

# COMPLETE REPORT

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## Little Interest Is Shown In Recreation Bond Election Tues.

### ILLUSTRATED DETAILS IN SOUVENIR EDITION

For a complete and illustrated report on details of the three recreation bond propositions to be voted on next Tuesday see pages 50 and 51 in the "Torrance-On-the-Air" souvenir section of this issue.

Rare is an election held that does not attract even a "Citizens' Committee" to champion or denounce the proposition at issue. And yet with the exception of the unorganized enthusiasm among tennis players to support the proposal for illuminated tennis courts, such an uncolorful election will be held in Torrance next Tuesday. To date there has been no concerted effort for or against the three recreation bond propositions which are to be decided upon that date.

A two-thirds vote is required to approve any or all of the three bond propositions: (1) for a municipal plunge, (2) for a municipal playground, and (3) for a recreation library building and playground in Waveria.

Some opposition has been expressed to the municipal plunge because of the maintenance cost, but its champions point out that it would not be necessary to keep it in operation all year—that other communities with plunge facilities, such as Brea, drain out the water during the winter months and dispense with the services of life guards and other personnel.

**Favor Tennis Courts**  
Proposition No. 2 for illuminated tennis courts and recreation buildings for the use of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts has by far the most supporters. Tennis players point out the lack of tennis courts and the relative small cost of building them. There is practically no maintenance expense, either, tennis enthusiasts claim.

**Waveria Project Doubtful**  
Considerable opposition has developed for Proposition No. 3, providing a recreation library building and playground in Waveria. At a recent meeting of the city council, it was pointed out that the Waveria district is already receiving eleven dollars worth of benefits from the city for every dollar contributed in taxes from this district. Because of this condition, it is doubtful if taxpayers in other portions of the city will favor expending any more money in this area.

**Call Herald For Results**  
All of this city's 13 regular voting precincts will be operated next Tuesday from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m., and the result of the vote is expected to be known within an hour after the polls close. As usual, the Herald will collect the returns as fast as they are compiled and will be glad to give the outcome to all who call 444.

According to the terms of the proposed plan to enlarge the city's recreation facilities, the total cost for the city would be \$54,468 while the appropriation requested from the Public Works Administration is \$44,502. The bond issue is divided into three parts for the three separate and distinct projects as follows:

**Costs Are Segregated**  
For the municipal plunge, bath-house and tennis courts in the city park, \$29,299, which is the city's portion of the total cost of \$59,098. The PWA has been asked for a grant of \$24,299 or 45 percent toward this total.

For the recreation and community buildings in the city park, \$18,061, the city's share of the total cost of \$32,837. The PWA's 45 percent would contribute \$14,776 toward this project.

For Waveria recreation library building and playground, \$6,708, the city's share of the total cost of \$12,195. The PWA grant of 45 percent would be \$5,487 of this total.

## Alien Charged With Gun Toting

Charged with the serious offense of possession of a weapon by an alien, G. M. Ayala, 32-year-old steel worker, was given a preliminary hearing in City Judge Lessing's court this morning and held to answer in the Superior Court.

Ayala was arrested in a local cafe late Sunday afternoon. He was found to be carrying a .32 calibre automatic which was unloaded. Ayala was taken to the county jail after hearing to await trial.

**NEW P. O. SERVICE**  
Federal duck stamps, required of every migratory waterfowl hunter more than 16 years of age, will be available this year at the Torrance post office. The stamps cost \$1 each.

## Mayor Urges Support for Bond Issues

An appeal to civic-minded voters to support the recreation bond issues at next Tuesday's election was voiced today by Mayor William H. Tolson.

"We have a splendid opportunity to complete the civic building program with the assistance of substantial grants from the Public Works Administration, and I believe it advisable to take advantage of this opportunity," said Mayor Tolson.

"All the other departments of the city's activities are housed in modern and adequate quarters, excepting the recreation department," the Mayor pointed out, adding, "I hope all civic spirited voters will take time off next Tuesday to get out and vote. You may not approve of all three propositions, but I am sure that most people will see the benefits to themselves and the city at large in supporting some of the proposals."

## Poker Players Find Pastime Expensive Here

Altho City Judge Robert Lessing pointedly commented on the "inconspicuousness of the situation" wherein it is illegal to play legalized poker here when card rooms are flourishing within two miles of our city limits, he fined each of the seven men arrested Sept. 2 for gambling \$15 and the asserted "dealer" of the game, \$25, Monday morning.

Judge Lessing declared that he was forced to penalize the eight defendants because gambling is still beyond the law in Torrance altho the state has legalized some card games played for money. The men were arrested in a Narbonne avenue pool hall operated by E. C. Stubbfield, who was accused of collecting a percentage on the games.

The other seven who paid fines were Art Brumby, 25, Compton; K. E. Wilson, 43, 2230 231st; Jack M. Owen, 45; W. D. Spicer, 40, and C. P. Dellinger, 49, all of Long Beach; M. J. Gorman, 42, 2061 235th, and John Manson, 36, Erwin hotel.

### AID TO CHILDREN

The state paid an average of \$16.12 during August for the 34,968 needy children receiving assistance from the State Department of Social Welfare.

### TRAVEL INVESTMENT

The total investment of motorists in the streets and highways of California is approximately \$400,000,000.

## "Torrance-On-the-Air!"

Ladies and Gentlemen! This is Station HERALD broadcasting! This regular news issue contains the souvenir edition of 64 pages which The Herald believes is a pictorial and reportorial cross-section of our community life.

This newspaper invites you to send copies of "Torrance-On-the-Air" to your friends... let them know about your city, its industries, civic accomplishments and people.

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## Local Worker and Two Girls Crash Victims

A 25-year-old steel worker and two girls were victims late last week of an automobile collision at Vermont avenue and Carson street.

Kenneth E. Paddock, 638 Sartori avenue, a first helper in the open hearth department at the Columbia Steel plant, died of injuries at the scene of the accident late Friday night. Miss Alice Pickering, 21, of 1327 West 92nd street, Los Angeles, succumbed Sunday morning at Torrance Memorial hospital and Mrs. Dollie Hensley McComb, 24, of 431 East Glenoaks street, Glendale, passed away yesterday at the Los Angeles General hospital.

Mrs. McComb was riding with Mr. Paddock while Miss Pickering was a passenger in a car driven by William Martin, 28, of Long Beach. Martin escaped with minor injuries.

### Funeral Held

No citations were issued by Los Angeles police who investigated the fatal crash. At the request for Mr. Paddock, held at Stone and Myers' chapel Monday, the coroner's jury brought in a verdict of "negligence on the part of the deceased" but failed to specify which one of the three victims was at fault.

Mr. Paddock lived here for about 15 years. He owned his home and was interested in civic affairs. At the steel plant he was regarded with highest esteem. The funeral service, attended by many friends, was held at Stone and Myers' chapel Tuesday afternoon with Rev. Thomas Marshall, vicar of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, officiating.

The body is being shipped to Warwick, New York, where Mr. Paddock's aged parents reside, for interment.

Funeral services for Miss Pickering, film and stage dancer, were conducted yesterday afternoon in Los Angeles and interment followed in Inglewood Park Cemetery.

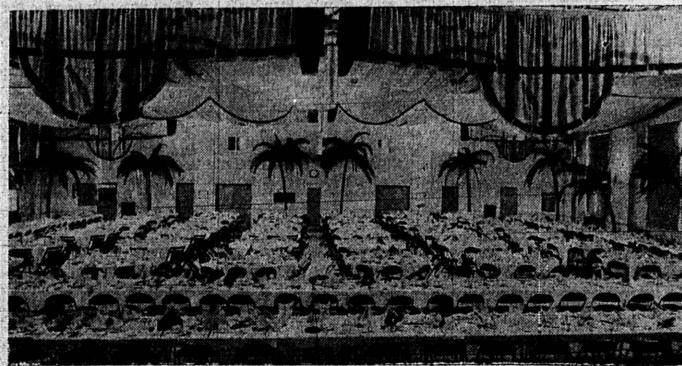
Miss Pickering had danced featured parts in such recent pictures as "Shopworn Angel," "Battle of Broadway," and "Turn Off the Moon." She also had danced frequently at theatres in Los Angeles and Hawaii. She was survived by her parents, two sisters and two brothers.

## Be Ready to Vote Nov. 8; Register Now

Sept. 29 is the last day on which voters may register for the Nov. 8 election.

In addition to a large number of candidates, issues such as the \$30 a week pension, single tax initiative and other state constitutional measures will be on that ballot.

Every voter has a personal responsibility involving the future of the state and should participate in the Nov. 8 election.



**READY FOR GUESTS...** With the exception of the ceiling draperies and floor palms, this is how the Civic Auditorium will look for the gala dinner-broadcast program marking the dedication of the new KNX-CBS transmitter station. Accommodations for 750 diners are municipally-owned, including a complete kitchen, furnishings, silver, china and glassware. The above picture was taken shortly before the doors were opened to the Southern California Edison Masonic club whose annual "Hi-Jinx" was so successful here that it will return here again this winter.

## New Theatre to Be Built on Cravens by Sam Levy

Construction of a new theatre seating 800 persons on Cravens avenue opposite the central fire station was announced yesterday by Sam Levy, well-known business man here for the past 20 years.

Erection of the building, which will be leased by E. A. Page, veteran theatre manager formerly of Fresno, is scheduled to get under way next week in order that the completed playhouse will be finished in time for the holiday season.

The lease of the theatre-to-be, which has a 60-foot frontage at 1330 Cravens avenue and is 140 feet deep, was negotiated by J. C. Smith of the Torrance Investment company. Levy has owned the site for many years.

**Styled Like City Buildings**  
The veteran business man said he plans to build a theatre embodying all the latest features of showhouse construction.

In architectural design it will be similar to the functional style of the Civic Center buildings which adjoin it.

Page said he planned to operate the entertainment enterprise on a neighborhood theatre policy. Having recently sold his interests in a theatre he already owns much of the equipment which will go into the new Torrance showhouse.

This is valued at between \$13,000 and \$15,000 he said. He has the latest type of RCA sound equipment, a supply of Ideal theatre seats and 200 leather loges and a dry air ventilating system.

"I intend to give the people of Torrance entertainment values they never had before," Page declared. "My wife and I will live in Torrance and do all we can to merit our neighborhood's support. We have operated theatres in many Pacific coast cities and always we have tried to present the best in pictures at the least cost."

The name of the new theatre has not been decided but Page said he has always found the title "Ritz" to be successful and will probably christen his Torrance venture by that name. He mentioned that, in addition to leasing the Torrance location, he is also seeking a site for another theatre in Gardena.

Page learned the theatre business from the operating department and he remembers when the operator had to spend innumerable hours hand-turning the projection machine crank.

## Sons of Legion Parade Saturday

Most of the local Sons of Legion will participate in the Legion's Department of California parade at Santa Monica Saturday starting at 1 o'clock. Bobby Lewellen and Clifford Totten will carry the Torrance squadron's colors in the procession.

## Large New Market to Be Built Corner of Sartori and El Prado

Negotiations were closed today for the erection of a large food market at the corner of Sartori avenue and El Prado adjacent to the Sam Levy Department store, according to J. C. Smith of the Torrance Investment company who handled the major deal.

The property has been owned for many years by George and Jane Neill and has long been a vacant spot in the center of the business district. Recently it has been used as a parking lot.

It is understood that the market will be occupied by a large chain store organization which will use the entire Sartori avenue frontage extending back to the alley.

Sale of two adjoining lots on El Prado across the alley is also included in the transaction, Smith said, and these will be used for parking areas for patrons of the new store.

## Masons Picnic At Park Sunday

The annual picnic sponsored by the Torrance Masonic Lodge will be held at the city park, Sunday, Sept. 18. Punch, coffee and ice cream will be served to every guest. All Masons, their families and friends are cordially invited to attend and entertainment for everyone is planned.

### HAS MOST AUTOS

California is the most densely motorized state in the Union.

## First-Day Enrollment Sets New School Record

Breaking all local and Lomita records for school attendance, exactly 3,800 youngsters trooped back to classrooms in the seven community institutions Monday. All but two schools—Fern Avenue and Waveria—reported greater first day enrollments than the opening day of the 1937-38 term. Last year the registration total on the first day of the term was 3,680.

Nearly 500 more boys and girls are expected to enroll here and in Lomita within the coming month as parents return from late vacations and the youngsters are prepared for school days.

Students are becoming acquainted with a host of new instructors in their various schools this week and lessons have already swung into the routine that will carry on until next Spring.

**Eight New Teachers**  
At Torrance high school the total enrollment of 840 included 450 boys and girls in the seventh, eighth and ninth grades of junior high school. The peak registration is expected to be close to 900 around the Christmas holidays, according to Principal Thomas Elson. Torrance Elementary school's 732 students included 56 in kindergarten. Principal Merle Helbach said.

New teachers at this school include Mesdames Shovel, Dakers, Hanson, Simpson, Slaughter, Sherman and Rowley and Mr. Jones.

Fern Avenue school has 292 with at least 400 more expected to enroll within the next few weeks. Mrs. Oda Vans, principal, reported. The closing registration at this institution was 314.

**Enjoyed European Trip**  
Waveria's school had 115 boys and girls start Monday under the direction of Principal Arthur E. Payne. The June enrollment last Spring was 130.

In Lomita, Narbonne high school set a new record for opening day attendance when 1,035 students returned. This was the first time that school "broke 1,000" on the first day of a new term. Last June the registration was 1,076 and Principal

## Dinner-Broadcast at Auditorium Will Begin at 7 o'clock

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE... GET THEM NOW!

There are still some tickets available at the Chamber of Commerce for the KNX-CBS dinner-dedication-broadcast tomorrow (Friday) night in the Civic Auditorium. This will be an outstanding event with entertainment by radio headliners. The tickets are priced at \$1.50 each which includes the dinner, program and a personally-escorted thru the new transmitter plant.

Every one of the 101 details in connection with such an undertaking are being completed today for the gala celebration in the Civic Auditorium tomorrow (Friday) night in honor of KNX and Columbia Broadcasting System's dedication of the \$350,000 transmitter plant at Columbia Park—Hawthorne boulevard and 190th street.

## Lomita-Harbor City Oil Rush Holds Spotlight

An extension of the Lomita-Harbor City field about one and one-half blocks to the north was noted this week when the R. R. Bush Oil finished its Glines No. 1, north of Lomita boulevard and Frampton for an estimated 500 barrels of 31.0 gravity cutting 0.1 percent from 5,000 feet. This makes the fifth well to be completed in the field which extended from the South Torrance boom zone.

General Petroleum finished its Poggi No. 9 on the Poggi lease in the Lomita-Harbor City field this week. It is reported flowing 181 barrels of 31.0 gravity cutting 60 percent from 5,280 feet. Attempts are being made to re-cement to stop water.

In the local field, Malden Oil finished its No. 1 on Pennsylvania south of 235th this week. It was reported flowing 130 barrels of 26.0 gravity cutting 2.8 percent from 5,155 feet. Other completions were: Pennsylvania Oil's No. 1 on the southwest corner of 237th and Pennsylvania, pumping 200 barrels cutting 3 percent from 4,920 feet; Silver Strand Oil's No. 2, two blocks west of Pennsylvania on 234th flowing 608 barrels of 26.0.

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The dinner-program will begin promptly at 7 o'clock. The menu is in the hands of the Brittingham company, caterers to KNX at Columbia Square in Hollywood, and the banquet will be served by members of the American Legion Auxiliary.

An informal program of short talks and musical entertainment will be given following the dinner and until 9:30 o'clock. At that time, the program will go on the Pacific Coast CBS hook-up for broadcast from San Diego to Seattle. Yesterday Gary Breckner, noted KNX-CBS sports announcer who will be in charge of the radio production here, and H. Spears, Western division audio supervisor, were in Torrance inspecting the Auditorium facilities for the broadcast.

**"Warm-Up Feature"**  
"It will be a perfect show," Breckner said. "Your Auditorium is almost as good as our new Columbia Square studios for sound reproduction and those who will attend the performance Friday night will sit in with a regular broadcast."

L. J. Gilmeister, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who has been in charge of advance ticket sale, said today that more than 450 have been sold. He declared that those desiring to attend the celebration should obtain their admission cards not later than tomorrow noon, altho some will be held in reserve for last-minute demands.

Before the Torrance broadcast goes on the air, the 24-piece CBS orchestra under the direction of Lud Gluskin and the vocalists will present what is known in radio parlance as a "warm-up" feature to prepare for the actual transmission of the program through the West.

**Eight Entertainers**  
Bill Goodwin, popular KNX-CBS announcer, will preside as master-of-ceremonies and the featured artists to be seen and heard will include: Mary Lou Cook, lovely blonde songstress; Chiquito, Latin-American tenor; Clark Ross, popular singer, and the Westerners Quartet which appears regularly on the air with Gluskin's orchestra.

The speakers who will "go on the air" will be D. W. Thornburgh, vice-president in charge of CBS Pacific Coast operations, other KNX and CBS officials and Mayor Tolson, who will give a brief welcoming talk.

After the broadcast, those attending the Auditorium festivities will be invited to make a personally-escorted tour of the new transmitter station.

Those who will be seated at the speakers' table include: Councilman George V. Powell and James Hitchcock; Bill Forbes, KNX sales department; George Moskovics, radio sales, CBS; Harry Witt, sales manager, KNX; John Dolph, assistant general manager of KNX; Mayor Tolson; Alden Smith, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Thornburgh; Councilman Thomas McGuire; Fox Case, director of public relations for CBS; Charles Vanda, West Coast program director for CBS; Lester H. Bowman, western division chief engineer for CBS; James Middebrooks, CBS liaison engineer; Councilman John V. Murray; Allan Carmack, Western division traffic manager for CBS.

### New Principal

There are two new teachers at this school—Mrs. Ethel G. Langley, who has taken Mrs. Mahn's place in the sixth grade; and Mrs. Wilhelmina Cooper, who has succeeded Mrs. Ada C. Rogerson.

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