

Committee Is Named to Draw Up Plans for Improvement of Pueblo District of City; Recreation In View

Formation of a permanent committee to draw up a plan for improving conditions at the Pueblo, 203rd st. Mexican district of Torrance, was announced following a meeting held Nov. 22 in Torrance Service Center.

Named to the committee are Father Cyril Wood, chairman; N. H. Cucci, representing G.I.O. Local No. 1414, vice chairman; the Rev. Ben Lingens, Mrs. Herminia Alcala, Juan Lopez, Oscar Escobedo, Gloria Lucero, Tony Rias and Leonard Green, sponsor of the Aztec Club at Torrance high school. The committee was named on the motion of Kenneth Beight, seconded by Hillman E. Lee, president of the Torrance Community Council.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lee. Present were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Beight, Councilman Cucci, Harry Lewis, Miss Margaret Waugh of Catholic Welfare Bureau, Mrs. Paul Wheeler, Father Wood, Mrs. Mary Eggleston, and four members of the Aztec Club of the high school, Josephine Martinez, Gloria Lucero, Gloria Flores, Joe Fernandez.

Father Richard Cotter, director of settlements and centers for the Catholic Welfare Bureau, was introduced as a special guest.

Lee turned the chair over to Lewis, who stated the purpose of the meeting, explaining that many Torrance citizens were interested in bettering conditions in the Pueblo and willing to offer their cooperation if the Mexican residents wished some help. There was general discussion of possible projects at the Pueblo, such as a youth center, a recreation center for the whole community, a playground, better housing, and development of some place of local interest like a Mexican restaurant. Father Wood told of some of the plans he had in mind, explaining that he had been the priest for the Pueblo for about two years. The young people spoke about their needs, which are largely along the line of recreation.

Father Cotter was asked to describe the projects provided

in other Mexican communities by the Catholic Welfare Bureau, and he spoke particularly about Mahar House in Wilmington.

There is a possibility of a recreation center being sponsored by this agency, and after the original organization it might be financed by the War Chest. It is the feeling of the Catholic Welfare Bureau that the early steps toward betterment of conditions should be taken by local people.

Following Father Cotter's remarks several persons commented on the need for more information about the Pueblo, including the number of families and individuals living there, how many homes are rented and how many owned, the ownership of the land in that locality, and so on. It was suggested that the committee should do some research to begin with. The members of the Aztec Club thought they would be interested in working on this part of the project.

Father Wood, in assuming the chairmanship of the committee, spoke of the difficulties which he had encountered in building up a community spirit in the Pueblo and explained his satisfaction over the offers of help of those present at this meeting. He was urged to call his committee together very soon and to make a report to the Torrance Community Council as soon as possible.

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IT'S A BEAUTY AND IT HANDLES NICELY . . . This was the opinion of those who have seen and driven the first of six new Crown coaches which the city is buying, the first being delivered here on Saturday. Shown above inspecting the vehicle of 45-passenger capacity are, left to right: Mickey Dumont, receptionist in the office of City Clerk A. H. Bartlett; Richard Larry, operator; Valerie Worsham, deputy city clerk; Milo Gilbert, operator, with Edith Smith, secretary to C. Z. Ward, bus manager, in the doorway, and H. C. Callihan at the wheel. (Torrance Herald photo)

New Schedules Suggested as Bus Received

Delivery of the first new Crown coach, 45-passenger \$11,000 bus, six of which the City of Torrance has ordered to serve local residents, was made on Monday afternoon, and another of the big coaches is expected this week.

With the delivery of the first new bus, C. Z. Ward, manager of the Municipal Bus Department, announced arrangements for a new schedule to take effect about Dec. 10.

Changes in the schedule, to embody use of the new equipment, will include routing Los Angeles buses through Gardena, and operation of the local line south on Narbonne through Lomita to Welteria and Harbor City by way of 101 highway and north on Western ave., as far as 203rd st.

Ward said that a local bus will meet each Los Angeles bus, calling for about 21 trips a day on each schedule.

The complete schedule, subject to ODT approval, is printed elsewhere in this edition, in an official advertisement of the city bus department. There will be no curtailment of any service, Ward said.

The new coach, of two-tone green, was greeted with mixed enthusiasm, as it drove up before the City Hall late Monday afternoon with H. C. Callihan at the wheel.

At the invitation of a Torrance Herald photographer to be pictured inspecting the new equipment, several city officials declined, including Manager Ward.

Callihan, on a trial spin around the block with a group of city workers as passengers, said the vehicle handled nicely, and it is his chore to operate the vehicle on the early run to Los Angeles.

Whatever the ultimate life of the bus, Torrance patrons generally will welcome the modern equipment, was the expressed opinion.

Care of Tires Again Urged By U. S. Army

With Old Man Winter edging in closer and closer, bringing the hazards of ice and snow, Colonel H. J. Conway, Ninth Service Command Ordnance officer, today urged civilian and military operators of motor vehicles to focus more attention on safe-guarding tires.

From his Fort Douglas, Utah, headquarters, he declared that tires continue to be a critical item of Army equipment and emphasized that overseas units are demanding more and more replacements for those damaged in combat.

The NSC Ordnance officer pointed out that as long as such a condition exists the possibility of a higher quota of tires is very unlikely.

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WALTERIA WAR MEMORIAL IS DEDICATED IN RITES HELD AT LIBRARY SUNDAY

Dedication services of the Walteria War Memorial (World War II) were held Sunday on the Walteria Library lawn with approximately 500 present. This memorial, in which a book has been dedicated to every man and woman in the services of their country from Walteria, comprises 111 volumes with a name plate

containing the service man's and the donor's names inside the front cover, and a scrap book in which will be placed newspaper clippings and other pertinent information relative to these soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen and their services. The scrap book was made by Mrs. Cora B. Bohrer of the Torrance Recreation Center.

The Torrance high school band, under the leadership of Louis Sauter, played selections ending their concert with the National Anthem, while three Boy Scouts, Tommy Birchfield, Raymond Deurloo and Doyle Croshaw raised the Colors, preceded by assembly call played by Scout bugler Merwin Jarrett of Torrance, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Les Steigh of Troop 215, Lomita.

Rev. Ralph Markey of the Walteria Full Gospel church gave the opening prayer.

Roy Palmer, president of the Walteria Civic Organization, opened the meeting and presented George P. Thatcher, chairman of the Walteria War Memorial (World War II) committee. Thatcher said that the purpose of the memorial was to honor the living, but we forget as has been done in the past, the obligation owed the service men and that the books being a permanent memorial they would be a permanent reminder of these obligations.

The War Memorial committee was introduced, including Mrs. Beryl Connors, secretary; Mrs. P. B. Tuttle, treasurer; Mrs. B. C. Riggs, book chairman, and Stanley Cox, finance chairman. Also introduced were N. Cucci of the Torrance City Council and A. H. Bartlett, city clerk. Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, Mrs. Paul Moore Wheeler, Mrs. H. R. Lee of the Torrance Library board of trustees; Mayor W. H. Tolson of Torrance eulogized the Walteria service men and women.

Chairman Thatcher next introduced four Walteria service men, Charles Riggs and Lyle Sage, Army Air Corps; Donald Peterson and Ralph Martin, U. S. Navy.

The next speaker was Lester Lahr, past commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Lomita, and now chief deputy. Lahr recalled the readiness with which we forget our men in service after their return and spoke of these books as a lasting reminder of our debt.

There were two principal speakers of the afternoon: Lt. R. A. Beam, training aid officer of the small craft training center on Terminal Island, who was education director of the Chicago division of the Civilian Conservation Corps, and was for a year and a half associated with the War Production Board in public relations. Lt. Beam emphasized the task assigned to the training branches of the armed services, pointing out that our Navy had, at the time we entered the war, 250,000 officers and men and today, 2,750,000, each an expert at his position. That one, two and three years ago the majority of these men were bank clerks, farmers,

laborers, etc., and today they are defeating the professional navies of the war lords which were in the building for years for this war.

Captain Thomas L. Moore, Glendale, veteran of 51 combat missions in the Mediterranean theatre who took part in the first Rome raid and missions in other parts of the European continent, was the other speaker. He wears the Air Medal with nine Oak Leaf Clusters and the Presidential Citation for meritorious service in action.

At the close of the ceremonies the books were presented and dedicated, being received by Mrs. Mary Riggs, Walteria librarian, and Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, Torrance librarian, who both made acceptance speeches. The closing prayer was given by Rev. Walter Wagner of the Walteria Baptist church.

Open house will be held in the near future at the Walteria Library for those who wish to see the books with their accompanying name plates and dedication.

New Training Course Starting At University

Next Monday, Dec. 4th, the University of Southern California will offer its twenty-first successive training course for students who wish to qualify as teachers in nursery schools and child-care centers. This training will prepare them to obtain the temporary permit granted by the State Department of Education to teach in nursery schools in California. Course is four weeks in length, and four units of college credit is given. Over 40 nursery school teachers have been trained in these special classes. As rapidly as they are trained, they are placed in the various school systems.

The need for child care centers is increasing, and twenty new nursery school buildings are to be built in the Los Angeles City School District in the near future. Additional nursery school teachers must be trained for employment, so that schools can be manned. Beginning salaries range from \$130 to \$165 per month. Mrs. Charles, who has trained many teachers and supervisors now employed in various southern California communities, will direct the university college classes.

Detailed information regarding the nursery school program may be obtained by calling University College office, Richmond 4111—station 415 or (night phone) Richmond 0104.

ROBERT CARL MARQUARD . . . seaman, 1/c, whose destroyer, the USS Johnstone, was lost in the Battle of the Philippines, sent a V-Mail letter this week to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Marquard of 2414 229th st., in which he stated that he is well and will arrive home as soon as possible.

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