

## PLAYERS GROUP MAY BE FORMED HERE

## Civic Leaders Will Hear Plans Monday

Shall a Torrance Community Players group be organized here?

That will be the question put before a representative group of civic leaders, club and organization officials next Monday night, Feb. 6, by a committee studying such a project.

If there is enough interest to warrant the formation of a "Little Theatre" group here, an advisory council will be chosen and efforts made to obtain financial backing from the city council. There appears to be a demand here for such a community enterprise, judging from the support given preliminary discussion by members of the Coordinating Council, school principals and others.

**City Subsidy Asked**

Several months ago the city council was asked to subsidize a theatre group and the matter was referred to the Chamber of Commerce. Recently, Councilman Tom McGuire was asked by Mayor William H. Tolson to learn what progress was being made. McGuire interested several other well-known residents and the result was the calling of the Monday night meeting.

Assisting the councilman are such men as Principal Thomas J. O'Connell, president of the Kiwanis club; John Shidler, Coordinating Council, and L. J. Gilmeister, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

**To Develop Local Talent**

Letters sent to heads of a number of civic, service, fraternal and social groups here this week pointed out that the purpose of the meeting would be to "formulate guidance policies" and "fix in the minds of our people the cultural benefits and entertainment to be offered" by a Community Players group.

"As a means of developing local talent, of encouraging our youth into channels of clean and wholesome opportunity for self-development and expression, the program is offered to our people for recognition and support," the letter continued.

## Traffic Deaths In State Show Drop

California's death total resulting from motor vehicle travel during 1938 will be approximately 353 below any year since 1933. Figures revealed that the previous estimate in reduction of 300 deaths for the year just closed as compared with the year 1937, would be exceeded by approximately 53 on the basis of latest figures compiled by the Bureau of Statistics.

The estimated number of deaths for 1938 were 2786, with 3139 for 1937. This is the lowest number of traffic fatalities in California since 1934, when 2403 persons were killed.

**STUDENT LEADER**

Francis Murphy, popular B12 student, was this week elected president of the Narbonne high school student body at Lomita during 1938 for the second semester. He is serving as head of the Hi Y club at the present time and is a football letterman.

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**Local Girl Ending College Training**

Miss Millicent Lincoln, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Lincoln of 1027 Arlington, was named on the list of February graduates released this week by Santa Barbara State College.

Miss Lincoln, a graduate of Torrance high school and of Compton junior college, will graduate in the kindergarten-primary department of the college. She has been active in extra-curricular as well as scholarship activities on the campus.

## Hit-Run Victim Among Patients at Hospital

Ten patients were received at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. William E. Schrader, Los Angeles mechanic, is recovering from a compound fracture of his right leg, suffered early Monday morning when he was struck by a hit-and-run driver at East Road and Main street.

Schrader, accompanied by a friend, had stopped to make an adjustment on his automobile motor and hearing another motorist approaching thru the heavy fog, grabbed a nearby road lantern and waved it to warn the on-coming driver. But the motorist continued to bear down on him and he jumped. The leap failed to clear him from the path of the car and he was struck.

Other patients at the local institution this week are: Anita Bone, 16, of Manhattan Beach, who was received Friday for an emergency appendectomy. Mrs. Lily Holman of 26307 Feijoa, Lomita, entered Tuesday for medical care. Mrs. Mabel Hoskins of Redondo underwent an appendectomy Tuesday. Mrs. Eleanor Juhasz, 19, of 721-C-Sar-tori, was received Monday for medical care.

Mrs. Mary Kastrup, 2319 241st, Lomita, is recovering from surgery; she entered Tuesday. Miss Dorothy Kennedy of Redondo underwent an operation last Thursday. Silverio Rios, 2236 203rd street, a Columbia Steel worker, entered Sunday for medical treatment. Mrs. Vera Schudick of San Pedro is recovering from an operation after she entered last Friday. Mrs. Agnes West of Redondo was received Monday for medical care.

**First Officers Listed**

They are: Frank A. Andersen, master counselor; Hans Sommer and Harry M. Lewis, senior and junior counselors; Norman W. Hudson and Robert H. Tolson, senior and junior deacons; Harold E. Massie and Rotary A. Owens, senior and junior stewards; Richard P. Miller, chaplain; Leonard Babcock, treasurer; Kenneth A. Perkins, secretary; William E. Buckley, standard bearer; Marvin Lee, almoner; Hugh C. Allen, marshal; Richard E. Beecher, orator; and Harold E. Korber, Ralph L. Gilbert, Robert R. Isaacs, Jack C. Thomas, William L. Ritchie, Addison F. Smith and Edgar L. McDonald, preceptors.

Miss Muriel Alverson will present vocal numbers and Miss Joyne Barkdill is to give some piano solos during the program. Raymond J. Casey will serve as pianist for the ceremonies. Dancing will follow the installation.

In addition to President West and Advisor Day, members of the advisory council of the local chapter are L. C. Miller, Frank H. Steinhilber, F. O. Winchester, O. R. Hill, H. B. Morgan, H. Archer Lewis, A. B. Owens, Lee Gholson and Leonard Babcock.

**GOING TO CONVENTION**

Oscar Butterfield, city electrical inspector, and Glenn M. Jain, assistant city engineer, will attend the state electrical inspectors' convention at San Diego, Feb. 1. The city council voted Tuesday night to pay their expenses at the meeting.

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## Radio Actors Await Call for Walkout



Here are a few of the many radio and cinema stars who appeared at a Hollywood meeting and decided to strike for higher pay scales for radio work unless demands are met by program producers. Left to right: Arnold Arnott, Tyrone Power, Dorothy Lamour, President Eddie Cantor, of the American Federation of Radio Actors; Jack Benny and Andy Devine

## Boulevard Deed Said Due Here 'In Few Days'

"The Pacific Electric railway expects to hand over to us the deed to Torrance boulevard in the next few days," City Attorney John E. McCall informed the city council Tuesday night.

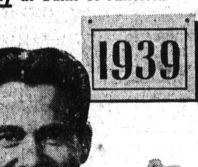
"We'll consider ourselves owner of the strip—at a cost of \$1,000—when we see it," council members chorused.

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## GROUP TO FRAME MWD QUERIES HERE

Representatives from each major local industry, service clubs, several merchants and city officials have been invited by William H. Stanger, superintendent of the municipal water district, to meet with Metropolitan Water District engineers in the near future to ascertain "just what can be expected in the way of taxes and distribution of Colorado River water in Torrance."

Stanger has written these civic-minded residents, proposing a preliminary meeting to formulate a series of questions to be asked M.W.D. engineers relative to the reception of a quod water. These queries will then be forwarded to the M.W.D. office in Los Angeles for preparation of answers to be given at the general session here.

"It will only be a few months now until the water from the District will be ready for delivery to Torrance and other M.W.D. cities," Stanger said this week.

"Most everyone seems to be in the dark concerning the policy of the district. The city council asked me to invite representative citizens to meet with M.W.D. engineers to find out just how we stand in this matter. Our representative on the District board is C. T. Rippy, who has agreed to assist the citizens' group in arriving at the information we need."

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