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School Days Near

Torrance and Other Institutions of Learning In City System Open Sept. 10

Torrance and other schools of the Los Angeles city system will open this year on Sept. 10. Teachers' institute will precede the opening, and a further delay will be required on account of the two holidays, Labor Day, which falls this year on Sept. 7, and Admission Day on Sept. 9.

County Activities

On condition that there be no aviation events, the Los Angeles city council this week indicated it would grant a zone variance to permit the establishment of a new three-mile automobile racing plant on a 400-acre site immediately north of Los Angeles municipal airport. Plans must first be approved by the city planning body. It also is provided that the necessary right of way be dedicated to the city without cost for the widening of Sepulveda boulevard, which now is known as Arizona avenue, skirting the west side of the race track area.

Dedication of Ladera Park, the area that was given preference in development by the county forestry department while workers were quartered at Alondra Park, is scheduled for 1:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Baldwin Hills, north of Inglewood. The park site, a 14-acre tract, is just east of La Brea avenue, near Slauson avenue.

Recreation facilities at the new park will be available to Torrance residents, however, and include two standard tennis courts, and picnic table facilities. A baseball diamond, and horseshoe and shuffleboard courts are partially completed.

Possibility of building huge cisterns at various points throughout the county for possible use in time of serious earthquake is to be investigated by County Fire Warden Spence Turner, at the direction of the board of supervisors.

The action was taken on the suggestion of Supervisor H. C. Legg, who said it had been called to his attention that San Francisco city and county was building a number of the shallow underground reservoirs of 80,000-gallon capacity.

The cisterns would assure at least a temporary supply of water in event that water pipelines should be badly disabled, and make it impossible to get water to fight fires in sections where water is conveyed from lower elevations.

The total levy for the county sanitation district in District No. 2 this year will be 52 cents, compared with 54 cents last year. It was computed this week at the office of the chief engineer, A. K. Warren, in Los Angeles. This district serves Downey, Clearwater, Hynes, and other areas.

Business Firms Add to Plants

Permits for an \$800 addition to their plant was issued at the city engineer's office to the White Manufacturing Company, located on Redondo boulevard, and for a greenhouse, \$500, to be constructed by N. C. Stebbins, Gardena boulevard, both located in the northern part of the city.

Other permits for small improvements about the city were issued. Building construction in Torrance and Lomita is beginning to show something in the nature of a small boom, with several new houses under construction here and about 15 new homes in Lomita.

More are needed in both communities where housing quarters are greatly in demand.

WAR VETERAN MEETS DEATH IN CAR CRASH

Charles W. Kyle Drives Car In Front of Speeding Electric Train

Friends of Charles W. Kyle, 39, residing at 2120 Andrea avenue, were inexpressibly shocked Friday to learn of his death in an automobile accident at 116th street and Figueroa, Los Angeles. Kyle was killed instantly when he drove his car in front of a Pacific Electric train at this intersection.

A veteran of the World war and former Legionnaire, Kyle was accorded the honors of a military burial at Sawtelle yesterday. Funeral services were held in Torrance at 9 a. m. at the Stone & Myers mortuary chapel. Six of his comrades of the Bert S. Crossland Post acted as pallbearers.

He had been a resident of Torrance for a number of years, coming to California from Minnesota. He was employed at the Columbia Steel mills.

Kyle is survived by his wife, Mrs. Florence Kyle, and three children, Jacqueline, Joan and Charles; his mother Mrs. Ida Kyle, sister Mrs. George Stin, both of Wilmington, another sister Mrs. George Harris of San Bernardino, and one brother, Arthur Kyle, of Duluth, Minnesota.

Tax Levy In Sewer District Is Increased

Torrance Property Owners Will Pay Additional Two Cents

Tax levy for County Sanitation District No. 5 which takes in Torrance, Lomita, and the entire southwestern corner of the county, will be 29 cents this year, as against 27 cents last year, an increase of two cents.

The increase is made necessary, it was explained, by reason of increased flow in the district due to the addition of new industries. Each district pays maintenance and operation according to the volume of flow of the sewerage.

Completion of that part of the tunnel section of the White Point outfall contract held by the United Concrete Pipe Company of Torrance, involving the north-south one-third of the tunnel through the Palos Verdes Hills, was completed this week and given a final inspection by A. K. Warren, chief engineer.

Al Robinson Hurt In Crash

Al Robinson, manager of the Star Department Store, was injured Sunday evening and his car damaged to the extent of about \$400, when he was hit by a truck at the intersection of Manchester and Butler avenues. Robinson had passed the heavily loaded truck which was traveling at a high rate of speed a few minutes before, and was making a left-hand turn when the truck crashed into the left side of the Robinson car, and dragged it more than 100 yards. Al sustained a couple of cracked ribs and a wrenched neck. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nichols, his passengers, escaped injury.

Forest Fire Damage Curbed

NAKINA, Ont. (U.P.)—Residents here buried their furniture and other belonging underground and fled when forest fire threatened their village.

Home In September

Louis Zamperini Expects to Arrive In Torrance Early Next Month

Louis Zamperini will be home about Sept. 10, he says in a letter to the Torrance Herald received Tuesday. The Torrance boy is getting anxious to wind up his European trip and get back to good old California, and says that if he can get here before the 10th he will do so. His entrance examinations at U.S.C. are on his mind, and now that the Games are over he is ready to come home.

Louie's letter was written on the day he ran in the preliminary heat of the 5000-meter race, part of it an hour before and the rest of it after he finished.

He says, "Well I just got back from the semi-finals. I got fifth place in my heat. Was I ever tired. My whole trouble was too much speed work and no distance. But I found it out too late. I haven't run anything over two miles since I left Los Angeles. (Apparently he means in practice runs.) The Finns and that Jay run races from five to ten miles that's why they are good. I had too much speed work."

Because the first lap seemed so slow I took the lead for two laps at a fair pace which made the time of the 3000 meters in 8:40 which is darn good, 9:25 two miles. I only got six days' work-out since I left Randall's Island, that is three weeks ago.

"Lash should be in perfect shape for the 5000 meters for he has had plenty of distance, the 10,000 and 5000. I think he'll run good, but not good enough to beat the Finns. I found out how they train and I think if the Americans did the same we could beat them at their own game. But it's too late to try now. I made the Olympic finals and that is what I hoped and prayed for, for four years."

Has the Speed
 "I have been running some very good short races, mile and

a half and 880s and quarters. I think if I would have entered the 1500 I could have done better. I think because of the speed I got over here they might let me run the 800 meters in the steeplechase relay race at London and maybe the 1500 meters or steeplechase at Paris, because of the 8:40 3000 meters I ran in the semi-finals. The world record in the steeplechase is 9:08.2, but if they don't I'll start running six miles again to get in shape for the 5000 again, and then I won't be getting fifth place again."

"Coach Cromwell was tickled to death when I made the finals, in fact he has got my future all planned out for me."

Those German Shoes
 Louie says he did not find out until he reached Berlin that the Olympic committee was not furnishing track shoes, and when he tried to buy a pair in Germany they "fit like a saddle on a cat" so he has been compelled to run all his races in his old practice shoes.

With a probable date fixed for Louie's arrival at home from his long trip, preparations for the city's welcome are taking on shape. Dr. Alden W. Smith, member of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, is in charge, and plans are being made to give Louie a rousing reception in which everybody is invited to join.

The boy has carried Torrance to world recognition in his performance abroad and is entitled to all the honors this city can give.

Latest In Literature Available To Patrons of Torrance Library

Shelves at the new Torrance library are fast becoming filled to capacity with the newest fiction and non-fiction material. Librarian Dorothy Jamieson announced yesterday.

Among the new books to be received this week are included, "A Visit to America" by A. G. MacDonald; "The Son of Marietta" by the European author, Johan Fabricius; "The Longest Years" by Sigrid Undset; "Silas Crockett" by Mary Ellen Chase, and "National Velvet" by Enid Bagnold.

On the non-fictional list, "Structural Design In Steel" by Thomas Clark Shedd, and "Design of Steel Buildings" by Harold Dana Hauf are new to the shelves.

Holds High Place
 "Son of Marietta" is a book of foreign conception and has the same place in the new literature of the continent that Anthony Adverse holds in American literature.

Books coming into the Torrance library for the first time remain here only four weeks and are then moved on to other libraries on the county chain. They do not become permanent here until they are returned at a later date.

For this reason, persons desiring new books, should see that their names are placed upon the waiting list for the volume well in advance of its arrival in the library. Those who fail to do this may be forced to wait a much longer period until the book returns a second time.

Particularly outstanding in its non-fictional content, the Torrance library last year was awarded first place over all other members of the chain for its possession of non-fictional material.

MOVED
 Mr. and Mrs. A. Zahradnik, and daughter Gloria, 1928 Arlington, have moved to Los An-

TORRANCE MAN BADLY BURNED IN EXPLOSION

Donald R. Hamblin Lights Cigarette In Gas-filled Hotel Room

Metropolitan newspapers of Tuesday carried a story of the serious injury of Donald R. Hamblin, 28, of Torrance, who was severely burned in a gas explosion at Riverside that day. Hamblin is not listed in the city directory of this city, and inquiries as to his residence here have been fruitless.

Hamblin is said to have registered at the Roosevelt Hotel in Riverside Saturday. Police officers called to investigate stated that apparently the doors and windows of his room had been sealed with putty and the gas had been turned on. Hamblin lighted a cigarette and the resulting explosion hurled him out into the hall with his clothing all on fire. He was taken to a hospital for treatment for burns which may prove fatal.

His mother, Mrs. Viola Hamblin, of Hawthorne, was notified.

Flash Of Fire Hits Palm Huts

Jungle Land at the Torrance Recreation Center, 1916 Border avenue, went up today in a flash of flame and a smear of smoke, to the disgust of the Boy Scout troops, who will now have to hustle around and rebuild their village.

The Scouts had constructed a row of palm thatched huts at the rear of the playground. Mysteriously this morning the thatched caught fire and flames roared high, setting a tree ablaze and endangering telephone and power lines just above the huts.

To prevent a spread of the blaze to the pepper trees, which are high inflammable, and danger to the old frame building used by the cooperative unit and the rubber factory adjoining, playground workers called the fire department which saved the skeletons of the huts.

Harder Takes Case to Court

Asserting that a license to sell liquor is being withheld from him for no valid reason, Albert D. Harder, proprietor of Harder's market at 1521 Madrid street, Torrance, this week asked Los Angeles superior court for a writ of mandate to compel the state board of equalization to renew a former license.

Harder asserts he sold beer and wine at his market prior to July 21, when the license expired, and that the state body has refused to renew it, although he has complied with all requirements.

The matter will be heard shortly by the court.

Mob Story Is News to Police

Delmer Riley, who gave his address as 1831 Anaheim boulevard, Lomita, came to the police station yesterday to ask protection from a mob which he said had assailed him in that city. Officers were mystified by the tale, which was all news to them, and held Riley for investigation.

BITTEN BY DOG
 Denny Reddington, age 6, residing at 24462 Neece avenue, Welteria, was bitten by a dog Monday. The animal is under observation by the county health department.

Members Approved

Eight New Firms Join Chamber of Commerce; Board of Directors Meet

Absence of several directors forced the Chamber of Commerce board to defer consideration of several projects, planned for discussion at its meeting Monday afternoon.

Approval of the memberships of Mrs. Ella M. Alcorn, Fanny C. King, Pierson & Ryan, Hughes-Mitchell Processes, R. J. Deinger, RB Cut Rate Drug Store, Torrance Auto Electric Service and the Torrance Sign Company, formed the principal business transacted.

Due to lack of finances the board declined to accept the invitation to participate in the National Air Races to be held in Los Angeles, Sept. 4-7, and for a similar reason shelved the proposal to enter the Pasadena Rose Tournament on Jan. 1.

Discussion Deferred
 Other projects on the program on which discussion was deferred were the proposed opposition to tideland surface oil drilling and authorization of slant drilling, proposed development of Bixby Slough, and a request that the chamber endorse a resolution now pending in Congress to instruct the Federal Trade Commission to investigate charges of unfair trade practices affecting California fruit and produce growers.

Council Grants Permit For New Hog Ranch Here

Frogge & Willis Will Locate On Site Removed From Residence Section

On presentation of a written request, accompanied by a check for \$12 business license, the city council granted a permit Tuesday afternoon to Frogge & Willis to operate a hog ranch in Torrance. The ranch will be located at Madrona and Spencer streets, near the old Dominguez Water Company reservoir, and is far removed from any residential section in the city.

The site, according to the letter, has been inspected by three county health department officials, and has been approved for the purpose.

Five other hog ranches in the boundaries of Torrance, all of them located in the northwest section, have not yet applied for permits to operate, according to Mayor W. H. Stanger.

Bees Demand Handout from Local Markets

August brings grapes, grapes bring bees, and bees bring a decree of a lot of trouble to the local grocers, or at least that's the way the story goes.

With the coming of grape season and the placing of grapes on the fruit stands each year, local merchants are pestered to no end by swarms of bees.

Each year the store owners have tried in different ways to remedy the trouble, for few customers will push their way through a humming veil of bees even to buy groceries. Covers of cheesecloth have been tried with no success, and spraying the air and the racks with water also met with failure. The use of fly spray caused damage to so much unwrapped foodstuffs that it was out of the question.

In fact, there seemed to be no solution to the problem until one merchant on Cabrillo avenue hit upon the idea of using a decoy. Taking a quantity of fresh grapes and a little honey he placed it in a box and set the box in the gutter a short distance away from his store. Then by discouraging the bees from his racks with a water spray, he forced them to find new hunting. Soon the greater part of the swarm was concentrated on the decoy box and the store racks were left to the human customers.

Missing Brother Has Been Located

When bonus bonds were distributed to World War veterans last June, Martin McNally of this city told the Herald that thru the registration of veterans for this purpose he hoped to locate his brother, from whom no word had been received for five years.

This week Mr. McNally informed the reporter that within a short time after the bonds were sent out he had secured his brother's address, and he left yesterday for the northern part of the state to visit him.

Keep Colder In Congress... Don't Fail to Vote Next Tuesday