



TWO FIRSTS FOR MAYOR . . . Mayor W. H. Tolson of Torrance scored two firsts when he bought the first United States Postal Note for \$10 issued by Torrance postoffice, and had it made out to the Torrance branch, American Red Cross, as the first contribution to the 1945 fund drive for \$32,500. Shown buying the note from Postmaster C. Earl Conner, Mayor Tolson becomes one of the original purchasers of the notes which are destined to save much time at the "money order" window, to the convenience of the patrons and postal clerks alike. The new notes are sold in all small denominations, up to \$10.

(Torrance Herald photo)

TORRANCE PROTESTS L.A. CITY MOVE TO PUT RUBBISH DUMP IN WALTERIA DISTRICT

No section of Torrance, be it Walteria or any of its immediate environs, is going to be a dumping ground for the City of Los Angeles. This was the emphatic statement of Mayor W. H. Tolson in commenting on proposals that the City of Los Angeles buy an abandoned quarry in or near Walteria for a refuse dump.

The Los Angeles park board is planning to use the quarry in place of the Gaffey st. and Anaheim blvd. dump. "They will not put that dump in or near Walteria section of Torrance as long as I can prevent it," Mayor Tolson said.

"Any moving dumps in Torrance will be 'out' not 'in,'" H. B. Lewis, executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, declared.

Torrance is preparing an official protest of the suggestion, to present to the Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles city park board, Mayor Tolson said.

"We're going to move that dump, but we're not going to put it where it will aggravate anybody," Supervisor Raymond Darby declared when informed of the protest of Torrance and Walteria officials and residents.

Dr. Townsend To Be Honored

A gala birthday celebration, honoring the 78th birthday of Dr. Francis Townsend, who will be the principal speaker at the turkey dinner, will be held tomorrow (Friday) at the Torrance Civic Auditorium. It is reported by Mrs. M. E. Attebery, press chairman of Torrance Townsend Club No. 2, Mrs. Attebery states that she is acting by authority of the committee.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p. m. and Dr. Townsend is scheduled to speak at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Mamie Stark, contralto, will sing at 8:00 p. m., headlining the entertainment program, which will also feature selections by the Bloemo Chorus. Dancing will follow at 8:30 p. m.

The party is being given under the auspices of the Townsend Million Clubs. Tickets for the turkey dinner are on sale at the Beacon Drug Co., Torrance, but the public is invited to enjoy the entertainment program and address of Dr. Townsend without charge, according to Mrs. Attebery.

Minister Will Address Mexican Students Today

Responding to an inquiry from the Torrance Herald, Harold E. Perry, principal of Torrance high school, declared that the Education Code of California, Section 13229, provides as follows:

"Every teacher in the public school shall hold pupils to strict account for their conduct on the way to and from school."

In line with this, Principal Perry said, the high school "is taking steps and additional steps" to prevent future outbreaks of racial strife among students.

He said that the Rev. M. J. Zamorano, Baptist minister, who conducts services for Mexican Baptists at the local First Baptist church each Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock will, address the Mexican students at the high school this morning at 9:30 o'clock, and later has asked for the privilege of addressing all the students of the school relative to racial harmony. The Rev. Mr. Zamorano is working toward his doctor's degree at U. C. L. A.

Torrance Rain During Storm 2.49 Inches

Rainfall in Torrance during the storm of last week amounted to 2.49 inches, according to the official records of Fire Chief J. E. McMaster.

The storm which started late Wednesday when .06 of an inch fell fell full precipitation as follows:

Thursday, .36 of inch; Friday, 1.83 inches; Saturday, .05 inches. On Tuesday, 0.1 of an inch was recorded.

The total for the fiscal year is 7.13 inches, McMaster said, against 5.87 inches of the previous period in 1943-44.

The annual total from Jan. 1 to date in 1944 was 1.27 inches.

Bartlett's Purchasing Job Attacked

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett and City Treasurer Harriett V. Leech were named defendants in a taxpayers-suit brought recently by Howard P. Raymond, one time candidate for City Council, to enjoin the treasurer from paying Bartlett \$50 a month for services as city purchasing agent.

The suit was threatened by Councilman G. V. Powell, at the time the powers of buying for the City of Torrance were taken from City Engineer G. M. Jain. The plaintiff did not seek a temporary restraining order, but permanent injunction, alleging that the payment of the \$50 a month to Bartlett is contrary to law. They claim that an elective official cannot hold an appointive office, such as purchasing agent.

At the time that the City Council transferred the duties to Bartlett, previously held by him for many years, the city officials said that the proper place for purchasing was in his hands since he had to handle all the papers any way and could speed purchases.

Jain then said that he was too busy to handle the work, and did not mind the transfer. His pay remained the same after the purchasing duties were returned to Bartlett.

The council declared that it was a matter of efficiency. Bartlett said that nearly all city clerks of California in smaller communities handle the duties of purchasing.

City Attorney J. E. McCall is preparing a defense of the case, answerable in 10 days from Feb. 5, when the papers were served on Bartlett.

What method he will use in answering had not been decided by McCall up to the time the Torrance Herald went to press last night.

Perry G. Briney, San Pedro lawyer, filed the suit as attorney for Raymond in Long Beach branch of Superior Court. Briney formerly was city attorney of Torrance.

No Word From Local Nurses In Manila Prisons

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Panlier, of 1819 Arlington ave., have not yet received word of their daughter, Mildred, a prisoner of war in the Philippines since the fall of Manila, early in 1942. Waiting expectantly at their home, the Panliers are hoping momentarily for word that their daughter and her husband, Lietut, and Mrs. Jack Sherk are well and will soon arrive home.

Meanwhile, Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Paige, of 25926 Cayuga st., Lomita, have not been advised of the whereabouts of their daughter, Ems. Eldene Paige, Navy nurse, and are also hoping for early word of her.

Permit Taken Out For Remodeling Of Store Here

S. W. Isaacs, owner of the building at 1269 Sartori avenue, Torrance, has been given a building permit to alter the interior and construct a new front on the building. Work already has started, and the cost is to be \$2100, according to the permit. Dock Aircraft Co. has taken a \$1000 permit to raze vault at 2321 Abalone ave., and L. L. Mehler secured a permit for \$400 for a garage at 1817 Gramercy ave.

Are We Willing to Pay the Bill for Continued Expansion? Asks Darby

"Are we willing to pay the bill for continued growth and expansion in Los Angeles County?"

This challenge was given several hundred representatives of some 50 organizations comprising the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce by Supervisor Raymond V. Darby at a dinner meeting in Torrance Civic Auditorium last night.

In a meeting presided over by Pat MacDonnell, president of the organization, the group, welcomed to Torrance by President Reed Parkin, of Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and Mayor William H. Tolson, heard the supervisor declare:

"At our very door we have the making of the greatest harbor in the world; great airports. Industry has found they can operate in Los Angeles County at a minimum of expense, and, therefore, we must encourage them every way through reasonable taxation and services that they need. Highways must be built to the doors of these great improvements, and they, too, are going to need financing. The question is, are we willing to pay the bill."

"In this great empire of Los Angeles County, consisting of it does of more people than thirty-six states in the union and spending annually more money than those thirty-six states, we must know that in order to progress it is going to take foresight and courage to go ahead and do the things that have to be done."

"In the last few decades of our national history our population has grown, and yet there are cities and areas of the United States that are blighted and instead of going forward are going backward. That same thing can happen to us. It depends entirely whether we are willing to face the facts and do something about them. We have not only blighted areas but blighted viewpoints. In years past cities throughout the United States have had a future equally as bright as ours, but simply because we are growing today is no sign we are going to continue to grow and hold our place in the national sphere of things. Leaders, whether they be Chamber of Commerce members or citizens or public officials, must realize that in order to make improvements we have to pay the bill. We must know that the policies we adopted ten years ago do not fit our scheme of things today, nor will ours of today fit those of tomorrow. Therefore, we have to continually change, and with those changes we will sometimes fail, but through the failures and efforts to do the things, we shall also grow. When Southern California ceases to face the facts, then Southern California will no longer be the bright spot of America. There will come a time when we will have no new land on which to grow, so recognizing that fact we must be willing to make changes today and not abandon things of value, but rejuvenate and prosper."

Postal Notes Are on Sale at Local Office

Sale of "Postal Notes" was started at Torrance and Lomita post offices Feb. 1, as a new service designed to insure safe, convenient and economical methods of sending amounts of money not exceeding \$10 through the mails. The notes are sold at a uniform fee of 5 cents. The convenient money order is not displaced by the new note.

The postal notes are good only in the Continental United States; they are not transferable, and they can be cashed only at banks and post offices.

The notes are issued in \$10 denominations from \$0 to \$10, with 18 denominations of stamps for sums ranging from 1 cent to 90 cents, the latter to be affixed to the notes to cover any sum from 1 cent to \$10.

Torrance Man Killed, Another Wounded In War

Alex Danis Stewart, of Torrance, son of Ralph Stewart, is reported killed in action in the European Area. Born in Hamilton, Texas, Jan. 27, 1913, he had made his home in Lindsay, Calif., prior to his induction from Porterville in April, 1942.

Pvt. Ralph Edmunds, son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Edmunds, of 1602 W. 219th st., has been reported wounded in action while serving in the Burma-India theatre. He is convalescing at a base hospital in India. Edmunds has two brothers in service, Walter, a seaman, 1/c, and Robert with the Coast Guard.

L.A. City Board Buys Torrance Land for Gardena

Los Angeles City Board of Education has acquired a piece of Torrance property in the northeast section of the city for use as a farm for the Gardena high school. The land was deeded by Matilda Schindler on Nov. 17, and just filed, the deed transfers 15.85 acres of lot 62, McDonald tract.

Ration Board Again in Need of Volunteer Help

No help, no gasoline! It's not quite that bad, but Chief Clerk Frank W. Daniels, of the Torrance local War Price and Ration board, is appealing for volunteer workers again.

"If I could get six women or men who regular would spend one-half a day a week in the office, we could keep ahead of the applications," Daniels said.

"If we do not get any assistance, gasoline applications are going to lag. We cannot keep up with them. We want people to write up gasoline books, or we're going to be in bad shape."

The reason for the new appeal is that a regular worker and many volunteers have been forced to quit.

Torrance Has No Voice in School Matter

Indicating Torrance's lack of representation in the affairs of the Torrance schools, the Los Angeles City Council recently placed on the April 3 Los Angeles municipal election ballot a charter amendment which if approved will change the system of electing members of the board of education.

Although the proposition directly affects the interests of Torrance, in that the Los Angeles board of education spends the Torrance tax monies and average daily attendance support, Torrance voters have no voice in the decision on the merits of the issue on the ballot because it is strictly a Los Angeles city charter matter.

It was pointed out this week, that the Los Angeles school district is two and one-half times the size of Los Angeles city. Therefore, the people of the City of Los Angeles, through their city council and the ballot, decide the policies of the Torrance schools and the schools of many other communities not in the City of Los Angeles without the people of these other communities having any right to a voice in the policies.

Torrance does have a slight voice in the election of board of education members, but no voice in how, when or under what conditions they shall serve. That is up to the people of the City of Los Angeles, proper.

The amendment provides among other things that board candidates elected at the primary receive a four-year term. The change is directed specifically to correct the situation involving Roy Becker, of San Pedro.

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During the year, Chief Stroh and his men recovered 46 stolen cars; recovered 44 stolen bicycles; abated 15 nuisances, and gave 23 fire alarms.

Forty-one doors were found unsecured by officers, and 19 curfew violations resulted in warnings being given.

In 1944, there were 73 accidents reported in which 85 persons were injured and two killed.

There's report follows:

Charges—	1944	1943
Assault, deadly	9	13
Assault, simple	1	1
Battery	20	16
Burglary	11	3
Curfew violations	3	0
Disturbing peace	60	32
Drunk	333	235
Felony, miscellaneous	14	1
Fugitives	1	1
Gambling	15	7
Indecent exposure	7	2
Insane	1	0
Larceny, grand	6	3
Larceny, petit	16	19
Malicious mischief	1	7
Misdemeanor, miscellaneous	33	34
Rape	1	1
Suspicion	16	12
Drunk Driving	62	55
Vehicle Code	1029	1047
City Ordinance 96-3	6	5
City Ordinance 281-1	1	6
Total	1633	1513

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