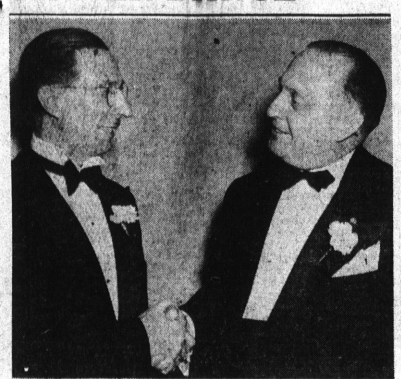


## KIWANIS CLUB GETS NEW OFFICERS AT DINNER-DANCE



**EXPRESSING KIWANIS FELLOWSHIP**... That handclasp being exchanged above by President Dean Sears of the Torrance Kiwanis club and Roger Marshall of Santa Monica, Kiwanis lieutenant-governor, following Sears' installation Monday night was expressive of the local club's gala party.

Nearly 100 Kiwanians, their ladies and guests attended the local service club's 13th annual installation dinner party Monday night at the Lakewood Country club in Long Beach. The affair began as a gala dinner, progressed thru brief installation ceremonies with Roger Marshall, governor of this Kiwanis division, as installing officer and ended in a dance to melodies provided by an eight-piece orchestra.

President Earl Conner, in one of the briefest "swan songs" of record, ended his year of office and Dean Sears, manager of the Torrance branch Bank of America, took over the presiding duties in another short talk. Marshall, who was accompanied by his charming wife, inducted the other new officers of the club: Michael Strasser, first vice-president; Dudley Polhemus, second vice-president; Edward Brunner, secretary-treasurer; and Gaston Arco, Harwood Clark, John Miller, Ernest Murchison, William Nye, William Rojo and Leonard Young, directors.

Eight of the club's 12 past-presidents received Conner into their membership when the post-master was turned over to the ranks of "has-beens." They were: Charles C. Schultz, C. T. Rippey, Henry F. Uibright, Dr. R. F. Bishop, L. J. Gilmeister, Alden W. Smith, William E. Shawyer, and Robert J. Deininger. Hailed by President and Mrs. Harry Abramson, a number of local Torrans and their wives were among the guests.

## Torrance Building is High in Southland Cities for Past Year

Torrance stood ninth in the list of Southern California, other Pacific Coast localities and the Southwest for new building construction in 1937. This was revealed Sunday with the publication of the construction index by the Los Angeles Times.

The record-breaking building year in this city (which more than doubles the 1937 total) was only topped by such cities as Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Diego, Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena, Santa Monica and Beverly Hills.

City	Year 1938	Year 1937
Los Angeles	\$67,826,069	\$63,170,944
Long Beach	11,508,480	8,275,505
San Diego	12,028,154	8,229,250
Burbank	5,090,452	3,385,696
Glendale	4,915,344	5,129,880
Pasadena	3,583,173	4,281,376
Santa Monica	3,425,510	3,615,138
Beverly Hills	3,147,120	3,488,680
<b>TORRANCE</b>	<b>3,143,873</b>	<b>1,066,167</b>
Alhambra	2,773,888	2,467,917
Fresno	2,584,916	3,038,150
San Bernardino	2,526,845	2,104,847
Bakersfield	2,485,234	2,431,135
San Marino	1,915,387	2,505,037
Arcadia	1,896,345	1,855,310
San Gabriel	1,551,478	802,149
Montebello	1,517,947	533,464
Santa Barbara	1,488,518	1,406,628
Santa Ana	1,244,087	1,224,631
South Gate	1,227,445	1,033,309
Vernon	1,260,445	2,226,309
Riverside	1,260,914	1,294,283
Pomona	1,245,055	890,154
Whittier	1,157,875	619,428
Culver City	1,053,078	2,051,236
Ontario	1,048,110	635,656
Huntington Park	1,014,499	1,488,581
Compton	1,011,312	752,711

## L. A. Senator Proposes Bill for Voting by Mail

All voting would be done by mail in California under a bill introduced in the 1939 Legislature by Los Angeles county's senator, Robert W. Kenny. The new senator's plan would eliminate all polling places and election board workers, effecting a considerable saving of the taxpayers' money.

Each registered voter would be mailed his official ballot, with an extra one to be used if one was spoiled, about three weeks before the election. Postmen would deliver these, by registered mail, to the address only, at the address given, returning it otherwise.

The voter would have about two weeks to study his ballot, mark it and return it, signing his name on the outside of a sealed envelope. This signature

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## Mayor Reveals Six-Point Civic Program

**WANTS TO LEARN PUBLIC REACTION TO IMPROVEMENTS**

A broad program of civic improvements covering a wide range of interests and involving a considerable (un-estimated) expenditure of public funds was outlined by Mayor William H. Tolson yesterday noon before a representative group of Torrance citizens. Among the projects proposed for the current year by Mayor Tolson are:

1. Caballo Avenue—extension of street through Kettler property to connect with Eschman Avenue in Lomita and thus become a major highway from Los Angeles to Harbor. Removal of present car tracks and replacement with girder rail and laying of pavement from curb to curb between Border Avenue and Plaza del Amo.
2. Paving of Torrance boulevard from curb to curb eliminating present parking space, thus providing a wide highway leading into Torrance from Los Angeles.
3. Construction of adequate but inexpensive recreation buildings at the Municipal Park.
4. Tennis Courts at Municipal Park—at least four courts.
5. Construction of joint Library and Recreation building at Valderia.
6. Erection of modern pistol range to replace one washed out by recent rains at site of old brick yard.

Mayor Tolson frankly admitted that he was broadcasting his plans for the express purpose of starting discussion and with a view of securing public reaction. He stated that the city's engineering department had made rough estimates of the costs of the various projects but he did not disclose what these figures were.

**Favors Caballo Deal**

In outlining his plans, Tolson pointed out the necessity for providing a method for diverting Western Avenue traffic through Torrance and to encourage more traffic on this highway besides that which stops at Torrance. He stated that the proposal of the Pacific Electric Railway Officials for the replacement of the present street on the Western Avenue was, in his estimation, "rather high," but he expressed the opinion that it was the best deal the city could make and that "we ought to go ahead."

The present "old shacks" now used by the recreation department at the Municipal park site are not "fit for children to play in," Mayor Tolson stated. It was necessary to erect suitable quarters and thus avoid paying rent.

Mayor Tolson pointed out that some of the projects proposed by him were rejected at a recent bond election, but that the costs were too high and the plans too elaborate and that no concerted effort was made to popularize the bond issue by the proper educational campaign.

**Conner Is Host**

Mayor Tolson chose for his sounding board in announcing his plans a group of 28 citizens representing various organizations who were guests of Postmaster Chas. E. Conner at lunch at Daniel's Cafe yesterday to inaugurate the "March of Dimes" campaign to raise funds for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, half of which money will be retained in this area for relief of victims of the disease.

Among the organizations represented were: Dr. Alden W. Smith and L. J. (Continued on Page 2-A)

**License Plate Office Busy But Not Crowded**

More than 2,000 sets of license plates have been issued from the local branch of the Department of Motor Vehicles at 1601 Gramercy, corner of Caballo, since it opened Jan. 3, according to Leonard Tristram, manager.

He said that at least double that number of license applications can be handled here without crowding or necessity of standing in line for the plates. The office is open every day except Sunday from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. As at all temporary branch offices no out-of-state car licenses can be issued here.

**Buttons to Replace F. D. R. Ball**

A decision to abandon local observance of the President's Birthday Ball and to concentrate all fund-raising effort for relief of infantile paralysis victims on the sale of "March of Dimes" buttons was voted by a representative group of 28 citizens who were guests of Postmaster Chas. E. Conner at Daniel's Cafe yesterday. (The list of guests is printed elsewhere in this issue.)

Plans for a city-wide campaign for the sale of buttons were outlined by Chairman Conner and committees appointed as follows: Finance, J. W. Post, Dean Sears, Judge Robt. Lessing; City Employees, Mayor Wm. H. Tolson, A. H. Bartlett and John Stroth; Industrial, Carl Steed and Frank Gamble; Retail district, George Peckham; Organizations, Mrs. H. H. Miller; Churches, Rev. H. G. Banks, General sales, J. V. Murray; publicity, Torrance Herald.

It was emphasized by those present at the luncheon that all money raised by the sale of "March of Dimes" buttons would go to relief of infantile paralysis victims and research work to eradicate the dread disease, and that none of the money would be used to defray expenses as is the case with President's Birthday balls. The button campaign would be much more general and it is the aim of the committee to sell a dime button to every resident of Torrance. Those who desire to act on the president's birthday are invited to attend the balls being given in Lomita or elsewhere.

**Donate Dance Receipts**

"The Coordinating Council will donate the profits of one of its weekly dances to the infantile paralysis fund," John E. Miller, president, stated, and "we will make a drive to sell a large number of adult tickets, which we don't expect will be used." Tom McNeil was named chairman of the adult dance ticket sale and Attorney John Shidler was made chairman of entertainment at the student dance.

In commenting upon the national campaign, Chairman Conner explained that throughout the land all citizens will be asked to contribute 10 cents each toward a fund to fight infantile paralysis and to wear the tiny "March of Dimes" button which is the emblem of the drive.

## Harbor Chambers Meet Here Tonight to Install Officers

**Dinner at 6:30 in Auditorium**

All indications point to a record-breaking attendance tonight at the annual installation dinner-meeting of the Harbor District Chamber of Commerce in the Civic Auditorium. Advance reservation for the dinner show an encouraging interest in the booster association thruout the area, according to Secretary L. J. Gilmeister, who has been assisting the retiring president, Judge Irving P. Austin, in the arrangements.

The dinner-program will begin at 6:30 o'clock following the closing of America and the invocation by Rev. C. M. Northrup, pastor of the Methodist church. The dinner will be served by the Torrance Woman's club, Torrance is traditionally the host for the

**LOUIS H. HAMILTON becomes 1939 president**

With second installation county taxes due January 20, Collector H. L. Byram announced today that first installment collections totalled \$70,541,254, representing 57.9 percent of the total to be collected.

Less than \$10,000,000 of the total represents personal property taxes, which are added to first installment tax bills only when the taxpayer owns real property. Otherwise, personal property taxes are due and payable the first Monday in March and become delinquent September 1, with a penalty of eight percent added thereafter.

**Rig Building at 203rd, Western**

Having completed what is said to be an extensive geological study of the area equidistant between Torrance and Gardena, Petroleum Holding company, headed by Arthur Fisher, this week began erecting a derrick for an exploratory well at the northwest corner of 203rd and Western Avenue.

This is about one-half mile south of the C.M.O.'s old Francis No. 1, a 6,536-foot hole, and directly east of General Petroleum's vast tank farm. The firm holds 350 acres and will go to the basement schist. Offset area is held by Texaco and others.

Bolling Oil completed Arbo No. 1, flowing 140 barrels of 25.4 gravity oil during three percent from 5,150 feet in the South Torrance field. The location is northwest of 237th and Eschman streets. Nearby J. E. Pettigrew has completed Marlton No. 1 for an unestimated yield.

Caltor Oil is preparing to erect a derrick for a well southeast of 285th and Eschman. Felix Maloon No. 2 is reported flowing 512 barrels of 25.4 gravity cutting two percent. This is now the best producer in the local field.

**License Receipts Take Spurt**

Altho city licenses are payable at the start of every fiscal year—July 1—instead of the calendar year, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett said this week that he has received quite a number of license fees since the start of the new year.

"We'll accept license payments anytime," he said, "but the period runs from July to July."

**Stroth Conferring With Legislators**

Director John Stroth of the Public Safety department, who is president of the Peace Officers Civil Service Association of California, is in Sacramento conferring with state legislators over civil service bills now before the Assembly. He left yesterday morning, accompanied by Police Chief Charles J. Miller of Lynwood and A. Beldon Gilbert, secretary of the Association.

**J. R. HEDGECOCK**

Mrs. J. R. Hedgcock Torrance underwent a major operation at Huntington Memorial hospital at Pasadena Wednesday morning. Her condition at noon today was reported "very satisfactory."

**MARRY J. BAUER**

... president and principal

**700 EDISON MASONS WILL CONVENE HERE SATURDAY**

The Civic Auditorium will be the scene Saturday of the annual meeting of the Edison Masonic club, an organization of Masons affiliated with the Southern California Edison company. Seven hundred men from all parts of the Edison company are expected to be present.

Harry J. Bauer, president of the Edison company, will be the main speaker on the evening program. Leon O. Whitsett, Grand Master of Masons for the State of California, will be an honored guest and will give a short address. Will H. Fischer, Edison company vice-president in charge of public relations, and a Past Grand Master of California, will be toastmaster.

A vaudeville show presented under the direction of B. D. Haugh, a past president of the club, will complete the evening's program. Afternoon meetings will begin with the Keyman's meeting at 2:00 o'clock. Representatives of the nine geographical areas included in the Edison Masonic club will convene at 3 o'clock to elect new officers for 1939.

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