

Western Avenue Improvement Again Under Fire

Harbor Civic Group Favors Extension Before Widening

Support of the roads and highways committee of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce to the proposed widening of Western avenue from this city to Los Angeles was pledged late last week at the monthly session of the harbor organization in Hawthorne. It was reported by Bronson C. Buxton, member of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

However, at Buxton's request for this backing, the harbor group advised him that in order to be fair to everyone concerned, the committee should seek the improvement of the remainder of Western from Torrance to San Pedro harbor.

The local realtor pointed out that this city was in need of a wider main artery to Los Angeles. Chairman Ray Baldwin of the Harbor District C. of C. committee, and A. E. Henning, of San Pedro, both suggested that the improvement could be much easier accomplished with the cooperation of the districts south of Torrance which are affected by Western.

Named On Committee

Buxton called attention to the fact that the highway is very narrow and hazardous between Gardena and Torrance as well as north of Gardena. When the improvement of the whole route was suggested to him as being probably easier to accomplish and more in keeping with the policies of the harbor district civic group, Buxton agreed.

He and L. J. Gilmeister, secretary of the local chamber, were named on a committee to obtain the history of Western avenue, reports on all sections of it and to lay before the committee all other available data on the status of the highway.

Henning declared that in years past, representatives of this city had objected to improving the thoroughfare from Torrance to the south.

Curbs for Border Street Ordered

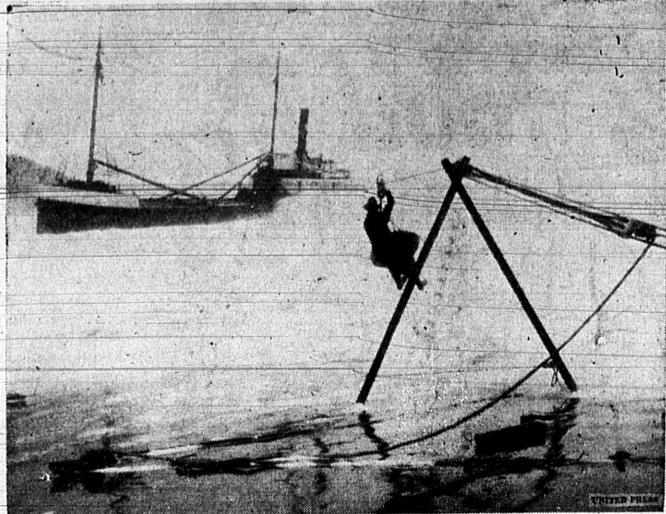
Another traffic hazard was ordered eliminated by the city council Monday night when City Engineer Frank R. Leonard was instructed to install curbs on Border street from the National Supply company on Double street to Carson street. The cost will be \$384, according to the engineer.

Several automobiles have been damaged in coming into contact with P. E. cars along this narrow roadway in the past and the installation of curbs and painting them red to denote "no parking" along that thoroughfare will stop this loss, Leonard declared. The street department will do the work.

Girls' Club Formed At Recreation Hall

A girls' club has been organized by the Recreation Center for girls from six to 12 years. They call it the Sunshine club and their object is to spread joy; their project, sewing.

Old Devil Sea Is Conquered Again



Coast Guard men are shown operating a breeches buoy from the coast at Port Orford, Ore., to the ill-fated coastwise steamer Cotoneva which was grounded by its captain, Eberhard Stahlaume, to avoid risking the lives of 26 men aboard during a recent 60-mile gale. The crew was brought safely to land over the seething foam on the hastily rigged lifeline.

Congressman Colden at the Capitol

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The President's message on the reform of the federal courts continues to be a warm subject of discussion among all the members of Congress; in fact to mention the subject starts hot discussions and everybody pitches in so that one is led to believe that all members are constitutional lawyers. The President has undoubtedly opened the most important battle of his career. Several resolutions have been introduced in Congress proposing amendments to the constitution.

The purpose of these amendments is to give Congress power to regulate interstate commerce, industry, labor and agriculture. The chief objection to a constitutional amendment is that it will require years to pass it. The child labor amendment, for example, was submitted by Congress 13 years ago and has been ratified by 27 states, still short nine states to make it effective. A constitutional amendment giving Congress authority to regulate interstate practices of large industries—hours, wages, child labor, and clarifying and expanding the authority of Congress on general welfare legislation, will be fought by much more powerful interests than has the child labor amendment.

DELIBERATE OPENING . . . The President's program, while it involves a fierce struggle, can be much more quickly attained. Within a few months Congress will have had an opportunity for discussion and consideration and will be ready to pass or reject the President's program. If it is passed, the President will be able to carry

out the New Deal program within the term of his present administration. If the President's program is defeated, it will undoubtedly become the paramount issue in the next campaign. If the 1938 campaign does not decide the issues and the President determines to appeal to the people in the 1940 campaign, it may occur that he will be a candidate for President for the third term. Judging from his past conduct the President has opened this battle deliberately and will carry it to a finished victory whatever that may require.

It is rather a disappointing spectacle that liberalism, which has swept the Democratic party into Congress with the largest membership any party has ever known, and a liberal President has been elected to office by the largest vote and largest majority ever recorded in our history, is to be defeated in its purpose by one lone man over 70 years of age on the supreme court. After all, the constitution is an instrument of democracy and not its master.

INSULTING RIDER . . . The famous or infamous "Red Rider law" of the District of Columbia was not repealed by the House but it was materially changed. The District of Columbia has a law that requires all teachers, janitors and other employees of the public schools, to take an oath each time they receive a pay check that they

have not taught communism. The "Red Rider" was slipped in an appropriation bill several years ago and nobody seems to know just how. Such an oath is not required by any state of the Union. The teachers of America, along with the veterans' organizations of our country, teach and preach more patriotism than any other group. The "Red Rider" has been an insult to the patriotic teachers of America.

PUT 'EM TO WORK . . . There are all kinds of lobbies in Washington, big and little, fat and lean, some legitimate and others just plain rackets. There are hundreds of men and women making a snug living off of organizations and groups throughout the country. These lobbyists are usually throwing some sort of a scare into their supporters to make them believe they are to be deprived of some rights, or that they are going to secure some privilege.

Some go so far as to have bills introduced in order to have an excuse for their existence. If the people throughout the country understood the purposes and the methods of many of these smooth lobbyists, they would keep their money in their pockets and a number of these petty racketeers would be working for a living.

BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE . . . Lincoln's birthday was observed by the House. John M. Robison, a member of Congress from Kentucky, and formerly United States Senator, who now

represents the district in which Abraham Lincoln was born, delivered a real old-fashioned oration. He paid America's greatest compliment—a beautiful tribute. This was one occasion when the House members paid rapt attention. Robison is the only Republican from Kentucky and represents a mountain district.

CAN REST A BIT . . .

Now that the Pacific coast and the General Motors strikes have been settled, the President and Mrs. Perkins, the Secretary of Labor, will be able to catch up on their sleep. During the strikes and the floods, it is reported that the President was talking over the telephone to the various parts of the country during the night time when most folks were sound asleep. Mrs. Perkins undoubtedly has the toughest job in the Cabinet, and with everybody picking on her, she has her troubles along with the President.

USUAL PRACTICE . . .

Immediately after the President's message on the reform of the federal courts the stock market in New York dropped with a thud. It usually happens that when the Stock Exchange doesn't like the President's attitude it registers displeasure by knocking over the stock market, then two or three days later it crawls up again and the lambs have taken another shearing.

Don't attempt to adjust the carburetor unless you're an expert.

CHARTER FETE FRIDAY NIGHT

Lomita Kiwanians Plan Gala Affair

With Kiwanians from all parts of the harbor district attending, the recently formed Lomita service club will hold its "charter party" tomorrow night, Feb. 19, at 7 o'clock at the Holywood Riviera clubhouse. The affair, which will conclude with a dance, will mark the formal initiation of the Lomita group into the Kiwanis-International organization. It is expected to be one of the most pretentious parties given in this district this season.

High officials of the club for this state and Kiwanis district will be honor guests, together with their ladies. District 13, of which the Lomita club is a unit, is to send the largest delegation to the event and many members of the Torrance club and their wives are planning to attend.

Dr. Ernest G. Basher, Los Angeles, governor of the California Nevada district, is to deliver the principal address and Al Drew, past president of the Wilmington club, sponsor of the Lomita group, will preside at the dinner and introduce Herbert C. Peifer, South Gate, past lieutenant-governor of district 13, who will be toastmaster.

Phillip N. McCaughan of the Long Beach club, is scheduled to present the charter to President John Holm of the Lomita

club in behalf of Past Governor Charles R. Crooke, of Mountain View, who will not be able to attend. Col. Jack Forbes, song leader of the Lomitas; Jack White, secretary of the Long Beach club, and Al Drew will collaborate on the entertainment program.

They are being assisted by a special fun-making group from the Wilmington club, headed by Duke York. Monroe Gamby is chairman of the dinner arrangements and is being assisted by Ois Pederson and Wallace Welch.

PRISON TRANSFER

Completion of the transfer of prisoners between San Quentin and Folsom prisons, now in progress, will leave less than 50 first-termers in the penitentiary for hardened criminals.

Girls 'Play Hookey'; Arouse Kidnap Fears

Three little Torrance girls, the youngest 10 and the oldest 12, "played hookey" from school one afternoon last week and caused a general police broadcast that put all officers in this district into a hunt for them.

One of the girls' mother was frantic with worry as to the whereabouts of her child and expressed fears that the girl may have been kidnaped. It was nearly 7 o'clock in the evening before the missing youngsters were located, trudging along Torrance boulevard.

They had hiked to Redondo Beach and were returning from their unauthorized school vacation tour.

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