

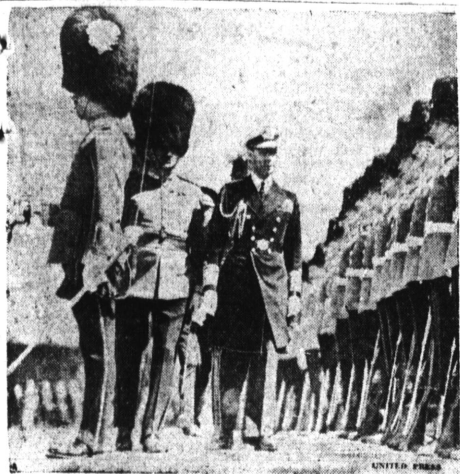
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**KING INSPECTS CANADIANS** . . . King George VI inspecting an honor guard at Montreal selected from the Royal Highlanders, Canadian Black Watch and the Montreal Fusiliers, a French-Canadian unit. Some observers see the monarch's unprecedented visit to Canada as an effort to further cement the Dominion's ties to the Crown, to facilitate drafting of such troops for England's defense if war should come.

## Highway Group Moves to Get Federal Funds for Road Work Here

(For complete report on city-wide highway dinner meeting here last Thursday turn to Page 1-C.)

At a meeting of the City-Wide Improvement Association held Monday evening this week, it was decided to contact PWA and WPA officials in Los Angeles to ascertain the possibility of securing Federal funds to help finance the proposed highway improvement program as well as other projects, such as, sanitary sewers for West Torrance and recreation centers for Waverly and other sections of the city.

Oscar L. Willett, manager of the Palos Verdes Estates trust and a close friend of the high ranking PWA and WPA officials offered to arrange a conference with the Federal executives this week. Mayor William H. Tolson, Acting City Engineer Leonard Young, and J. W. Laughridge of Waverly will also attend the conference.

Advantages of a good road connecting Waverly with Palos Verdes Drive were pointed out by Willett to a group of Waverlyans who attended the meeting Monday.

"We are doing everything to discourage business development in Palos Verdes," said Willett, "and as the Valmonte area adjacent to Waverly is rapidly building up with homes, it is logical to assume that Hawthorne avenue and Highway 101 at Waverly should become a trading center to serve Palos Verdes residents."

The need for a recreation center at Waverly was recognized by Willett, who said he thought such a structure should be provided. He expressed the opinion that if the recreation building could be erected at city expense that funds for improvement of Hawthorne avenue up the hill could be obtained from Federal sources, or at least a large share of the roadway cost could be financed by either PWA or WPA, which will soon be consolidated into one agency, Willett stated.

To work out the recreation building and highway program at Waverly, Chairman Deininger appointed G. E. Harris, Ed Thompson and Howard G. Locke as a committee to confer with officers of the Waverly Civic Association. Next meeting of the City-Wide Improvement Association will be held Monday, June 5, at 8 p. m. in the chamber of commerce building.

## Four Blazes Usher In Grass Fire Season

Four grass fires yesterday started the annual season of brush fires and prompted Fire Chief J. E. McMaster to urge all residents to refrain from burning rubbish when wind is blowing. The first alarm sent firemen to 166th street between Arlington avenue and Gramercy Place. They put out that fire and the three that followed before any damage was done. The other blazes were at 1632 State street at the home of Mrs. C. M. Colwell, at 222nd and Martina and at 2827 237th street.

## FOG LIGHTS STOLEN

While he was attending the soccer games at the city park diamond last Friday night, two fog lights were stripped from Ed Wakely's car, he told police.

## Urge New Building Code Here

Declaring that the present ordinance regulating building and construction in Torrance is "obsolete in many ways," City Engineer Leonard Young urged the city council Tuesday night to adopt the uniform building code that is now in effect in some 160 California municipalities.

"We have known for a long time that our building ordinance is out-of-date and lacks a number of worthwhile safeguards," he said. "Adoption of the uniform code will greatly assist my office in maintaining a high standard of construction here."

Young also asked the council to leave the clause pertaining to fire zones out of the proposed new building ordinance and adopt a separate ordinance pertaining to this zoning plan.

Both of his requests were referred to the council's Ordinance committee for study and report. Other cities operating under the uniform building code have agreed that it is a forward piece of legislation that offers no hardships to builders or contractors but provides for modern construction that protects property owners.

## New Officers In Moose Lodge; Plan Open House

Johnny Parker, who recently opened his own market on Sartori avenue, became dictator of the Torrance lodge, No. 785, Loyal Order of Moose at an open installation Monday evening. He succeeded City Clerk A. H. Bartlett in that post. A feature of the program was the presentation of ritualistic work by the Torrance Women of the Moose, No. 44, championship drill team of California.

Other new officers of the lodge are: H. H. Cooke, vice-dictator; William E. Wylam, prelate; Joe Miller, Sam Humer and J. C. Thompson, trustees; Jacob Lepkin, treasurer; Mark Wright and Amel Dithers, guards, and J. A. Evans who was returned as secretary.

Next Monday evening, May 29, the lodge will hold open house, beginning with a 6:30 o'clock dinner, followed by an entertainment program at 7:30 to be given by children from the Torrance Conservatory of Music and Dancing. There will also be a short talk on Mooseheart and if they are available, members of the Women of the Moose drill team will exhibit the marching formations that won them the state championship. The public is cordially invited to attend the open house at the lodge hall, 1961 Carson street.

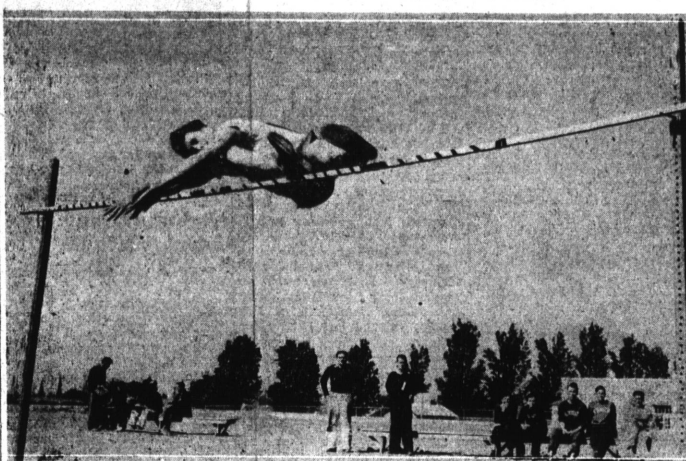
**HOLIDAY TUESDAY**  
All stores, banks and public offices will be closed all day Tuesday in observance of Memorial Day. No celebration of the holiday is planned here, however.

**Would Start Club**  
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**Labor Organizer Gets Suspended Jail Sentence for Assault Here**  
Benton had asked him if he had a union card. "I told him I didn't and asked him what I needed one for—to starve to death?" Benton said. "Then he connected on the button."

"You mean he struck you?" Lessing asked.  
"That's right, judge, and I rolled down an embankment." The court asked Benton if he had anything to say in his own defense but the defendant made no reply.

"This is certainly an unprovoked if not premeditated assault," Judge Lessing began. "So far as I can see there are no mitigating circumstances. I believe labor difficulties can be settled the American way—by arbitration instead of by force and (Continued on Page 2-A)



—Torrance Herald Photo.

## JUST MISSES WORLD TITLE

Here is Bill Stewart, Torrance high's ace high jumper, making his record-breaking Marine League leap of 6 ft. 6 1/2 in. at Narbonne last Friday. The striped cross-bar was raised two inches after this jump but Stewart, who also won the broad jump event in the league finals, failed to clear

that altitude. Had he attempted 6 ft. 7 1/2 in. he probably would have made it and that would have given him the world's interscholastic record. That mark now is 6 ft. 7 1/4 in. Stewart has two more chances to break that mark—at the state meet Saturday and the L. A. City finals June 9, both at the Coliseum. For a complete report on the Marine League meet turn to Page 5-C.

## OIL FIELD INACTIVE

Having apparently passed their peak of field development, the several extensions of the South Torrance oil field show little signs today of the activity that made the district a state oil exploration leader a year ago.

There are only about three drilling jobs in progress now in the area that was teeming with workers, machinery and trucks up to a few months ago.

Texas company is deepening one of its Fogg wells and Standard Oil is redrilling its old Production at new and deepened wells has generally dropped well below the 100-barrel mark.

## Pigeon Fanciers Score Victories

Two racing pigeon fanciers in this area, E. P. Kelley of Figueroa and Sepulveda, and Henry Dreyer of 2035 West 255th street, Lomita, scored impressive victories with their birds last week-end.

The Lomitan's feathered racers scored one of the rare "grand slams" by finishing first and second in competition with more than 200 birds in the annual Southern California Pigeon club's race from Stockton.

Kelley had a bird that took first place among Gardena Pigeon club entries and third in the combination event in which pigeons from all Southern California clubs flew 410 miles from Marysville. His aerial speedster averaged 1,095.56 yards per minute.

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**Claim Dogs Are Damaging Property**  
A letter signed "Taxpayer" was received by the city council Tuesday night protesting against the damage being done lawns and shrubbery on Andreo avenue by dogs. "Taxpayer" also said the animals are annoying residents on that street. His report was referred to the street department for investigation.

## New De Molay Officers Take Posts Tonight



**HANS SOMMER**  
... master for four months

With the installing team from San Pedro chapter officiating, new officers of the Torrance De Molay chapter will be installed at a public ceremony tonight at 8 o'clock at the Masonic temple on Sartori avenue. Hans Sommer will be elevated to master counselor, Harry Lewis will become senior counselor and Norman Hudson will take his post as junior counselor of the order which now has 42 members. The new officers will serve the four-month summer term.

The public is cordially invited to attend the program, according to Edward Day, advisor for the local chapter which is sponsored by the Torrance Masonic club. The San Pedro installing team is one of the outstanding De Molay groups in Southern California. It is composed entirely of past master counselors of the order.

Other officers, who have been appointed by young Sommer, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Sommer of 2122 Gramercy avenue, are: Robert H. Tolson, senior deacon; Harold E. Massie, junior deacon; Robert A. Owens, senior steward; Hugh C. Allen, junior steward; Richard P. Miller, chaplain; Earl D. Lock, sentinel; Harold E. Kerber, standard bearer; Richard E. Beecher, almoner; Kenneth A. Perkin, marshal; William E. Buckley, orator; Robert R. Isaacs, Jack C. Thomas, William L. Ritchie, Addison F. Smith, Edgar L. McDonald, Richard T. Higgins and Howard G. Locke, Jr., preceptors.

**OVERHEAD LIGHT**  
A sodium vapor overhead street light will be installed at Riverside-Rodondo boulevard and Redondo avenue. The light was recommended to the city council Tuesday night by O. R. Butterfield, city electrical inspector.

## PARADE TO OPEN RALLY

If Elmer Riley's plans are successful, the parade preceding the Boy Scout rally tonight in the Civic Auditorium will see the sponsoring organizations for all troops in the district marching behind their Scout units from Carson and Cabrillo to the El Prado municipal building. The parade is scheduled to begin at 6:45 o'clock.

Riley, district Scout commissioner, has urged the various clubs backing Scout troops to join their boys in the procession. Eight troops will compete at the Auditorium in a series of tests and demonstrations which will begin immediately after the parade winds into the hall. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Narbonne Again Open to Traffic

Narbonne avenue was re-opened to public travel Monday after being closed for three months during re-routing around the Palos Verdes reservoir being constructed above Lomita for the Metropolitan Water District. The new highway has been oiled and provided with wide aprons overlooking the reservoir site. It cuts off approximately a half-mile of the former route between Lomita and the Miraleste section of Palos Verdes.

**GETS FIREWORKS PERMIT**  
A permit and license to sell fireworks on Highway 101 west of Lomita in Torrance city limits were given William R. Vickery of San Pedro by the city council.

**MISSSES MEETING**  
City Councilman George V. Powell was absent from the municipal board session Tuesday night on account of illness in his family.

## A Thought for Memorial Day

Decoration Day this year is marked with new solemnity, new thoughtfulness. We will place flowers on graves of our World War dead—while the very earth of foreign battlefields upon which they died trembles under the tread of marching men and rolling tanks, as fearful peoples marshal their strength and war clouds gather.

The men who fell at Bunker Hill and Yorktown gave us liberty—and we have preserved it. The men who fell at Gettysburg and Antietam cemented the Union with their blood—and America has kept faith with them. But the World War dead! Can we keep faith with them?

They died to end all wars. It would be well if Memorial Day were observed in all the world. If all men of all nations, those who lead and those who follow, would unite on that one day to visit the sepulchres of their soldier dead, the voiceless rebuke from those graves might silence the cry for another mad orgy of war. It is a solemn obligation upon the living of the entire universe that the warrior dead shall not have died in vain.

## Pre-Registration for 3 Courses to Open June 15 at Hi School

"Torrance Community College will begin its first year this coming September with a range of courses planned to satisfy a wide range of interests," Principal Thomas H. Elson of the high school declared yesterday.

That's the tentative name of the local Junior College and a definite announcement that will be of great interest to many residents who have paid considerable attention to the year-old effort to obtain such an advanced educational institution in Torrance.

Elson said that at a conference Tuesday with Howard A. Campion, assistant superintendent in charge of special schools; George W. MacKenzie assistant in charge of vocational and mechanical arts instruction, and John H. Given, superintendent of commercial education, final details of the Community College were arranged.

**Lowest Tax Delinquency Predicted**  
Current tax collections indicate that Torrance will have the smallest delinquency in many years, according to City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.

He reported to the city council Tuesday night that the May collections of last-half tax installments totaled \$50,200.98. "We are in very good shape financially," he said.

## Attorney Says City Should Not Extend Fire Aid

Because he has been unable to find a similar case in law, City Attorney John McCall told the city council Tuesday night that he believed the municipality could not enter into a contract with the city of Los Angeles to provide fire protection for the adjoining Shoestring Strip "unless the agreement is of definite advantage to Torrance."

McCall was asked at the previous council meeting to investigate the legality of Safety Director John Stroth's proposal to offer fire protection to the Los Angeles territory for "about \$5,000 a year."

Stroth had reported that the city fire department had, until a few months ago, been responding to fire alarms in the Shoestring strip without reimbursement from the city of Los Angeles.

A communication addressed to Fire Chief Scott of Los Angeles offering such services at a fixed fee has not been answered. In view of McCall's opinion, the city will probably drop efforts to effect such a "working agreement" with Los Angeles and refer all requests for fire fighters to the nearest Los Angeles station.

## Steam Blast Burns Refinery Operator Here

Robert Charles Stanley, 55, of Gardena suffered severe steam burns Monday at a small refinery on the west side of town. He is recovering from injuries to his face, neck hands and legs at Torrance Memorial hospital.

The victim operates the Paramount Refinery plant at 1900 Vine street. He was changing the soft plug or safety valve on a boiler when steam escaped thru another valve and hit him according to a report of the accident given hospital attendants.

Stanley was carried away from the spurting steam by fellow workmen and rushed to the hospital.

**Pledge Cooperation**  
"We have had about 125 of our postcard questionnaires returned with definite commitments from prospective students and 26 more indicated they will enroll in Torrance Community College if they can arrange for study time while keeping their jobs," Elson said. "All indications point to an enrollment of at least 150 when the courses start in September."

"In perfecting the curricula, organization, personnel, equipment and supplies for the college, we studied Junior College requirements at Pasadena, Fullerton, the Santa Monica Trade School and contacted interested officials at North American Aircraft corporation and the Interstate Engineering company."

"Men at those two industries have assured us our plans are right for proper training in vocational work and that they will cooperate with us in anything we do to further our students' interests," Elson concluded.