

# FALLACY IN INCLUDING G.P. IN WATER DISTRICT TOLD AS NEW ORGANIZATION FORMS

"Do you want water, or do you want a long court fight?" Asking all residents and property owners of North Torrance who want a water district formed immediately to meet at the Perry School Friday night at 7:30 o'clock and organizer, Fred Calloway, 18402 Hawthorne Blvd., this week set about the task of avoiding long litigation which faces the city if General Petroleum Corp. property is included in the water district proposed to serve that area.

"I physically have to carry water because of the failure of North Torrance to provide a system to serve my home," Calloway said.

"We would only save 75 cents a year, if we include General in the district. I would rather pay 75 cents a year more and have water in my house. I can't wait five years to get water. I need it now, and I know that there are hundreds of others up here who want water now."

These are the ones he is urging to meet and organize into the "North Torrance Water Committee" Friday night.

Arthur Taylor, of the engineering firm of Taylor and Taylor, will be present to explain his plans and costs of formation of the district, and city officials also will be on hand.

Members of the council have declared that if enough interest is shown to back them up in their decision to exclude General Petroleum from the district, they will go ahead and vote to fix the boundaries at the next regular meeting instead of waiting for 90 days as they agreed to do on behalf of the proponents of the plan to include General in the district.

"Fundamentally, in forming a district of this kind, everyone should share alike in the benefits as well as the costs," Taylor said.

"In this case, General Petroleum Corp. stands to receive no benefit whatsoever, so naturally you cannot expect them to pay any part of the cost of the district."

This policy is backed by four members of the city council who recently started action to form the district immediately by fixing the south boundary at 190th street, excluding General Petroleum.

Taylor said that the cost per acre of the district, and this spread over a 30 year period, would be only \$85 if General Petroleum is excluded. Should General be included the cost would be lowered only \$21 per acre, or 75 cents per acre per year.

The engineer said that a cast iron system consisting of cast iron lines is proposed, and it will have a life of 100 years or more. The cost will be only \$150,000, if the boundary is fixed at 190th street, and for the first five years, taxpayers will be required to pay interest only.

During the five year period, the business of the water district should develop to a point where it is self supporting, and then the bond redemption will begin. Operation cost of the district is very small, especially if operated through the facilities of Municipal Improvement District No. 1, Torrance, central water district, as proposed by Taylor both for the Southwest-Walteria district and North Torrance.

North Torrance taxpayers will never notice the difference in cost if General Petroleum Corp. is excluded from the district, but to insist that General be included will in effect bar formation of the district, perhaps forever, it was said.

## Auto Collision Brings Death To S. S. Goodson

Stanley S. Goodson, 1439 1/2 Carson st. was killed instantly Tuesday when his car collided with another auto driven by J. O. Haver, 17301 Denker ave., Gardena, at 182nd st. and Crenshaw Blvd.

Haver reported to Torrance police that he had been traveling west on 182nd st. and had made the boulevard stop at Crenshaw. He said that Goodson's car was traveling faster than he had estimated.

Police files indicate that Goodson's car, apparently out of control after the impact struck a guy wire, reversed its direction, and struck a pole, throwing Goodson from his car, a distance of 14 feet.

The police officer investigating said that the force of the impact had caused the pole to break, landing across Goodson's body.

Haver was not held.

Goodson is the brother of Mrs. L. Stiles of 1411 Amapola ave.

An inquest was set for 9:30 a.m. today, and Christian Science funeral services are scheduled for Saturday at 2 p.m. Burial will be in Roosevelt cemetery.

## Slight Gain Recorded In Victory Chest

Only slight gains were registered in the Torrance appeal for the Victory Chest this week, as district collections continued far behind schedule in the campaign to raise \$41,000.

Chairman George Johnson Tuesday announced that volunteers have thus far brought in contributions from 1638 persons in the area, for total collections of \$14,743, or 36 per cent of the quota.

Contributions are urgently needed now to help supply funds for the 140 Victory Chest agencies which operate throughout the world to serve the needs of American men still in uniform or in hospitals, veterans returning to civil life, sick and hungry women and children in war-torn Allied nations—and people right in this area through the 35 health, welfare and youth guidance agencies of the Community Chest.

The Torrance Service Center at 1339 Post ave. is one of the groups supported by contributions to the Victory Chest.

Contributions in all amounts are now being welcomed at the Torrance Service Center, where Miss Hall is in charge of Victory Chest activities for the city.

## Air Meet At Flight Strip Sunday—'If'

Pilots at the Torrance flight strip have hung out a sign reading: "Please, no rain Sunday!"

The reason for all this is because the three squadrons of the 3rd Group U.S. Civil Air Patrol are practicing without a letup for the scheduled air show to be presented on that date to some 1400 members who have headquarters there.

Capt. C. H. Holmes, group commander announced yesterday that plans had been made within the three squadrons for a competitive meet to demonstrate pilot proficiency in formation flying, aerobatics, simulated bombing procedure, message dropping and spot landings.

The meet will be held under the direction of Lt. G. T. Turner, group operations officer who has a great deal of knowledge of dropping bombs the hard way. Lt. Turner served on active duty with the CAP Coastal Air Patrol, Anti-Submarine Command in the early stages of the war, flying out-dated commercial type planes far out into the Gulf of Mexico searching for subs.

It is was during this period that the CAP pilots tossed everything from wreches to 250-pound depth bombs at Nazi submarines, and accounted for an official score of 70 pig-boats in their 15 months of operations.

## Officials Will Attend Aviation Parley At Capital

Torrance will be represented in Sacramento next week at the Western Aviation Conference by Mayor W. H. Tolson, Councilmen J. E. Hitchcock and C. M. Gilbert, and Deputy City Attorney Otto B. Willett.

The quartet will seek to promote the city's interest in the aviation officials attending the conference. It was said, and will support any plans for community airport development which are brought before the conference.

Harry B. Lewis, president of the Lions club, long a personal friend of Gen. Henry H. (Hap) Arnold, commanding general of the AAF, who will speak, is attending the conference in the capacity of an interested individual.

## AUTO STOLEN

Schultz and Peckham, local Ford dealers, reported to Torrance police late Monday evening the theft of a Ford stake-body truck while parked on Cabillo ave.

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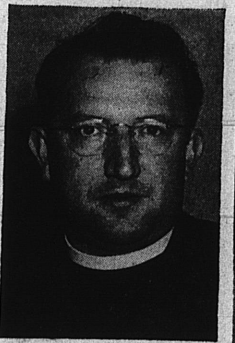
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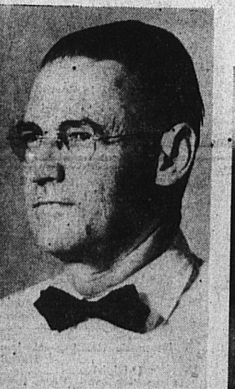
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## 2500 CHILDREN EXPECTED AT BIG CHRISTMAS PARTY OF MOOSE ON DECEMBER 23

Torrance once again plans a big Christmas party for the children of Torrance and surrounding communities, according to the plans now under way at the local Moose Lodge No. 785. The affair will be Dec. 23 in the Civic auditorium.

The Local Order of Moose with the aid of the City Council, Fire and Police departments will again stage a mammoth Christmas party, that promises to be bigger and better than that presented last year when more than 1800 children were made happy by the tremendous offering.

It has been anticipated by James Barker, secretary of the lodge, who has been appointed chairman for the program, that at least 2500 children will be entertained this year. Advance notices mark this party to be the greatest in Torrance history, he said, and although candy and nuts are scarce, they are assured an adequate supply for all.

All civic, fraternal, patriotic, church and women's organizations are urged to assist in this huge undertaking that will need the help of all for its success, he said.

One of the best vaudeville shows will be provided for the enjoyment of the children as well as adults at the Civic Auditorium, Dec. 23.

Committeemen appointed for the affair are: James Barker; A. H. Bartlett; J. Welch; J. A. Evans; W. Ambach; John P. Stripling; J. H. Johnston; H. H. Cooke; C. Stevens; James Brodie and S. Humer. The Torrance Fire department accepted the task of sacking and distributing.

In order to make the party complete for all the children of Torrance and vicinity, the Moose lodge is making an appeal for donations. Those wishing to donate to the fund may fill out the coupon below and hand or mail to Secretary James Barker, Moose lodge, 1951 W. Carson st.

## MOOSE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS FUND

Please find attached hereto, donation in the sum of \$..... to help defray the expense of the Christmas Party and Entertainment.

Signature.....

## Money In Lost Purse Needed to Aid Sick Child

The loss of her coin purse containing a considerable sum of money meant a great deal more to Mrs. Sydney Hutton of 22934 S. Normandie ave. than such a loss would have meant to almost anyone else in Torrance.

Mrs. Hutton, whose six-year-old son, David, an invalid since birth—who has spent more than half his life in casts—needs the money to assist in providing for his care and comfort. He had just been returned from L. A. Orthopedic Hospital following surgery. The purse presumably was left in a telephone booth at the Southern California Telephone office here. The finder may return same to Mrs. Hutton or leave information at Torrance Herald office.

## Rainfall Of .47 Reported

The Torrance area had another shot of precipitation Tuesday in large drops but failed to register more than .07 of an inch, according to the fire station's "weather department."

With 40 of an inch that fell last Thursday, this brings the year's total up to 8.01, the department's records revealed.

## HOMEMAKERS TO BE GUESTS AT LECTURE

The women of Torrance are invited to attend a free lecture and demonstration on home economics and good housekeeping at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at Torrance Woman's Clubhouse, Mrs. Jerome Crays of Long Beach will be in charge of the program.

## Alley Setback Decision To Be Sought At Council, Planning Body Meeting

### Eight Chamber Directors Are Reelected

Eight incumbent directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce were re-elected to office and one new director, Charles B. Mitchell, operator of the Chevron Gas Station, Carson and Cabrillo, will take office for the coming year as the result of balloting by Chamber members last week.

Chosen for three year terms are Hillman R. Lee and Charles V. Jones for two years, Grover C. Whyte and Reed H. Parkin; for one year, Mitchell, the Rev. Paul Moore, Wheeler, I. Washer, C. B. Bagnall and Robert I. Plomert, Jr.

Officers of the civic promotion body will be chosen by the new board of directors at an early meeting, it is announced by Secretary Blaine Walker.

Members of the retiring board were guests of President Reed H. Parkin at a dinner at the Jonathan Club, Los Angeles, Monday evening.

## Bus Case New Trial Plea Set For Dec. 21

Arguments on a motion for a new trial of the case of W. J. B. Hughes, a taxpayer, against the City of Torrance to force the city to abide by Act 5203 in sale of the Municipal Bus lines will be heard in Department 34, the Superior court, on Dec. 21.

City Attorney J. E. McCall filed a return on the alternative writ of mandamus issued to require the city to proceed according to Act 5203 setting forth the fact that no further action had been taken on the sale and that the motion for a new trial was being filed.

The motion declared that the judgment of the court on the Hughes petition was against the law, that there were errors in judgment and that the evidence was insufficient to support the judgment.

While the City Council has been considering hiring of extra legal counsel to support the city's case, City Attorney McCall will be back from Washington in time to argue the motion for a new trial, he said.

Hughes, in his suit, was opposing the sale of the bus line to Charles F. Koors for \$85,000, alleging that the matter should first be presented to the people and then bids should be sought.

## Attack On Day Religious Classes Defeated

Constitutionality of the Board of Education's religious cooperative program was upheld Tuesday by Superior Judge Charles S. Burnell in a suit brought by Rita S. Gordon, which opened Monday.

Through her husband, George S. Gordon, who is also her attorney, she charged that the plan permitting students—an hour's absence from classrooms each week for religious instruction, is unconstitutional, interferes with class work, and with educational schedules.

"The Federal Constitution merely guarantees freedom of worship," Judge Burnell opined. "That certainly hasn't been violated."

He added that the "release time" law does not put the State of California in the provision of "supporting" any religious organization, as prohibited by State Constitution.

Torrance City Planning Commission will call a special meeting with the City Council to consider the repeal of alley setback provisions of the City Land Use Ordinance as they apply to the commercial district, Chairman Tom McGuire announced Tuesday night after a conference with 14 merchants and business district property owners who were unanimous in their opinion the setbacks should be removed.

"We can recommend to the Council that the setback provisions be repealed, and if the Council wants to go ahead with it, then the problem is solved," McGuire said.

## Vet Couple In Pathetic Plea For Housing

Both holding honorable discharges for service in World War II, an Army nurse and her former soldier husband, with one child confined in Torrance Memorial hospital for lack of a place to care for her and another "fanned out" to relatives far away from Torrance, want a place to live.

This, according to J. G. Caldwell, executive of the Torrance Area Veterans Affairs Committee, presents one of the most pathetic cases in the history of the organization.

It is not a charity case, Caldwell said, for the family has the funds to pay for a home.

But inability to find housing has forced the parents to room with friends in Torrance while one child, who entered the hospital for treatment, has to remain there and the other is deprived of the family association, in another city.

Caldwell appealed to anyone in Torrance, or surrounding communities, to provide housing for the family, that the veteran parents, both of whom served overseas, might have the child removed from the hospital, bring the other to Torrance and lead a normal family life.

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## COMMAND OF NAVY MATERIAL REDISTRIBUTION CENTER IN TORRANCE IS CHANGED

Command of the U. S. Navy Material Redistribution Center in Torrance changed Monday as Comdr. George H. Hap assumed the duties of officer in charge from Lt. Comdr. Frederick E. Drake, Jr., who is returning to inactive status in the United States Naval Reserve.

Commander Hap came to Torrance from command of the Lonsdale, R. I. Navy Material Redistribution Center.

He took over operation of the 91-acre plant which is nearing completion as the second officer in charge, Commander Drake having served in that capacity from the time the land was first acquired for the center by the United States Navy.

As he relinquished command of the center, Commander Drake expressed his appreciation for the community spirit and cooperation experienced during the building of the plant, declaring:

"It has been a source of great satisfaction to me to be able to serve as commander in charge of this base, seeing it develop from raw land through to practical completion."

"My task was made easier due to the splendid cooperation which I received from the City Council of Torrance, from the department heads of the city government, from civic leaders and from the press."

"For this cooperation I wish to extend the appreciation of the Navy and my own personal gratitude."

"I am sure that Commander Hap will find the same fine community spirit of cooperation during his tour here."

Commander Drake entered upon his terminal leave of 90 days on Monday, and Tuesday departed for Framingham, Mass., to join Mrs. Drake and their daughter, who was born in California during the commander's tour of duty in Torrance. A

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## Walteria School To Get New 2-Unit Addition

Plans to draft tentative drawings and specifications for the construction of a two classroom bungalow at Walteria school at an estimated cost of \$8500 were given a green light by the Los Angeles City Board of Education Monday night.

The Architectural Section of the board was given authorization to plan for the 2-unit bungalow.

## REPORT FROWLER

Answering a prowler report at the Roi Tan Apts., police said that they spotted a man standing on the rear stairs of the El Prado Apts. peering into a window. The spotting was simultaneous, however, for the "peeper" fled into the apartment house and eluded the officers.

## Ask the Professor

(By H. F. Noake)

Dear Professor: What, in your opinion, are the three most important books in America today? Answer: Cook, Check and Ration.