

BLAINE WALKER TAKES POSITION AS CHAMBER SECRETARY IN TORRANCE

Blaine Walker, has resigned as secretary-manager of the Culver City Chamber of Commerce, to become executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce on or before July 15, Reed H. Parkin, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and treasurer of Doak Aircraft Company, announced.

The Torrance chamber president said that the directors of the chamber of the city had offered Walker the executive job and that the Culver City man had accepted.

The Torrance position recently was vacated by the resignation of Harry B. Lewis.

Walker became a member of the Culver City Chamber of Commerce January 12, 1934, and was elected to the directorate on February 13 of that year. He was elected president of the chamber February 19, 1937 and also was appointed manager and volunteered to serve in that capacity without salary. He filled both of these capacities until January 15, 1943, serving after 1937 in the capacity of secretary at a nominal salary. On July 13, 1945 he was appointed secretary-manager of the chamber.

Before locating in Culver City, Walker was engaged for 20 years in news reel activities in capacities ranging from news reel camera man to Pacific Coast editor of Fox News and Movietone News. In recent years Walker has made substantial investments in real estate in Culver City and the surrounding area.

Walker served as chairman of the Culver City branch of the American Red Cross in the 1934-35 period. He is a member of the Culver City Selective Service Board and active in the affairs of Al Malaikah temple of the Shrine. He is a past president of the Lions club.

Walker stated that in leaving Culver City to go to Torrance he is doing so with the belief that the Torrance secretaryship is one of the important ones in the state.

He said "Torrance is a community with a tremendous potential for further industrial, business and home development and I look forward eagerly to actively participating in helping to bring about that development. "Summing up my Culver City activities, I do so with the satisfaction of knowing that I have

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Health Officer Urges Expansion Of Bus Service

Additional schedules of the Torrance municipal bus lines would be of great assistance to the residents of the Torrance health district, Dr. Henry C. Smiley, district health officer, said following the announcement of the proposed extension of service between Redondo Beach and Torrance.

"Transportation to our health center has been one of the major problems during gasoline rationing," he declared, "and we feel that with better travel facilities available, we will now be able to serve more people in the area."

During the summer months, the various clinics and conferences will continue on the following schedule:

Torrance Health Center, 2300 Carson st.

Chest clinics, every Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 12 noon; first, third and fifth Tuesdays, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Veneral disease control clinics, Mondays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Pre-natal conferences, second and fourth Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Child hygiene conferences, second, fourth and fifth Fridays, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Expectant mothers' classes, Wednesdays 2 to 4 p.m.

Dental clinics for pre-school children, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Redondo Beach City Hall: Chest clinics, second and fourth Tuesdays, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Veneral disease control clinics, Mondays, 1 to 4 p.m.

Child hygiene conferences, first and third Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Information regarding sanitation for water, sewage, housing, food and drugs; birth and death registrations; and communicable disease reports is available at the Torrance Health Center.

Immunizations for diphtheria, smallpox, whooping cough, typhoid, and rabies are given to those who cannot avail themselves of the services of a private physician.

Persons who desire to visit any of the health clinics should make an appointment by telephone or in person, Dr. Smiley pointed out.



NEW SECRETARY . . . Blaine Walker, for many years secretary-manager of Culver City Chamber of Commerce, who has been named executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber, succeeding Harry B. Lewis, resigned.

Two Firms Get Permission To Manufacture

Two Torrance firms have been given War Production Board authorization to manufacture civilian goods, it was revealed this week.

They are: Tivit Products, Inc., 1026 Englewood ave., who receive permission to make radiator flushers, and Robert E. Sloan, 2355 Torrance blvd., lawn sprinklers.

To date, 615 Southern California plants have been given permission to manufacture products ranging from egg beaters and disc harrows to hobby-horses, electric iron auto jacks, boats, and other items. Production schedules call for a total of \$61,632,933 worth of merchandise.

For the benefit of Torrance merchants interested in the lines released, the list is on file at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Need for More Blood for Bank Tomorrow Told

Plasma will be taken from Torrance area donors at the visit of the Red Cross Mobile unit tomorrow from 8:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. Mrs. O. A. Kresse, Blood Bank chairman, urged all who have signed up to keep appointments and appealed for more donors.

All military personnel have their blood typed, and their blood group is a matter of record on their "dog tags." When whole blood is not available they are prepared to give emergency transfusions to their buddies. But the Army and Navy are looking to the civilian population to supply the whole blood and plasma to save the lives of the wounded men in battle. In the coming months, big things will happen in the Pacific. This means that hundreds of thousands of American fighting men will storm the strongholds of the enemy's fortresses. It also means that thousands of those men will fall — some dead — some wounded. But here is a reassuring thought — 97 per cent of those wounded men can be saved. Here are some of the 20,000 casualties on Iwo Jima — they're going to live because those of us here at home have given and are giving our blood. They are giving so much — can we do less than give a little of ourselves for them?

At the Blood Bank people from every walk of life are giving. We need that magic fluid now — today — for him. You wouldn't hesitate if it were your son, brother, husband, or father. Remember, that today someone may be giving that pint of blood for him. A modern miracle is taking place — today you give a pint of your blood — tomorrow it is flown by the Air Transport Command direct to Pearl Harbor and then rerouted to where the emergency transfusions are needed. Forty-eight hours from the day you gave, the same blood is putting life back into another American.

Until final victory — Keep that life-line open — That life-line to Victory. Telephone 1524 for appointment.

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PRIVATE WATER FIRM ASKS CITY TO QUIT WELLS AND USE METROPOLITAN SUPPLY

Torrance would be required to quit using its abundant water wells and use the Metropolitan Water District supply from the Colorado River under recommendations given to the Ways and Means Committee of the West Basin Ground-Water Conservation Group by Louis J. Alexander, engineer, Southern California Water Co. which serves Redondo Beach and the Clifton Riviera area section of Torrance.

According to information from the committee, Alexander stated that he had made a study of the safe yield of the West Basin, comprising Torrance and the whole South Bay area, and that during one five-year period there was an average draft from wells of 40,000 acre feet and that during that period there was no change in the static water levels of certain representative indexes.

He said, this was convincing proof that if withdrawals from the wells in the West Basin were limited to approximately 40,000 acre feet that the basin would be in balance, and not only would no further overall recession of water levels occur, but present levels would tend to rise to those of the five-year period of the survey.

He said that if those within the West Basin now entitled to use imported water (Metropolitan Water District water for instance) would do so, that, then the Basin itself would be in substantial balance under present conditions.

He recommended to the committee that a study be made of equitable means of making it possible for those producers now entitled to import water to refrain from using basin water. He pointed out that those industries located within the city limits of Los Angeles could reasonably expect to receive water from the latter city, and the problem of distributional facilities would not be great.

Further, he said, "distributional facilities are already available to all water consumers within the City of Torrance and all that would be required from them to receive the Colorado River water are connections between the Metropolitan Water District aqueduct and the distribution reservoirs of the agencies now supplying Torrance."

He pointed out that while the problem of working out an equitable solution is difficult, it is not impossible and the cost to all concerned would be so far less than any possible alternate

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Rev. Ruckman Assigned Here As Minister

Rev. C. E. Ruckman, pastor of the Garden Grove Methodist Church was assigned to the Torrance Methodist Church to succeed Rev. Harry Branton at the close of the Southern California-Arizona Methodist Conference held at Pasadena this past week. Rev. Ruckman comes to Torrance highly recommended, having served as pastor for several years in both the Calvary Methodist Church of Los Angeles and First Methodist Church of Santa Maria.

The Rev. Mr. Branton was assigned to the Banning Church. With the return of Rev. Paul A. Lomax to the Wayside Chapel at Harbor City, leadership of the church organization will go into its fifth year under the direction of Rev. Lomax.

During the four years of his pastorate here, Rev. Lomax has taken an active part in the civic affairs of both Lomita and Harbor City and is a past president of the Lomita Kiwanis club.

Representing the Wayside Chapel as official delegate was Mrs. O. K. Hall.

Rev. and Mrs. Lomax and family will leave for their vacation this week and the Wayside Chapel pulpit will be filled by Rev. H. W. Krise, of Wilmington; Rev. Fred Ross, First Methodist, San Pedro; and the Rev. Grover Ralston appointed to the Redondo Methodist Church to succeed Rev. Robert Young.

Other appointments include the re-assignment of Rev. Ed. Reeves, First Methodist, Wilmington; Rev. Fred Ross, First Methodist, San Pedro; and the Rev. Grover Ralston appointed to the Redondo Methodist Church to succeed Rev. Robert Young.

It is interesting to note that it was while Rev. Ralston was pastor of the Broadway Church, Glendale, he was instrumental in assisting the Wayside Chapel in securing the pews for the church this past year.

Rubber Shutdown Looming

United States Rubber Co., Synthetic Rubber Division, and Goodyear Synthetic Rubber Corp. faced the shutdown of their Torrance plants within the next 48 hours as the close-down of the Shell Chemical Torrance Butadiene plant entered its second day today following a dispute over smoking rules within the highly combustible area of the plant.

Shell feeds U. S. Rubber and Goodyear Synthetic Rubber with butadiene which is mixed with styrene from Dow Chemical's plant makes synthetic rubber. Should the shut-down be prolonged, officials of the Shell Company declared, the supply of U. S. Rubber and Goodyear would be exhausted and they with Dow Chemical, will be forced to stop production.

Thus four of the six such plants on the West Coast making this material to supply the fighting forces overseas with critical rubber would be caused to cease production over the question of the use of the hard-to-get cigaret.

While C. E. Fredericks, secretary, United Rubber International Union (CIO) No. 128, Long Beach, which has jurisdiction over the employees of Shell, said that the company had failed to live up to its agreements of the past, the company, through E. S. Boland, plant manager, gave this statement to the Torrance Herald and press representatives at the scene of the tie-up:

"The Shell Chemical, Torrance Butadiene plant, was shutdown here today after approximately 100 of the operating personnel represented by the Oil Workers International Union, (CIO) engaged in an apparently planned violation of the company rules regarding smoking which resulted in their dismissal for insubordination."

"This is the plant that experienced a serious explosion and fire and several resulting injuries and a gained nationwide publicity a few weeks ago. It is part of a group of plants manufacturing synthetic rubber designed to produce 60,000 tons of GRS rubber per year."

"It is the company's belief that it is exceedingly dangerous for the operating employees at this plant to smoke while on the job."

"For the protection of the lives of its employees and to prevent the destruction of any part of this vital plant, the rule against smoking has been effective since the plant was first placed in operation."

"Operation will be resumed as quickly as essential manpower can be obtained."

U. S. Labor Conciliation Commissioner Edward H. Fitzgerald, Los Angeles, and Fredericks conferred with company officials about the dispute yesterday, but the company said that there was no hope of resuming operations today because of the lack of the essential 100 men needed to keep the whole plant which provides jobs for 550 men in operation.

Fredericks, in dispute with the company statement, said that Shell had allowed 10-minute smoking periods mornings and afternoons in certain zones, subject to approval of supervisors who had relaxed rules.

He said the 100 men discharged had been picked from among those who took advantage of the relaxed attitude, June 25 and 26. "We insist on management living up to what it has been doing," he declared in defense of the men discharged.

The conciliation service had no statement, but the company said the plant would resume operations as soon as 100 qualified men could be found to take the jobs of those discharged for insubordination.

6,000 Persons Expected to Crowd Torrance Park For Third Annual Rodeo Performance Wednesday

TORRANCE 'EYE-SORE' TO BE REMOVED AS VETERANS BUY FORD BUILDING FOR HALL

The last eye-sore in Torrance caused by the earthquake of a few years ago is about to go, purchased by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post No. 3251, Torrance, for use as a Veterans' hall and recreation center.

Commander C. Earl Conner announced that the post had paid \$12,000 for the former Ford agency building at Cabrillo ave. and Gramercy ave.

The 90 by 100 foot structure was owned by out-of-town banking interests and the deal for the sale was handled by B. C. Buxton, local realtor.

Immediate steps are being taken, Conner said, to renovate and rebuild the structure for use as a hall for the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post and the auxiliary. New facilities will include those for meetings, dinners, recreation and similar activities. Provision is also made for a number of business rentals.

The fast growing post has been in need of a home for many years, Conner declared, and as the veterans are returning from the battle-fronts to civilian life, the membership is increasing to a point where the post must take means to provide meeting places.

Thousands of dollars will be spent on improving the building, and it is expected that work may start within the next 60 days.

Many deals to remove the eye-sore from Torrance's business district have been reported in the past, but the veterans organization took the matter into its own hands to accomplish the long-ago purpose of eliminating the eye-sore and providing a home for the post.

At one time the structure had been considered as a logical site for a municipal bus terminal, but that deal fell through along with the other ideas advanced by Charles F. Koors during his short reign as traffic coordinator and engineer for Torrance.

The lot is 90 by 133 feet in size, and the whole area probably will be utilized by the post in its activities, Conner said.

Lomita Girls Alleged Victims In Felony Cases

Charged with an attack against a Lomita girl, Douglas L. McLean of 20832 Margaret st., Torrance, is scheduled for preliminary trial July 10 in Gardena Justice Court before Justice Frank Carrell and on the same day a sailor, James M. McCarty, faces a felony charge of having molested a 13-year-old Lomita girl.

McLean's accuser is Margaret Tarico, 16, of 2379 W. 239th st., according to sheriff's deputies who made the arrest in the widely-publicized case.

Miss Tarico, to demonstrate how her attacker's asserted advances were repelled, picked up a 200-pound deputy and deftly flipped him off the ground. She attributed her athletic prowess to her activity in roller skating, bowling, swimming and other activities and wishes she could play football.

McLean, who gave his occupation as saddle and boot maker and his home as Waco, Texas, denied the charges after he was jailed in Los Angeles. The girl charges the offense was committed near East Road and Vermont ave. on their way to her home from a party on the accused man's motorcycle.

Miss Tarico and her mother, Mrs. Lucy Tarico, swore to the complaint charging assault. Both McLean and the sailor in the other Lomita case were arraigned in court Tuesday.

Two men were fined in City Court for Drunk Driving

Two men were fined in City Court during the past week for driving while drunk.

H. H. Spenst, Torrance, and J. C. Morrison, Long Beach, each was fined \$100 on the charge, the council recently agreed to pave the stretch, using the present road bed.

A typically western and fitting observance of Independence day, next Wednesday, will be the Third Annual Torrance Rodeo, in Torrance ball park, which is expected to bring some 6,000 persons to Torrance for the big show and dance in the Civic Auditorium to follow.

The rodeo spirit already reigns in Torrance, and coupled with the freedom of the national "Fourth of July" holiday, the community is due for a real celebration, tempered only by wartime conditions and the reverence and respect that the people hold for the men who have fought and died, and who are fighting today in the World War II "war for independence."

The Annual Torrance Rodeo already has become an outstanding attraction of the southwest area, and is destined to rank with the well-known Cheyenne, Las Vegas and Pendleton rodeos.

Next Wednesday's rodeo will be the only rodeo in this area which is sanctioned by the Cowboy Association of America, and the cowboys participating will be out for world championship points.

The committee is leaving no stone unturned in planning for a perfect show. H. C. "Curley" Callahan, chairman, said. In the past few months, he has traveled many miles attending various rodeos and contacting stock men and ranchers in order to obtain the toughest and wildest animals for the show. Most of the world's best CAA cowboys have assured Callahan they will be here to compete for the attractive purses which are going to be exceptionally large, he said.

The past Torrance Rodeos have been first class shows, and each one "out-does" the other.

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City Budgets \$12,900 for Postwar Plan

The City Council Tuesday night voted to set up in the 1945-46 budget \$12,900 matching funds for post-war plans and surveys, to assure receiving a similar amount from the State of California.

Four hundred dollars were appropriated for surfacing Lincoln st. from Border ave. to the Santa Fe tracks.

A total of \$875 was allowed for paving of alleys in the Park Knoll area.

It was decided to install a sodium vapor light at Hawthorne and Sepulveda blvd., due to the traffic hazard there.

The city agreed to buy the bonds being floated to pay for the 203rd st. sewer department. Crown Body and Coach Co. was paid \$4000 remaining due on the four new buses bought last year.

Bus service to Redondo Beach Being Delayed

Bus service will not be installed to Redondo Beach and Waverly by way of Torrance blvd. until the Office of Defense Transportation has granted permission for extension of the lines, Councilman N. H. Cueli said Tuesday night.

He said that he expected that soon after July 1 the problem of ODT approval might be settled, but the council acted to withhold starting the line until the extension had full consent of the ODT.

Bagnall Is Low Bidder on New Waverly Club

C. B. Bagnall, 1505 Border ave., was low bidder Tuesday night on the construction of the new recreation building at the new Waverly Park, his figure being \$5588 for the structure, less \$918 in the form of alternates.

The only other bidder was Henry Hirschberg who offered to construct the building for \$6750, less deductions for alternates.

The bids were referred to the city engineer and City Council as a whole for checking.

VISITS MOTHER

Staff Sgt. Edward Patterson, earlier reported missing in action, who was wounded three times, has been transferred to Birmingham Hospital and is a frequent visitor at the home of his mother, Mrs. Gladys Dye of 1670 W. 218th st.

High School Students Hurt In Accident

Following commencement exercises at Torrance High school, Thursday evening, four of the six flower girls who participated in the program and their escorts were involved in an automobile accident at Western ave. near Rosecrans ave., when the car in which they were riding, driven by Bill Harris, a Narbonne High school graduate, was struck from the rear by a drunk driver.

Jinny DePasse, who is still a patient at Doctors' Hospital, Los Angeles, and the worst injured of the group, suffered a skull fracture, a split tongue, requiring 15 stitches, a broken nose, two black eyes and other injuries. Her companions, were Dolores Perez and her cousin, Bill Skeel, who were treated at San Pedro General Hospital and returned Saturday to their homes here. Miss Perez's injuries consisted of a back injury and Skeel a brain hemorrhage and a badly cut foot. Madeline Ban's injuries were a face laceration and a sprained ankle. Barbara Jean Smith was uninjured.

All are at their homes, except Jinny DePasse, who will be required to remain at the hospital for an additional ten days it is reported.

Also a commencement casualty was Betty Goettlich who attended Thursday rites in a wheelchair as a result of injuries received in an auto accident following the junior-senior prom.

Two Administrative Claims Settled By Price Panel

The price panel of the local War Price and Rationing Board had two administrative claims during the month of May, it was revealed.

Woodburn's market paid \$25 on a claim for charging more than ceiling price and J. C. Jackson of Lomita, \$42.97 for selling a truck over ceiling price.

Ask the Professor

(By H. F. Noake)

"Dear Professor: Just what is meant by touch and go?"

Answer: You'll find out brother if some bird picks your pocket.