Chamber Urges Four Civic Betterments

On recommendation of the community service committee, headed by H. T. Lintott, Torrance Chamber of Comnerce directors endorsed the following civic improvements and recommended to the city council that appropriate action be taken to put them into effect:

1. **Placing of a reasonable number of wooden benches in all city parks and squares, including El Prado parkway;**
2. **Installation of a reasonable number of drinking fountains and rubbish cans in city parks and El Prado parkway for the convenience of those wishing to use these spots for picnics and lunches;**
3. **Equipping of additional playgrounds in the western part of the city for the convenience of children living too far from the municipal park;**
4. **Requesting the City Council to instruct the police department to enforce the "quiet zone" around the Torrance Memorial hospital.**

Chairman Lintott stated that these recommendations had been made following liberal discussion by members of the community service committee, which includes, besides himself, Rev. Fr. Joseph V. Fitzgerald, Rev. Harry G. Banks, Mrs. Flora Wright and Lyle Doan.

Chamber directors also addressed a communication to the council requesting immediate contact with the Los Angeles Board of Education in an effort to have the school playgrounds kept open during the mid-summer vacation period. Similar requests in previous years made by Mayor Tolson even as early as April have been met with the explanation that the "requests came too late." Last year the L. A. Board of Education provided supervision for a large number of school playgrounds during the summer, but refused to allow children to use Torrance school playgrounds because no arrangements had been made for adult supervision.

Toy Loan Scene of Happy Parties

Thru the efforts of Mrs. Jewell Taylor, toyrarian at the Toy Loan Library on Post avenue, this will be a joyous Christmas for a lot of local youngsters who might otherwise be deprived of those essentials of a happy Yuletide. This afternoon she entertained the boys and tomorrow at 2 o'clock, the girls will have their fun.

The Coordinating Council advanced $20 to help defray the cost of gifts and candy that have been and will be distributed by Mrs. Taylor.

Get extra money for pleasure by selling, renting or swapping thru a Herald-News Want Ad only 25c for 15 words.

Mail Rush Being Efficiently Met

EARL CONNER
. . . "if in doubt, special it"

"Torrance is a generous giver. It gives more than it receives," Postmaster Earl Conner is the authority for that statement and he should know. Hasn't he kept a sharp eye on all outgoing and incoming Christmas mail here since 1934?

Monday afternoon he watched his fellow-workers line up 114 jam-packed sacks of mail in preparation for shipment to all points in the U. S. and Canada. There was no let up Sunday on the part of the hard-working postal crew and they shipped out 14 sacks that day. On Saturday 102 sacks were dispatched from here.

"That certainly indicates that we're a bit better off than many parts of the country because our incoming mail has not been near as large," Conner declared.

Saturday the postoffice will work all day, clearing incoming mail and sending out material received at the windows up to 6 p. m. The mail center will be closed Sunday and Christmas Day but all gift parcels will be delivered as fast as they are received on those two days.

All special delivery and special handling mail will also receive prompt attention even tho the office is officially closed for the holidays.

"If you are in doubt about your last-minute gift packages being received on time, send them special delivery or special handling," the postmaster advised.

Boys Rob Store of $14 Here

Several small boys are believed to have been the burglars who entered Young's market on Carson street last Thursday night and took about $14 in cash. Entrance to the store was gained thru a window which workmen had left open in an unfinished room adjoining the store.

Want Ad Rhymes Contest Winners Are Announced

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ignore
The Torrance Feed and Fuel Store;
Their furnaces, wood, coal and coke,
Make winter seem like one huge joke."

Fourth Prize Winner

Mrs. Ada M. Ramsay, R 1, Box 290, Lomita, will you kindly call at The Herald office in Torrance for two passes to the Torrance theatre? Keep it up, you'll get a first prize yet. Watch your punctuation.

The ad:

WILL IT BE
BOY OR GIRL?
Now! You can predetermine the sex of your or your friend's future offspring thru a new . . . etc . . . Address Box A-Z Torrance Herald.

By the way, when you call for your passes the publisher will give you a free copy of this book that sells for $1. as his share in the prize.

The winning rhyme:

"You're always right, A-Z-
A boy or girl it will be;
It wouldn't be quite natural
If it should be a neutral."

Fifth Prize Winner

Mrs. John H. Clay, 2300 Carson street, Torrance wins the fifth prize of two passes to the Torrance threatre. Mrs. Clay, your first contributions to this contest are top ranking but for one factor a slight tendency to one line being cumbersome in each rhyme. Please try again and watch your meter even if you have to count syllables to balance each line. Incidentally, try to keep the lines short.

The ad:

SPIRELLA FOUNDATION
Garments individually designed and made to measure. Spirella is the world's best figure-training and . . . etc. 2019 Arlington, Torrance 690-W

The winning rhyme:

"If your hips are large and your muscles sagging
A corsetiere would say, and not be bragging,
'At the New Year's Ball you can be a sensation'-
For Christmas, buy yourself a SPIRELLA FOUNDATION."

Well, that concludes the rhymes winners for this week. As you can see, the competition is becoming keener. However, the simple rhymes are the ones that win.

Some Mistakes

People are still sending rhymes on display ads. These will not be judged. Any want ad in The Herald of Lomita News is open for you to try your talents on to any extent you desire.

Some people send several rhymes on one page. As a consequence, we have disregarded all of them.

Some people continue to send in rhymes without the ad attached. These had to be discarded.

A few continue to send in rhymes without their addresses. These have to be discarded.

Most of the rhymes were reduced in line length. The shorter they are, as long as you follow the rules, the better your chances are to win.

We have now printed the rules of the contest many times. If you haven't a copy we will mail one to you. Don't let anything deter your winning. We want to hear more from Harbor City, Walteria and Torrance. Lomita has all of you on the run and that can't be kept up much longer — or, can it? Good luck for next week. The judge.

Harris Home From School; Has High Praise for B.Y.U.

Ready to shout praises of his school, Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, at the drop of a hat, Leonard Harris, son of Mrs. May Harris of this city, returned home for the Christmas holidays Tuesday.

He won the Freshman heavyweight boxing championship and also played on the second string Freshman football team this fall at B. Y. U., an institution of some 3,000 students. Leonard hopes to obtain employment so that he can return in about two weeks to continue his first year studies.

Iron rarely occurs in the free state as an element, being combined with the earths and rocks. But so wide-spread are these ores that iron came into early use by man.

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Gardena. Loren Howe of Hawthorne was elected secretary and Louis H. Hamilton of Huntington Park, retiring president, will serve as treasurer.

Telegrams urging funds for an alternate $1,900,000 drainage plan included in the $7,000,000 project mapped by County Engineer H. E. Hedger for the Gardena valley and Keystone areas have been sent to the federal board of rivers and harbors by the chambers and groups affiliated with it, Fred Finkle, flood control committee chairman, reported.

Officials Talk

A resolution proposing restrictions upon the use of the initiative and referendum, introduced at the November meeting by E. D. Seward, San Pedro chamber secretary, also was adopted by the group.

Six county officials who gave 10-minute talks included H. C. Legg, WPA administrator; George W. Jones, county road commissioner; William J. Fox, planning commission chief engineer; Alfred Jones, county surveyor; John J. O'Connor, county counsel, and William Harriman, Rancho Los Amigos superintendent.

Angeleno Building Two Homes Here

J. F. Reed of Los Angeles who has owned two lots on Madrid avenue for 18 years, this week started construction on two five-room frame stucco residences and garages at 1217 and 1221 Madrid avenue. Each home will cost $3,150 to build.

EAT—while shopping eat at any of the places advertised under classification 28.

Holmes In L. A. Court Dec. 26

Bert Holmes, confessed forger is to be arraigned in Los Angeles county superior court on Dec. 26 on charges of forgery growing out of the forging of checks totaling $200.

Holmes is alleged to have forged the name of Mrs. Gladys Downing, secretary of the Torrance Building Company, to a $100 check, on Nov. 25, and to have forged another check on the company on Dec. 2 for $50.

Herald Ads Save You Money

Paint Brush Stolen from City Hall

Almost under the eyes of police, someone stole a paint brush, valued at $7.50, which had been left by painters in the city hall last Thursday night. Two suspects were questioned by police and given opportunity, which so far hasn't been taken, to return the brush.

FOREST FIRE COST

California forest fires caused damage of almost one dollar per acre during 1939, it was revealed today by State Forester M. B. Pratt.