

# Stars "On Location" Here Making Oil Movie

Feminine hearts from 16 to 60 which have a tendency to do nipsups whenever the rugged faces of Clark Gable and Spencer Tracy flash on silver screens are expected to flutter even more here with this news:

Those two Academy award winners may enact their latest he-man roles in Torrance!

And masculine hearts which respond to the glamorous Hedy Lamarr may start raising local males' blood pressure with this information:

The slumberous-eyed Hedy may lend low-interest to the scenes of "Boom Town" being filmed by an M. G. M. location company between 231st and 232nd street off Pennsylvania avenue in the heart of the Torrance oil field.

Representatives of the studio contacted by The Herald yesterday refused to confirm the report that the starring trio of the oil production drama would be seen in action here but admitted that some action shots would be taken.

An M. G. M. crew has "dressed" a location set at the McDonald and Burns lease off Pennsylvania to look like the entrance to "McMaster Oil Company's" refinery. There, amid bristling oil derricks, a location company started work this morning.

The location set is to be used for several days while Director Jack Conway films background and montage shots. Other backgrounds are now being photographed for the production in Texas, Oklahoma and at Kettleman Hills near Bakersfield.

## Sewer Project Starts May 7

Altho complete information on the proposal by the County Sanitation District to install sewers in the Vista Highlands district at a relatively small cost to the city is not yet available, City Engineer Leonard Young informed the city council Tuesday night that work on the extension of the outfall sewer was scheduled to start May 7.

"We have been requested to prepare plans and specifications for the gathering system in the district within the next three months in order that the same crew that will build the outfall may go from that job to the lateral construction," he said.

The sponsor's (city of Torrance) fee will be only about \$5,500 for the entire project which is estimated to cost around \$170,000, Young said. The County Sanitation District has had a WPA project approved by the Federal government for the entire job.

## Purchase of Liquor by Minor Taken Off Calendar

The case of Robert P. Crivello, 18-year-old Long Beach student who pled guilty to purchasing beer at a liquor store operated by Julian Ison at 1601 Caballero street April 5 and scheduled to be sentenced last Saturday has been taken off calendar, City Judge Robert Lessing announced Monday.

"Young Crivello has been given to understand that if he is involved in any other misdemeanor or felony the charge of a minor buying liquor will be revived against him," Judge Lessing said. Agents from the State Board of Equalization were in Torrance again Monday continuing further investigation of the case.

## REV. F. T. PORTER HEADS RHYMES JUDGES THIS WEEK

Rev. Frank T. Porter, pastor of the First Christian church of Torrance headed five Want Ad Rhymes Contest jurors this week and announced the following winners:

**First Prize Winner**  
Mrs. Floy Beaudry, 2100 Lomita Blvd., Lomita, will kindly call at our Torrance office for the first prize of \$1.

**The Ad:**  
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**Second Prize Winner**  
A. H. Koehler, 1732 Martina avenue, Torrance, wins the second prize of two tickets to the Torrance theatre.

**The Ad:**  
BABY CHICKS BUY NOW Well, folks, Baby Chick season is here again. Come in and see our

## Fire Chief Urges Caution When Burning Weeds

Fire Chief J. E. McMaster this week requested all residents of Torrance to use caution when burning at incinerators or open fires.

"Please cooperate with the fire department by clearing off dry grass and weeds around homes, small buildings, hedges and trees," he said. "Because of the heavy rainfall this past season we have an extremely large crop of weeds which are making a serious fire hazard.

"Many fires start from carelessness, therefore I urge each resident to be cautious and please report any fire you may notice as quickly as possible."

## City Recreation Centers Starting New Schedule

Starting Monday, April 29, the City Recreation centers at 2415 Arlington avenue, 2708 Carson street and at 24439 Park street in WALTERIA, will operate on a new schedule until summer vacation starts, Director Dale Riley said today.

The centers will be open Monday through Friday from 12:30 to 6 p. m., and on Saturdays from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m., with the following exception: The Arlington center will be opened Tuesday nights for adult craft instruction until 10 p. m.

On Tuesday nights at the WALTERIA center get-together programs will be held until 9:30 p. m. and on Friday nights the regular dances will be staged from 7 until 11:30 p. m.

Activities reported at the local centers by Riley this week included doll sewing classes every Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at 2708 Carson street, open to all girls bringing their dolls. Other participants are making novel Mothers' Day gifts.

Classes are now being formed for instruction in amateur telescope making at the 2415 Arlington street center. Equipment for both hand and power grinding as well as the polishing of mirrors and lenses, is rapidly being installed. The public (children as well as grown ups) are urged to come and try their hand at making their own telescopes.

An able instructor will aid them in any difficulty they may encounter. Types of telescopes will vary from the smaller two-inch refractor type up to the large reflector type, having a glass mirror 24 inches in diameter and three to four inches thick.

Saturday mornings at 10 a. m. at the city park amateur shows will have more professional entertainers and guest artists as the crowds increase. The public address system makes it possible for all to hear and be heard. This Saturday morning an orchestra of piano, saxophone, banjo and musical spoons and several skits will be presented. The story of the "Golden Goose" will be told in a new and different way.

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# Planning Ordinance Before Council

## Motorcyclist is Badly Hurt in Auto Collision

A collision Monday afternoon between a coupe and a motorcycle resulted in serious injuries to the rider of the motorcycle, Edward Newton, 22 of 1317 Cedar avenue, near the intersection of El Prado and Carson street. Newton was given emergency treatment at Torrance Memorial hospital and then removed to the county General hospital.

He is reported "improved" but still in a serious condition. Newton's injuries include fractured skull, ribs, pelvis and nose, lacerations over one eye and on his lip and multiple abrasions.

The motorcycle was struck by a car driven by John Magee, 18, of 1621 2nd street, to whom police issued a citation for not having a driver's license. Magee, according to police, cut too close to the curb in making the turn from El Prado going west into Carson street and collided head-on with young Newton.

Newton was riding east on Carson. The coupe pushed the motorcycle and Newton's body 27 feet before coming to a complete stop, investigating officers said. In his version of the accident, Magee reported that as he came around the curve at the intersection he tried to miss the oncoming motorcycle "but Newton turned the same way as I did and it was impossible to turn any more because we were too close together."

**Trailer Hider Hurt**  
A second traffic accident victim this week was Otis Lewis, who suffered a deep laceration over his left eye when a trailer loaded with his household goods became uncoupled from a car driven by Norman Berton, 1417 1/2 Marcella avenue, on Narbonne avenue near 231st street yesterday afternoon and crashed into a truck.

Lewis, who was moving from Cabrillo avenue to 239th and Pennsylvania, was thrown under a mattress by the impact and did not know what happened until the accident was explained to him by police. The truck struck by the trailer was being driven south by Lawrence Holzman of Los Angeles. Lewis was treated at Torrance Memorial hospital and released.

## Frolic Meeting Monday Night

Another meeting of all local organization representatives to advance plans for the third annual Factory Frolic in September will be held Monday night, April 29, at the Chamber of Commerce, starting at 8 o'clock.

It will be necessary at this session to ratify selection of chairman for committees to have charge of finances, parade, concessions, exhibits, floats, dance, publicity, sports, decorations, handicrafts and amusements.

**One-Jolt But Oh-My! Quake Wakes Residents**  
A sharp earthquake of the one-jolt-but-oh-my! variety awakened a number of Torrance residents around 5:20 o'clock yesterday morning. The tremor caused no damage here but quite a number of people arose earlier than usual. The disturbance was centered largely along a short strip of coastline.

**P.V. Council Invited Here**  
A cordial invitation will be extended the Palos Verdes Estates city council to meet here with the Torrance municipal board in the near future for considerations of mutual civic problems. The Palos Verdes council asked for such a joint session several weeks ago and Tuesday night Mayor Tom F. McGuire instructed City Clerk A. H. Bartlett to invite the new city's board to Torrance for the meeting.

## Open House at Health Center Here on May 1



DEVOTED TO PUBLIC WELFARE . . . the most attractive buildings in the city. Located at 2300 Carson street, the typical Spanish-California structure which cost \$35,300, was opened Feb. 24, 1933. The city of Torrance donated the site to the city.

## Mayor Appoints City Committees

Mayor Tom F. McGuire announced his city committee appointments Tuesday night at council session and they were promptly ratified by members of the board. The committee selections are:

**Finance**—McGuire, chairman; Verne Babcock and James Hitchcock.

**Recreation**—John V. Murray, chairman; George V. Powell and Babcock.

**Ordinance**—Babcock, chairman; Murray and Powell.

**Police and Fire**—Powell, chairman; Hitchcock and McGuire.

**Streets, Sewers and Parks**—Hitchcock, chairman; Murray and McGuire.

## School Grounds Opened for Play

The playground at the Torrance elementary school, closed to children for several summers, will be opened during the vacation period, the city council was informed Tuesday night by C. L. Glenn, supervisor of physical education for the Los Angeles city school system.

Glenn also said that the playground would be available for local youngsters after school and on Saturdays after May 1. Efforts to obtain this recreation area were started several months ago by former mayor William H. Tolson.

## Preliminary County Budget Up 7 Million to 84 Million

Upwards of \$7,000,000 more is sought for operation of the county government, the flood control and special districts next fiscal year, according to the preliminary budget requests on file this week with the board of supervisors. Copies were supplied to each supervisor.

The budget calls for a total of \$84,225,001 for general county governmental operation, including charity funds, payments on outstanding bond issues and reserves.

In addition there is the budget of the flood control district, which calls for a total of \$8,240,068 for next year, which is higher than last year. Included in this figure, however, are expenditures that would be made only if the federal government makes reimbursements for flood control work amounting to \$2,986,450.

**Hearings Open June 10**  
Only about half of the \$84,225,001 requested by the 50-odd county departments and smaller special districts would be raised by taxes, however, the rest coming from revenues, surpluses and unexpended balances of the previous year. The budget provides for the five-step salary plan throughout, whereby new appointees would start at less than \$100 a month in most instances.

Drainage districts, transferred to flood control taxpayers two years ago, will require \$26,146,000.

## PUBLIC MAY SEE CLINICS IN ACTION

Demonstrations of the work at the Torrance Health and Welfare Center, 2300 Carson street, will be given May 1 at an open house program to which the public and representatives of all organizations in this area are invited.

Clinics open for the program will include chest, social hygiene, prenatal, child hygiene and dental, where doctors and nurses will demonstrate procedure and the operation of clinic equipment.

Sanitation functions of the health center such as testing of milk, food and water, will also be demonstrated in the center's laboratory where technicians will explain their methods of analysis used in testing for harmful bacteria.

Dr. H. C. Smiley, district health officer, will greet visitors and refreshments will be served. Dr. Smiley will be assisted by the six doctors and five nurses attached to the center who diagnose for communicable diseases and care for the medical needs of low income groups.

Treating more than 1,500 cases a month, in addition to its sanitation work, the Health Center serves, in addition to Torrance, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, La Bamba, Gardena and Lawndale. Milk tests are made of all dairies in the district every two weeks for purity and butterfat content.

Sewage disposal, housing and many other functions of the county health department are conducted in this district from the local headquarters.

## City Gets Traffic Safety Award

The city of Torrance was officially credited with saving four lives during 1939 by the California State Safety Council.

This was learned by a delegation of eight, headed by Mayor Tom F. McGuire, who attended the annual "Safe City Awards" luncheon, held by the Council last Friday at the Los Angeles Biltmore hotel.

Torrance was presented with an honorable mention certificate "for its noteworthy accomplishment in reducing traffic fatalities" from seven in 1938 to three in 1939.

Those attending the luncheon, during which the city of Glendale was presented with the first award trophy, from Torrance were Mayor McGuire, Councilman Verne Babcock, City Attorney John E. McCall, City Engineer Leonard Young, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, Police Chief John Stroh and President R. R. Smith and Secretary L. J. Gilmeister of the Chamber of Commerce.

## Normandie Debt Lists Available

For the convenience of property owners in the Normandie Avenue A and I (Mattoon Act) District No. 70, the county has furnished a list of the balances to be paid on each lot or parcel of land to clear up the Mattoon Act bonds to the Torrance National bank and J. C. Smith of the Torrance Investment Company.

Anyone owning property in that assessment district should get in touch with the bank or Smith as soon as possible to learn what their remaining obligations are. Smith pointed out that the payments can be made at the local bank.

The county has assumed one-half of the balance due on the bonds or approximately \$34,000. The remaining payments, according to Smith, are very small and should be cleared up at once in order to remove the Mattoon Act debt.

"As soon as the district is freed from this obligation it should experience a rapid development. Building loans will then be granted on the property," Smith said.

## Rotary to See Harbor Movies

Lloyd V. Roberts, special representative of the L. A. Harbor Department, will present a talking picture, "Parade of Trade," dealing with seaborne world commerce with particular reference to Pacific Coast harbors, at tonight's dinner-meeting of the Rotary club. He will be introduced by Wallace Post.

James Howe, chairman of the local club's Youth Service committee, has been invited to speak before the Los Angeles Rotary club tomorrow noon on the subject of vocational guidance, a work that he has specialized in with considerable success.

## Public Hearing on Vital Measure is Set for May 13

Recommending its enactment, the City Planning Commission submitted the product of a full year's work—the proposed land use (city-wide zoning) ordinance—to the city council Tuesday night. It was promptly accepted on motion (his first) by Councilman Vern Babcock, who also moved that the new measure be accepted for first reading.

## Citizenship and Youth Week Proclaimed

Governor Culbert Olson has proclaimed the week of April 28 through May 4 as "Citizenship week" and "Youth Week" since at no time in the history of our nation has the need been so great as at present to recognize the relationship of youth to American citizenship.

"Our youth of today, our citizens of tomorrow, must understand the full meaning of citizenship in American democracy, the protection given them and the opportunity afforded them, under our democratic system of government," Olson said.

## P.V. Symphony Begins at 8:30 Tonight in Aud

Promptly at 8:30 o'clock tonight Conductor Josef Piastro will rap his baton on the music stand in front of him on the civic auditorium stage, 70 musicians will poise their instruments for the first note and the concert by the Palos Verdes Symphony orchestra will begin.

The first number will be Beethoven's immortal "Fifth Symphony in C Minor" Opus No. 67. From all indications a near-capacity audience is assured at the concert sponsored by St. Cecilia's Guild of St. Andrew's Episcopal church. The ticket sale locally has been "exceptionally good," according to Mrs. Emma Quaggin, chairman of the arrangements committee.

The boxoffice to the auditorium will open tonight at 7:30 and tickets may be obtained there for 40 cents for adults, 25 cents for children. Members of the Guild in formal dress will usher.

A dress rehearsal was held in the auditorium Monday night and Conductor Piastro declared afterwards that the community hall has splendid acoustics and that the orchestra is certain to present the finest concert of its year-old history tonight.

"I wish to thank everyone who assisted the Guild in preparing for the appearance of the Palos Verdes Symphony here," Mrs. Quaggin said this afternoon. "We hope that the auditorium will be filled to capacity and that everyone will enjoy the splendid program arranged by Conductor Piastro for the evening."

Eleven members of the symphony are Torrance residents and seven others live in Lomita. They are: From Torrance—Leonard C. Vorhis, 3730 Spencer, second violin; Mrs. Vorhis, piano; Mrs. Rennie Jean Houdashelt, 1414 Cravens, flute; Howard Brady, oboe; Richard E. Honrath, 1447 Post; Charles E. Chaplin, 1019 Cota, French horn; Eric Chaplin, trumpet; John J. Elder, 1012 Cota, violin and viola; O. D. Barnard, 2169 1/2 Torrance boulevard, trombone; Betty Weaver, 1906 222nd, violin, and Charles Holmes, bass.

From Lomita—K. V. Hinckley, 2250 21st, cello; A. Doucet, 2216 West 24th, trombone; Gordon Groves, 2465 25th, violin; Marvin E. Gingham, 2429 Moon, trumpet; Eunice Wood, cello; Helton Alice Trafer, assistant pianist, and Mrs. Marjorie D. Lewis, 24314 Lomita Drive, violin.

## TRIAL TOMORROW

Charged with being drunk and disturbing the peace at a local cafe, Roy Lee-Wright, 38, San Diego aircraft worker, was jailed early Sunday morning. Later he was released on \$50 bail to appear Friday morning for trial.

## Information Available

"We have prepared some 20 maps showing various sections of the city and how they are zoned and there are copies of the ordinance available for public inspection and study in the city engineer's office.

"When the time comes for the public hearing on the measure before the city council, I hope the entire Planning Commission will attend and everyone interested will also be present to express their opinions on its contents," McGuire said.

Since the Planning Commission was organized by former Mayor William H. Tolson on Feb. 7, 1939 under a new state law, three public hearings on the zoning ordinance were held. The first was September 11, 1939 and the other two were on Nov. 27 and Dec. 11, 1939.

**Creates 8 Districts**  
At the last hearing, residents of North Torrance asked for a 90-day extension in order to try a decision as to what they desired in the way of zoning. They have held at least two meetings in North Torrance on this matter but as yet have not indicated by a communication as to their desires.

The land-use zoning measure proposes the creation of eight districts, ranging from agricultural, through light and heavy industry and, business areas to the various divisions of residential districts.

Because of its regulations, the ordinance is conceded to be the most important piece of municipal legislation to come before the city council here in recent years. By basing all of its studies, made with the assistance of the County Regional Planning Commission's engineers, on land use, the zoning proposal is virtually a "city pattern" for future development of Torrance.

## Highways Group to Elect Officers

Members of the Southwest District Highways Association will elect new officers at their meeting in Inglewood tonight, according to City Engineer Leonard Young who is secretary of the organization. William H. Tolson, former mayor, is the retiring president.

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