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TO ERECT MILLION DOLLAR PLANT

MAJOR INDUSTRY LOCATES WITHIN TORRANCE DISTRICT

Hughes-Mitchell Processes, Inc., Buys 18-Acre Tract On South Normandie North of East Road; Construction of Plant to Begin At Once

A major industry, which will involve the investment of \$1,000,000 and will employ probably 200 men, will be established in the Torrance district within a short time, following the purchase by the Hughes-Mitchell Processes, Inc., of an 18-acre tract on the west side of South Normandie adjoining the United Concrete Pipe Company on the north.

The new concern, formed under the laws of Wyoming, will begin work immediately on the construction of a treatment plant for lead-zinc ores and the production of lead and zinc products.

The site was purchased from and according to authoritative report, an option has been taken on a larger tract which may be added to the purchase later on.

Construction will be under the direction of R. L. Parsons, engineer, who is expected here from Denver within a short time.

Production at the plant is expected to begin early next year. A new process for the treatment of lead and zinc ores has been developed in a small plant near Denver and the larger expansion on the Pacific coast in the Torrance district is the result of the success of those experiments.

The new plant will have ample transportation facilities in handling large shipments of raw materials and the finished product in its location on the Los Angeles-San Pedro line of the Pacific Electric Railway and the well-paved main highway, South Normandie avenue, which fronts the property.

Raw material will be mixed ore of lead, zinc and iron sulphides originating largely in California, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico and will be handled at the outlet in tonnage approximately 30,000 tons annually, with increased capacity as the plant gets under way.

In addition to these ores, about 20,000 tons of Trona salts will be shipped to the Torrance plant from Owens Lake.

Finished product is estimated at 50,000 tons annually. The beginning of the work here, comprising plants for use in paint, rubber and storage battery manufacturing, and salt cake for export to the Orient.

Officers of the company are as follows: Lafayette M. Hughes, chairman of the board of directors; W. H. Rose, president; T. A. Mitchell, vice president; Herstein Hughes, secretary, and R. E. Cushman, treasurer.

It would be difficult for us to determine whether this offer is made in good faith on your part, or whether it is lack of information at your disposal relative to the true value of our holdings which prompts you to make the offer above stated, had not the writer been assured by your board in an informal meeting held recently that it is your desire to acquire this plant at a fair and equitable price to all concerned. We, therefore, must assume that you are not in possession of all facts pertaining to the matter in hand, and, upon this assumption, we submit for your careful consideration the following additional information, which, if viewed in

Bank Lobby Filled With Flowers



—Photo by Haig & Haig.

The lobby of the Torrance National Bank was transformed into a veritable flower garden for the re-opening of the pioneer banking institution Monday of this week. Scores of baskets filled with beautiful blooms were received from loyal friends and wellwishers of the re-organized bank. Hundreds of citizens called at the bank personally to congratulate the officers and directors. Many others expressed their confidence in the new bank by opening accounts or making deposits on old accounts. In fact, officers of the bank stated this morning that deposits to date had greatly exceeded withdrawals and that the new bank was well on its way to a successful career.

As the Torrance National Bank is a member of the Federal Reserve Bank, as well as the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, all deposits up to \$5,000 are guaranteed by the federal government.

Approval of the Torrance National Bank was given by the Torrance city council Tuesday night.

Don Findley To Be Installed As Rotary President Saturday

With 40 acceptances already received and others coming in daily, it is expected that at least 50 members and ex-members of the Torrance Rotary Club will attend the club's annual party on Saturday, June 30, and witness the demotion of President R. A. Bingham and the installation of President-elect Don Findley.

Most Attractive Commencement Ever Staged At Torrance High

The Torrance high school graduation last Thursday evening, June 21, may rightfully be considered one of the most attractive graduations ever conducted at Torrance. This is the verdict of the proud parents of the graduates as well as the statement of the teachers and students.

ATTEND FIREMEN'S CONVENTION SATURDAY

Fire Chief A. D. Stevenson, J. J. Benner, A. H. Bartlett and W. H. Stanger attended the firemen's convention held at the Lafayette Hotel, Long Beach, last Saturday.

CITY'S OFFER TO BUY WATER COMPANY'S SYSTEM REFUSED

Mayor Ludlow In Open Letter Refutes Claims Made By President of Torrance Water Company

In a long letter addressed to the Torrance city council and read Tuesday evening's meeting of that body, the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company failed to accept the City's offer, made ten days ago, to purchase the present water distributing system for \$110,000. Tuesday was the final date set by the city for acceptance of its offer.

Mayor Refutes Claims Made In Water Co. Letter

Many of the claims made by the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company relative to the value of its system are refuted by Mayor Scott R. Ludlow, who gives his personal views and opinions in the following letter addressed to the Torrance Herald:

Summers Appointed Plumbing-Electric Inspector By City

Assistant City Engineer H. J. Summers was appointed city electrical and plumbing inspector by the Torrance city council Tuesday evening.

Torrance Men File Petitions As Committeemen

Six residents from Torrance and Harbor City are among the 21 Democrats who will seek the seven posts of county central committeemen in the 68th Assembly District at the coming August primary, according to nominating petitions approved by the registrar of voters this week.

Anxious To Begin Post Office Bldg.

That the federal government is anxious to begin construction of the new post office building in Torrance was indicated recently when a telegram was received by City Engineer Leonard asking him to rush work on the topographical survey and soil investigation of the site on Marcelina avenue purchased by the treasury department.

Kingsley Quits Job To Join Quinn Drive

W. Harold Kingsley, former Torrance and Long Beach newspaper man, resigned from his \$350-a-month job as publicity director for the county charities department this week, to become publicity director for the gubernatorial campaign of John R. Quinn in Southern California.

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Hospital Group Meets Tuesday at Woman's Club

Many Torrance People Attend Interesting Session of Council

Many Torrance people joined with representatives of the medical profession in attending the meeting of the Southern California Hospital Council, which met for the first time in this city Tuesday afternoon.

A very interesting meeting was held. J. E. Power, professor of political science at the Los Angeles Junior College, gave the principal address, substituting for Ivan T. Jones, former president of the Hollywood Realty Board, who was unable to be present. Mr. Power spoke on "The Times Are Too Much Out of Joint."

R. L. Heerman, superintendent of the California Lutheran hospital, spoke on "Hospital Malpractice Insurance," and outlined the need for an inspection service under this coverage to aid in eliminating some of the hazards which creep into the service in spite of precautions taken by hospitals and attendants in keeping them down to a minimum.

The balance of the afternoon was given to discussion in open forum of hospital problems, lead by President James Howarth.

General Petroleum Corporation officials in a letter to the Torrance city council Tuesday night approved slightly revised plans for the extension of Cedar avenue through the refinery property to connect with 190th street and Cypress avenue.

Instead of paving one 20-foot roadway down the center of the 100-foot right-of-way as originally planned, the revised set-up calls for grading the entire 100 feet and laying a permanent 20-foot pavement with 12-foot rock and oil shoulder down one side with the anticipation of improving a parallel roadway on the other side of the right-of-way at a later date when the traffic warrants.

Improvement of the first roadway and the cost of lowering pipe lines will be done at county expense, provision for which has been made in the county's budget for next year, City Engineer Leonard reported.

The city of Torrance is to pay for a fence on each side of the right-of-way through the refinery property in exchange for the General Petroleum's donation of the 100-foot right-of-way, valued at \$25,000. The extension of Cedar avenue is viewed as an important improvement because it will provide a much needed direct boulevard between one of the city's major industries and the residential and business section of the city.

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Here Is Complete Text of Water Company Letter

June 25, 1934. City Council Torrance, California Gentlemen: Reference being made to optional agreement dated June 15, 1934, wherein you stipulate certain terms and conditions together with offer to purchase, subject to said terms and conditions, for the sum of \$110,000 all tangible and intangible assets of the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company in and adjacent to the City of Torrance, requesting that such offer must be accepted in writing on or before the 28th day of June, 1934, at 5 o'clock P. M.