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CHARTER DRAFT COMPLETED; ELECTION AFTER JANUARY 1

Only Fundamentals Included In Document; Amendments May Be Easily Voted Later As Desired; Represents Six Months' Work

After six months of intensive research and study, members of the board of freeholders elected last April to draft a city charter have practically completed their task. The Herald representative found Carleton B. Bell, chairman of the board, busy last evening checking over the final corrections on the 28-page typewritten document. Chairman Bell stated that he expected the completed draft would be ready to submit to legal counsel within a few days for technical examination. Then, as soon as it is signed by the freeholders, the document will be handed over to the city council.

Election In January

Under state law, the city council calls the election for submission of the charter, but the date of the election is set by the board of freeholders. The election cannot be held until 60 days after the document is given to the council. It is the plan, according to Chairman Bell, to set the election date as soon as it is legally possible after submitting the completed draft to the council. However, he predicted that the charter election would not be held until after Jan. 1.

Easy to Amend

The charter is much shorter than the one proposed four years ago, according to Bell, as it was the purpose of the board of freeholders to limit the provisions of the charter to broad fundamental principles, leaving the details of municipal procedure to city governing bodies. Amendments to the charter may be adopted from time to time in the same manner as initiative ordinances, and it will not be necessary to elect another board of freeholders in order to amend the charter, Bell stated.

Local Schools

When a city such as Torrance adopts a freeholders' charter, it automatically divorces itself from an outside school district, the state law stipulates, Bell stated. It was necessary therefore for the board of freeholders to set up a plan for the election of a local school board, as Torrance schools could no longer be administered as part of the Los Angeles city school system. While the charter is comparatively short, it represents many long days and nights of work by the 15 members of the freeholders board, who served without compensation. The board met every Monday evening for five months and in addition many of its members devoted a great deal of time and effort during the day time and other evenings.

Free Show and Dance Tonight At Auditorium

Everything is all set for the big free vaudeville show and dance at the Torrance civic auditorium tonight, according to Thomas Wilkes, dictator of the Loyal Order of Moose, Torrance lodge, sponsors of the unusually meritorious entertainment.

The show is put on by the W.P.A. Theatrical Project and consists of six acts of professional vaudeville. Music for the dance following the show will be furnished by a 22-piece W. P. A. orchestra under the baton of Ted Sherman, director. Under federal regulations governing the staging of such performances, there can be no charge made, and the public is cordially invited to attend, says Mr. Wilkes.

WORKS OUT FINE

Benjamin Charres, 325 No. Camino Real, Redondo Beach, was arrested here yesterday for driving 35 miles an hour in a school crossing zone, and is now working out a \$5 fine on the pistol range.

Poster Contest Will Be Limited To Two Weeks

Safety Idea In Home and Street As Well As Industrial Stressed

Competition among the students of the Torrance schools, all grades, in the safety poster contest sponsored by the Columbia Steel Company, will be limited to two weeks, instead of three months, as reported by the Herald last week, says Miss Ada Chase, art teacher at the high school.

The campaign at the high school will start Oct. 19 and close Nov. 2. At the elementary schools it closes Oct. 30.

Awards will be made on the basis of vividness of presentation of idea, and neatness and attractiveness of poster.

Since October has been designated as safety month, the poster campaign will include also the idea of safety on the streets and in the homes as well as in the steel mills.

All entries will undergo an elimination judging before being submitted to the committee which will make the awards of cash prizes.

Rackets To Be Discussed At Rotary Tonight

Robert J. Bauer, secretary and manager of the Better Business Bureau of Los Angeles, will be the speaker at the Torrance Rotary Club dinner meeting tonight. His subject will be "Business Rackets, Past and Present." Mr. Bauer scored a big hit when he spoke last week before the Santa Monica Rotary Club.

W. H. Bratton, local Pacific Electric station agent, will be formally installed as a member of the Torrance club this evening.

MEETING

of Merchants Is Set for Tues. Evening

A meeting of all merchants in Torrance next Tuesday evening has been called by Dean Sears, chairman of the temporary merchants' committee which functioned during the recent Silver Anniversary Festival.

The meeting is for the purpose of giving a report on the success of the first event, and to organize a permanent merchants' group, if possible. Very important plans for the near future will also be discussed. All merchants and business men are urged to attend by Mr. Sears, who promises an interesting, but short meeting.

The group will meet in the banquet room of Cooky's Club Cafe, 1309 Post avenue, at 6:30 p. m. Dinner will be served for fifty cents and the meeting will adjourn promptly at 8 o'clock.

CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL

The Torrance co-ordinating council will meet Monday evening, October 26 at 8 p. m. in the court room at the city hall. Miss Irene Mills will speak on "Citizenship or School in the Life of the Community."

Many Improvements at Hospital

Alterations have just been completed at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital in the widening of doorways into the wards and private rooms of patients. Since the hospital recently purchased new beds, which were slightly wider than those replaced, it became necessary to make the changes. The doors are now five inches wider than formerly and give ample clearance in case of an emergency which would require moving patients from their quarters. The new beds and doorways are now standard hospital size and the latter comply with fire and earthquake safety regulations.

In addition to these changes the board of directors at its last meeting authorized the obtaining of a loan to be spent in redecorating the whole interior of the hospital in lighter colors, something that has not been done since the building was erected nine years ago. Mrs. Jared Sidney Torrance, president of the board, is personally financing the repainting of the woodwork on the outside of the building.

Building Permits Exceed \$20,000

Building permits totaling more than \$20,000 were issued from the office of the city engineer during the past week.

The largest, a permit to the Higgins Brick Company, 2350 182d street, ran to \$10,000. The Coast Brick Company took out a permit for erection of office building and equipment at 1720 Prairie avenue, amounting to \$3200.

Torrance Mutual Building and Loan Association, alterations to ten houses on Amápolo, \$4600. C. C. Schultz, addition to his home at 1304 Cota avenue, \$860. Bertha Goss, remodel house on Cypress street, \$800. Soule Steel Company, new roof, \$480. Several permits for smaller sums were also issued.

Toy Library In New Location

The toy loan library, which has been in operation at the Recreation Center, 1916 Border avenue, for several months, was moved this week to the Girl Scout hall on El Prado. The library will be open each week on Tuesday and Thursday from 3 a. m. to 4 p. m. The change was made to accommodate children who patronized the library extensively during vacation, but who since school opened do not find it convenient to make the long trip to the Recreation Center.

Under the present arrangement toys may be returned to the library as the children are en route to school and new ones taken out on their return in the afternoon.

Hit-Skip Driver Is Sought Here

Thomas Cathcart, 58, was instantly killed Monday morning about 2:15 a. m. when he stepped off a curb near the Barn Cafe, 11845 So. Vermont, in front of a speeding car. The driver continued down Vermont avenue at a high rate of speed, according to witnesses. The accident was seen by Jack Olsen, 8836 So. Vermont, and Mille Baker, 1517 Beech street, Torrance. City police of Torrance were notified to watch for the car which had a damaged right fender and headlamp, and is believed may be owned by some one in this vicinity.

COLORADO VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. M. Kaiser of Trinidad, Colorado, arrived in Torrance Tuesday evening, and are guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Nichols.

CONDUCTS CLASSES



Nina G. Abbey, home economist, will conclude her three-day cooking classes tomorrow in the civic auditorium with the awarding of many valuable prizes. The school was enthusiastically received by the hundreds of women who attended yesterday, and as we go to press today the auditorium appears to be filled to capacity.

Service Station Man Is Robbed

Charles B. Turner, 1918 Martina avenue, had placed the day's receipts of Oct. 19 in a sack under the cash register and was preparing to close the service station where he is employed at South Main and Rosecrans, when two men entered and asked for service. After their departure Turner looked for his sack of cash amounting to \$44.80, and found it missing. The robbery was reported to deputy sheriffs at sub-station 8 who are investigating.

Carnival Night Next Saturday

Carnival night, one of the big events in the American Legion Auxiliary social year, will be held at the civic auditorium next Saturday. Preparations have been made for plenty of entertainment, games, fortunes, dancing to the music of the Graff's Rhythm Boys of Inglewood, which orchestra made such a hit last year. The tickets may be purchased from auxiliary members or at the door.

Social Service Class Planned

A class for volunteer social service workers will be held under the direction of the Red Cross at 2311 So. Pacific avenue, San Pedro, October 26-30, from 9 to 12 o'clock each morning. Mrs. Edith McAllister will be the instructor. Classes are held for the benefit of persons who wish to follow this line of work and qualify for possible positions with the Red Cross. All Torrance residents who are interested are invited to attend.

Girl Hurt In Auto Collision

Martha Burgess, 2336 248th Place, Lomita, was treated at the office of Dr. G. E. Fuller, Lomita, Sunday evening for a scalp wound and bruises, following an auto accident on Narbonne avenue. Miss Burgess was a passenger in a car driven by Delbert Clayton, 25935 Pennsylvania, which was involved in a collision with a machine driven by Kenneth L. Talley, 24490 Hawthorne boulevard, Walteria.

Ingold to erect new Building

Plans for the construction of Torrance's newest and most modern business block were announced this week by Dr. C. L. Ingold, local optometrist, who is financing the new project.

The new structure which will house the local office of the Southern California Edison Company, will be located on the vacant lot at 1427 Marcelina, between the building now occupied by the Torrance Electric Shop and the post office.

Actual work on the building will start this week according to Doctor Ingold, who further stated that he expected to have the structure ready for occupancy shortly after the first of the year.

Designed by the architectural firm of Walker and Eisen, the building will embody many new and interesting details, such as complete steel girder and stringer construction as a reinforcement against earthquake damage.

In style the building will be strictly modernistic similar to the designs exhibited at the San Diego fair as the newest in architectural art.

Although the present plans call for a single story structure all specifications have been made to include everything necessary for two or more stories to be added in the future.

The doctor explained that should he find another local professional man who would take a lease on the second story he would change his present plans for a one-story structure and go to the two-story building immediately.

Dimensions of the new business building are 33 feet frontage and 60 feet depth. The ground floor will be divided to provide two offices, one of which has already been taken on a long term lease by the Southern California Edison company. In his discussion of his new project Doctor Ingold voiced his confidence in Torrance as a place of business opportunity, and stated that he thought a vote of congratulation was due the local city government for the fine way in which they have aided in the development of Torrance and provided for the future security of the city.

Doctor Ingold came to Torrance in 1926 and during his ten years of practicing in the community he has served a great number of local residents.

In the period he has been a citizen of Torrance the doctor has invested in several pieces of property among them the lot on which he is now going to build his new building, and his home at 1402 Acacia avenue.

Sheriff's Team Defeats Locals

The Torrance Revolver and Rifle Association's top team lost yesterday to the sheriff's (civil) team 1832 to 1816, not a bad margin, considering that the visitors are the best team in the sheriff's department. Officer Percy Bennett led the local squad with a score of 271. Boss-hard of the visitors marked up 273. The sheriff's made their gains on slow fire, scoring 470 to Torrance's 448, but the locals led 456-454 on time fire, and 412-408 on rapid fire.

Fine Levied For Dumping Rubbish

John C. Badger, 1631 W. 253rd street, Harbor City, plead guilty Oct. 16 when he was arraigned before Judge Frank R. Carroll of the Inglewood township justice court at Gardena, to a charge of dumping rubbish in the Palos Verdes Estates. Badger was fined \$25 or 12 days in the county jail, of which \$15 was suspended and he paid the balance.

HERALD-UNION ICE COOKING SCHOOL CLOSSES TOMORROW

Major Prizes to Be Awarded At Friday's Class; Last Chance to Bid On \$159.50 Latest Model O'Keefe & Merritt Gas Range

Before a near-capacity crowd in the Torrance civic auditorium, Nina G. Abbey, cooking expert and nationally known home economist, opened the Torrance Herald-Union Ice Company Cooking School yesterday with a barrage of recipes, kitchen hints and prizes. The large auditorium was more than two-thirds filled and the audience, mostly women, responded to the expert advice of Mrs. Abbey, whose voice was distinctly audible clear to the rear of the hall.

Prizes Given

Over twenty worthwhile prizes were awarded yesterday and an even greater number are scheduled to be given away today. Tomorrow the major prizes will be given, a list of which follows:

\$69.50 Albatross Ice Refrigerator donated by the Union Ice Co.; all porcelain air conditioned, 75-pound capacity.

35-Piece Set of Early California Pottery donated by Harry Abramson of the National Home Appliance Co.

Sunbeam Mixer, retailing for \$23.25, donated by Les Farrar, owner of Modern Appliances.

Flowers will be given by Harriet Leech and Mrs. Abbey has many food prizes to award.

Hot On Range
The Star Department furnished Mrs. Abbey with a brand new 1937 O'Keefe & Merritt gas range which will be sold to the highest bidder after the last day's school. The range, pictured in the Star's ad on page 2A of today's issue, retails for \$159.50, and is the last word in streamlined construction and maximum cooking efficiency. The range may be purchased on regular gas company easy terms of five dollars down and small monthly payments.

Many bids are expected on this range, which has lamp. **TURN TO STORY 1**
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HOME FROM MOTOR TRIP

Miss Beatrice Hughes and Miss Cornelia Hughes arrived home Tuesday from a motor trip across Arizona and New Mexico to the Carlsbad Caverns. They visited relatives in New Mexico, and report a thoroughly enjoyable trip.

Hospital Service

Will Be Afforded At Low Rate Under New Group Plan

Group hospitalization, long in operation in eastern cities, will soon become available in Southern California, following the adoption of plans to form an association for this purpose. These plans were under discussion at a meeting held at the California hospital, Los Angeles, last night. Mrs. Minnie Brooks represented the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital of this city, which will probably become affiliated with the association.

Plans as now outlined are for the formation of a non-profit corporation to be known as the Associated Hospital Service of Southern California. The association is able to come into being under the provisions of a recent act of the legislature which has legalized the formation of such groups. The association will have all powers enjoyed by any other corporation under the laws of the state.

Its purpose is to bring hospital care within the reach of all persons by permitting them to subscribe to the service and pay a limited rate, which may be paid monthly, quarterly or yearly as they elect. In exchange for this payment, the subscriber is entitled to receive not more than 21 days of hospital care at his own local member hospital, or under certain prescribed circumstances at any other member hospital.

Services in the hospital include semi-private room (two to four beds in a room); meals; general nursing care; use of operating room and equipment; medicines, drugs and dressings; fracture beds, splints, casts; operating room supplies; use of material appliances and their upkeep; hospital care shall include obstetrical cases after the

first 12 months from the effective date of any subscription agreement, use of labor and birth rooms and care of mother and infant for 12 days.

Hospital care and service will be furnished on one or more admissions, the total number of days on all admissions not to exceed 21 days. Additional days over the 21 specified in the agreement, necessarily must be paid for by the patient. When a subscriber is hospitalized as a maternity patient, 12 days of care for mother and baby will be considered equivalent to 21 days of care under other circumstances.

When a local hospital becomes a member of the Associated Hospital Service, the remuneration for the care of subscribers is paid to the hospital by the Associated Service. Cost to the individual, under the present plan, now under consideration, will be very low, approximately three cents a day.

The idea is patterned after the plan in use in New York City, where it has been most successful. Not only in New York but in many other cities in the east the group hospitalization plan has been adopted, and has spread so rapidly that at a recent convention of the American Hospital Association held in Cleveland, steps were taken to form a national organization.