



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HEAD WELCOMES DARBY . . . Reed H. Parkin (left), president of Torrance Chamber of Commerce and secretary-treasurer of Doak Aircraft Co., Inc., welcomed County Supervisor Raymond Darby, former mayor of Inglewood (right), at a meeting of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce in Torrance Civic Auditorium Wednesday, Feb. 7. Harbor President Pat MacDonnell (center) looks on.

WALTERIA WATER SURVEY IS ORDERED BY CITY AS DISTRICT IS PROPOSED

A complete water survey of the Walteria area, to lead toward defining the need for and area of municipal water district, has been ordered by the City Council. Mayor W. H. Tolson Tuesday night was authorized to retain Taylor and Taylor, water development engineers, for a survey of the whole area. The action is the outgrowth of a community request in the form of a petition circulated among Walteria residents for a survey of the Quandt water system.

The council decided that a full study should be made, and it probably will include a survey of the Quandt properties and lines.

Mayor Tolson said that the survey also should include the Hollywood Riviera area, and other districts needing an answer to the water problem, but the present action was limited to the Walteria area.

The study by Taylor and Taylor will cost the city \$800, and it will embrace present wells and lines, needed wells and lines, to take care of growth of that section of the city, and the possibility of the piping of Metropolitan Water District water to the area, officials declared.

Water is the key to further expansion of Torrance, and a complete city survey has been recommended. Present municipal cities cannot be expanded under law, officials declare.

City Court Fines \$1,508 In January

From Jan. 1 to and including Jan. 31, 1945, the City Court of the City of Torrance received \$1,508.50 net from fines and fees. Of this sum \$674.50 are general fund monies, while \$834.00 came from vehicle code violations and thus are road fund monies, Judge Otto B. Willett said.

Fifteen civil cases were filed during this month, 14 of which were small claims cases, making a total of \$13.00.

Vehicle code funds were derived from the following cases: Drunk driving, \$375.00; speeding, \$428.00, and miscellaneous traffic violations, \$13.00.

General fund monies were collected from the following cases: Drunkenness, \$336.50; disturbing the peace, \$155.00; parking, \$55; boulevard stop, \$113, and battery, \$15.00.

Appearing below is the number of criminal and traffic cases actually handled during the month and the disposition thereof:

Violation	Total	Guilt
Drunkenness	27	27
Disturbing the Peace	12	8
Drunk Driving	5	5
Speeding	52	50
Parking	32	27
Boulevard Stop	26	25
Misc. Traffic	26	26
Misc. Criminal	5	4
Held for Superior Court	1	1
Totals	186	152

Two Torrance Boys Held for Auto Stealing

Two Torrance Mexican boys were in the custody of Juvenile authorities yesterday as a result of their arrest for grand theft, auto.

The boys, each age 16, are accused of taking a car from the General Petroleum corporation's employee parking lot. They have been bound over to Juvenile court by City Judge Otto B. Willett.

Investigation Of Race Limits Here Ordered

A prompt investigation of all race limitations in Torrance was asked by the City Council on Tuesday night following the receipt of a letter from the Walteria Civic Association declaring that deed restrictions on land in that area are sufficient to solve the Japanese return question.

They claimed that there are restrictions against members of the African and Asiatic races in deeds to all of the land in that area.

The question of restrictions in other parts of the city, involving members of the Mexican race, was brought up, and a thorough study by City Attorney J. E. McCall was asked.

Bus Lines in Torrance Show \$3,100 Profit

Revenue from the Torrance Municipal bus lines in January jumped to nearly \$10,000 according to a report filed with the City Council by C. Z. Ward, manager of the department.

The income, amounting to \$9,701.06 represented a profit of about \$3,100 in January, the operating expense in that month, less depreciation and insurance, being \$6,600.88.

The revenue has climbed consistently since the new lines through Gardena and to Harbor City and Harbor Hills were established, it was said.

In December the income was \$8,832.69, while many bills chargeable against other months last year were paid that month to make total outlay of \$9,490.87.

That the lines are on a good paying basis, it was pointed out, has been proven by two months operation of the new schedules, and improvement in the local and Los Angeles service will follow.

During the month of January, the Torrance, Lomita, Walteria, Harbor City, Harbor Hills line, which also serves Western avenue to 203rd st., resulted in revenue of \$1,188.37, or about 766 five-cent fares per day.

On the Los Angeles run, the fare box revenue was \$4,015.16; from commutation books, \$118.75; from tickets sold at Beacon Drug, \$2,093.55; at Tenth and Hill station, \$3,344.30; additional tickets, \$45.00; miscellaneous revenue, \$86.30.

With the use of the new buses recently bought from Crown Body and Coach Co., gasoline and oil consumption dropped materially. While in November, the peak was reached of 8,884 gallons of gasoline and 146 quarts of oil, for Torrance buses traveling 32,605 miles, the December gasoline consumption dropped to 6,345 gallons and oil to 69 quarts.

During the year 1944, Torrance buses used a total of 73,025 gallons of gasoline and 1,510 quarts of oil, traveling 319,825 miles and carrying 368,874 passengers for a total revenue of \$83,841.41.

Torrance Wins Marine League Sportsmanship

The final standings of the sportsmanship ratings for the 1944 football season have been tabulated. For the football season, there was a total of 60% possible.

Torrance took first place this season with 57.29%; San Pedro high came in second with 56.78%; following San Pedro came Torrance with 56.43%; 54.99% was the fourth place standing taken by Gardena, and Banning trailed with 53.72%.

The next meeting of the Sportsmanship committee will be held at San Pedro high school, Thursday, Feb. 22.

Alien Property Sale in Lomita Is Announced

One of the first sales of alien held property in this area during World War II will be conducted March 12 at 11 a. m. at 517 H. W. Hellman Bldg., Los Angeles, when Alien Property Custodian James E. Maricham will sell Lot 3, Tract 285, County of Los Angeles.

The property is located in Lomita, at 253rd st. and Ebony Lane.



TORRANCE LIONS CLUB FORMS . . . Organized last Friday night, Torrance Lions Club becomes the third club of business and professional men in Torrance area. The members at the original meeting, and others, are, left to right, front row: Charles Z. Ward, Lion Tamer; A. F. (Pinky) Palmer, second vice president; Harry B. Lewis, president; Earle D. Baker, Lions district governor; Dr. Rollin R. Smith, first vice president; Bob Strath, Lion Tailwister. Second row: Robert Keefe, Inglewood Lions Club; W. T. Greene, director; Dr. Don C. Moshos, director; Herb Allen, director; Jack Hallanger, director; Frank S. Selover, secretary and treasurer; Clarence P. Manion, special representative of Lions International; Floyd Perry, past president of Hollywood Lions Club; Third row, left to right: Merritt E. Stokoe, Floyd DeVore, Maurice Koch, Al Lewis, Paul Banks, Charles Gots and C. Alexander. (Torrance Herald photo.)

Torrance Lions Club Is Formed; to Receive Charter at March 20 Meet

Torrance Lions club was organized last Friday night by a group of Torrance business and professional men, meeting for dinner in the Woman's club house, and Harry B. Lewis, executive secretary of Torrance Chamber of Commerce, was elected president.

Dr. Rollin R. Smith, local veterinarian, was elected first vice president; A. F. Palmer, service station operator, second vice president, and Frank S. Selover, city editor of the Torrance Herald, was named secretary-treasurer.

Robert Strath, co-owner of Carsonmart and Ideal Ranch Market, was named "Tail Twister," or sergeant-at-arms, and C. Z. Ward, manager of the Municipal Bus Lines, "Lion Tamer," or official greeter of the club.

Directors chosen are Herbert C. Allen, restaurant owner; Dr. Don C. Moshos, physician and surgeon, long term, and Irvin J. Hallanger, city accountant, and W. T. Greene, local jeweler, short terms.

The officers will be installed and the charter awarded to the Torrance Lions club on March 20.

The Lions club will meet on Tuesday, at 12:15 p. m., the first meeting being Feb. 20, in the Civic Auditorium annex.

Torrance Lions club is being sponsored by the Hollywood Lions club, and Walter Whitney, past president, with the present and former members of the Hollywood unit, including Harold E. Perry, principal of Torrance high school, participated in the meeting Friday night. Also attending were members of the Gardena and Inglewood Lions clubs.

Earle D. Baker, district governor, handled the official formation of the club, with the assistance of Clarence P. Manion, of Chicago, special representative of Lions International. Other work among high school boys is being considered, it was said.

PROPOSED RUBBISH DUMP AT WALTERIA PROTESTED; COUNCIL FAILS TO ACT

While official protests have been made against establishment of a Los Angeles city rubbish dump in Walteria, the City Council Tuesday night avoided an official opinion on the matter on the grounds that it would be necessary to get Torrance permission before the dump could be placed in operation. The Walteria Parent Teachers Association

sent in a letter of protest against establishment of the dump, and circulation of petitions among South Lomita and Walteria residents protesting the dump has started.

Mayor W. H. Tolson explained that he had given official protest to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby.

The Los Angeles city park department has proposed that the abandoned gravel pit just east of Walteria and south of Newton st., be acquired for the dump, to replace the one now located at Gaffey and Anaheim streets.

Art Stagner, president of the Walteria Community Council, said that it had been determined that the proposed dump actually is within the city limits of Torrance.

The P. T. A. letter was ordered tabled at the suggestion of Councilman N. H. Cucci.

Coffee, Donuts For Selectees To Be Resumed

The practice of the American Red Cross, Torrance branch, of serving coffee and donuts to selectees departing for army camps will be resumed on Saturday morning, according to Mrs. Lola Hoover, Torrance branch chairman.

The donuts and coffee serving will start at 7:30 a. m. at the headquarters adjacent to the Civic Auditorium, while the class of departing servicemen is not scheduled to appear until 8 a. m.

Formerly a custom of the local branch, the serving of coffee and donuts was discontinued, but is being resumed at request of officials.

Four Torrance Japanese Get Combat Badges

Four Torrance and one Lomita Japanese are among one hundred and forty American soldiers of Japanese ancestry from California, now with the 442nd Japanese American Combat Team, who have been awarded the combat Infantryman's badge for exemplary conduct in action in the Vosges mountains of eastern France with the Seventh Army.

The men receiving the award joined the combat team in Italy prior to its departure for Southern France last fall. They earned their badges in the mountainous, heavily wooded terrain, described by the commanding general of the 36th Infantry Division as among the most difficult terrain in the world. During their action, they took part in the rescue of the now famous "Lost Battalion" of World War II near Bruyeres, France.

Men awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge from Torrance are S/Sgt. Isutomi Mochizuki, Pfc. Yoshito Nakamoto, Pvt. Masaharu Hata, and Pfc. Aki Iwanaga, of Walteria. The Lomita man is Pfc. Horace Watanabe, of Route No. 1.

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Recreation Commission to Consider Club

Members of the City Recreation commission, under chairmanship of Councilman C. Meriton Gilbert, and Dale Riley, superintendent of recreation, last night met with a group of high school students to discuss the establishment of a city-sponsored "teen-age" club.

The city proposes to provide facilities for a club to keep children off the streets and to provide a well-rounded recreation program for their entertainment. Gilbert and Riley met with architects on Tuesday relative to drafting of tentative plans for the proposed memorial building for Torrance, and a meeting of the recreation commission will be called soon to discuss phases to be incorporated in the plans.

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FINAL APPROVAL OF NAVY PLANT IN TORRANCE MADE IN WASHINGTON, REPORT

Formal approval of the U. S. Navy's new redistribution center in Torrance has been announced by the Navy Department in Washington, according to press dispatches. The project approved calls for the expenditure immediately of \$2,623,000 for the construction of four 200 by 600 foot warehouses, an administration building, cafeteria and other needed structures. Sen. Sheridan Downey was informed by the Navy Department.

Bartlett and Mrs. Leech to Answer Lawsuit

Appearances were being made today in Superior Court in behalf of City Clerk A. H. Bartlett and City Treasurer Harriett V. Leech who were named defendants in an injunction suit involving the payment of \$50 a month to Bartlett to act as city purchasing agent.

Howard P. Raymond has brought a taxpayers' suit to restrain Mrs. Leech from paying Bartlett the money on the grounds that as an elective official he cannot hold an appointive office such as purchasing agent.

Bartlett held the job for years, and several years ago the purchasing agent's duties were given to City Engineer G. M. Jain. A few months ago, they were transferred back to Bartlett and at that time Councilman G. V. Powell, who opposed Bartlett's resuming the job of purchasing agent, threatened a suit to determine the legality. Later, civil service commission was allowed \$300 to determine the legality of the move, but it was pointed out that this money could not be used to sue the officials.

Tuesday night, the City Council allowed \$300 to Mrs. Leech to retain an attorney, after City Attorney J. E. McCall said that he would rather not enter the case. "My job is to represent the City Council," McCall said.

Since many other cities use their clerks for purchasing agents, there is considerable interest in the case, and the best municipal attorneys are aiding in Bartlett's defense, it was said.

P. G. Briney is representing Raymond. Briney was once city attorney of Torrance.

The defendants were given until today to file an answer, demurrer or other pleading in the case.

The Torrance office now has jurisdiction over all cases from Torrance, Gardena, Lomita, Harbor City and other nearby communities.

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The improvement will be on the navy-acquired land extending from Crenshaw blvd., east to Santa Fe tracks, and south of Jefferson st., a total of 90 acres. The land was acquired from the Santa Fe Holding Co.

Lt. Com. Frederick E. Drake, Jr., S. C., U.S.N.R., is officer in charge of the project and has spent considerable time in Torrance.

The depot will give employment to several hundred civilians and a limited number of service men and women.

It is said that the project is of a permanent nature, and that it will take at least 10 years after the end of the war to complete the gigantic program assigned to the Material Redistribution and Disposal administration of the Bureau of Supply and Accounts, U. S. Navy.

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