



**HITLER REVIEWS TROOPS** . . . Chancellor Hitler is shown in this radio picture rushed to The Herald by United Press reviewing his honor troops in front of historic Hradcsin Castle in Prague. Czechs boycotted a triumphal parade held to mark the Nazi annexation of Czechoslovakia.

## Claim El Prado Trees Will be Better for Present Trimming

El Prado's towering eucalyptus trees lost their altitude and most of their beauty this week as they were trimmed down to barely spiky tops but there is no reason to believe they will remain in that denuded condition very long.

The expert trimmers employed by the California Tree Service have assured all inquirers that within a few months, even within 60 days, the trees will begin to renew their growth and be all the better for their amputation.

"We are only trimming them as they should be trimmed to insure attractive, safe foliage," one of the men told a Herald representative. "When they begin to come out with their new spring dresses, your trees will be very beautiful."

Altho members of the city council have received several complaints regarding the trimming work, some even from those who signed the petition of Jan. 10 to remove all of the eucalyptus trees—the public's reception of the work has been generally favorable.

**WPA TREE PLANNING PROJECT UNDER STUDY**

County Forester Spence D. Turner is studying a proposal by John Anson Ford that a WPA tree-planting project might be originated by the county or forestry department to make up for the scarcity of shade and decorative trees along the streets and highways of the county.

The county already operates several nurseries, one at Pacoima and another at Henninger Flats in Angeles Forest. The county gives these trees where a majority of property owners in a given area agree to maintain them for three years and many blocks of streets and highways in unincorporated territory have been lined with trees under this plan.

"While property owners and subdivision planners have been very far-sighted in some instances, notably in such communities as Pasadena and Beverly Hills, we are making a great mistake in omitting to plant on many residential streets. Likewise there are business streets whose attractiveness would be greatly increased by the use of cocon palms, or some thing similar," Ford wrote Turner.

"I am aware of the original cost of trees, incidental to watering and care for the first two or three years. However the penalties for barrenness are so great that we should make more effort than we are now doing to beautify our streets."

**"Here She Comes!"—Adv.**

## Heavy Bearing Falls In Derrick and Kills Lomitan

Death, in the form of the upper half of a sheave bearing weighing between 40 and 60 pounds, fell from the top of a 125-foot derrick and abruptly ended the life of Elmer Johnson, 35-year-old oil worker living at 24202 Lomita Drive, Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

He was instantly killed when the heavy equipment struck him on the head.

The accident occurred at the well, located at 233rd and Walnut, that was being drilled by S. R. Dummery for the Kidmas Oil corporation of Santa Monica. Mr. Johnson was working on the floor with three other men, and was about to uncouple a stand pipe when the sheave bearing fell without warning. He had just reached out toward the pipe tongs when he was struck on the left side of the head and left forehead.

He collapsed and died at the feet of E. J. Lettner of Beverly Hills. The bearing struck the rotary table and glanced off to the floor, narrowly missing either a derrick or other workers, David Miles and Ralph Ackerman of Long Beach, according to police report.

Mr. Johnson was survived by his wife, Cleo Johnson; two sons, David, 14, and Neil, two, and an invalid 60-year-old mother, Mrs. Eliza Johnson, who lives with the family in Lomita.

The funeral service was held this afternoon at Stone and Myers chapel, with Rev. John Orr of Lomita officiating. The remains are to be sent to Nampa, Idaho, Mr. Johnson's former home, accompanied by his wife and sons, for interment there. Mr. Johnson is also survived by a brother, George, of Montrose, Colo.

## 57 Students Sign for Jr. College Studies Here

Sixty-seven former high school students have indicated to Principal Thomas Elson that they would enroll in the proposed Torrance Junior College next fall. These prospective joyous students are now residing in Torrance and Gardena. They gave definite replies to the posted questionnaire sent out several weeks ago by the Torrance high school principal.

"Although I requested a list of Narbonne high school's graduates shortly after we decided to make the postcard survey of prospective junior college students, I have not received such information as yet from Principal John Abbott of Lomita," Elson said yesterday.

"I hope to get this list because we would like to reach all former Narbonne students to find out if they would be interested in continuing their education."

**Enough for Eight Studies**

Principal Elson intends to ask the 79 prospective graduates of Torrance high this spring concerning their plans for the future and determine how many of the class that receives diplomas this spring desire to enroll in the junior college here. There must be at least 120 students enrolled before such advanced studies can be offered.

He has learned, from a study of replies to the postcard survey, that eight subjects have sufficient requests for junior college organization here. These are: commercial, basic English, mathematics, drafting, science and physiology.

Most requests for definite subjects were received for further instruction in English studies, there being 38 demands for this subject. Other requests were: social studies, 30; commercial work, 28; mechanical arts, 24; mathematics, 16; foreign languages, 15; science, 14; home economics, eight; music, seven; art, five; physical education and hygiene, four.

Elson urges all former students who have received the postcards and not returned them, to let him know at once what their desires are so that the necessary arrangements can be made to incorporate all popular classes in the curriculum for the junior college.

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**THEY COMPETE SATURDAY!** . . . Here are six of the entrants in the Bathing Beauty Contest that will be staged by the Torrance Moose lodge Saturday night at the Civic Auditorium in conjunction with a public dance. They are, standing left to right: Elsie Lucille Gour, Dorothy Marie Thoma, Roberta Jean Walker and Louise Jeanne Hutchens; sitting, left to right: Annabelle Smith and Jean Arlen.

## Kettler Option Granted City

Next Tuesday night when the city council holds a regular session in the city hall, Mayor William H. Tolson will present a signed option for the purchase of Cabella's well-known strip between E. and S. streets, for the proposed extension of Cabrillo avenue from Sepulveda boulevard to connect with Eastman avenue in Lomita.

The option, at the rate of \$1,000 per acre, was granted by John D. William and Emil Kettler, Jr., and other heirs of the Kettler Estate. Extension of Cabella was one of Mayor Tolson's four-point highway improvement program outlined Feb. 1. Other proposed improvements are:

Extension of Crenshaw (Cedar avenue) from 100th street to connect with the roadway at Redondo beach boulevard; re-pavement of Torrance boulevard from curb to curb, eliminating the present center boulevard strip between El Prado and Date street, and re-surfacing of Hawthorne boulevard thru WALTERIA and up the hill to the Palos Verdes Estates.

Mayor Tolson is expected to push these objectives with the assistance of the city council and some action may be taken next Tuesday night to advance this program.

## Transition of Pupils Subject of Conference

A lengthy conference on the study of articulation or the method whereby elementary school pupils are absorbed into junior high schools was held at Torrance high school this morning, attended by 14 elementary school principals and Principals Thomas Elson of Torrance, John Abbott of Narbonne and Raymond E. Pollich of Gardena.

## IT IS HOOVER DAM, MR. ICKES!

### Name Never Officially Changed to Boulder

For nine long years the Los Angeles Times has "keyed the faith" with its persistency in labeling the Southwest's greatest monument, "Hoover" Dam.

Alone among Los Angeles metropolitan papers and one of the few publications in the country to maintain this name in the face of such authorities as the National Geographic Society, World Almanac and divers other map-makers, the press and public school papers are absorbed into Hoover Dam.

This week that newspaper which has been chortled down to its repeat basement when it learned that it is "Hoover" Dam—Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes and the world to the contrary! Ickes was revealed in Washington as the perpetrator of one of the most skillful deceptions ever pulled on the

## Ten in Quest of Honor Title Miss Torrance

With 10 of the community's fairest maidens ready to compete, the Torrance Moose lodge Bathing Beauty Contest and public dance in the Civic Auditorium promises to be an outstanding harbor district attraction Saturday night, March 25. Winner of the local contest will be hailed "Miss Torrance" and will compete with the beauties of the Southland April 15 for the title "Miss Southern California."

Entries in the Torrance contest include Vernetta Ann Ruppert, 19, 910 Portola avenue; Torrance; Betty Jean Bergman, 17, 331 South Hilltop avenue; Torrance; and Jean Arlen, 12, 1402 West 220th street, Los Angeles; Lella Mae Combs, 24, 1349 West 221st street, Elsie Lucille Gour, 17, 819 Cota avenue, Ethel Mary Schimmick, 17, 1402 West 220th street, Annabelle Smith, 18, 719 Cota avenue, all of Torrance; Dorothy Marie Thoma, 17, 502 South Elena street; Jean Arlen, 17, 127 North Benita avenue; Roberta Jean Walker, 17, 528 Avenue C, all of Redondo beach; and Jeanne Louise Hutchens, 18, 4028 Duncan way, South Gate.

Entries Close Saturday

The dance, to the music of the Maywood Moose 10-piece orchestra, will begin at 8:30 o'clock and the Beauty Contest parade is scheduled to get under way at 10:30 p. m. The judges will be Mayor William H. Tolson and Grover C. Whyte, publisher of The Herald, Miss Esther Z. Maxwell, representing National Business and Professional Women, and a representative of the Torrance Women's club as yet not announced, and talent scouts from Warner Brothers, M.G.M., and 20th Century-Fox studios.

Girls who desire to enter the contest may enroll up to Saturday noon. Entry blanks may be obtained from the Moose hall on Carson street or at a number of Torrance stores and shops.

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## C. C. Directors Return Requests

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, in considering two requests for recommendations from the city council regarding appropriations of municipal funds, indicated they favored a re-statement of the chamber's function as chief advertising and promotion agency of the city.

The council's requests concerned applications for a \$70 subsidy to the newly-formed Torrance Community Players for their initial production and the free use of the Civic Auditorium with its kitchen and public-address facilities by the Torrance Townsend club for a convention session.

Regarding the Players' request, the chamber directors wrote City Clerk A. H. Bartlett: "Consideration of this question concluded with the decision that (in the belief of the Chamber directors) this activity comes under the head of 'Recreational Activities' and as such it is out of their jurisdiction to pass upon."

**Suggests Rental Fee**

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## A. and I. 70 Taxpayers Meet Tonite

A full report on her meeting with the board of supervisors Tuesday will be given by Mrs. S. A. Green of 23412 South Normandie at the general meeting of property owners of Acquisition and Improvement District No. 70, at the Steelworkers' hall, 1536 Craven avenue, tonight at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Green, who is a member of the executive committee charged with seeking relief from the Mattoon Act assessments, believes that the district, located in the Shoestring tract, located in the Shoestring strip on either side of Normandie avenue, has an excellent chance of having its bonds refinanced.

Representatives of the district's taxpayers are scheduled to confer with the county's Special Relief committee March 29 to learn details of a proposition for clearing the property of its lumbering Mattoon Act bonds.

## MEASLES AND PINK-EYE HIT SCHOOLS

"Pink eye," measles and colds continued to cut down school attendance records in this city and Lomita this week. The hardest hit institution of the seven is Fern Avenue school where Mrs. Oda Vans, principal, reported yesterday afternoon that 25 children are out with the measles and 12 are suffering from eye infection. She said, however, that the school nurse reports that the health situation is showing considerable improvement daily.

A survey made by The Herald late yesterday afternoon showed the following reports:

**Torrance high school:** Seven cases of measles, no pink-eye at present. One case of eye infection has cleared up.

**Torrance Elementary:** No measles or pink-eye. Principal Merle Holbach states that a number of children are absent with colds.

**Walteria School:** Four families reporting measles among children, 18 absences but no pink-eye. One case reported has recovered.

**Perry School in North Torrance:** "Quite a few absences on account of colds but we have no eye trouble or measles that we know of," said Principal C. C. Crawford.

**Narbonne high school in Lomita:** Eighteen out with measles, three with pink-eye and one case of mumps.

**Lomita Elementary:** About 53 absences yesterday and Miss Harriet Michelson, principal, believes about 30 have measles; five are confined at home with pink-eye.

**Orange Street school in Lomita:** "Quite a few measles cases here," according to Principal Arthur Paine, who reported 24 absences out of an enrollment of 350. No reported pink-eye.

## Seaman Suffers Severe Slash

Twenty-four stitches had to be taken in Edward Talbot's deeply lacerated chin to close the cut that 31-year-old seaman suffering at 830 Arlington avenue suffered last Sunday in an auto accident. He was treated at Torrance Memorial hospital.

## Inter-City Bus Line Proposed

"I believe a municipal bus line, operating from Walteria, thru Lomita, Torrance and Gardena to connect with the yellow car line in Los Angeles would be supported by residents in this area and I intend to make a thorough survey of such a cheap transportation service."

So declared Mayor William H. Tolson this week when he learned that Gardena was interested in resuming bus service that was abandoned in 1911 by a privately owned transit line.

"Residents of Walteria, Lomita, Torrance and Gardena are entitled to low-cost transportation that would give them access to the Los Angeles Railway line at Vermont and 120th street or the yellow bus line at Figueroa and Manchester or Western and Manchester," the mayor continued.

**30-Minute Schedule**

"Such a service, using small buses with a capacity for 16 or 20 persons, could be successfully operated as a municipal line, I believe, and perhaps the city of Gardena would cooperate with such an enterprise."

"Altho I have made no investigation so far into the matter, I think a 30-minute schedule could be adopted to give a resident in this area good service and access to the ten-or-seventeen yellow car or bus line fares into the heart of Los Angeles. It is a matter worth further study and I intend to devote considerable time to it within the next few weeks," Mayor Tolson concluded.

Because the Gardena City Transit line, which has operated a bus service within Gardena city limits for the past three weeks, discontinued operations March 11, the Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce directors asked their city council to investigate the feasibility of a municipal line.

**No Permit Required**

Reason given by the owner of the abandoned line for the abrupt discontinuance of service was "lack of patronage." The Gardena Chamber directors were informed by Secretary Pat MacDonnell that he had made a study of various municipally-owned bus lines, including Culver City and Montebello. He found that, altho when they were started, they were "losing propositions for a time they subsequently made substantial profits for the city."

MacDonnell also reported that a bus line owned by a city could give service outside of municipal corporate limits without obtaining a permit from the State Railroad Commission or any other public body.

**P. V. Drive Work Will be Continued**

"Appropriation of \$4,000 for the continuation of construction work on Palos Verdes drive, which is being constructed by SRA forces was voted this week by the board of supervisors, on recommendation of George Jones, county road commissioner.

The new roadway is being constructed to replace the old roadway, which is gradually slipping into the ocean, road engineers said.

**PROBE STRATOLINER'S CRASH** . . . Investigators of the Federal Civil Aeronautics Authority probed the wreckage shown here, near Seattle, of a \$500,000 Boeing stratoliner which crashed up in mid-air and killed all on occupants. The crash of the four-engine plane seriously retarded aviation's conquest of the thin air miles above the earth. Victims included members of a Dutch air mission.



**HOMER S. CUMMINGS** . . . denies rechristening

Illegally Changed  
The Secretary (whose darts at the press in general have been frequent and bitter) it developed through revelation of former Attorney-General Homer S. Cummings, obtained from the world, including Con-



**FILM ROMANCE RUMORED** . . . When Tyrone Power, center, accompanied Annabella, right, to the preview of Deanna Durbin's latest picture, one writer said the French actress was wearing a diamond, ostensibly put there by Power. Marlene Dietrich, left, is shown with the party as they entered the theatre.