

'TORRANCE PLANS AHEAD' DINNER SLATED OCT. 25; ALL GROUPS ARE INVITED

"Torrance Plans Ahead", and the whole community will be invited to sit in on discussions of the future of the city at a dinner to be held on Oct. 25 in the Civic Auditorium.

Representatives of all organizations in the community, whether civic, veteran, fraternal, labor, religious or serve in other categories are being invited to the dinner for which the nominal charge of \$1.00 per plate is being made, according to Blaine Walker, secretary, Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Hillman R. Lee, manager of J. C. Penney Co., will be chairman of the "Torrance Plans Ahead" dinner.

The program committee consists of R. L. Plomert, Jr., manager of the tax department, General Petroleum Corp., chairman; Reed H. Parkin, secretary-treasurer, Doak Aircraft Co., Mayor W. H. Tolson and Chief of Police John Stroth.

Grover C. Whyte, publisher, Torrance Herald, is chairman of the publicity committee, aided by R. R. Smith, National Supply Co., W. H. Stanger, manager, Water District No. 1, and Bob Haggard, realty operator.

The dinner arrangements are in charge of Postmaster C. Earl Conner, aided by C. B. Bagnall, building contractor, I. Washer, owner, the Gay Shop, and B. C. Buxton, realty broker.

Charles V. Jones, Torrance Lumber Co., is in charge of the ticket sales, assisted by Sam Levy, Levy's Department Store, Fire Chief J. E. McMaster, and James Lynch, Torrance Hotel.

The entertainment committee consists of the Rev. Paul Moore

Wheeler, pastor, St. Andrews

church, LeRoy Smith, manager,

M. & M. Theatres, Harold E.

Perry, Torrance High school

principal, and Dr. Don C.

Moshos, physician and surgeon.

New Homes Subdivision Is Proposed

Plans for a new \$340,000 homes subdivision on more than 130 lots on the northwest corner of Western ave. and San ulveda blvd. have been discussed with Torrance city officials by John West, Los Angeles investor.

West indicated to City Engineer Glenn M. Jain that he may subdivide approximately 17 acres of land and erect homes on them to relieve the serious housing shortage.

The acreage upon which is proposed to construct the new homes is located south and east of Torrance municipal park.

Jain said that West did not submit actual plans for the subdivision and had given him very few details. From other sources it was learned that approximately 68 five and six room homes valued up to \$5000 each were being planned for, tentatively.

School Bus Service Ban Is Protested

Termination of school bus facilities between West Torrance and Torrance High school were protested in a letter to Roy J. Becker, member of the Board of Education, from Henry C. Kayser, Ph. D. petroleum technologist and chemical engineer, of Spencer and Amie sts.

The body of his letter, dated Sept. 21, 1945, reads as follows: "More than a score of children living with their parents in West Torrance (a district of the incorporated City of Torrance, Calif.), and attending the Torrance Junior High School, were told on September 19th, 1945, that school bus facilities to and from Torrance Junior High School and West Torrance will be immediately terminated.

"The rainy season is approaching and some of the children excluded from the school-bus will be obliged to walk to and from the Junior High School, a distance of approximately two (2) miles from West Torrance. The parents of some of the children have no private automobiles, and even if they had, the breadwinner of the family is using the auto to go to and to return from his work.

"The object of this memorandum is to ascertain what steps the Los Angeles Board of Education will take to immediately restore the bus facilities for the children of West Torrance attending the Torrance Junior High School."

AT HUNTINGTON PARK
Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Crook were entertained at the O. W. Storey home in Huntington Park last weekend.

Tremendous Growth in District Seen

California will have a population of 12,000,000 persons within the few years to come, and the



recession of peace will be very quiet and unfelt, Roy Rosenberg, editor of the Inglewood Daily News and former-city editor of the Torrance Herald, told members of Torrance Rotary club Thursday night.

Introduced by Grover C. Whyte, publisher of the Herald, Rosenberg visualized the growth of the South Bay and Harbor districts and mentioned Torrance as a city which will experience unprecedented expansion starting in March.

He said that the expansion of Los Angeles county will be stimulated by the expenditure of some \$100,000,000 to extend the breakwater from Long Beach to Sunset Beach to enable the combined Atlantic and Pacific fleets to anchor in quiet water; \$75,000,000 expenditure on beach control from Torrance beach to Topanga canyon; \$10,000,000 for sewer expansion; \$4,000,000 for airport expansion; \$4,000,000 for educational work and large sums for other development.

He said that Los Angeles airport alone will provide employment for 10,000 men and that there will be an airliner taking off or arriving each 15 seconds when the development is completed. Rosenberg also mentioned the payroll of the U. S. fleet as having a direct bearing on all the county, especially in this area.

Tom Adams, president of the club, presided over the meeting.

Students May Build Weather Station Here

Torrance's weather station probably will be provided by Torrance high school, and may be located there, it was revealed this week after H. W. Douglas, U. S. Weather Bureau official in Los Angeles, acknowledged the action of the City of Torrance in providing funds for the equipment.

Blaine Walker, executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the weather station, said that Principal H. E. Perry, of Torrance High school, had agreed that building of the "Cotton Region Weather Installation," as it is officially known, could be handled by the students at the school. The installation, more of a cabinet than a building, is designed to house the temperature and humidity meters, and a rain gauge also will be installed.

Torrance will be on the daily weather reports of the nation's press when the unit is installed.

The location of the station and the purchasing of the equipment must await the providing of the "installation," Secretary Walker said.

T-5 Harold Neigh Dies in China

News of the death of Harold Neigh, Jr., 7/5, U. S. Army, was this week received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Neigh, Sr., at their home in Gardena. The young serviceman lost his life in the service of his country as a result of an automobile accident near his base in China.

Council Again Cited To Court On Bus Issue

Torrance City Council has been summoned to appear in department 34, superior court, on Oct. 8, to show cause why the city should not proceed to sell the municipal bus lines for \$85,000 in accordance with an amended alternative writ of mandate signed Sept. 24.

The city had won a point when its demurrer to the original writ of mandate, obtained by W. J. B. Hughes, was upheld. Hughes was given 10 days to file the amended petition which he did and the writ was signed.

City Revokes Taxi License Restrictions

Say, guys or gals, if you want to go into the taxi cab business in Torrance, all you have to do is go to the City Clerk's office and ask for a permit. You'll get it.

The City Council, by an unusual 3 to 2 vote, Mayor W. H. Tolson supporting Councilman G. V. Powell and N. H. Cucco, decided to ignore their right of "police power" under city ordinances and grant additional licenses to operate cabs to Miss Marie Bruce.

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett on a minute order had refused to grant the additional licenses to Miss Bruce. He said he would not do it until the council revoked its order, which the trio proceeded to do.

"What's the situation now?" Bartlett asked. "Do I give a permit to any and everyone who asks?" That's the general idea, he was told by the three councilmen.

Chief of Police John Stroth may have something to say about parking places, for cabs, however, it was pointed out.

New Chamber Members Are Announced

R. I. Plomert, Jr., chairman of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce membership committee, announced the following new members of the chamber during this month:

Charles G. Gots, Daniels Restaurant; C. Mason Mart Grocery, Andrew Ziak; E. E. Reese, Electrical Contractors, Harold Reese and Charles N. Dodd; Ideal Ranch Market, Carl Breitman, Al Sirott; Torrance Lions Club, Harry B. Lewis, president.

Vet Adjutant Loses Sight Of Right Eye

George Spaulding, employee of Soule Steel for five years, was seriously injured last week when a particle of metal broke his protective goggles and entered his right eye causing permanent blindness, according to doctors report at the Good Samaritan hospital.

Spaulding is a World War I veteran and adjutant of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Number 3251.

DON'T BE A SUCKER

It begins to look like the first product of reconversion in the United States will be a host of swindled, rooked customers.

A first-class, A-Number One racket is being worked in the cities on appliance sales—and the swindlers can be expected to extend their operations to the country too.

The racket is that—fly-by-night agents are taking advance orders and accepting heavy cash deposits for refrigerators, washing machines, radios, etc., made by unknown companies. Deliveries are to be made (if ever) at some date in the future.

A big percentage of the suckers who place these orders and put down these deposits will never hear of them again. Others may get their appliances, but what will the appliances be? Orphan, quickies, hastily made fabricated by unknown snide shops, all of which fold up and disappear as soon as legitimate, standard merchandise comes on the market.

Solid, reliable appliances are coming back before too long. They will be made by nationally known factories, and sold by your own dealers in your own town. They will be backed by bona fide guarantees of continuing repairs and service. They will give you your money's worth.

Because you need that new washing machine so badly you can almost taste it, don't buy an unknown machine made by a nameless factory and peddled by a stranger.

That's the best way we know of to get trimmed.

Hold on just a little longer, and buy an appliance made and sold by folks you know.

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"UNHERALDED AND UNSUNG" . . . Torrance's airport, developed by the Army Air Force from barren farm land into one of the finest "air strips" in Southern California, assumed new significance recently when powerful aircraft engines (V-17-10 and R-18-10) of the type used in winning the war with the Axis were moved to the field for instruction of Civil Aeronautics Patrol members. Shown above in the CAP workshop at Lomita Flight Strip, eagerly unwrapping the engines after crates were removed, are, left to right, Rudy Andrade, 1548 W. 216th st.; Jack Koshak, 2334 236th st.; Jimmie Tuttle, 2057 248th st.; Al Weston, Rolling Hills; Harry Vetter, 26447 Leesdale ave.; Frank Ramirez, Lomita, and Donald Amett, Redondo Beach. The CAP members now are ready to start their class in aviation and engine instruction.

'Atomic' Fury Informs City Hollywood Riviera Really Is In Torrance

Acute Need For Veterans' Housing Here

Veterans and their families returning to Torrance after long service in the armed forces, and unable to find homes, present a most serious problem, J. G. Caldwell, executive secretary, Torrance Veterans Service Center, said in appealing to the Torrance Herald to give widespread attention to the need for housing for veterans.

"We need apartments, houses, even rooms," Caldwell said. "We have one family, long Torrance residents, who are living in the back of a store building in Gardena and using a neighbor's kitchen twice a day. Several children are in the family. They belong to Torrance, but they cannot 'come home' because of lack of housing.

"Another veteran, his wife and two children, are forced to occupy a single room."

Caldwell appealed for property owners to contact him at his office, 1339 Post ave., telephone 848, where he still is serving in a voluntary capacity to list living accommodations available to veterans and their families.

He said that he was investigating the availability of the Lumina park trailers to veterans, as announced by federal authorities last week.

LIONS GET TREAT

Torrance Lions Tuesday noon were guests of LeRoy Smith, a member and manager of the M. & M. Theatres here, when he projected the picture "Policing Germany" for the first time in any theatre as a part of the "This Is America" series.

PATROLMAN HIRED

William F. Gibson was hired as a police patrolman by the city council Tuesday night at a salary of \$170 per month.

"A bomb" fired from Hollywood (Cliffton) Riviera Tuesday night landed in the laps of the members of the City Council and they learned with atomic force that exclusive community is a part of Torrance, subject to its share of police and fire protection, park and street work.

It all happened when Mayor W. S. Tolson innocently turned and asked the people in the audience if there were any oral communications. Yes, there were a couple.

Rising almost as one person, residents of Hollywood Riviera said in effect: "You remember us? We pay taxes in Torrance."

C. E. McMoran said that weeds, tin cans and refuse litter the streets. Councilman J. E. Hitchcock suggested his complaint be referred to the street department.

No, that would not do. Between the street department and park departments, you just get the run around.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Whitney arose and let the council know that the trees are generally run down and the weeds present a serious fire hazard.

W. H. Edwards said that when he bought in Hollywood Riviera four years ago the area was fairly kept up by the city. "Now it is like a weed patch," he said. "You can hardly drive through the streets are so bad. Look what happened in Rolling Hills. We have been deprived of the one man the park department had on the job, and the paving is 'growing up out of the ground.'"

"Palos Verdes, right next door, is a show place. "Hollywood Riviera is a mess." He asked for police protection to stop day time petting and also urged a transportation program from Torrance.

R. T. Close said that there is a seven million dollar investment in Hollywood Riviera, "but we are bypassed as though we were on the wrong side of the tracks."

The council was asked, but did not reply, as to the proportion of taxes for street and police work.

Close said "the water is beyond belief, giving a terrible stain, red rust, yellow rings on tubs. When you can get us metropolitan water, we need it." He also urged a sewer system there.

One woman said that they went without rubbish collection for four weeks.

They offered to provide 10 or 15 men to help the fire department, the park department or other units if they would come up and help convert the tract from a ragged end of woods to a place of beauty.

Councilman G. V. Powell said that the city will have to spend more money in the departments involved, and Mayor Tolson said that "I believe we can do something about the situation soon."

ATOMIC ENERGY TOPIC OF ROTARY SPEAKER

Leslie Ball, of the Triplett & Barton Company will address the Torrance Rotary club tonight on the subject "Application of Atomic Energy." Ball has been a research physicist for the Canadian Government, and was educated in England.

ENTERTAIN AT DINNER

Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Laughon Saturday evening were Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Cook and Miss Salli Terri, all of Pasadena.

WESTON RANCH CO. SERVES CITY NOTICE OF LACK OF INTEREST IN FLIGHT STRIP

Weston Investment Co. will not exercise its option to buy from the government the 470 acre Torrance airport, known as Lomita flight strip, for which the company was paid \$380,000, Ben Weston, president, officially informed the City Council Tuesday night. His letter was ordered filed for future reference.

3 Chain Stores Closed Pending Clerk Agreement

Three Torrance chain stores were closed yesterday by a renewed strife between members of the Retail Clerk's Union in San Pedro and the chain stores.

Independent merchants had reached an accord on the new wage and hour contract, but this chain group, including J. C. Penney Co., Sontags and J. J. Newberry Co. are negotiating separately.

The stores were closed when the contract is said to have been presented to the chain stores and refused. It is a contract drawn by Haskell Tidwell, of the union.

The Retail Clerks union membership approved the agreement last week.

Jack Lax, secretary of the merchants' negotiating committee, and Tidwell of the union, said the agreement would run until Jan. 31, 1947.

The new contract provides weekly increases in all classifications, averaging from \$7 to \$9.

Retroactive pay features of the contract provides for back pay for 85 weeks, ranging from \$2.50 to \$5 depending upon the amounts earned in the past year.

Eleven stores in San Pedro are also closed.

Irvin Stalmaster, Los Angeles consultant for the chain store employers, said "In the absence of a new agreement, they (employers) prefer not to attempt to operate their stores."

Haskell Tidwell, secretary-treasurer of the union, said the clerks could not offer chain stores a different contract than that agreed upon by 115 harbor area stores, represented by the negotiating committee of the San Pedro Business Men's association.

Stalmaster yesterday issued the following statement on behalf of the merchants:

"Last week the union broke off negotiations after agreeing to resume negotiations with the firms now before a mediation panel, appointed by the war labor board.

"The union now refuses to negotiate. Instead, it puts before these firms a contract negotiated by other merchants, and gives them the ultimatum to sign 'or else'.

"When the union is willing to sit down and negotiate a contract on a reasonable basis, we shall re-open our stores."

Lomita Flight Strip Barracks To Be Used By Returning Japanese-Americans, WRA Report

The War Department has made available to the War Relocation Authority the temporary barracks, located adjacent to the Lomita Flight Strip at Torrance. This is the field which the City of Torrance proposes to acquire as a municipal airport.

These barracks will be operated by the Federal Housing Administration and will be used as a demobilization center for displaced persons of Japanese ancestry.

This is the first of a group of Army installations whereby WRA will take over Federally owned barracks, each of which will handle a limited number of families of Japanese-American returnees.

Under the present WRA appropriations, it is necessary that all relocation centers be closed between Oct. 1 and Dec. 15, 1945.

A recent committee report to Congress requested the relocation of \$5,000,000 from the original appropriation allotted, which will necessitate an even greater acceleration of relocation than that originally scheduled.

Temporary handling of returnees in this way will augment the services of 16 hostels now in Greater Los Angeles, according to Paul G. Robertson, WRA Area Supervisor for Southern California.

"In making these barracks

The airport, which represents an investment of about \$750,000, recently was placed on the surplus list by the War department, and Mayor W. H. Tolson immediately wired to Congress-man Cecil King asking him to protect Torrance's interests.

It is hoped that the city can make a financial arrangement with some private operator, it was said, using the airport as a municipal field run by private aviation interests.

Impetus to this city's move to acquire the strip, was given by a Civil Air Patrol designation of the strip for night flying classes, to open Oct. 1.

Four government planes have been assigned to the flight center, available in training 1300 Civil Air Patrol trainees and cadets of the 3rd Flight Group, comprising the area between Long Beach and Santa Monica.

The planes will arrive at the field this week, bringing to 40 the number of airplanes to be based at the port for training purposes, according to Capt. Charles H. Holmes, 3rd Group commander.

Harbor Group Wants J.C. Site Left to Board

Warning that disunity in the harbor may result in the loss of the proposed \$1,500,000 technical institute to the district, Harry Carr, chairman of a joint San Pedro-Wilmington committee, urged that decision on a site be left entirely in the hands of the board of education.

Harbor industry, which has backed the idea of the school feels that its location must be as near as possible to the center of the industrial district as well as close to major highways and transportation, he said.

It was this fact, Carr explained, that prompted the committee to endorse a recommendation of board of education staff members for a site in the Anaheim, Figueroa, Normandie, Lomita blvd. area.

The joint group still has not backed a specific site and it is their desire, said Carr, that selection of a location be left entirely in the hands of the board of education and that port residents work together to get the technical institute assured for the harbor area.

"There seems to be misunderstanding about the type of school planned," Carr reported. "Refineries, boat yards, and shipping firms have asked for a trade school. While some academic courses would be given, the primary purpose is technical education for high school graduates, veterans, and adult employees of industries."

Captain Louis Zamperini Talks From Manila

Captain Louis Zamperini, first son of Torrance and recently liberated from a Jap prison camp is now enroute home, according to his radio broadcast Sunday morning from Manila.

Miss Marjorie Smith, sister of Warren Smith former SC middle distance runner, reported in a letter recently that she had seen Captain Zamperini on the island of Okinawa prior to his leaving for Manila. Miss Smith said that the Captain was looking well considering his experiences and was anxious to start home.

Ask the Professor

(By H. F. Noake)

"Dear Professor: Can you tell me what women's hats are going to look like next Fall? Answer: Sorry, that's a millinery secret."