



**RUNNING MATES?** ... Nominated last night on the first ballot, despite his denial of third term aspirations, President Franklin D. Roosevelt's answer to the riddle of the past two years: "Will he run again?" is anticipated tonight. Unofficial but authoritative sources assert the President will address the conclave by radio from Washington this evening.

Meanwhile, another question agitates the delegates in Chicago and Democrats everywhere: "Who will be the vice-presidential nominee?" The man shown above with the Chief Executive was prominently mentioned in pre-convention forecasts for that honor. But Secretary of State Cordell Hull last night reiterated that he is not a candidate and said he preferred not to be considered for political position. Decision on the Democratic party's choice is due in Chicago tonight.

## Odd-Shaped Property Sought As Site for Three Civic Enterprises

Altho ownership of a triangular-shaped lot at the intersection of Carson street and Plaza del Amo has not yet been formally transferred back to the city of Torrance by the county, that property is sought for the permanent site of two youth centers and a temporary hitching grounds for mounts to be ridden in the Factory Frolic parade late in September.

Because the Girl Scout cabin must be moved from Madrid near Carson street immediately, the city council proposed that the building be taken to the site west of the Torrance Health and Welfare Center. That location was suggested by the Torrance Coordinating Council last week as the best position in the city for a proposed youth center.

Dale Riley, city recreation director, plans to suggest to the Factory Frolic committee that horses used in the parade be quartered there for feeding and watering following the procession. He points out the mounts can be safely tethered to the trees on the property.

So it looks like the land which the city gave the county in 1932 and is getting back is the most sought-after area in the city. It has a 200-foot frontage on Carson street and a 403-foot frontage on Plaza del Amo. At one time it was a beauty spot here but it has been neglected and now presents an untrimmed and unkempt appearance.

## Mrs. Stickney In Court Tomorrow

Mrs. Katherine L. Stickney, 45, is scheduled to appear in department 41 of the superior court tomorrow morning to enter her plea to a charge of grand theft of \$961 from her former employer, Ed Thompson, local Chevrolet dealer. Mrs. Stickney worked as bookkeeper and cashier at Thompson's agency here from July, 1939, until June 20. The alleged shortage in her accounts was discovered by Floyd L. Swanson, public accountant, during the course of a general audit.

The defendant has been at liberty on \$1,000 bail, following her preliminary hearing July 3 before City Judge Robert Lessing. She offered no defense at the local airing of the case.

## MARCH OF RIMES

—MUCH ADO ABOUT SOMETHING—By H. F. NOAKE.

The other night the wife says, "Whit, it's time you loosened up a bit; turn off that noisy radio, we're going to see a picture show." Protesting, but to no and me little Dale set out at once, for Cohen's Elite, where thirty cents buys any seat. For children under twelve, a dime, but did I have myself a time when some smart aleck in a cage insisted Dale looked twice his age. We sat beside a family group, who must have lived on onion soup, and one of them, a big fat lout, kept barging in, then barging out. And right behind us, if you please a dame began to cough and sneeze; then, suddenly, our son and heir just disappeared, we knew not where. Our search lead past the druggist's shop, where Dale was guzzling soda pop; then home, as fast as we could go to peace—and rest—and radio. (P. S. The picture, by the way was, "Father Takes a Holiday.")

## 5,000 On WPA to Get Defense Training Work

Five thousand Southern California young men now on WPA and other federal agencies will be given summer training in 17 preparedness subjects beginning this week, thru cooperation of Dr. W. F. Dexter, state superintendent of schools, and Herbert C. Legg, WPA administrator for Southern California.

Present plans call for classes to be held in 65 public schools in Los Angeles, San Diego and Santa Barbara counties thru facilities of the State Department of Education, under whose supervision the men will be trained in technical phases of aircraft engines, auto shop, aircraft theory and nomenclature, blue print reading, drafting, electric code and theory, gas theory, pattern making, machine shop, metallurgy, painting, radio, Diesel engines, sheet metal, tool and die casting, welding and carpentry.

Priority will be given to workers now on WPA. It was stated with NYA and other federal agencies also eligible. A prerequisite for enrollment is registration with the California State Department of Employment. WPA workers who sign for the three-months' training course will receive their present salary. At present the allocation calls for 3,400 students to be enrolled in Los Angeles county, 850 in San Diego county and 100 in Santa Barbara county, with 125 enrollees to be placed at a later date. Graduates of the summer courses in the subjects mentioned will be made available to industry for use in the defense program.

## Deputy Registrar On Duty Tonight As Time Expires

Today is the last day to register for the August primary if you: (1) are a first voter, (2) have changed your precinct since the last election, (3) failed to vote at both the last primary and last general election.

Mrs. Floy Morris, deputy registrar, will be in front of the Whitney bakery on Sartori avenue "as late as there are voters desiring to qualify for the primary" tonight.

Offices to be voted on at the Aug. 27 election are those of U. S. senator, representatives in Congress, assembly, 15 superior court judges, district attorney and supervisors from the second, fourth and fifth districts. Some of these are expected to be filled at that time, particularly in the judges' group.

## May Buy New City Grader on Open Market; Bids Rejected

Believing that the city can "make a better deal" by going into the open market for a new tandem-drive motor grader, the city council on recommendation of Councilman James Hitchcock rejected all five bids received July 9. These ranged from \$4,025 to \$4,875.

The quotations were studied by the council as a whole, city attorney and city engineer. The city's old grader will be traded in on the new equipment. Bidders submitting offers last Tuesday on the old machine valued it from \$25 to \$274.

## AT ROTARY MEETING

John Dockweiler, candidate for district attorney, will address members of the Torrance Rotary club tonight on "National Defense."

## Old Sump Holes Held Dangerous

Old sump holes in West Torrance were declared a menace to children and death traps to animals in a letter to the city council from Mrs. Carl D. Lane of 1605 Greenwood avenue. She appealed to the city board for abatement of this hazard, pointing out that many residents in the vicinity of the sumps were constantly in fear for their children's lives.

The sumps are located off Sonoma avenue between Hickory and Greenwood avenues. Councilman James Hitchcock reported that the C. C. M. O. is now obtaining bids to have two sumps owned by that company cleaned up. There are two more on the west side of Hickory which need attention, he said.

City Engineer Leonard Young was instructed to investigate and bring in a report at the next regular meeting of the council, Tuesday, June 23.

## Week's Building Total \$7,150

Building permits for the construction of a large greenhouse, erection of a moved-in store building and a five-room residence were issued this week from the city engineer's office. They totaled \$7,150. Those receiving permits were: San Lorenzo greenhouse for a 303 by 33-foot greenhouse at 18400 Crenshaw boulevard, \$3,000; A. A. Wiegner, frame and stucco store building moved in to 2166 Torrance boulevard, \$500, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Elder for a five-room frame and stucco house and double garage at 2325 Carson street, \$3,650.

## Postoffice Gains From Flood of Sample Ballots

A check for \$20,000 for postage on "1,600,000 or more" sample ballots for the Aug. 27 primary was tendered the post office department this week by Registrar of Voters Wm. M. Kerr as he started active preparation for the election next month. This cost for postage will be duplicated in preparation for the November general election, when the voters of this community will help to elect a president for the next four years in addition to deciding the contests for state offices unfilled at the primary next month.

## Torrance Census Now 9,860

## 141 More Needed to Put City in 10,000 Class

Are there 141 residents of Torrance who have not been enumerated in the Federal Census?

If there are and if they will so inform Supervisor Cornelius Kelly this city can jump right into the 10,000 class.

Kelly revealed late last week that the population figure for Torrance is now 9,860, an increase of 2,589 since 1930 or 35 percent.

The new population figure shows that 67 have been added to the city's census since the first preliminary total was announced by Supervisor Kelly June 20.

Launch Check-up  
If 141 or more who may have been missed by the enumerators can be found here, the Torrance county would be 10,001 enough to put the city in that all-important bracket.

In an effort to put Torrance over the 10,000 population mark, Chamber of Commerce directors this week authorized not to co-

## FLASH!

In their first four hours work yesterday afternoon, two checkers employed by the Chamber of Commerce uncovered 52 Torrance residents who had not been contacted by the Federal census enumerators. At this rate, the crew of five checker workers, which began their check-up this morning should have no difficulty in securing the 141 additional names required to put this city over the 10,000 population figure.

ceed \$75 for the employ of census re-checkers.

Every hotel, apartment house, court and other place where transients are housed will be contacted by the checkers in an effort to uncover unlisted residents. A thorough canvass of the Japanese and Mexican residents will be made by well-known representatives of these colonies.

## Act at Once

In addition, it is proposed to contact every new resident that has moved to town since the Federal census takers worked the territory. The committee appointed by chamber directors to make this check-up includes Directors Harvey L. Gutterfelder and A. H. Silligo, Secretary L. J. Gilmeister and Grover C. Whyte, publisher.

However, anyone residing within the city limits of Torrance who believes that he has not been counted in the 1940 Decennial Federal Census should not wait to be called upon, but should immediately send or telephone this information to the

## No. American Aviation Beats Bank of America

Scoring its second straight victory last night, North American Aviation advanced to a five-way tie for first place in the California Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament at the Torrance City park. The Aviators defeated Bank of America, 3 to 1, each team getting six hits. Tonight at 8:15 o'clock the undefeated Long Beach Elluces will meet Lockheed Aircraft which has won one and lost one game. For further details of the tourney turn to page 1-B.

## Local Gendarmes Won't Follow L. A. Cops' Lead in Change of Uniforms

"Cream-puffs!" snorted Police Chief John Stroth Saturday morning. "Just a bunch of cream-puffs!"

"It wouldn't surprise me a bit if they decide next to put lace on their hand-cuffs and exchange their leather pistol holders for some dainty petticoat holsters in heliotrope!"

The chief had just finished reading a report of the new uniforms for the Los Angeles police department. He pointed a finger of scorn at the details.

In place of dark blue shirts, coats and trousers, powder gray trousers with dark blue stripes down the sides, shirts of the same color and blue coats; rakish, semi-soft eight-pointed caps—blue for patrolmen, gray for officers.

## Mayor Urges Residents to Get In Census

In a statement urging all Torrance residents who have not been enumerated in the new Federal census to make themselves known, Mayor Tom F. McGuire states:

"Please do this as a patriotic civic duty and do it right away—not later than July 31. 'We are proud of the increase already indicated by the preliminary reports, but if we can boost the total up to 10,000 population, it will mean a great deal to everyone in Torrance, as cities of 10,000 and over are listed in many almanacs, government reports and numerous other statistical records.

"In addition, an increased census means securing proper representation in Congress, in the state assembly, in securing adequate tax allocations, particularly in the distribution of gas tax money, which in turn is spent in improving our local streets and highways."

## Red Cross Fund Advances; Sewing Unit Is Formed

Contributions to the Torrance Red Cross War Relief Fund edged past the \$1,000 mark this week in actual cash turned over to that great humanitarian agency. However, the total donated advanced above \$1,500. Actual contributions this week amounted to \$62, which made the total to date \$1,068.01.

But the Columbia Steel employees, who said they were just starting in to help the Red Cross, raised \$330, and the National Supply Company workers contributed \$233 during the week and said their total will show considerably more than that when the drive is over.

Neither the Columbia Steel nor the National Supply employees groups have turned in any cash yet but is open to all women of the city, according to Mrs. Gertrude Ralston, secretary of the unit and chairman of the Auxiliary's Community Service committee.

The unit will meet for the first time next Tuesday morning, July 23, at 10 o'clock and thereafter will gather five days a week. (Continued on Page 6-A)

## Local Gendarmes Won't Follow L. A. Cops' Lead in Change of Uniforms

These ensembles, resembling a Hollywood version of the French Foreign Legion (is there a French Legion any more?) show nothing but scorn from the head of the local gendarmerie.

The Aviators' motor officers will also discard their time-honored khaki tunics and breeches for powder blue riding pants and blue coats.

Asked if he contemplates a change in garb for Torrance officers Chief Stroth said he was not.

"But if we were, I think a uniform modeled after the Northwest Mounted Police would be good," he added.

Stroth evidently likes red because the Mounties' tunics are crimson.

## Chamber Acts As 'Clearing House' for Information

A total of 86,944 pieces of literature were handed thru the Torrance Chamber of Commerce during the past fiscal year, ending June 30. L. J. Gilmeister, secretary, reported this week to the chamber board of directors. The wide-spread activity of the chamber is reflected in the breakdown of this volume of literature, reported as follows:

Mail in	4,182 pieces
Mail out	16,560 pieces
Maps out	939
Folders out	2,363
Misc. Literature out	1,913 pieces
Mimeograph	35,225 pieces
Addressograph	19,762 pieces

There were also 4,201 incoming telephone calls and 4,291 outgoing telephone calls handled by the chamber staff during the year, and 6,344 office interviews held at the chamber offices, Gilmeister reported.

Torrance received in excess of 10,000 column inches of newspaper publicity in local and Los Angeles county newspapers, Gilmeister stated. This is equivalent to about 64 full newspaper pages.

## City to Approve Alondra Refund

Indicating that the city will readily give its approval to the refunding of Alondra Park's Mattoon Act indebtedness whereby the county is to pay half of the remaining \$641,547 in bonds, the city council Tuesday afternoon referred the county's request for such endorsement to City Attorney John E. McCall for investigation and an opinion.

City councils of Gardena, Hawthorne and Redondo Beach as well as Torrance must approve the refunding plan before it can be adopted. City Attorney McCall is expected to submit his recommendation at the next regular session of the municipal board which will be Tuesday evening, July 23.

## Library Expense Shows Increase

Members of the city council approved the tentative budget submitted by the county library for the maintenance of library facilities here and in Welteria even tho the amount is \$120 more than last year. The increase, from \$7,080 to \$7,200, is due to raises in salaries to the librarian and assistant in Torrance and to the custodian in Welteria.

No mention was made of the long-proposed new library building at Welteria.

The council paid the bill for six months' library service, from Jan. 1 to June 30, amounting to \$3,540.

## Drunk Driver Will Pay \$200 Fine In 20-Week Installments

For the next 20 weeks Benny Orono, 27, of Wilmington will make a \$10 deposit at the city clerk's office—but he won't be accumulating a \$200 savings. Instead he'll be paying a fine imposed on him Monday by City Judge Robert Lessing.

Orono was arrested Sunday afternoon for driving while intoxicated on Border avenue. He was assessed the \$200 fine or 90 days in jail after he had pleaded guilty. Orono arranged to pay the penalty on the installment plan. He had a record of a previous conviction for the same offense in 1935.

His companion Johnny Caracena, 27, also of Wilmington, was fined \$5 for being drunk in an auto and paid.

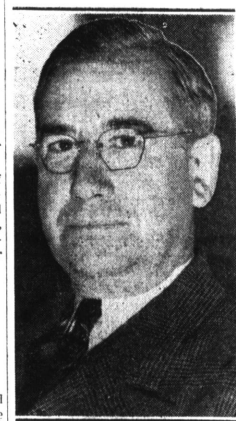
## Band May Appear at L. A. Co. Fair

Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce at a meeting Monday recommended to the city council that the Torrance Municipal band be sent to the Los Angeles county fair in Pomona to give a concert. The band's expenses would be paid by the city.

## City Valuation Shows Increase in Prelim Figure

Total assessed valuation of property within the city limits of Torrance for general county tax purposes this year is \$19,359,715, as compared with \$18,610,045 last year—an increase of \$449,670—it was announced yesterday by County Assessor John R. Quinn. The preliminary figure for

## Death Claims Ed Thompson



ED THOMPSON

... as it must to all men

One of the best-known automobile dealers in the Harbor district, Edward Mayvin Thompson succumbed at 10:30 o'clock last night at Queen of Angels hospital in Los Angeles following an emergency appendectomy. He had entered the hospital Tuesday night. Complications and a heart attack caused his sudden death.

Born in Northampton, Va., 50 years ago, Ed Thompson was a hard worker all his life. He made a splendid reputation in his home state as an insurance agent and shortly after he came west to California in 1920 gave his driving energy to the automotive business. He had operated Ed Thompson's Chevrolet agency here since 1935, coming to this city from Lomita where he opened an agency in 1933.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Helen, who is now recovering from a recent major operation; three daughters, Helen, Barbara of San Diego and Mrs. Oren Lloyd of Maywood; his mother, Mrs. Edward W. Thompson; four brothers, J. A. of San Marino, Roland L., Festus W. and Harry J., all of Norfolk, Va., and four sisters, Mrs. Ira Scott, Mrs. Sarah Kelly, Mrs. Mary and four sisters, Mrs. Vaughan Scott, Mrs. Sarah Kelly, Mrs. Mary Martin and Mrs. Kathryn Worthington, also of Norfolk.

Mr. Thompson was a member of the Elks lodge of Redondo Beach. He was always interested in civic affairs in Torrance and was regarded as one of this city's most progressive business men. His sudden death came as a distinct shock to his many friends and associates in Torrance and throughout Southern California.

Tentative arrangements have been made to hold the funeral Saturday afternoon, July 20, at the A. M. Gamby chapel in Lomita.

**Concrete Mixers Taxed**  
CLEVELAND, O. (U.P.)—All owners of concrete mixers and tar spreaders here now must take out automobile licenses.

\*this year is before adjustment by the Board of Equalization which last year reduced the assessor's figure of \$20,442,385 to \$18,610,045.

Should a similar reduction be authorized this year by the Board of Equalization, it is probable that the final figure will fall considerably below the valuation last year. However, it is not believed that the net reduction will be sufficient to necessitate a change in the tax rate from last year's levies of \$1.07 per \$100 assessed valuation in District No. 2, and \$1.10 in District No. 1, the older part of the city.

Thruout the county there was a decrease of \$63,802,230, which threatened the announced plan of the board of supervisors to reduce the general levy from its figure of \$1.49 for last year, since the new county budget already has been adopted by the board.

**No Utility Figures Yet**  
Land in Torrance is assessed this year at \$5,681,795 as compared with \$6,185,355 a year ago. All figures for this year are before adjustment by the County Board of Equalization and do not include public utilities, such as telephone properties, gas and electric holdings.

Last year public utilities added \$2,601,010 to the city's assessed valuation, making the total value last year \$21,211,055. In view of the decrease in assessed values of land, improvements and personal property as reported by Assessor Quinn, the same reduction is anticipated here in public utility valuations.

Improvements in this city are assessed at a total of \$5,867,010, as against \$5,614,805 a year ago, Quinn announced. In many communities the assessor's field men did not find the valuation of new building as large as it was a year ago.

Personal property was valued at \$7,706,725 by the assessor, as compared with \$6,984,715 last year.

**L. A. Takes Sharp Cut**  
Los Angeles city suffered the brunt of the cut in valuations, or \$61,417,075. Since the city already has adopted its budget, and since its levy for general city purposes is limited to \$1.25, it was indicated that departmental expenditures would have to be sharply curtailed.

Valuations were not announced for school districts but Beverly Hills, Claremont, Burbank, Montebello, El Segundo and Glendale

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## Water Department's New Budget \$31,690 Revenues \$56,625

The 1940-41 municipal water department budget is \$31,690, the estimated expenditures, instead of \$56,625.80 as reported at last week's council session. The larger figure is the estimated revenue for the current fiscal year, according to Superintendent William H. Stanger, who pointed out that the largest item of expense for the department is \$7,000 for electric power.

Chief income to the department, naturally, is from the sale of water to consumers in the district and this is estimated for the 1940-41 period at \$41,088, Stanger said.

## HAVE YOU BEEN COUNTED?

To be properly enrolled by Federal Census Bureau is the patriotic and civic duty of every resident. If you have been overlooked by the census taker, please fill out this form and send it to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, either bank, or the city hall. Or you may telephone the information to Torrance 881. PLEASE DO SO AT ONCE!

Name .....

Address .....

Number in family or household .....