and all those who are interested in learning more of this fascinating country and its inhabitants, will have a most entertaining evening."

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