

Third Payment Made on Torrance Boulevard Job

The third monthly payment of \$28,750.15 to Tomlin Construction Co. for pavement of Torrance blvd., recently opened to traffic, was made by the City Council Tuesday night.

Bluff st., in Waverly, will be closed and used for a pasture until needed for traffic, as a result of the recommendation of the city engineer's office to the council. A. B. Stagner requested the action.

The city established a pay scale of \$225 a month for a motor patrol grader operator and \$190 a month for a tree pruner who works off the ground. Both are on a temporary basis, it was said.

A check for \$452.38 in payment of General Petroleum Corp. franchises was received.

C. T. Crawford was granted a permit to operate a taxi in Torrance.

Bernhard Bunje was reappointed to the Civil Service Commission, as of Jan. 15, 1945.

A resolution, furthering the plan for participation of city employees in the state employees' retirement system, was adopted.

A safe was bought for the Municipal Bus department.

A new motor was bought for Ford truck No. 9, of the street department, costing \$150.

Virgil Plunkett was transferred to the city garage from the bus department, to act as a mechanic, at \$200 a month.

Fire insurance for four city buildings was purchased at a premium of \$961.60 for five years.

A contract for 3000 feet of water pipe was awarded to National Cast Iron Pipe Co., low bidder, the amount being \$2,955.63.

CHOP NUTS QUICKLY

To chop nuts more quickly—and neatly—put the shelled nuts into a paper bag and roll with a rolling pin until as fine as desired.



WORK ON EACH OTHER . . . After establishing records for retail clerks' sales of war bonds in the recent Sixth War Loan drive, in which Torrance won \$228,373 over its quota, to sell a total of \$1,068,373 in bonds, these champions turned on each other. Here a Torrance Herald photographer caught Mrs. Nona Farquhar of J. C. Penney Co., third from the right, trying to increase her \$9862.50 total by selling a bond to Mrs. Veda Peer, extreme left, also of Penney's, who sold \$1506.25 in bonds. Getting a kick out of it and looking on are other high scorers, left to right, Hillman R. Lee, manager of Penney's and chairman of the Sixth drive, who personally sold \$4419 in bonds; Mrs. A. E. Smith, Penney's, who sold \$1983.75; Virgil H. Rogers of Robert's delicatessen and liquor store, \$15,400; H. P. Hof of Penney's, \$1378, and Clara Carr of A & P delicatessen, who sold a total of \$1800.—(Torrance Herald photo)

Extension of Western Avenue to Sea Is Promised at Meeting of Officials

Immediate acquisition of needed rights of way for the extension of Western ave. to the sea at White Point near San Pedro may be started in the first year after the war as a

100-foot wide major traffic artery will be recommended to city councils of Los Angeles and Torrance and to the county board of supervisors.

Councilman George Moore, who represents the San Pedro-Wilmington area on the L. A. council; Mayor William H. Tolson, of Torrance; and County Supervisor Raymond V. Darby pledged to sponsor such action following a conference Thursday in Los Angeles.

Also at the meeting were E. D. Seward, executive secretary of the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce; O. F. Cooley, county road commissioner, and Lewis Arnold, assistant city engineer. Conferees all agreed the improvement is urgently needed to provide another major road to the booming harbor area.

"We've heard too much talk about carrying Western ave. to the sea," Darby said in opening the conference, which he called as a means of reviving the long-time planned project.

"I'm ready to do something about it now," he continued, "so that we can start work right after the war. It's of great importance to our harbor; in fact, to that whole area."

Councilman Moore and Mayor Tolson said they felt the same way.

Western ave. is now 100 feet wide from the Los Feliz hills in Hollywood to just south of Gardena where it narrows down to 50 feet at 182nd st., it was brought out at the meeting.

This spot is in county territory, and Cooley said his office has already obtained half of the rights of way.

From 182nd st. south through Torrance, Harbor City and San Pedro, Western ave. is improved only in some sections, chiefly as a narrow road, it was stated.

Total cost of the proposed improvement, including acquisition of rights of way, was estimated roughly at \$600,000.

Arnold told the conferees that a 1941 estimate of \$138,360 for the work between Torrance blvd. and 260th st., just south of Pacific Coast highway, Lomita, had been revised, because of wartime increased construction costs, to \$286,260.

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NO JAPS FOR PALOS VERDES FOR 2 YEARS

No farming by Japanese on Palos Verdes Hills is expected within the next two years by A. E. Hansen, representing Palos Verdes and Rolling Hills Land Companies, it was announced this week.

All available farm land is leased for two years and longer to others, he said. The company has not yet determined a policy to be followed in leasing property to the Japanese who now are free to return to the coast under recent Army orders.

Palos Verdes Land Company was one of the first to order Japanese land leases canceled after Pearl Harbor when 150 families were ordered to leave on Feb. 12, 1942.

Nearly 5,000 acres in the hills are under cultivation, most of it in field crops, Hansen said. About one-tenth of the area is under lease to a San Diego firm which grows peas and tomatoes.

Ryan Daggett Is Installed as Head of Local Kiwanis Club at Dinner-Dance



H. C. BARRINGTON
Retires as President

Ryan Daggett, field representative for the Torrance Brass Foundry, was installed as president of Torrance Kiwanis club at a dinner dance staged by the club at Palos Verdes Country Club on Saturday night.

Daggett succeeded H. C. Barrington, of the Barrington Welding Works, as president, and Daggett formerly was first vice president of the club.

Other officers installed were Ray Reed, first vice president; Chief of Police John Stroh, second vice president; R. J. Deinger, reinstalled as secretary, and Howard Locke, reinstalled as treasurer.

Directors seated are: Ed Brown, David Colville, Rev. H. W. Roloff, Raymond Rogers, Dean Sears, Paul Watson and C. T. Rippey.

The dedication ceremony was directed by Sheldon Hymor, Westwood Village Kiwanis Club, past district governor of District No. 1. Installation was by



RYAN DAGGETT
New Kiwanis Leader

Lieut. Gov. James Wallace, of

Memorial Rites For Bob Hatter

Memorial services for Bob Hatter, student of Torrance high school who was killed in action on Leyte Island on Oct. 26 will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, in the Ventura Methodist Episcopal church.

The young soldier was the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hatter, formerly of the C.C.M.O. in Torrance and now residing at 2195 El Jardin st., Ventura, Calif.

District No. 1. Al Drew, of Wilmington, past district governor of District No. 13, was master of ceremonies.

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