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PAY BOOSTS LOOM IN TWO BIG LOCAL PLANTS

FREE SYMPHONY CONCERT IN CIVIC AUDITORIUM FRIDAY EVENING AT 8 O'CLOCK

The second free concert by the 30-piece Torrance Symphony orchestra, directed by George N. Merston, will be presented tomorrow (Friday) evening in the civic auditorium, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Lorene Ulrich, well-known local soprano, will be the guest soloist, singing the "Printemps qui commence" from Samson et Delila by Saint-Saens and Lester's "London-derry Air."

All residents of Torrance and vicinity are cordially invited to attend this evening, made possible through allocation of city funds. The last free concert, held Jan. 27, was enjoyed by more than 500 people.

Features Haydn Symphony. Conductor Merston has planned a "popular" program for classical music that will include Haydn's Surprise Symphony and Delibes' Ballet Sylvia.

The concert program follows: Fiddio overture by Beethoven. Surprise Symphony by Haydn in four parts: Adagio Cantabile, Andante, Menuetto and Allegro al molto.

Ballet Sylvia suite in three parts by Delibes. Valse Lente. Pizzicato Polka and March and Procession of Bacchus.

Mrs. Ulrich's solos, accompanied by the orchestra. Comedy skit with a special stage setting.

"Under the Double Eagle" march (Wagner) by request. Star Spangled Banner, with the audience singing to the orchestra's accompaniment.

Flood Gifts Now \$2,005 in City. With the receipt of a \$1 contribution from Mrs. Nellie Zuber this week, the total amount subscribed here to the American Red Cross flood relief fund is now \$2,005.24, according to Mrs. Flora McDonald, local Red Cross chairman.

TO FURNISH OFFICE. At the request of the municipal water department, the city council allocated a sum "not to exceed \$200" for the purchase of office furniture.

Furnishers. Listed for Home; Story Next Week. Because many furnishing articles that will be found in The Herald's Demonstration Home at Beech and Sierra streets are being purchased especially for the showing by local dealers from their wholesale outlets, a complete description of the furnishings would not be reported this week.

CHILD LABOR ACT LEGAL. Clarifying a question that arose as a result of the so-called "red" strike involving ranch workers in the Whittier, Venice and Torrance-Palos Verdes districts last summer, Los Angeles county supervisors were advised this week by the county council that they had the power to adopt an ordinance prohibiting employment of minors under 18 years in hazardous occupations.

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Revival of Apprenticeship System Sought By Educators With Government's Aid. In connection with the vocational guidance work shortly to begin at Torrance high school, Principal Thomas Elson attended a dinner meeting at the Frank Wiggins trade school in Los Angeles Friday night at which the subject of the proposed plan for a federal apprenticeship system was discussed.

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No changes in appointive offices are contemplated by Mayor William H. Tolson and he has not asked for any resignations. The councilman who was named head of the city administration last Thursday following Mayor W. H. Stanger's resignation said this week that he believes "we are going along all right and it won't be necessary for any adjustments to be made at this time."

Mr. Tolson will confer with other members of the city council, including Robert J. Deininger, who was appointed to serve out Stanger's unexpired term (to April, 1938), before the next meeting on the matter of committee appointments. The council is to meet Tuesday night, March 9, with the new mayor presiding for the first time.

"I want my committee to be agreeable to the men who serve on them and I shall endeavor to place each councilman in the group he desires to work on," Tolson said. "Our newest member, Mr. Deininger, comes well prepared to serve on the council because of his previous experience as a councilman and mayor. We know he'll make a good member of the board."

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The Herald contacted Murray to learn the possible reduction in this area and what it would mean to local consumers. "The cut in rates has been announced by the California railroad commission and this will mean about a \$1,000,000 savings to customers of the gas company but we don't know as yet how that reduction will be applied," Murray said. "We won't know any details about it until our engineers have completed a study of the situation."

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"The company will recognize any individuals or groups or organizations as the spokesmen for employees whom they represent but will not recognize any single organization or group as the exclusive bargaining agent for all employees."

"Under this policy the status of the Employees' Representation Plan is likewise unchanged. It will continue as the spokesman for those of the employees who prefer that method of collective bargaining which has proved so mutually satisfactory through its experience."

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"I am temporarily retiring from a long service—some 25 years—in theatre business on account of my wife's health," Van Derlip said. "My own health has been none too good and I believe an extended vacation, beginning with a rest at Palm Springs, will do us both a great deal of good."

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STEEL OFFICE FORCE SHARES RATE INCREASE

Payroll checks of Columbia Steel Company employees here will be upped \$32,500 per month as result of wage increases for all plant and office workers announced this week by E. M. Barber, general superintendent of the Torrance plant. The new wage and salary schedule will go into effect March 16.

The common labor rate thru-out the plant was increased 10 cents per hour, and all other wage rates were raised from a minimum of seven and one-half cents per hour to a maximum of 10 cents per hour. The normal wage rate for all hourly and tonnage workers was increased 10 cents per hour, Barber stated. Salaries of office workers will also be increased, effective March 16, it was announced.

The new agreement signed by company officials with employee representatives calls for a 40-hour maximum week's work with time-and-a-half pay for all time over 40 hours a week; eight hours a day, and six days a week.

Employees' Victory. The pay increase and establishment of the 40-hour week schedule is generally conceded as a sweeping victory for the Employees' Representatives who had been negotiating on behalf of their fellow workers with company officials for some time. These conferences lead to the formal filing of the requests on March 1 and the next day the agreement was signed.

Virtually every request made by the Employees' Representatives was granted and the 10 cents per hour wage increase was given to all but a small percentage of workers, whose previous rates were considered out of line.

The new hourly rates which go into effect March 16 is the second such general pay increase enjoyed by Columbia Steel workers within the past four months. On Nov. 16, 1936, the basic common labor rate was increased from 38.5 cents per hour to 48 cents per hour, an increase of 25 percent.

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The home will be open daily, including Sundays, from 1 p. m. to 9 p. m. Visitors are urged to spend all the time they want there. A representative of The Herald will be present at all times to answer questions about any details.