



IN CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF . . . Rosebell Plumbers, coming through the Southern California Semi-Pro Championship Baseball tournament at Torrance ball park undefeated, won the right to play the survivor of this week's elimination games for the championship Sunday night at 8:15 p.m. Should Rosebell lose Sunday, another game will be played Monday. Snapped for the Torrance Herald by Marine Staff Sgt. Bob Wilton just before Sunday night's game, which saw Rosebell swamp Standard Oil of El Segundo 11 to 0, members of the team are shown above. Front row, left to right: Johnny Miccicci, trainer; Charlie Pedrotti, manager; Duck Brandt, Bill Seinoth, Stan Pinterall, Chris Metkovich, Al Sabo and Bat Boy Albert Warren. Back row, left to right: Marty Metkovich, Jerry Priddy, Bill James, Virgil Butler, Neil Montauk, Dale Alderson, Dean Scarborough, Lou Metkovich, Reldon Dunlap and Archie Campbell. The team plays Sunday night at 8:15 p.m. in the finals.

1828 South Bay Unemployment Claims Filed

Only 1828 unemployment insurance claimants were registered at the Torrance USES office as of yesterday, and they come from throughout the South Bay area, according to reports from the office.

However, 673 jobs remain unfilled, thus cutting the actual unemployed load from Torrance, Lomita, Lawndale, Gardena, Redondo Beach and Hermosa Beach to 1205.

The Torrance office services all residents west of Avalon Blvd. and from 101 highway to the Manhattan Beach city line.

Heavy industry in Torrance accounts for 467 of the jobs open, and 50 percent of the applicants for work come from the beach cities, it was said.

The unemployed load has increased materially during the past week, however, the total for last week being 583 claims. K. E. Bradley, manager of the office has been confined to his home due to illness.

The U. S. Employment Office will move into its new location, 1628 Cravens Ave. Sept. 1, and the Department of Employment will be open Labor Day for the purpose of issuing checks to those registering on that date. The U. S. E. S. section, however, will be closed.

No Part of National For Sale

National Supply Co. has cut its force only 118 since Japan capitulated Aug. 14, and still needs good mechanics to carry on its oil well supply manufacturing business, J. S. Morgan, assistant works manager, said yesterday as he denied reports that any part of National's big \$10,000,000 plant is for sale by the Defense Plant Corporation.

He said that the DPC had issued a report that the plant was for sale in error and that it was presumed to mean the Plancor 308 division was the unit assertedly placed on the surplus property list.

"Plancor 308 still is in operation," Morgan said, "and it cannot be sold until all contracts are terminated and the building is of no longer use. This unit was sponsored by the Navy department and is doing Navy work for Navy aircraft. We have had a cutback in these contracts and partial termination, but the contracts are not wholly terminated and we are using the plant to complete the requirements of the contract."

"The Plancor 308 unit still may be offered for sale," he continued, "but as far as we know it has not yet been declared surplus." The balance of the company's property is owned by National.

Morgan said that National now is employing 1650 workers, and that jobs are waiting for good mechanics.

The reason that the cutback of 118 since V-J day is so slight is that National has a heavy backlog of civilian orders to be filled.

AT MOUNTAIN RESORT

Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Pierce returned recently from a two weeks' vacation at Arrowhead where they were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Perria Hood, of Lawndale.

BASEBALL CHAMP BEING PICKED AS TOURNAMENT PLAY DRAWS TO CLOSE

Southern California semi-pro baseball champions are being picked this week.

By blanking Standard Oil Co. of El Segundo, Rosebell Plumbers Sunday night won the right to a place in the final play-off Sunday in the Southern California Semi-Pro Baseball

Big All-Star Benefit Ball Game Sept. 8

Torrance will see another "big game" on Sept. 8 when two all-star teams meet in the local ball park in a charity benefit game.

One team will be sponsored by the Southern California Semi-Pro Championship tournament being played here, and the other by the Southern California Baseball association.

The tournament-sponsored nine already has been picked and it is composed entirely of men who never have played professional ball.

The opposing team will be picked from the remaining members of the 16 teams now participating in the championship double-elimination tournament which will end Sunday or Monday after 30 or 31 days of continuous night ball games.

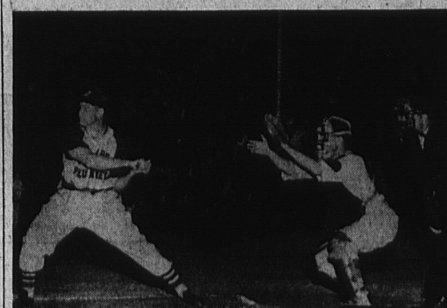
The proceeds of the game will go to the insurance fund of the Southern California Baseball Association, and all services, including the umpires, will be donated.

The amateur team, with Bob Hughes, of the Ellbees, as honorary manager, will be consisted of:

Pitchers: Fred Strodel, Ex-Legion; Chickie Redy, Edwards; Pacific Clay Products; Irv Coutts, Iron Workers Union; catchers, Bill Goodman, Arcadia, Gar Johnson, North American; 1st base, Pete Rafferty, Pacific Clay; 2nd base, Ralph Muir, A. F. of L.; short stop, Robert Thompson, Ellbees; 3rd base, Dean Scarborough, Rosebell Plumbers; utility infield, Earl Thomas, Pacific Pipelines; outfielders, Ken Grayson, Signal Oil, Harry Minor, Ellbees, Tommy Chevrolet, Iron Workers, and Earl Ramirez, Paramount Studio Cubs.

IS CONVALESCENT

Mrs. R. D. Adams, who underwent an emergency appendectomy Friday at Torrance Memorial Hospital, is making a satisfactory recovery.



FIVE HOMERS IN TOURNAMENT . . . Bill Seinoth, of the St. Louis Browns, now in the Army and playing for Rosebell Plumbers, was caught by the fast camera of Marine Staff Sgt. Bob Wilton just before he hit his fifth home run of the Southern California Semi-Pro Championship Baseball tournament Sunday night when Rosebell defeated Standard Oil of El Segundo 11 to 0. Rosebell plays in the finals Sunday night at 8:15 p.m.

ENROLLMENT OF 2700 SEEN AS TORRANCE SCHOOLS OPEN DOORS FOR YEAR ON TUESDAY

Tuesday, Sept. 4, the doors of four local schools will swing open to admit some 2,700 youngsters, along with 94 teachers for the 1945-46 school year which will be in session until Friday, June 21, 1946, according to statements issued by local school heads.

City Precincts Being Changed By Registrar

The City of Torrance is being redistricted as to voting precincts, and all efforts toward circulating of petitions is being delayed at the suggestion of the county registrar of voters to save expense to the city, county and the circulators of the petitions themselves.

Among the efforts being held in abeyance pending the formation of the new precincts is that of the Torrance Parents' Association to form a fifth class city in Torrance thus automatically forming a separate Torrance school district.

Mrs. Evelyn Carr, chairman of the T.P.A., said that it is expected that the new precincts will be set up by Sept. 15, and that petitions will be put in the time to call for a vote on the question of a fifth class city immediately after that date. Only 800 names are needed on this petition, but an effort will be made to get a majority of the registered voters to request the election.

Upon filing the petitions, the City Council must call an election within two weeks, and the election must be held within four weeks. When the issue is certified as having carried, the voters at the next general election for fifth class cities will then elect their own school board and proceed to take over the Torrance schools from Los Angeles.

Torrance is paying Los Angeles nearly \$2 for each \$1 spent in operation of the Torrance schools.

Water Rate for Some Goes Up, Others Down

As Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1 lowered its rates the Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 2 was securing what amounts to an increase in rates, according to records of the State Railroad Commission.

Serving residents of South Torrance area, Narbonne No. 2 was given permission to reduce the amount of water allowed for \$1.25 from 1000 cubic feet to 800 cubic feet.

The rate for the next 1200 cubic feet was set at 12 1/2 cents, and Torrance charges 11 cents for the next 1400 cubic feet.

Narbonne was allowed a rate of five cents for more than 2000 cubic feet.

500,000 Diamond Cutting Tools Made From W. A. Felker's Patent

More than 500,000 diamond cutting tools were manufactured for the government during the war under the invention and patent of W. A. "Dick" Felker, of R-X Laboratory, it was revealed this week as Felker prepared to swing his factory into a big peacetime manufacturing program.

Included in the peacetime program is a revolutionary tool for oil drilling which cannot yet be announced, Felker said, but his plans at present include manufacturing of everything in the diamond tool way from dental drills to diamond nail file which he developed and which will sell for as low as \$5.

Felker this week presented a check for \$50 to Miss Mary H. Scallen, of 2204 Torrance blvd., for an idea which simplified the application of diamonds to the cutting tools made under the war time contract. The tools are used to cut quartz crystals for radio use, without waste. The device, developed by Miss Scallen, is a rotating device which sets diamonds in cement on the disc tools. Formerly, it was necessary to set them with use of the fingers.

The most unique of Felker's new inventions is the diamond nail file. Every woman will want one. It is made of spring steel, coated with tiny dia-

Torrance Junior and Senior High will have a staff of approximately 47 teachers. Principal Harold Perry reports a prospective enrollment of nearly 1200 students including both senior and junior enrollments.

Average daily attendance for Torrance High for the school year 1944-45 was 964.

Perry announced that all former students are requested to report to their home rooms on opening date, and new students are to gather in the school auditorium for registration and assignment.

Torrance elementary school, principally by B. J. Strand, reports an estimated enrollment of 1000 students with a teaching staff of 33.

Strand reported that the new legal requirements exclude children under legal age, not only as pupils but also as visitors.

Admission ages during the first school month from Sept. 4, will be as follows, he said: Kindergarten, fifth birthday must be on or before Dec. 1, 1945; first grade, sixth birthday must be on or before Dec. 1, 1945.

It was pointed out, however, that on Sept. 17, admission during the first school month will be changed to admit kindergarten enrollments for those having their fifth birthday on or before March 1, 1946. The same holds true for those first graders having their 6th birthday on or before the same date.

Average daily attendance for 1944-45 at this school was 930. Strand, engaged for the past two months assisting in personnel recruitment throughout the city school district, will begin his fifth year with the Torrance school.

Pen Avenue School with an average daily attendance for the last two semesters of 400, will again have as principal Miss Mary Charlotte Waddell, heading a teaching staff of about 13. An enrollment of 450 is anticipated on the opening date.

This school will have a new custodian, Robert Wood, seven years ago was assistant custodian at Torrance High. Another new employee is Mrs. Phyllis Laughlin, school clerk. Waddell's school, also headed by Miss Waddell with four teachers, is expecting 125 students for enrollment on the opening date. Waddell's average daily attendance for the last semesters was 89.

VISITS GRANDPARENTS Skipper, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Haslam, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Haslam here.

AT SAN DIEGO Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schott and children were weekend visitors at the home of his mother, Mrs. C. J. Schott of San Diego.

Labor Day on Monday Will Find Stores Closed

Stores of Torrance, public offices and utilities will be closed on Monday, Labor day. The Torrance Herald office also will be closed, and persons wishing to place advertising or news items are asked to insert them on Friday or Saturday rather than waiting until Tuesday.

Local Labor organizations will observe the day in keeping with the spirit of its founding of the day. Shoppers and housewives are urged to do their buying for the two day holiday early.

Two New Taxi Companies to Operate Here

Two new taxi companies are to be established in Torrance as a result of the action of the City Council Tuesday night.

The council approved the applications of George Mort, a veteran, and Marie Bruce, sister of a soldier killed in action and who will hire only veterans as drivers, to operate taxi service in Torrance. The permits were granted subject to a regulatory ordinance to be drafted later.

It was explained that Mort, a veteran of both World War I and II, is operating on his own and not as an agent for outside interests.

Miss Bruce will operate the Black and White line here.

Torrance Ration Board Moving To Wilmington

Torrance War Price and Ration Board will be consolidated with the board in Wilmington, serving Compton, Torrance and San Pedro as well as Wilmington, on Oct. 1, or soon thereafter.

The board No. will be 564.

TORRANCE SEEKS WAIVER FROM WESTON INTERESTS TO PROTECT AIRPORT RIGHTS

The City of Torrance will seek a waiver from the Weston Ranch interests disclaiming any interest in the future of Torrance's airport known to the War department as Lomita flight strip, and is considering means of protecting its priority to the 470 acre improved port.

This was indicated at a special meeting of the City Council on Monday night.

"If the city wants to work a deal to secure this airport for Torrance, we can swing it without need of money," Mayor Tolson told his colleagues. He indicated that the city could acquire the airport from the government and then lease it to any number of operators who are "bothering me two or three times a day about the deal."

Standard Oil Co. is tremendously interested in operating the field for the city, it was said. They would finance the transaction, including paying off the government, under the terms of any lease, the mayor indicated.

The government recently paid the Weston interests \$380,000 for the property, and while both Mr. and Mrs. Ben Weston have declared they have no further

BOND ISSUE PROPOSED FOR LONG RANGE CITY POSTWAR BUILDING, STREET PROGRAM

Torrance City Council is preparing to submit to the voters at the next general election a bond issue calling for long-range civic improvements which will total several hundred thousands of dollars in cost.

Included in the proposals will be both buildings and street improvements.

At an informal meeting held Monday, the council commissioned A. R. Walker, architect, to draw plans for the following buildings:

1. A Torrance recreation center.
2. Waleria recreation center.
3. Arts and crafts center.
4. Addition to Public Library.
5. New fire station.
6. New police station.
7. Addition to Civic Auditorium.

The buildings will be modest, it was said, but will be designed with sights high enough that the needs of the community will be cared for during many years to come.

In the Torrance recreation building, it was proposed by Councilman N. H. Cucci that a swimming pool for the youngsters and oldsters of Torrance be included. Councilman G. V. Powell objected, however, because he wants a skating rink. His idea is prevailing over that of Cucci.

Street and highway work will include opening of important thoroughfares and the paving of all streets and alleys with a two inch surface.

While the Western Avenue extension project probably will have to wait for county or federal aid, since Torrance's share is too heavy in view of the benefits derived, it is included in the list of highway work being considered for the proposed bond issue. The list follows:

1. Western Avenue, construction from 174th St. to south city boundary, \$254,000.
2. Sepulveda Blvd., construction from Hawthorne Blvd. to Western Ave., \$65,000.
3. Carson St., cutoff through

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Torrance Officer Aids in Capture Of Two Suspects

Torrance Police Officer Enfield, assisted two Los Angeles detectives in apprehending two alleged burglars Aug. 28, here in Torrance.

Police reports show that Everett T. Benson and Carl E. Wiley, 3031 Lindblade St., Culver City, were hiding with loot in the apartment of Mrs. Charles Peralta, 1106 El Prado, Henderson's sister.

The men are alleged to have robbed a house and a garage the previous evening, stealing a typewriter, three radios, tools and a complete valve grinding outfit. Enfield stated that all of this loot was in the middle of the floor when they made entrance to the apartment.

The Los Angeles detectives were said to have taken the suspects to the 77th St. station for booking.

72-Acre Site In Rolling Hills Reported Sold

Kelvin C. Vanderlip, president of Palos Verdes Corporation, developers of Rolling Hills, reports the sale of seventy-two acres of the historic Rancho Los Palos Verdes for the sum of \$87,500.00. Ben Haggett was the broker for both parties. Total sales this year in Rolling Hills have been in excess of \$300,000.00, Vanderlip said.

Ernest V. Berry, President of Finance, Inc., the purchaser, announced his intention of subdividing and developing the land into acre homesteads and launching a building program of "homes by the sea."

Ask the Professor

(By H. F. Noake)
Dear Professor: Why did Napoleon always pose with his hand stuck in his coat?
Answer: He was just itching to kick the world.



FROM INVENTOR TO INVENTOR . . . Miss Mary H. Scallen, of 2204 Torrance blvd., is shown above receiving from W. A. "Dick" Felker a check for \$50 for suggesting an appliance which saves much time and workers' fingers in setting diamonds in cement in cutting tools being made by the thousands in Torrance. Felker, of R-X Laboratory, inventor of diamond cutting tools, is launching a big peacetime manufacturing project, he announced. (Torrance Herald photo.)