

# Mayor Invites Aid of Local Groups in Establishing Civic Museum Here

## SUGGESTS SPONSORSHIP OF MURALS FOR CITY HALL

"We've got many fine things here in Torrance—our civic center buildings, alert citizenry eager to participate in civic affairs, good substantial homes, thriving industries—but we've rather overlooked one field of municipal development."

"We have few really cultural outlets of a civic nature. We have no place where we can display records of our past history. For instance, we could have these barren walls decorated with mural paintings of local scenes, our beach, factories, street scenes and 'home-life'."

Mayor William H. Tolson was in a reflective mood one morning this week as he stood in the city hall and watched painters putting the finishing touches on a repainting of that building's main hallways.

"Pictures for City Hall  
"I think it would be a good idea to start collecting our history and keeping it in one place. For one thing, we should have the pictures of all former mayors on display some place in the city hall. The portraits of those eight men, starting with the late George A. Proctor, who served in 1921 and 1922, should be collected and, uniformly framed so that present and future citizens of our community may identify them with the city's progress," Tolson said.

Studying the blank walls of the city hall corridor, the mayor said that they could be made decorative and illustrative of the city if they were covered, even only a part of the way, with artist murals or large photo murals.

Perhaps, he reflected, the public library's exhibit room could be used temporarily for a city museum wherein articles closely identified with Torrance history would be available to the public. Such things as old record books, first editions of local newspapers, pictures of early day Torrance scenes, maps and graphs of municipal expansion, trophies won by civic institutions and portraits of citizens who have contributed to Torrance advancement.

Needs Citizens' Interest  
But Mayor Tolson believes this endeavor to kindle a civic culture should be undertaken by an organization not connected with the municipal government.

"Some group can render great service to the city in this respect if it would undertake the sponsorship of a move of this kind," he said. "The city council cannot do it alone. It needs the interest of the citizens, local people who can make a detailed study of what is available here and how such souvenirs of the past can best be accumulated and displayed."

"I am sure that the council will be receptive to any reasonable plan," Mayor Tolson continued. "An art or historic commission could be formed and given the privilege of compiling the material that is now being allowed to scatter to the four winds. I hope that some group in the city will see the value of such a project and do something about it."

Dog Haunts Old Home  
SALINAS (U.P.)—For six years, Van, a 13-year-old dog, lived with his master in a 71-year-old residence. Recently his master moved and the house was dismantled. Yet, every day at the same hour, Van leaves his new home, makes his way thru the auto traffic and returns to his old stamping grounds.

## Bargain in Wheel Barrows Doomed by Bid

Hundreds of residents from all sections of the country who had anticipated purchasing a wheel barrow from Los Angeles County for one dollar are doomed to disappointment.

Back yard gardeners and others who had sent one dollar to the County Purchasing Department hoping to buy a wheel barrow from among the 1,000 or more which the county offered for sale, have learned that a contracting firm outbid them and offered to buy the entire lot at the rate of \$1.47 each.

## Schipper Gets Dairy Permit In El Nido

Permit to establish a dairy in the El Nido district near Hawthorne avenue and 190th street, was granted this week by the board of supervisors on recommendation of the county regional planning commission.

Pete Schipper is the applicant for the permit, and regional planning engineers decided after a field investigation of the premises that the establishment and operation of a dairy at this location would not be detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare of the community.

"War Minerals" In Nevada  
RENO, Nev. (U.P.)—If the United States ever becomes involved in war, Nevada is confident it will become famous. Virtually every one of the "strategic minerals" necessary for the conduct of war are to be found within the state.

The San Antonio, Texas, zoo this year raised more cats than at any time during its existence; five leopards, six pumas, three lions and two tigers.



HI YO, LOU... "Just relaxing," says Lou Nova, the heavy-weight title contender, as he rides and otherwise takes it easy at a ranch near Phoenix, Ariz.

## Rose Tournery Parade Theme Is 20th Century

Wonders of the 20th century depicted in flowers will pass in review New Year's day when the 51st annual Tournament of Roses parade is held on the streets of Pasadena.

There will be a modern streamlined train, 66 feet long, constructed out of 275,000 individual blooms, the 200 inch telescope at Palomar and numerous other floats in the parade that will carry out the parade theme "Twentieth Century in Flowers."

The parade route will be longer this New Year's day thus enabling visitors to view the spectacle with greater ease and comfort. After the parade completes a six mile route it will be disbanded in Tournament Park and there kept on display for an additional 24 hours.

In view of the longer route the parade will start earlier than usual. The signal to start will be given at 9:15 a. m. The parade itself will be three miles in length and require one hour and 23 minutes to pass a given point. The last float will reach Tournament Park by 1:30 p. m. thus affording ample time for all participants to reach Rose

## Veteran Glass Worker Dies in Redondo Beach

Charles C. Martin, well-known to old-time residents of this city as a window glass worker and affectionately known as the "Mayor of North Redondo," passed away in his sleep last Thursday afternoon. He was 69 years of age and lived in Redondo Beach since 1915 when he came from Stockton to work in the Torrance Glass factory.

The funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon with the Redondo Elks lodge in charge. Private cremation service at Pacific Crest followed. He was survived by two sons, James H. of San Francisco and Pat of Inglewood. As "Blockie" Martin, he was very popular thruout the entire window glass industry. It was his hobby to visit and work at different plants throughout the country and during his career he became known as one of the most widely known window glass workers in the nation.

When the Torrance plant was built in 1915, he came from a Stockton plant to work here but made his home in Redondo Beach. Later he became manager of the Hermosa Window Glass Company, the last hand-built plant in the U. S. and one of the last to make window glass by hand. Mr. Martin was a charter member of the Redondo Elks lodge and it was largely thru his efforts that the Elks held their 20th anniversary Dec. 5.

## College Expenses Paid By 300 Leghorn Hens

COLUMBUS, O. (U.P.)—Bob Clymer of Columbus next June will owe four years in college to 300 Leghorn hens.

On their present production basis, the hens will have laid approximately 276,480 eggs during Clymer's four years in the agricultural college at Ohio State University. He has been raising the chickens as a business enterprise to finance his education.

Bowl for the East-West football game in the afternoon.

## Mexican Pair Fined for Drunk In Auto

Two local Mexicans paid \$50 fines for being drunk in an auto Saturday morning. They were Jesus Alvarez, 22, of 2234 203rd street, who pleaded guilty and was fined \$25 of which \$20 was suspended; Jesus Moreno, 37, of 1416 1/2th street, who pleaded guilty and received the same sentence.

Of 382 child traffic deaths in California in 1938, there were 265 fatalities among children under 10 years of age.

## Takes Jail Term for Drunk Driving

Faced with the alternative of paying a \$200 fine or spending 96 days in the county jail, Louis Cerda, 25, of 1443 Carson street, who pleaded guilty Saturday to driving while intoxicated, took the jail term. His license was also revoked. He was arrested at Western and 208th street early Saturday morning.

LOAD INCREASES  
The state's present relief load is 85 per cent greater than that last year at this time.

## Local Man Wins Army Promotion

Morgan L. Ellis, 509 West 220th street, Torrance, who is serving in the United States Army as a member of the Third Coast Artillery stationed at Fort MacArthur, recently was promoted to a higher grade and rated a specialist in his organization which carries a substantial increase in salary.

Ellis was accepted for service on his current enlistment through the Los Angeles Recruiting Office and enlisted at Fort MacArthur on Feb. 27, 1937.

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