

City Ignores Protests; Okays Rubbish Dump

Riding rough-shod over protests, the City Council Tuesday night granted J. A. Cassidy a permit to use an abandoned gravel pit near Waleria for a rubbish dump, withholding the right to deposit combustibles there, but reserving the right for the city of Torrance to use the pit for burning rubbish.

The permit issued ignores the pleas of citizens of Waleria and Lomita to first investigate and clarify zoning ordinances relating to the rubbish dump, and it further denied the plea of the Palos Verdes Corporation and the Rolling Hills Community Association to withhold the permit because it will handicap development of some 10,000 acres of choice residential land adjoining the city limits of Torrance and in the vicinity of the proposed dump.

George Thatcher and Art Stagner, of Waleria, said the dump would cause streets to become strewn with refuse and filled with holes from trucking, would cause undesirable odors and smoke, and appealed to the council to "put some dump within a half mile of your homes, instead of ours."

Palos Verdes Protest
A telegram from K. C. Vandenberg, of Palos Verdes Corporation, protesting the proposed dump was read, addressed to Mayor W. H. Tolson, as follows:

"Palos Verdes Corporation and Rolling Hills Community Association representing 10,000 acres of land adjoining City of Torrance request that you express to City Council of Torrance our request to them that a permit to dump on land contiguous to ours and land owned by Southwestern Cement be refused. Establishment of dump can but be objectionable as, among other things, smoke and odor and resultant nuisance affecting 700 families, present land owners and residents of Rolling Hills, Palos Verdes Hills, Harbor Hills, Harbor Heights and Rolling Knolls unfavorably. Palos Verdes Corporation has filed plan for subdivision of 130 lots of one to two acres, which should be opened within thirty days. This immediate subdivision as well as future development of Palos Verdes Hills will be seriously handicapped by issuance of proposed dumping permit. Please express to City Council our gratitude for consideration of this request."

"PALOS VERDES CORP. 'KELVIN C. VANDERLIP.' Letter Read
The right of Torrance City Council to establish a rubbish dump within the City of Torrance, except in a heavy manufacturing district, was read.

Seven Youths, Two Adults Face Police Action

Seven juveniles and two adults have fallen under the restraint of the law during the past week as a result of the theft of eleven automobiles from Torrance, nine of which have been recovered.

While one youth, Cleighton Shelhart, 18, was bound over to Superior Court by City Judge Otto B. Willett on a charge of grand theft, auto, another already is in the hands of the higher court.

A third youth attempted to escape 77th Street police after arrest in Los Angeles and, after a chase in which shots were fired, was recaptured. His partner in crime, (both are about 14 years of age) also tried to escape but was recaptured without gunfire, according to police reports.

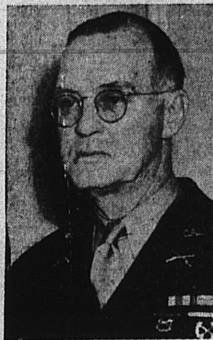
The other boys, all of tender but toughened ambitions, are in the hands of juvenile authorities their cases in the process of adjudication, Chief of Police John Stroth said.

Easter Sunrise Services at Torrance Park on Sunday Morning at 6:30

Early Easter morning worshippers will find their way to the Torrance Municipal Park to lift their hearts and voices in praise of Him who broke the bonds of death and gave to all mankind the hope and promise of eternal life.

Sponsored by the churches of the Torrance Ministerial Union, of which Rev. W. A. Penner is president the service is announced for 6:30 a. m., Easter Sunday morning. The Reverend W. Frank Wiggs, of Jonesboro, Arkansas, is to be the guest speaker. His topic has been announced as: "The Marks of His Cross."

In addition to this traditional



ASKS RECRUITS . . . Col. John C. French, United States Army Retired, commander of the Southern Area, California State Guard, has appealed for recruits for State Guard units in Torrance and other Southern California communities to perform tasks on the home front formerly assigned to regular army troops.

No Protests To Pueblo Area Sewer Project

There being no protests at the final hearing on the question of establishment of an assessment district in the Pueblo district for the purpose of installing sewers, the City Council Tuesday night adopted resolution No. 1710 formally starting machinery for the district.

Residents of the Pueblo area for months have sought the means to install sewers, even to the extent of taking up a collection of several thousand dollars to give the city toward the job.

The County Sanitation district No. 5's plan for the 21 inch sewer main was accepted, and the county will pay for about 48 percent of the cost.

The balance will be borne by the property owners of the district, and if the cost is more than 10 percent of estimates the city will bear that additional cost.

Estimates place the cost at about \$30,000. Modified report No. 2 of Harold A. Barnett, engineer retained by the city to make the surveys for the district, was adopted.

Jack Jackson Is Killed In Air Battle

Mr. and Mrs. Jack K. Kesson of 2208 Gramercy, have been notified of the death of their nephew, Jack M. Jackson, 23, a flight officer who was killed in action in Egypt, March 9. The deceased is a son of Mrs. June Jackson of Los Angeles, and was employed with the Kesson and Snyder Oil Company before he entered service. He has a brother, Lieut. Gordon Jackson, U.S.M.C. Air Forces, serving in the Philippines, who was also a Kesson employee; other relatives are his sisters, Mrs. Virginia Harwood and Sally and Donald, of the home address.

Gardena Bus Line Service Here Aided

Torrance Chamber of Commerce is backing the proposal of Gardena City bus lines to operate service to this community.

A letter sent out this week by President Reed H. Parkin asks that all industrial firms in the area write to Gardena urging early establishment of the Torrance service.

Torrance municipal bus lines had contemplated extending service up Western avenue to 190th st., but withdrew when Gardena expressed willingness to operate down Western avenue. Torrance buses run to 203rd st. on Western, now, and into the City of Gardena on Vermont avenue, part of the Los Angeles run.

President Parkin said: "We have been advised that the City of Gardena is willing to serve the Torrance area with bus service, to augment the service and schedules rendered by the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines."

"This will furnish transportation to plant workers on shifts not now being adequately served."

"It is suggested that your company write a letter to the mayor of Gardena, Hon. James Rush, stating that the service will be beneficial to your organization. This letter should be dispatched in time to reach Mayor Rush before their next regular council meeting, April 2, 1945."

"The Torrance City Council and Torrance Municipal Bus Lines are in favor of this additional service to Torrance, and your endorsement of their proposal will aid in effecting the early inauguration of same."

Maxfield Edged Out in Lions' Speaking Contest

Bob Maxfield, Torrance high school senior, was runner-up among all the speakers at the Lions International Zone C student speakers' contest held at Los Angeles Friday night.

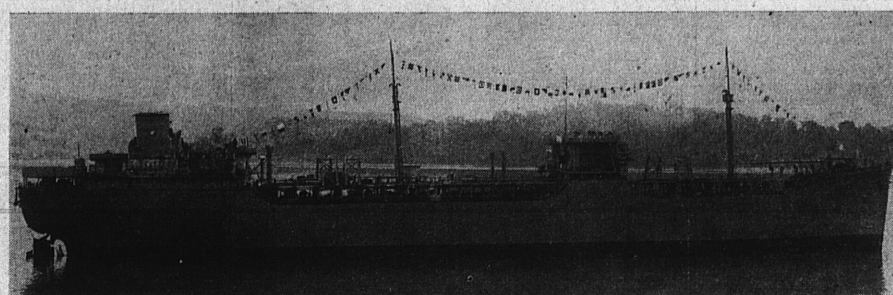
Had his talk been just 10 seconds longer, it was pointed out by the judges, he would have won the championship in Zone C and the right to further compete in the finals of the Lions International contest for California and Nevada. A \$350 scholarship is the prize. Speakers are required to estimate the time of their talks, and are not allowed to use watches, nor do judges assist them. Ten minutes are allowed, and Maxfield spoke for 9 minutes and 50 seconds.

The Zone C winner, Winoma Wendorff, senior at Inglewood High school, is the daughter of A. F. "Gus" Wendorff, supervisor for Woodward Rangers who is organizing tribes in this district.

In addition to Maxfield who won Torrance Lions club's contest, and his mother, Mrs. E. W. Clark, President Harry B. Lewis, of Torrance Lions club, Secretary Frank S. Selover, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Allen attended the contest Friday. Allen is a director of the club.

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THE NAME OF TORRANCE GOES TO SEA . . . Torrance, the modern prewar industrial city which quickly converted herself into 100 per cent war production, now is doing more to win the war, as the above picture shows. With launching banners flying from every mast, the tanker S.S. Torrance Hills lies on the waters of San Francisco Bay, following her launching today, at the shipyard of Maniship Corp. at Sausalito. The 523-foot high-speed tanker is powered by an 8,250-horsepower turbo-electric drive. She is named for Torrance oil field. Sponsor of the ship was Mrs. Glen A. Reutzel of Lakspur, wife of the superintendent of welding and burning of the ship construction division at Maniship. Invited were a delegation from Torrance and Lewis C. Torrance of Santa Monica.

TANKER TORRANCE HILLS, NAMED FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY, PREPARES FOR SEA

Bus Department Maintenance Job To Slonecker

Paul Slonecker resigned as chairman of the Torrance civil service commission, Tuesday night to accept appointment by the City Council as bus department shop foreman. A mechanic and machinist, Slonecker will be paid \$250 a month to take over responsibility of the maintenance of municipal buses.

A request of Bus Manager C. Z. Ward for the establishment of a separate garage for his department was referred to the council as a whole, due to the absence of Councilman N. H. Cucci, who is out of town.

Ward asked that a maintenance department be established with classifications of bus maintenance foreman, bus mechanic, class a; bus mechanic class b; and bus mechanic's helper.

Ward said he wanted access to machines and tools of the city garage until the bus department garage could be properly equipped, and declared that he had a building available for the garage.

The city garage has been overcrowded since the four new buses were purchased, and has been the source of complaints from the city engineering department and the cause of considerable unrest among personnel, it was pointed out.

The park department was allowed to rent a frame building on Cabrillo just north of the Santa Fe tracks for a garage for its equipment. Slonecker was given a vote of thanks for his work on the civil service board.

SUNRISE SERVICES

The annual Easter Sunrise service will be held at Roosevelt Memorial Park, "home of the world's mightiest pipe organ," 18255 S. Vermont ave., at 6:30 a. m., under the auspices of the International Foursquare church of the Centinela district. A choir of 100 voices will render Easter anthems. Rev. Leonard Thornton will deliver the Easter message.

The name of "Torrance" was on its way toward the open seas to help win the war today, as the Maniship Corporation at Sausalito sent the "S. S. Torrance Hills" down the ways at the famous west coast yards.

Red Cross Blood Bank

We civilians here at home buy War Bonds, give money to war charities and work at the local Red Cross. Yes, these are a few of the ways that we here can back up the fighting men over there. But, the greatest personal contribution that you and I can make to the men at the front is a pint of blood.

The Los Angeles Chapter of Red Cross Blood Donor Center needs 9000 pints of blood each week if we are to back up the fighting men over there. Now, for the first time, it is possible to dedicate your pint of blood to someone in the armed forces. Your name and his, in your own handwriting, go right on the label which is pasted on the overseas plasma package.

The next visit of the Mobile Unit in Torrance will be Good Friday, March 30, from 8:40 a. m. to 12:40 p. m., at Civic Auditorium. Three hundred registrations will be needed to supply the quota, according to Mrs. O. A. Kresse, blood donor chairman. Call Torrance Branch Red Cross Blood Donor Center today and make an appointment to dedicate your blood to someone overseas. Phone 1524.

Local Kiddies Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 10:30 a. m., Saturday, March 31, at Torrance City Park. Children to 12 are invited, according to Mrs. Cora Bohrer, supervisor of arts and crafts, Torrance Recreation Center.

A highlight of the occasion will be the presentation of pupils of Pacific Talent Academy in dance numbers and vocal selections.

Prizes have been provided for children finding gold, silver or patriotic eggs as well as to the one finding the largest number. Each child is required to supply two hard-boiled eggs and mothers are asked to accompany their pre-school age children, Mrs. Bohrer states.

oil fields, in turn named after the City of Torrance, and its founder, Jared Sidney Torrance, the big tanker was towed to outfitting docks and soon will be loaded with its first cargo of oil and high test gasoline to carry the war to enemy shores across the seas.

While Torrance itself quickly was converted from a modern, industrial city into an all-out war-winning manufacturing community, at the outbreak of the war, now the name of the city, its oil fields and its founder will be carried to every port of the land touched by the big 16,500-deadweight-ton tanker.

Representatives of the City of Torrance, and members of the Jared Sidney Torrance family for which the city is named, were invited to attend the launching of the tanker, "Torrance Hills" at the shipyard of Maniship Corporation at Sausalito, today.

The 523-foot super-modern tanker will be christened at 12:30 p. m., by Mrs. Glen A. Reutzel of Lakspur, wife of the superintendent of welding and burning of the ship construction division at Maniship. Matron of honor will be Mrs. Wayne Orr of Sausalito, wife of a Maniship welding supervisor.

It is Maniship policy to select as sponsors wives of men who have assisted in building the ship being launched.

Mayor W. H. Tolson, President Reed Parkin, of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Parkin, Secretary H. B. Lewis and James Lynch left Wednesday to attend the launching of the tanker.

Bids Opened By City For Water Dept. Warehouse

Oppert and Forsberg, contractors, were low bidders for the construction of the new warehouse building for Municipal Water District No. 1 at the pump house and reservoir near Torrance blvd. and Crenshaw blvd., it was revealed Tuesday night.

When City Clerk A. H. Bartlett opened bids, this firm submitted an estimate of \$6852 for the structure.

Other bids ranged as high as that of Edward R. Siple Co., of \$8681. DeCamp-Hudson Co. bid \$7340. C. B. Vaganall, \$7363 and Bill Wright, \$7320.

They were referred to Manager William Stanger, City Attorney J. E. McCall and architects for checking.

Cortes Wounded In Luzon Fight

Pfe, Benjamin S. Cortes has been wounded in action on Luzon, according to his wife, Peggy, of 1751 Gramercy ave. Hospitalized in a New Guinea Base Hospital, Cortes is making a splendid recovery from chest wounds suffered last Jan. 24. He expects to return to the states as soon as he is well enough to travel, it is reported. In service for the past three years Cortes was employed at a Long Beach shipyard before his induction. With his wife he made his home with his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Wilson at the above address.

First Unit of Waleria Club Is Proposed

First unit of a clubhouse to be built by Torrance recreation department at the new park in Waleria will be of about 800 square feet, and plans for the new building already drawn by the engineer's department have been approved by the Recreation Commission, the City Council was told Tuesday night.

The structure can be constructed out of funds already available, providing the priorities can be obtained, it was pointed out.

When the whole project is completed, there will be some 2500 square feet of floor space in the structure, it was indicated.

The city recently acquired the land, about five acres, for the new park, and landscaping already is under way.

Colonel Keefer Arrives Home

Lt. Col. William E. Keefer arrived in San Francisco yesterday, on furlough from the European theater of operations, where he served for 24 months with the 18th Air Force as group operations officer on a B-24. He has completed 55 missions, totaling 415 combat flying hours. His wife, the former Lu Lee, flew to San Francisco to meet him. Lt. Col. Keefer is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Keefer, of 2259 Torrance blvd.

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BUY NEW CAR

Torrance Police department has been given permission of the City Council to buy a 1942 De Soto sedan, turning in an older Plymouth for a net cost of \$1000. It is the second 1942 De Soto purchased in recent weeks to give the department higher speed cars.

ATTORNEY FEES FOR CLERK'S DEFENSE IN LAWSUIT HIT AS CITY COUNCIL ALLOWS \$200

Cost to the city of legal fees for defense of City Clerk A. H. Bartlett and City Treasurer Harriett Leech in the suit brought by Howard P. Raymond to deprive Bartlett of his \$50 month pay as purchasing agent was the subject of further controversy at the City Council meeting Tuesday night.

A motion to allow Bartlett \$200 for fees was carried, only after Councilman G. V. Powell protested that he thought City Attorney J. E. McCall should defend the department heads.

Previously \$300 had been allowed Mrs. Leech for defense, and Powell said at that time he was satisfied with McCall's explanation as to why he should not defend the pair. However, Powell insisted now that it is the "city attorney's duty to defend them."

Thomas Babbitt, member of the civil service board, explained he did not know they were getting into so much city expense when they asked and received from the council \$300 to determine the legality of Bartlett's holding the purchasing agent's job. Raymond is a member of the commission, and legal authority has pointed out that this \$300 cannot be used to pay expense in the suit against the officials, Babbitt said he had thought that the matter could be settled without having to go to court.

When Bartlett was given the purchasing agent's assignment a few months ago, Powell threatened court action.

Ask Free School Land Use

To be sure that future subdivisions will have adequate recreation spaces for children and adults, subdividers should be required by law to set aside such areas in advance, Dr. Phillip G. Seman, president of the Chicago recreation commission, advised recreation officials at a conference in Los Angeles recently.

This is in keeping with suggestions by Major George Braden, western representative of the National Recreation association, that Torrance should select now and set aside for future park purposes several tracts of from 25 acres to 100 acres in size, the larger for a municipal golf course if ever contemplated here.

Meanwhile, the Torrance recreation department recommended to the city council that a tract of land at Fern avenue and El Dorado st. be "leased" by the City of Torrance from the Los Angeles City Board of Education, for recreation purposes.

Mrs. Evelyn Carr, chairman of the Torrance Parents Association, injected the suggestion that Torrance already has twice paid for the land in question, and that if a "lease" is necessary it should be on a no-cost basis.

"For 20 years, we have paid almost twice as much to Los Angeles to run our schools as it has cost to run them," Mrs. Carr declared. "Now, must we pay again for this piece of land? Must we pay a third time?" The parents' association is carrying on an aggressive campaign to withdraw Torrance schools from the Los Angeles system because Torrance is paying \$2 for each \$1 Los Angeles spends here, and Los Angeles has consistently for years refused to spend additional funds here to provide the modern educational facilities, courses of study, school recreation programs and other benefits to which Torrance on the basis of its size and wealth is entitled.

She said Los Angeles schools should provide a recreation program sufficient to care for the needs of the children of the community.

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In his home city, he said, an ordinance now in process of adoption which will require subdividers to consult with that city's planning commission on the amount and location of space to be set aside for future recreation development.

"Developers of subdivisions are not opposed to the idea but are opposed to the idea because they recognize that a well-planned recreation facility in a new area helps to sell home sites, and at better prices," Dr. Seman said.

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BOB MAXFIELD NOSED OUT . . . Bob Maxfield, Torrance high school senior, second from left, gets the thanks of Torrance Lions club and a hearty handshake from President H. B. Lewis after he emerged runner-up in the zone student speakers' contest of Lions International conducted in Los Angeles Friday night. Competing against six other speakers, he was within "10 seconds" of first place. Shown with him above are: Mrs. E. W. Clark, his mother, and Lion Director Herbert Allen, extreme right. (Torrance Herald photo)