

Tax Delinquency Drops Here This Year, Co. Auditor Reports

Tax delinquency was less for 1939-40 in 32 cities and more in only 12 of the 44 municipalities of Los Angeles county. It was disclosed today by the books of County Auditor Joe Lowery, indicating improved economic conditions. Figures are as of April 20, which was the deadline to pay second installment taxes.

Average for the county as a whole was given as 4.74 percent for this year, as compared with 4.97 percent last year and 5.71 percent two years ago. One of the greatest drops was in El Monte, where a "sour" Mattoon Act bond district was cleaned up and only 7.42 percent of taxes was unpaid this year as against 12.88 percent a year ago.

The delinquency for this city was shown to be 3.80 percent this year, as against 5.70 percent last year. Figures for some other tax-paying districts in this community follow:

	1938-39	1939-40
Gardena	11.03	10.30
Redondo Beach	6.83	6.92
Lomita Water		
Works	6.96	6.37

These figures are expected to be further reduced by payments which can be made between the date the delinquent tax list was published and June 30, the end of the fiscal year. Penalties are added for the taxes unpaid by April 20, however, and taxes not paid by June 30, even though only one year delinquent, will result in property being sold to the state.

Cities with increases, and the percentage delinquent, were Arcadia, 4.35 as against 4.30 last year; Azusa, 12.08 as against 11.50; Covina, 3.24 as against .63 last year and 2.42 two years ago; El Segundo, .83 against .64 percent; Glendale 5.15 as against 4.94; Huntington Park 4.32 as against 3.53 last year.

New Flags Needed On City Buildings

Declaring the flags on Torrance buildings are badly faded and worn, Councilman George V. Powell told the city council that "now is the time to have proper flags displayed." A new flag has been ordered for the public library and should be received in time for Flag Day raising tomorrow, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett said.

21 Local Kids to Attend Camps

Twenty-one local young people, from 10 to 20 years of age, will enjoy the glorious fun of summer camps this coming vacation period thru the generosity of the Torrance Coordinating Council, according to Rev. Thomas R. Marshall, chairman of the character building committee of that organization. Several more may be sent to the outdoor playgrounds for short stays in addition to the first contingent, he said, because the committee has about \$40 left out of a fund of \$225 to pay part of the youngsters' expenses at the camps.

In addition to the Coordinating Council, four local churches and the Girl Scouts assisted in helping deserving but needy youngsters to attend camps by contributing funds. Rev. Marshall said he and his committee are still receiving applications of boys and girls or their parents to make up the final list.

Port Man Scheduled for Trial in Superior Court for Drunk Drive

Monte E. Boyd, 51-year-old San Pedro longshoreman, was scheduled to go on trial today in the superior court for the felony charge of drunk driving on the night of April 7 when he is alleged to have smashed a car owned by William Naess of Lomita into several other machines on Highway 101 in Waveria. Three persons were badly injured and five cars were damaged in the resultant collisions. Boyd plead not guilty when he was arraigned on the charge and his bail was set at \$1,000.

TO ELECT OFFICERS
New officers of the Chamber of Commerce will be elected at a meeting of the board of directors next Monday afternoon, June 17. The Chamber leaders will also consider the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Curfew Law Going In Effect on July 11 In County Areas

The curfew shall not ring tonight—but it will ring in Lomita and other unincorporated areas of the county beginning July 11, due to the adoption of a curfew ordinance by the board of supervisors Tuesday.

Any boy or girl under 16 years who is out between the hours of 9 p. m. and 4 a. m. will be subject to arrest by deputy sheriffs after that date. Minors having business outside their homes during those hours must obtain a permit from the sheriff's department, according to the ordinance.

The ordinance was adopted at the request of the East Los Angeles Coordinating Council, but will apply to all unincorporated areas.

Oil Dehydrating Plant Busy Here

Between 15,000 and 20,000 gallons of raw crude oil are dehydrated and cleaned each month at the H. & D. Dehydrating Company's plant located on a two-acre site at 2580 Border avenue, according to W. DeMont of 1226 Acacia avenue, co-owner with O. M. Hunt of Inglewood in the new concern here.

The plant was formerly located in Signal Hill and now employs three men. DeMont said the concern represents an investment of more than \$5,000 and is enjoying a steady flow of business. The raw crude and also some clean oil is brought to the dehydrating plant in tank trucks and shipped out by pipelines.

DeMont said the firm has been organized in Torrance since April but is just now approaching its peak activity.

COUNCIL MEETING
An adjourned meeting of the city council will be held next Tuesday evening, June 18, starting at 7:45 o'clock.

Miss Ruth Beecher, niece of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Beecher, spent the weekend at their home on her way from Mills College to her parents' home in Worcester, Mass.

Huge Sewer Extension Project Gets Under Way Soon In This District

Extensive improvements to the facilities of the County Sanitation district at the joint disposal plant, in the city of Torrance and on Wilmington avenue and Del Amo street at a total cost of approximately \$750,000 are scheduled to be under way before the end of the month by WPA forces.

7 Babies Born at Hospital Here During Week

Seven babies, four of them boys, were born during the past week at Torrance Memorial hospital. The new arrivals were:

- A son to Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Gaultney, Lomita, Sunday;
- A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Akashi, Inglewood, Sunday;
- A son to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Jacobs, Harbor City, Sunday;
- A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Marks, Hermosa Beach, last Thursday;
- A son to Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Mead, 1421 1/2 Madrid, Tuesday;
- A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips, Redondo Beach, Saturday;
- A son to Mr. and Mrs. James B. Miller, Hermosa Beach, Sunday.

Main Extension Decision Due by M.W.D. Directors Pomeroy in Race for Assembly

Final action on the proposal to extend mains of the Metropolitan Water District to serve five communities, including Torrance, is expected to be taken by the district's board of directors shortly. F. E. Weymouth, district manager, has recommended that the district extend its lines from points nearest the communities to their central source of supply.

Under this plan, the district would extend its line from 190th street and Western avenue to the high tower pressure tank off Torrance boulevard and Cedar avenue. The extension would cost the district approximately \$179,000 under private contract, it is reported. The WPA has submitted an estimate of about \$284,000 for the job, with a cost to the district of some \$23,000 less than by private contract, according to Weymouth.

At a previous meeting, the board cast a tie vote on the proposal. Torrance has a membership in the MWD district and is represented by C. T. Rippey. The city would be forced to construct at its own expense, a main from 190th and Western to the central source of supply if the present proposal is not approved.

Child Escapes Serious Injuries In Fall from Parents' Car In L. B.

Little three-year-old Adele Ann Curtiss escaped with only a few bad bruises and shock when she fell from her parents' car while en route thru Long Beach to Escondido last Sunday but her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Curtiss, were glad to return home and rest up after the accident.

Curtiss said he was traveling about 45 miles an hour when the rear door of the car was opened by the little girl and she tumbled out. The family immediately returned to Torrance where Adele Ann was given an examination by a local physician at Torrance Memorial hospital.

She was found to be unharmed except for bruises and contusions about her face, head and a shoulder.

Next day Father Curtiss purchased a new type of door lock for the rear entrance to his sedan.

New Synthetic Rubber Tires Due Here Soon for Exhibit by Harvel

A step forward toward freedom of the United States from dependence upon natural rubber from foreign sources has been accomplished by the B. F. Goodrich Company which this week announces a new synthetic material aptly called Liberty Rubber—made of materials readily available in the United States.

This information was given to Harvel Guttenfelder, local distributor for Goodrich products, who states that he will shortly have some of the new synthetic rubber tires on exhibit at his salesroom, Cravens at Marcellina. While he is permitted to take orders for the new tires, no delivery dates can be promised at this time, Harvel states.

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