

BIG CITY WATER DISTRICT PROPOSED AS SURVEY ASKED IN NORTH TORRANCE AREA

After hearing a report of City Clerk A. H. Bartlett that petitions for a formation of a municipal water district in Waverla and southwest Torrance were sufficient, the City Council Tuesday night authorized the engineering firm of Taylor & Taylor to make a survey of the whole North Torrance area on the theory that it might be practical, save money and promote greater growth of Torrance to include north and southwest Torrance in one big water district.

The Waverla petitions were "more than sufficient," Bartlett said, representing practically 90 per cent of the people in the district.

Another petition for North Torrance water development was received in the vicinity of 182nd st., signed by Ernest Westhaver, owner of three acres of land. Previously some 85 residents of North Torrance had asked for a survey and development plan to assist them in getting an adequate water supply for domestic, industrial and agricultural use. The residents of the area now depend on a series of small companies and individual wells for water.

It was pointed out that the development of water is a No. 1 must on the council's program, and that both the ground-water and Metropolitan water supply must be considered.

The Board of Supervisors at Monday's meeting authorized continuance for the new fiscal year of the investigation of pollution, through salt-water intrusion and industrial wastes, of the water supply of the west coastal basin located shoreward of the Inglewood-Palos Verdes Hills and the Santa Monica Mountains. This investigation, Supervisor Raymond V. Darby stated, has been under way since June of 1943, under an agreement with the U. S. Geological Survey, and with the financial cooperation of the following interested cities: Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Palos Verdes and Culver City.

Taylor and Taylor probably will have North Torrance survey ready for the next regular council meeting, it was said.

The council authorized William Stanger, manager of Water District No. 1 to wreck the old sheet iron work shop at the rear of the water company offices, but held up advertising for bids for the new structure until Stanger can confer with the council. The council allowed \$1600 for purchase of a new chlorinator for the water department.

Two Men in Hospital With Fight Hurts

Two Torrance men are in the hospital ward of the county jail, each charged with felonious assault upon the other.

One is Isadore C. Roque, 19, accused of stabbing Saturday night his brother-in-law, Jesus Hernandez. Hernandez is in custody accused of assault with intent to do bodily harm upon Roque.

According to Chief of Police John Stroh, Roque brought some friends to his home and asked his wife to prepare food and refreshments for them. When she objected, Roque started to abuse his wife, and Hernandez intervened. Stroh said. An argument followed, and later the two men started the fight which resulted in their arrest and hospitalization.

Condition of Border Avenue Hit in Letter

Condition of Border ave. near Doak Aircraft Co. is deplorable, according to a letter read to the City Council, Tuesday night, from Reed Parkin, secretary-treasurer of Doak.

The council agreed to fix the street from 222nd st. north and the east side from 222nd st. south to Plaza del Amo. The council also allowed \$875 for improvement of Santa Fe from Arlington ave. to Cabrillo ave.; \$950 for 218th st. between Martina and Arlington aves., and between Cabrillo and Border aves.

RAY W. BRADY IN NAVY

Ray W. Brady, son of Mrs. Eunice Brady, enlisted in the United States Navy, June 14, and is in boot camp in San Diego. Anyone wishing to write him, may address him at Company 45-311, U. S. Naval Training Center, San Diego 33, Calif.

Nineteen Teams Want to Play In Tournament

Nineteen teams have been entered in the fourth Southern California Baseball Tournament to be played in Torrance starting Aug. 4, according to Dale Riley, Torrance city recreation superintendent, coordinator.

From now on until the schedule is completed, it will be a case of eliminating teams down to the 16 which will enter in the double-elimination tournament being played under the joint sponsorship of the Southern California Baseball Association and the Bert S. Crossland post, the American Legion, to declare a Southern California championship team.

Entered in the tournament which will be played in Torrance will be the following teams: Standard Oil of El Segundo; Arcadia; Signal Oil; Glendale Stars; Pittsburg Pirates; Paramount Studio; Skyline Cafe, Burbank; Iron Workers, Los Angeles; North American, Inglewood; Long Beach A. F. of L.; Ex-Legion of Long Beach; Douglas Bombers, Santa Monica; Long Beach El-Bee; Pacific Pipeline; Pacific Clay, East Los Angeles; St. Mary's, Los Angeles; Burke's Giants, Los Angeles; Torrance Athletic Club, and Bundy's All-Stars, Los Angeles.

Games will be played nightly until 15 teams are eliminated, according to Riley and it is expected the tournament will last for 30 or 31 days.

The schedule is to be prepared as soon as the 16 entered teams are picked, probably next Monday night. It will be announced immediately, and the first game will be played Saturday night, Aug. 4.

Standard Oil and Pittsburgh Pirates will play here Sunday night, July 28, to try out the lights, Riley said.

This game and all tournament play will start at 8:15 p.m. Previous tournaments were played here in 1939, 1940 and 1941.

Torrance Beach Is Surveyed

Torrance beach was included in the beaches of Los Angeles County inspected by a congressional delegation early this week. Torrance beach was viewed on Monday.

Long Beach shoreline was viewed on Sunday by Representative Hugh Peterson (D) Ga., looked over Belmont Pier, the beach, and the Los Angeles River and Cabrillo Beach. From atop a Long Beach hotel the group saw the recreational values of beaches, which yesterday attracted scores of thousands to the area.

A hearing was held Monday at 9 a.m. in the City Hall at Long Beach, and Monday night the congressmen were guests at dinner at the Hollywood Roosevelt under the auspices of the California Shore Line Planning Association.

The subcommittee scheduled a hearing at the Hall of Records for 9 a.m. Tuesday, a visit to Santa Barbara followed. The party includes two Southern district representatives, Clyde Doyle (D) of the 15th District and Gordon L. McDonough (R.) of the 18th District.

City Asked to Provide House At Scout Park

A request from the Boy Scouts of America that \$3500 be expended by the city for a caretaker's house at the new Camp Vaughn Scott on 101 Highway, Clifton Rivera, was referred to City Recreation Superintendent Dale Riley, Tuesday night by the City Council. The scouts said that they are ready to put in a full-time caretaker at the park as soon as housing facilities are provided.

The council also allowed \$175 for plant mix to surface the playground at the Pueblo. A contract was given Simpson Seale Studios to fireproof the curtains on the stage in the Civic Auditorium. The cost is \$200.



FLAMMER RECEIVES BRONZE STAR . . . Brigadier General James M. Lewis, 30th Infantry Division, has presented the Bronze Star to Cpl. Harvey B. Flammer of 2028 Gramercy Ave. This photograph taken by the Signal Corps in the European theatre of operation shows the presentation.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Building Campaign Progressing Well in City

The building campaign of Post No. 3251, Veterans of Foreign Wars, was well under way this week, with patriotic and civic-minded residents, business and industrial leaders of the community advancing the effort which will serve to provide a spacious Veterans Memorial Hall on the site of the old garage building at Cabrillo ave. and Gramercy ave.

Commander C. Earl Conner of the VFW post, who has taken time off from his duties as postmaster of Torrance to advance the campaign, said that early response to the effort was convincing proof that the Veterans Memorial Hall project is assured adequate financing.

The post paid \$12,000 for the site and present building remains, long an eye-sore to the community. The development program, to include building a veterans hall to care for a post of 1500 members and auxiliary as well as stores and concessions, is being financed through a cooperative effort of the leading community interests.

In describing the effort, Postmaster Conner said: "The returning veteran, problem or opportunity? At the rate of more than 100,000 a month, young men and women from the armed forces are returning to civilian life. Eventually more than 11,000,000 of our nation's finest will be back with us.

"Absorbing these young people into the economic life of our community is going to present difficulties. Adjustments and rearrangements will have to be made for a great deal of help and encouragement. "But the 'problem' part of this community readjustment has been over-emphasized — the 'opportunity' part has not been emphasized enough! For the returning veteran is the hope of all of us for a better America than we have ever known before. The future of the nation is in their hands.

"Experienced Beyond Years "His youth, strength and energy, backed up by experience beyond his years; his imagination, initiative and capacity for leadership; his idealism, seasoned by a hard-won grasp of realities, and his common sense — these precious things, as they flow into the stream of our nation's life, hold extraordinary promise. Consider the impact on our thinking of millions of men and women like this! Big business enterprises, farms, government, the arts and sciences — all will benefit from the return to the home front of these clear-eyed, straight-thinking, vigorous young people — the finest specimens of our entire population.

"With these young people of America back with us and back of us, establishing families and building homes, we will have little to fear for the American way of life, for which they fought so valiantly and victoriously. We will have much to hope for — and obtain — in economic and social progress.

"It is no wonder that the returning veteran who has accomplished something doesn't want to be treated as a hero. That he doesn't want sentimentality; and, above all, doesn't want to be regarded as a problem. He may be a person with a problem, but the problem proper is a civilian problem.

"All they ask is an opportunity to show what they can do, on an equal footing with all free men and women.

"And they are going to get that opportunity in Torrance." Conner announced that through the cooperative effort, already \$1175 had been subscribed to the fund to rebuild the old garage building into the spacious Veterans Memorial hall. Those subscribing are the following:

Alec's Radio and Refrig.	\$ 50.00
Herbert C. Allen Cafe	100.00
B. C. Buxton	250.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. Earl Conner	100.00
Daniels Cafe	150.00
Albert Inn	50.00
Bob Haggard	50.00
Sam Levy	200.00
Harry B. Lewis	100.00
John Ritchie	25.00
Workers Cafe	100.00

Gilbert Again Swings Balance of Power As Council Votes 3 to 2 to Sell Municipal Bus Lines to Koors

\$2,000,000 EXPANSION OF SHELL CHEMICAL PLANT IN TORRANCE IS AUTHORIZED

Shell Chemical Co. will start construction within about ten weeks on a \$2,000,000 addition to its synthetic rubber plant in Torrance, it was revealed yesterday by the War Production Board.

The new plant, according to Manager E. S. Bodine of Shell Chemical, will be used to make isoprene, one of the components for the manufacture of butyl, which is the nearest thing among synthetics to natural rubber. It is used in such articles as inner tubes, hot water bottles and the like. While the Army has first call on the butyl rubber, it has definite civilian possibilities, Bodine said.

The plant to be constructed will have a capacity of 37 tons of isoprene a day. Construction will require about one year.

Heretofore, Shell Chemical has been strictly a GRS plant, making

In a meeting packed with dynamite and determined action, the Torrance City Council Tuesday night voted 3 to 2 to accept an offer of \$65,000 plus inventory of maintenance materials, supplies and tools, for the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, subject to California Railroad Commission sanction and okay of City Attorney J. E. McCall.



The offer was made by Charles F. Koors, vice-president of Southern Cities Transit Co. Voting to accept it were Mayor W. H. Tolson, Councilman J. E. Hitchcock and Councilman Merton Gilbert. Councilmen N. H. Cucci and G. V. Powell voted against the sale.

Charges and counter-charges flew thick and fast during the meeting, and to repeat them could involve this newspaper in court action, for if charges are true, they call for Grand Jury action and if not true, certainly cause for libel and slander action against Cucci and Powell exists.

Involved in the verbal melee which brought the regular spectators from Madrid ave. district and Waverla to their feet was Charles Z. Ward, bus manager whom Cucci and Powell insisted was entitled to the job some months ago at the time they seized the balance of power on the Council with Councilman Gilbert and cancelled Koors' contract with the city as transportation coordinator.

Ward was the "fair-haired boy" then, but after City Clerk A. H. Bartlett had read a letter from Ward, tantamount to resignation, stating that in his opinion it will be impossible for the city to properly maintain a municipal bus system, and asking that it be sold, Cucci launched a libelous tirade against Ward, supported by Powell, and demanded that Ward be fired. His motion lost by the same vote, 3 to 2.

Recall Threatened "Threat of recall was voiced as obviously Cucci and Powell were smarting under the effects of a stinging political defeat, and both said things which probably under normal conditions would not be said.

For instance, Cucci said that Joseph D. Malory, of the Office of Defense Transportation, is "just stalling." In note (Continued on Page 6)

\$855,000 Incinerator for Harbor District Proposed to Handle Rubbish

The action spurred possibly by recent opposition to operation of a rubbish dump in an abandoned gravel pit near Waverla, construction of a \$855,000 incinerator in the San Pedro Harbor area to serve that territory as well as county districts and nearby cities was recommended Friday in a report filed with the Board of Supervisors by a six man rubbish control committee.

City Engineer Glenn M. Jain is a member. "Los Angeles for a time sought the right to establish a rubbish dump in Waverla to receive refuse formerly deposited at Garfield st. and Anaheim blvd. Opposition from Waverla and Lomita was so great that the Torrance City Council voted the idea down.

The report was prepared by the six-man committee, at the request of Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, in a campaign to eliminate air pollution by fume smoke from burning in existing public and private dumps.

Construction of five additional similar incinerators at strategic points in Los Angeles County also was recommended. "Cost of the six projects was estimated as \$4,610,000.

Construction of the incinerators as soon as building materials are available was suggested in the committee report.

The report recommended that dumps meanwhile be restricted in their operation so as to cut down the volume of emitted smoke fumes. "One of the conditions should be that loads of rubber and asphalt products should be buried and not burned, as these produce very heavy smoke," the report declared.

Further Gain In L. A. School Budget Seen

The Los Angeles Board of Education, which taxes Torrance to run the schools here, has announced a \$261,945 boost in its tentative 1945-46 budget above the figure it agreed to on June 28. The revised budget for the year totals \$51,915,572.

The board voted to approve the revision, which was explained by Asst. Sup. Harry M. Howell, with J. Paul Elliott, board member protesting that he had "hoped any revisions might lower, rather than raise, the total."

The \$261,945 increase was due to raising elementary teachers' maximum salary from \$288 to \$298 a month. A high school monthly maximum of \$347 and a 5 per cent increase in annual classified salaries above the first \$2000 also are embodied in the tentative budget as approved.

The 1945-46 revised tentative budget is \$5,563,358 more than the 1944-45 budget, but the tax requirements for the year are only \$2,109,552 above those this year, a difference of \$3,453,806, due chiefly to increased state appointments, Howell said.

A \$1.90 tax rate is anticipated. Only about half the money raised in Torrance or on behalf of Torrance, through state support, will be spent on Torrance schools. The rest will go to other Los Angeles schools.

21 YEAR FRANCHISE

Recommendation that the Los Angeles city council grant the Pacific Electric and Los Angeles Transit Lines new franchises for 21 years to operate rail and motor bus transportation was adopted by that city's board of public utilities.

QUITS POST . . . Frank W. Daniels, chief clerk, War Price and Rationing Board, Torrance, resigned his post effective Saturday, and while not announcing his future plans said that he will either enter private business or become associated with a firm in Torrance. He will be succeeded by Mrs. Ruth Woodcock, senior clerk. Daniels has been with the government here since March of 1942, and has been chief clerk of the board continuously since October, 1942 except during a brief period in 1944. He said that he wished to thank his many friends, and the Torrance Herald for their cooperation in making his tour of duty here a success. Mrs. Woodcock is prominent in local civic and social life, and has been associated with the board for some time.

Naval and Army Academy on West Coast Approved

Endorsement of both a Naval and a Military academy on the Pacific Coast unanimously was voted by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce board of directors, LeRoy M. Edwards, president, announced. No specific location on the coast was recommended.

Torrance Chamber of Commerce, through Harry B. Lewis, then executive secretary, prepared a thorough brief on the subject, offering for consideration a site in the Clifton Rivera section of Torrance. It was commended by Congressman Cecil King as being a fine presentation. It assured its consideration.

A resolution presented by the Los Angeles Chamber Industrial management committee, of which Earl V. Grover is chairman, pointed out that if legislation directs establishment of these academies on the Pacific Coast, leaving selection of locations to technical staffs of the armed forces, each area will be in position to advance its claims without endangering the project.

Opinion that West Point is not suitably located to best serve as a site for basic or supplemental training of air forces, was expressed by the resolution. The Pacific Coast would be far more appropriate for these phases of service training that would be influenced by the more equable climatic conditions of this area.

Maintenance of postwar stability in the wide areas fronting on the Pacific will enhance the practical value of coast academies, the resolution further said. Discussions and programs to establish a Naval Academy on the Pacific Coast to relieve Annapolis of the over-burden of preparing continuing complements of officers for a two-ocean Navy were cited as a precedent for the resolution.

It was pointed out that over-burdens on West Point also have been set up by the Army's training program.

VISITS MOTHER

Mrs. Elbert W. Quimby spent a few days last week in Pasadena visiting her mother, Mrs. Augusta Becker.

Staff of U. S. Navy Center Here Complete

All members of the officer staff of the U. S. Navy Material Redistribution Center in Torrance have been assigned and are on duty. Lt. Comdr. Frederick E. Drake Jr., SC, USN, announced Monday.

Newest and final arrival is Lt. (j.g.) Harry Moore, SC, USN, who has taken over the duties of outgoing stores officer.

Others on the staff of Commander Drake, officer in charge, are: Lt. Comdr. John P. Moran, executive assistant to the officer in charge; Lt. T. L. Hughes, SC, USN, accounting officer; Lt. E. S. Hilder, store officer; Lt. (j.g.) E. G. Hansen, stores officer, and Lt. (j.g.) A. R. Todd, labor, transportation and security officer.

The building of the first units of the \$5,000,000 base is well under way, with administration and utility buildings due to be finished soon.

Four steel warehouses, 202 by 602 feet in size, will be constructed soon, and the base will be in full operation on September 1. The base will receive war-damaged and obsolete materials from theatres of operation. Usable parts will be utilized in making other equipment or in repairing damaged equipment to be sent back to the battlefronts for reuse. Some of the materials received there will be offered for sale.

Ask the Professor

(By H. F. Noake)

"Dear Professor: It is claimed that after the war autos are going to be better than ever. What improvements would you most like to see?"

Answer: The nut holding the steering wheel could stand a lot of improvement.