

Karlow Tosses Hat in Ring for April Council Election

LONE GANGSTER LOOTS COFFEE SHOP

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NOT OVER YET . . . Residents living in the area west of Hawthorne Blvd. between 226th St. and 230th St. are still battling the waters piled up in the recent heavy rains. Several homes in the area have been completely surrounded

by water for more than four weeks, and prospects of more rain this month make their plight doubly serious. (Herald photo by Dick Friend).

Steelworkers, Clerks Settle Labor Disputes

Columbia Resumes Production

Columbia Steel is expected to be back in full production by today or tomorrow morning.

The furnaces were fired Monday evening as the first of the 1250 idle steelworkers began returning to work to end a walkout that started Jan. 7.

Apparently the order to return to work came from union officials of Local 1414 following a "suggestion" from Charles Smith, international representative for the 38th district, that if the walkout continued the local "would be on its own."

Smith told a meeting of the steelworkers Tuesday that he was neither telling them to go to work nor not to go to work, but only suggesting the men end the work stoppage.

Observers construed this to mean that the 28-day-old walkout was not sanctioned by Phil Murray, president of the CIO, who is currently negotiating with U. S. Steel on a new wage contract.

Vic Teer, president of Local 1414, said yesterday he was not able to state whether or not the disagreement which precipitated the walkout would be taken to grievance.

He said that neither of the two men who were dismissed by the company on Jan. 7 had returned to work. One of the men is now in the Navy. The other was not rehired.

Meanwhile, a spokesman of the management said the company was willing to take the matter to grievance now that the men had returned to work.

They contended they were unable to argue the matter as long as the men remained away from their jobs.

Although many of the rank and file members of the union indicated they were anxious to return to work they supported their officials in challenging the firing of the two laborers last month.

"I'm glad to be going back to work," said one of the steelworkers at the Border Ave. gate of the company yesterday, "but I think our union has a legitimate beef which should be ironed out between our grievance committee and the company's

Merchants, Clerks in Settlement

The retail clerks' strike against a score of Torrance stores ended Tuesday almost as abruptly as it started.

The order to clerks to return to work came from Haskell Tidwell, secretary of the Retail Clerks' Union, Local 905, shortly before noon Tuesday. The order ended a strike which began last Friday against a number of stores both here and in other parts of the Harbor area.

Negotiations between the McCown Drug Stores and the Clerks Union were still in progress as the Herald went to press last night. McCown officials said yesterday that they hoped the store could be opened for business within a few days, possibly today.

The retail clerks and the Harbor Area Employers Council broke off negotiations last week when the two organizations failed to agree on certain fringe benefits, including an arbitration clause.

The employers agreed to meet the union demands of a five-day week and an eight-hour day plus a \$3 weekly wage increase.

Tuesday, Sam Levy, owner of Levy's Dept. Store, met with Tidwell in San Pedro and settled the differences existing between the clerks and local merchants.

Tidwell agreed to reinstate the arbitration clause which had been stricken from the contract granted last year.

The union official also agreed to allow local merchants to hire an extra clerk for every three regular clerks instead of one for every ten.

The merchants and union agreed that the merchants would pay time and one-half for each hour worked after 6 p.m.

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Recreation Plan May Not Appear On April Ballot



DALE ISENBERG JR. Gets Chamber Job

Director of Recreation for the city, Frank Carpenter, said yesterday that he would recommend against putting the "15-Year Recreation Plan" before the voters during the April councilmanic election.

A special meeting of the Recreation Commission has been called for Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the City Court room to discuss the matter.

"I feel the plan would be thwarted by the council race and that the plan would suffer a kicking-around by council candidates. The true value of such a plan would be lost," he said.

The commission wants endorsement of the long-range recreation program from the people. It is also desired that a special fund be created which would allow the commission to carry out the planning uninterrupted. Only a vote of the people could establish a fund which would be inaccessible to future city councils.

The financing of the project, under a present proposal, would be to levy a service charge on householders, businesses and industry for the collection of waste and trash.

The mechanics of collecting the service charge and other details of the financing arrangements are complicated. At a meeting of the Recreation Commission last Monday it was asked if it would be possible to work out the mechanics of collecting the money by election time. Such a time may be another reason for not placing the plan on the ballot in April.

Chamber Names Dale Isenberg New Secretary

Selection of W. Dale Isenberg Jr. as the new executive-secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce was announced here Monday by Robert I. Plomer, Jr., president of the organization. Isenberg began his duties immediately.

The 40-year-old secretary, a resident of Rolling Hills, is the former manager of the Business Exchange Corp., has been a deputy real estate commissioner with the State Division of Real Estate, and for five years was the executive secretary and business manager of the Los Angeles Realty Board (Southwest)

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Early Morning Robbery Latest In Holdup Series

A downtown coffee-donut shop was the latest hold-up victim in a series of recent armed robberies of local business places which have detectives in a dither.

George's Meats Place, 1340 El Prado Ave., fell prey to a lone bandit who tied up a donut maker and made off with a sum of cash rumored to be almost "a week's receipts" early yesterday morning.

Willis Warner of Los Angeles was on duty in the eating place at 5 o'clock when a young gangster, armed with a revolver, forced him to shell out the money. Warner then was bound and the robber fled.

George Paltridge, owner and operator, was in Oakland attending funeral services for his father.

Local sleuths, headed by Det. Captain Ernie Ashton, have had their hands full recently and are working on the slimmest of leads. The Safeway Store at Sartori and El Prado Aves. was knocked over last week in a daring kidnap-robbery of a store clerk.

Earlier this week a Mobil Service Station attendant was held up to the tune of about \$100. Safeway agents will not disclose the amount of the haul in their heist.

Torrance Det. Sgt. Percy Bennett, assigned to the market steal, is working with tire-impression and footprint clues

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DECIDES TO RUN . . . Councilman Ed Karlow, his wife Lou and daughter Krista "at home." Karlow announced yesterday that he would seek the council seat he now holds by appointment. He is the assistant division credit manager for the National Supply Co. and lives in Kettler Knolls. (Herald photo).

Karlow Enters Council Race

Councilman Ed Karlow, who was appointed to fill a vacancy on the City Council in January of 1951, announced publicly yesterday that he would be a candidate for the office during the municipal election in April.

Karlow, assistant division credit manager at the National Supply Co., said he would take out a nominating petition tomorrow, the first day of the 1952 councilmanic marathon which will end with an election on April 8.

His hat appears to be the first in the ring.

He was appointed to fill the vacancy created on the present council following the resignation of Councilman George C. Powell, who is currently serving the city as assistant director of City Defense.

The council candidate joined National Supply in 1935 and served in various capacities until he was called into the service. He was a master sergeant with the 821st Tank De-

partment of the Transportation and Finance committees.

The 34-year-old National Supply junior executive was born in Denver, Colo.

Karlow has served as a member of the Transportation and Finance committees.

He is the immediate past president of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce and is still active in that organization's state director.

He was formerly a member of the 20-30 Club and the American Legion of Glendale, where he attended grammar and high school.

During his year on the council Karlow has served as a mem-

ber of the Transportation and Finance committees.

He was taken to the Seaside Hospital in Long Beach, where he was treated for a minor cut on the scalp.

Spelman Hurt In Collision

City Councilman Harvey B. Spelman Jr. escaped with only minor injuries yesterday afternoon in an auto accident in Long Beach.

Spelman was making a turn onto Pacific Coast Highway from San Francisco St. when another car driven by William T. Mauldin of San Jose is alleged to have smashed broadside into Spelman's 1951 Ford.

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Growth of Schools Forces Bond Issue

Opening guns in a campaign to get voters' approval of a \$3,000,000 school bond issue were sounded this week when the Board of Education pointed out that 1250 homes were now under construction and that nearly 1000 others were being prepared in Torrance.

New homes mean new students—and the schools are full now.

Figures compiled by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, point up the need for additional classrooms in Torrance.

In 1947, when Torrance took over the operation of its own schools from the Los Angeles system, there were seven kindergarten teachers and 212 pupils.

Last fall, school opened with 29 kindergarten teachers and 862 pupils. Growth in other classes has been comparable.

During those four years, the school system has increased its elementary classrooms from 5 to 154—and additional double

sessions are now being put into operation almost every week because the 154 classrooms are overflowing.

To build the additional schools and to prepare for the pressure on the high school which will hit when the younger students now in the elementary schools are promoted into the upper grades, the bond issue is necessary.

The proposed bond would cover a 25-year period. During that time, business and industry would pay about 80 per cent of the bill and residential and other property taxpayers would pay about 20 per cent. The cost to the average homeowner here would be less than 1 cent a day.

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THREE-WAY SMASH . . . Two of the three autos involved in a 3-car collision which sent eight persons to the hospital Sunday are pictured here. The wreck occurred on busy Pacific Coast Hwy., near Vista del Parque in the neighborhood of Seaside Ranchos. Traffic was snarled for half an hour. (Herald photo).