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FEDERAL WORKERS TO START ON REHABILITATION SURVEY

Corps of Canvassers Under Direction of L. B. Kelsey, Will Contact Residents of Torrance and Lomita On Behalf of Better Housing Program

Twenty federal workers will start next week on a house to house canvass in Torrance and Lomita, in the interest of the Better Housing program which has been under way for several weeks past. L. B. Kelsey will be in charge of the workers who will call at the homes of residents to make a survey on repairs and betterments and to explain to the home owners just what they may obtain in federal loans for the completion of any planned improvements.

As has been explained previously, the Better Housing program is a federal act calculated to put life into the building trades, the largest allied group in the country, by making it possible for responsible property owners to obtain loans on very favorable terms to finance needed repairs and additions.

Gigantic Project
Loans were first authorized to be made through local banks and finance companies for the purpose of making improvements only to homes, apartments, buildings, stores and farm property. Later the second phase of the project was launched to include building of new homes. Both phases of the gigantic project are now in operation, and full information regarding loans may be received through contact with local bankers, building and loan associations and other financial institutions.

The workers who will contact the property owners in this community will not attempt to pry unnecessary information from the prospect, nor to urge compliance with the federal program, but will solicit information as to what repairs or improvements are actually needed or desired. They will be courteous and helpful at all times, and those who are contacted are requested to co-operate by responding in the same manner.

Already many people in Torrance have taken advantage of the opportunity thus offered, and more will no doubt do so. Headquarters for the federal workers will be maintained at the Chamber of Commerce, where the results of the survey will be tabulated.

Gratifying Progress
Gratifying progress in making reconditioning and repair loans in California by the Home Owners' Loan Corporation is reported by W. C. Miles, state manager.

Throughout the entire state, including the Los Angeles district, 17,189 reconditioning applications have been received; 526 building alterations completed, at a cost of \$77,105, and there are 859 reconditioning contracts with a total expenditure of \$103,170 on which work is being done.

In the nine counties of the Los Angeles district 469 property alterations have been completed and \$65,929 has been paid out to the contractors; 553 additional contracts have been awarded for \$54,617 on which the building contractors are at work, while 286 more jobs costing \$49,000 have been approved pending final award.

Altogether there are 1398 loans for \$20,000 for which reserve funds have been set aside or paid out.

Many Requests
Of the 11,049 requests for reconditioning loans received in the district in the four months' life of the reconditioning division, there are 7545 applications, for \$1,300,000, which have progressed as far as the loan closing division. There is still money available for repair loans, after approval, to those home owners who have secured mortgages on their property from the corporation. Eligible for these loans are those who already have secured loans from the corporation, or who are about to have their loans taken over by it. Some provision, also, is made for those who cannot get reconditioning loans from any other lending agency. Payments may be spread over 15 years.

There are many homes which will be bettered by remodeling or modernizing and would the borrowers will have the benefit of disinterested technical advice without charge by the corporation.

New Building Company Files Incorporation Papers
Articles of incorporation for the Glendora Building Company were filed this week with the Los Angeles county clerk, listing as directors W. J. Simms and Edward W. Cost, of Gardena, and W. S. Rosecrans, of Hermosa Beach. Capital stock is given as \$25,000.

Football Squad Feted At Feed Tuesday Night

15 Members of First String Outfit Will Graduate This Year

Fifty players, trainers, managers and instructors of the Torrance high school football team sat down to a fine spaghetti dinner at the school cafeteria Tuesday evening, given in honor of the winning football team, which laid off opponents in its first championship in history this season.

Principal Arthur G. Waldelch, Coach Bernie J. Donahue, Student Body Finance Officer John Haig and Robert Lewellen of the Herald staff, were the adult guests, with practically the entire squad of varsity men, second and third stringers and attaches making up the remainder of the attendance. Waldelch and Donahue made the principal speeches of congratulation.

Roger McGinnis was elected honorary captain for the year.

Fifteen students who will be lost to the team by graduation were called upon to take a final bow. They are Bill Acree, Carl Paxman, Harry Bond, Gar Johnson, Jim Carlin, Ted (Lambie Pie) Adovich, Cletus McLean, Harold Watson, Roger McGinnis, Bob Wertz, John Selby, Hal Smith, John Nady, Jim Grubbs and Bert Hoffman. This list comprises practically the entire varsity squad, so that Coach Donahue will have to draw upon his excellent reserves for next year to make up the nucleus of a new team. However, past events showed that he has some fine players left and the job of rebuilding the winning team will not be so tough as it looks.

Propose Change In Location of Big Storm Drain

Lomita Residents Ask Re-routing Along Old Creek Bed On 248th Street

Secretary H. H. Halladay, accompanied by E. M. Mosher and Hugo Schmidt, of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce, were successful Friday in getting an assurance from the county road department that engineers would be sent to Lomita soon to look over a new route for the proposed storm drain, which had been scheduled to follow Lomita boulevard from Hawthorne avenue east through the center of the city.

The three representatives paid a personal call at the department offices and presented a plea that the route of the drain be changed starting at Pennsylvania avenue, west of Narbonne, to follow 248th street, which in rainy weather is flooded and a source of damage and annoyance to property owners along its line. This street follows an old creek bed and is one of the lowest spots in Lomita, a natural drainage canal.

The new project proposes to start the storm drain as laid out by the road department, continuing along the territory adjacent to the Doherty-Stone Drill Company, which has been damaged in recent years by flood waters, and at Pennsylvania avenue to turn south to 248th street, following the natural slope of the land. This arrangement would be of vast benefit to property owners in this section, than the original plan of following Lomita boulevard, which is comparatively high ground along its eastern extension.

It's safer, more convenient, and more economical to do your Christmas shopping at home. Torrance stores are prepared with an abundance of holiday goods, priced very reasonably.

Mrs. Parevich Struck By Car Seriously Hurt

Compound Fracture of Leg Result of Unfortunate Accident Yesterday

Mrs. Anna Parevich, 1533 Marcellina avenue, was seriously injured about 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon when, as she was crossing the street in front of her home, she was struck by a car and sustained a broken left shoulder and a compound fracture of the right leg. Both bones were broken below the knee, one of them in two places.

Mrs. Parevich had stepped off the curb in front of a truck driven by Chas. Rysich, which had parked, and as she walked around it witnessed to the accident stated she appeared to be in conversation with the driver, and was looking back over her shoulder as she went out into the street.

As she stepped out from in front of the truck a car driven by Dr. A. P. Hershelroth, Lomita chiropractor, was about to pass the other vehicle, and Mrs. Parevich stepped directly in front of the machine, too late for Dr. Hershelroth to avoid hitting her.

Mrs. Parevich was taken immediately to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital, where she is resting as comfortably as may be expected. It will probably not be known for a day or two whether she sustained any serious internal injuries.

JACK HORMELL ACCIDENTALLY SHOT SUNDAY

Young Boy in Grave Danger As Result of Hunting Accident

Jack Hormell, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Hormell, 1651 218th street, is in a Los Angeles hospital seriously injured as the result of a shooting accident last Sunday, when Jack was struck by a bullet fired from a 22 caliber rifle in the hands of his companion, James Amman, age 14.

The boys had gone out into a field on a hunting trip, and had shot an owl.

Jack had picked up the owl and was examining it with James when, on a short distance away, James was holding the gun behind him parallel with the ground and as he swung it around his finger accidentally caught the trigger and the gun was discharged. The bullet struck Hormell in the right side above the hip, passed through his body and lodged under a floating rib on the left side. The intestines were pierced in three places. The boy was taken to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital for first aid, and later removed to Los Angeles where he is under the constant care of specialists.

An operation to remove the bullet, performed Monday, was successful and the boy is resting as well as may be expected. While he has a chance for recovery, his report from the bedside of the injured lad.

Reports that Jack had died from the wound, which have been circulated, are untrue, and the boy appeared yesterday to be improving though not out of danger.

Sam Robinson Held For Manslaughter

Sam Robinson, 1324 Amapola, today was awaiting arraignment in Los Angeles superior court on charges of hit and run driving and manslaughter, following his arrest by Los Angeles police.

Robinson was bound over by Los Angeles municipal court last Friday following a preliminary hearing at the Hall of Justice.

Robinson's car is alleged to have struck down and fatally injured Charles Ross at 83th and Main streets, Los Angeles, on November 19.

Shop Early—Only 15 Shopping Days Until Christmas.

Only Part of The Story Has Been Told!

Shoppers gassed by scores! Rocks thrown at cars! Packages trampled underfoot! Pickpockets active in jostling crowds! "Tipsy" automobile drivers speeding through traffic signals!

Police cars racing down congested streets! This is the picture painted by shoppers who have been caught in the maelstrom of downtown Los Angeles Christmas traffic during the street car strike. Only a part of the story is being told in metropolitan newspapers, they say. Those who venture into the downtown Broadway area do so at the risk of being gassed, made sick and in some instances made dizzy and unable to see to either drive home or get to car or motor depots.

"Shop at home" is a much safer policy, according to those who have experienced the sickening gas, the Herald was informed today by its Los Angeles correspondent who has just experienced a whiff of gas while reporting one of the many strike battles. A better realization of the violence that threatens innocent bystanders and shoppers is obtained by listening nightly to the Los Angeles police radio station, and hearing requests for police, most of them from the congested area.

Strikers and their sympathizers are daily becoming more determined and are reported to have many more new "tricks" in their bag. There is the danger of falling trolley wires carrying high voltage that means almost instant death if touched.

Aged Mother of Supervisor Quinn Passes Away Tues.

Funeral services for Mrs. Katie Quinn, 78, mother of Supervisor John R. Quinn of the Fourth district, were held at 10 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Quinn died shortly after noon at the family home in Delano.

Seven children survive the mother—three sons in addition to the supervisor, and three daughters. The children are John Archibald, Cletus and Thomas. Mrs. Margaret Smith, Mrs. May Falconer and Mrs. Mildred Richardson.

Supervisor Quinn and Mrs. Quinn were present at his mother's bedside when she died. They left the Hall of Records in Los Angeles Monday afternoon in response to a telegram, immediately after the reorganization meeting of the new board of supervisors.

His mother was a pioneer resident of Kern county. The husband and father, Harry Quinn, passed away about two years ago.

Health Caused Accident

EMPORIA, Kan. (U.P.)—Everett Wayne Fuller, six feet, two inches, is walking on crutches because of his unusual height. While doing setting-up exercises, Fuller struck a chandelier with his hand. The fixture fell on a foot and severed several tendons.

Country Store Booth Feature At Grand Bazaar

Featuring a country store booth, where turkeys, geese, chickens, hams, fruitcake, mince pies, and other holiday delicacies will be sold, the Catholic Church of the Nativity will hold a grand bazaar next Tuesday evening, December 11, at the Woman's clubhouse, 1422 Engracia avenue.

Other booths will offer household articles and hand-made gifts suitable for Christmas giving.

The affair will get under way at 5:30 with the serving of a home-cooked Virginia baked ham dinner. Serving will continue until 7:30 and all who want a fine, substantial dinner at a nominal cost are warned to come early.

CHAPLAIN THOMPSON SPEAKS TO ROTARIANS

Chaplain Thompson of the United States army, stationed at Fort McArthur, gave an interesting talk at the Torrance Rotary Club this noon. A large group of San Pedro Rotarians attended the luncheon at the American Legion clubhouse.

Flyers Still Lost At Sea

Charles P. Ulm, left, with his co-pilot, George Littlejohn, center, and J. L. Skilling, navigator, right, who took off on a flight from Oakland to Australia in the plane, Star of Australia. No word from the flyers has come since their last message three days ago that they had been forced down somewhere near Hawaii. Search by plane and naval cruisers for the missing craft has been unsuccessful.



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Tree Planting Campaign Well Started Here

Torrance and Hawthorne Boulevard Work Is Completed

City workmen this week completed the transplanting of trees from the Del Amo nursery, Dominguez, along both sides of Torrance boulevard, from Madrona street to the Redondo Beach city limits, and along Hawthorne boulevard from Sepulveda to Torrance boulevard. The variety planted along Torrance boulevard include dead-enders alternated with flowering oleanders; along Hawthorne boulevard, date palms are alternated with oleanders.

Sepulveda boulevard through the Del Amo property will be planted to cecis palms and either oleander or hibiscus. Very soon city workmen will start on the job of setting out trees along El Dorado from Cedar avenue to Madrona street, and along Hickory, Greenwood, Fern and Elm street from Sonoma to Torrance boulevard.

Dr. Gerald Del Amo, who will visit Torrance tomorrow to look over the progress of the work, has an elaborate plan for beautifying his property in the west part of the city which will start within a short time. When completed the entire west portion of Torrance will present an unusual accomplishment in the way of city beautification.

Thanks to Dr. Del Amo this extensive program has been made possible as he is donating all the trees for the purpose.

In addition to the program outlined, more trees will be donated by Dr. Del Amo for transplanting along the streets bordering the city park and to complete the park itself.

According to City Engineer Frank Leonard, all the work will soon be finished and the city will maintain the trees as set out so that in a very few years this city will have a setting second to none.

Poppo seeds have been planted in the parking strip in the center of Torrance boulevard from Cedar avenue east which this spring will be in full bloom and make of that highway a beauty spot. For several years past, due to the activities of the Garden Club, now disbanded, all the vacant lots in Torrance were planted with flowers, and the results each year are a source of pleasure to all.

Mailing Dates For Christmas Letters to Foreign Lands

Mailing dates for letters and postals to foreign countries for delivery on or before Christmas are as follows:

Japan, from San Francisco, December 8; Hawaii, December 14; Belgium, European countries, and the Canal Zone, from New York, December 14; South American countries, December 8; Norway, December 14; Great Britain, December 15. Airmail to Cuba must leave Miami, Florida, December 21; Haiti, Puerto Rico, December 23; airmail to Brazil must leave New York December 13; for Mexico, December 21; for northern South American countries, December 19; Chile and Argentina, December 16.

Airmail for delivery to these countries must leave here at least two days before the dates given above.

Mrs. Hattie Lewis Passes Away Nov. 30

Funeral services were held Monday, December 3, at St. John's Episcopal chapel for Mrs. Hattie Lewis, wife of Franklin D. Lewis, who passed away at a Los Angeles hospital, November 30. Interment was made at Roosevelt Memorial Park. Religious rites were conducted by Dr. Hess, with Mrs. W. E. Shawger as soloist.

Mrs. Lewis, leaves besides her husband, one sister, Mrs. Cora Bohrer, 2227 Plaza del Amo, and two sons by a former marriage, Gordon and George Bau. Mrs. Lewis formerly resided in Lomita.

Committee Meets At Bullock Office Sat.

All members of the committee in charge of the Christmas celebration in Lomita are requested to meet Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the office of Dr. W. W. Bullock, where final plans will be put in order. Representatives of all organizations are urged to attend.

SERA TO OPEN COMMISSARY AT 1335 POST AVE., DEC. 17

Nearly 1100 Families On Relief In This District to Receive Food Supplies and \$4.00 Cash Each Week

A new set-up for distributing food supplies to needy families and for disbursing cash relief allowances on a weekly basis will be inaugurated December 17, it was learned from SERA officials who visited Torrance this week to make arrangements for suitable commissary quarters.

Complaint Dept. Opened Here By SERA Officials

Mrs. Ardith Heenan Appointed to Adjust All Sorts of Complaints

A complaint department under the direction of Mrs. Ardith Heenan was set up this week in the Torrance district SERA office, as well as other district offices, according to an announcement by officials of the SERA central office in Los Angeles, today.

Complaints of any sort relative to the SERA activities in this area may be made at the Torrance office. In the event a satisfactory adjustment or explanation is not given by the local complaint officer, the matter will be referred to the area headquarters, 3397 Main street, Culver City, which office is supervised by C. E. Triggs. If the area office is unable to settle the matter, it may then be referred to the central office in Los Angeles. Officials at the Los Angeles office stated that the establishment of local complaint offices is in line with the general decentralization program now under way in all activities of the SERA.

Prompt action on the part of Mayor Scott R. Ludlow and Chamber of Commerce officials in securing suitable quarters for the SERA commissary is said to be responsible for the selection of SERA officials to locate the district office in this city. Through the generosity of the owner of the building at 1335 Post avenue, the federal government will secure the use of the quarters without rent. A lease to the government was negotiated through the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Shortage of Gas Leads to Arrest of Peter Krouse

Indiscriminate Operation of Automobiles Ends In Cell Tuesday Morning

Peter Krouse, 2667 Ocean Front, Ocean Park, was held in the city jail Tuesday awaiting arrival of Santa Monica officers, after he had been captured and turned over to city police charged with the theft of an automobile from William Weichman at Watteria on Monday night.

Krouse, as it later developed at his preliminary hearing, had taken possession of a car at Santa Monica, and drove to Watteria where he ran out of gas. Seeing no opportunity to get gas at such a late hour, Krouse abandoned the machine and jumped into a Willys-Knight belonging to Weichman and drove off. Weichman and W. Chapman, seeing this occurrence, got into another car and followed Krouse, who led them a chase through San Pedro, Wilmington and the harbor district, finally returning to Lomita where he again ran out of gas and was forced to leave the car.

He was taken into custody by his pursuers, who took him to the Torrance police station about 1:30 a. m. Tuesday. Judge Robert Leasing fixed bail in the case at \$500 which Krouse was unable to produce and he was remanded to jail to be turned over to the Santa Monica police who were notified of his arrest. Krouse's trial on the charge placed by Weichman was set for 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

Hold Conference On Family Relations

The second annual all-day harbor regional conference on family relations will be held at the Y. W. C. A., Sixth and Pacific avenue, at Long Beach, next Saturday, December 8. The day will be devoted to lectures and discussions, with Dr. George B. Mangold, of U. S. C., presiding. Admission is by ticket, which may be obtained at the registration desk from 9:15 to 10 o'clock.

Complete stocks of Christmas gift merchandise are now ready at Torrance retail stores.

Important Air Line Will Move To Mines Field

Transcontinental-Western Air Express Leases Space At Nearby Port

The Transcontinental-Western Air Express, one of the largest passenger and mail carrying organizations in the country has leased facilities at the Los Angeles municipal airport at Mines Field from the city of Los Angeles, says the Hawthorne Aviator, and it is anticipated the company will move its equipment from its present western terminal at the Grand Central Airport at Glendale, to the municipal airport about the first of the new year.

It is the consensus of opinion in Los Angeles and at the municipal airport that the action of the Transcontinental-Western Air will exert a powerful influence in bringing other important industries to Mines Field. The larger size of the municipal airport with the resultant safety factor, is said to be the most important influence in bringing the company to the decision to move to this district.

The lease is for the period of five years, to begin early in 1935. The company is to pay the city of Los Angeles monthly rental of \$17.50 per acre for the land utilized, and for the first three years will pay one per cent of the first \$50,000 of its monthly gross revenue and one-half of one per cent in excess of \$50,000, plus a 5 per cent commission on ticket sales made by the city or its agents for the benefit of the company. After the first three years the company will pay to the city of Los Angeles one per cent of its monthly gross receipts plus five per cent commission on ticket sales.

Another Building At Hughes-Mitchell

Construction of another \$12,000 building for the huge plant of the Hughes-Mitchell Processes Company at Torrance was under way this week following the issuance of a building permit by the city of Los Angeles. The building will be one-story, with corrugated steel covering. Plans for erection of a large stack was one of the last permits granted, and this work is well under way.