

## TORRANCE AVIATION BODY PERSONNEL IS NAMED AS AIRPORT PROBLEMS GROW

Torrance Aviation Commission will consist of Reed H. Parkin, chairman, Mayor W. H. Tolson, Grover C. Whyte, publisher of the Torrance Herald, R. I. Plomert Jr., tax counselor of the General Petroleum Corp., Glenn M. Jain, city engineer, and one World War II flying officer, it was revealed this week.

Chairman Parkin, who is secretary of Doak Aircraft Co. and president of Torrance Chamber of Commerce, called his committee together last Thursday for a preliminary meeting, and a second session will be held at noon today.

The Aviation Commission was formed at the suggestion of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce due to the growing importance of aviation to Torrance.

Parkin was appointed by Mayor Tolson to form the committee, and the council suggested that the mayor be one of the members. Members of the council also suggested an AAF veteran pilot as one of the members.

Torrance has made good progress toward assuming control of the Torrance army airport, and a second airport already is being established in North Torrance, at Redondo Beach blvd. and Prairie ave. Col. William Fox and Major Joe Foss, interested in the new corporation, Community Airports, Inc., are among those who are building the new airport.

The Aviation Commission will advise with the City Council, Planning Commission and other local bodies on aviation control, legislation and other needs, it was said.

## \$1,592 Paid Here In Fines During November

From Nov. 1, to and including Nov. 30, 1945, the City court of the City of Torrance received \$1,592.50 net from fines and fees. Of this sum \$824.00 are general fund monies, while \$768.50 came from vehicle violations and thus are road fund monies.

One civil case was filed, making a total of \$4.00.

General fund monies were collected from the following cases: Drunkenness, \$535.00; Parking, \$93.00; Boulevard Stop, \$141.00 and miscellaneous criminal violations, \$55.00.

Road fund monies were derived from the following: Drunk Driving, \$75.00; Speeding, \$490.50 and miscellaneous traffic violations, \$199.00.

Appearing below is the number of criminal and traffic cases actually handled and the disposition thereof:

Violation	Total	Guilt
Drunkenness	23	23
Drunk Driving	3	1
Speeding	80	75
Parking	59	53
Boulevard Stop	37	34
Misc. Traffic	110	49
Misc. Criminal	11	8
Felonies	5	1
	328	244

## Employers Of One Or More Get Warning

Even if an employer has but one employee, he will be subject to the State Unemployment Insurance tax beginning Jan. 1, the California State Department of Employment has warned.

Employers who do not receive a registration form from the department by Jan. 1 should write to the department asking for one.

A total of 2.7 percent of the employer's payroll, 1 percent of employee's salary is required under the law.

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## Big Christmas Party Goes Over With Bang

Without a doubt, the big Torrance-Moose Christmas party was the finest ever presented within the city, opinioned the many repeaters who witnessed the Sunday show.

More than 2,000 youngsters with their parents were entertained in the Civic Auditorium last Sunday afternoon by headline vaudeville acts. Each and every person at the big show was given an ample portion of candy and nuts by Torrance city firemen, whose contribution toward the annual affair was commended.

Mayor W. H. Tolson announced following the performance that he was astounded by the Christmas party planned by the Loyal Order of Moose. "I was pleased to see the joyful effect the party had on the kids," the Mayor said. "The number of old and young alike who laughed and thrilled to the wonderful acts definitely marks these Christmas parties an annual affair. The city is very happy to have been a part of it."

The show got off to a late start when a special bus scheduled to pick up Walteria residents, was reported to have been nearly an hour late on arrival at Walteria.

All the acts were worthy of note, but the sensational antics of Bob Perry, trampoline artist, with his hair raising "drunk" act rates tops on any circuit, many in the audience said.

Jim Barker, Moose chairman for the Christmas program, reported that all the fruit, nuts and candy left over was given to the Los Angeles Childrens Hospital.

## Future Of Synthetic Rubber Bright

The future of the synthetic rubber industry should be extraordinarily prosperous, E. S. Bodine, general manager, Shell Chemical Division of Shell Union Oil, 19621 So. Figueroa st., believes.

This is because oil, the chief ingredient of synthetic rubber, is produced within two miles of the synthetic rubber plant built here by Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Bodine said.

The plant was erected at a cost of more than 73 million dollars.

Postwar need for synthetic rubber will depend in part on the volume of natural rubber available, and in part on the success of synthetic rubber in approximating the quality of natural rubber, he said.

## Staff Officers Are Elected

At the December meeting of the Torrance Memorial Hospital, staff officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Dr. John Chapman, of Lomita, president; Dr. Frederick Ewens, of Manhattan Beach, vice-president; and Dr. Eugene L. Cook, of Torrance, secretary-treasurer.

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TORRANCE AIRPORT FROM THE AIR . . . This is Torrance airport, from the air at a point above Hawthorne blvd. looking east, with Lomita in the background. The picture was one of many taken on a recent expedition in a U. S. Navy blimp by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. The pictures were made for the purpose of locating possible land for residential development. The picture shows the long runway, taxi ramps and airplane parkways, with the many buildings on the airport in the upper part of the picture.

## Marine Hospital For Torrance Is Possibility

That the multi-million dollar Marine hospital might be located in Torrance looms as a possibility was revealed this week in a letter from Keith Linden, secretary to Congressman Cecil King, to Reed H. Parkin, president of Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Congressman King reported on several items of local interest, according to Linden. He said that he is lending every effort to locate the marine hospital in Torrance and "quite sure" that it will be located in the harbor district. A Rolling Hills site has been mentioned prominently in discussions of the location of the hospital.

King said that the Torrance army airport, established by the Air Forces on Weston ranch property, had last Friday been placed on the surplus list of the government by the War Assets Corporation.

He said that before any favorable action on the subject of the establishment of a Military academy in the West is considered, the area must first win the approval of the Navy department. He said that there is a long way to go before this can be achieved, and that the age-old competition between Northern and Southern California must be faced before any results for this district can be achieved.

## Lions Club Charity Cover On Radio Sale

Torrance Lions club charity makes the "radio air lines" on a national hookup.

Dave Elman, New York radio producer of "Hobby Lobby," Radio Auction, "Life of the Party," "Contact," "Easy Come, Easy Go," and other well known features, will auction off the air mail cachet flown over Berlin on V-E Day and Tokyo on V-J Day, and addressed to Harry B. Lewis, president of the Torrance Lions club.

Lewis presented the cachet to the Lions club with the hope that \$1000 might be raised for the charity program of the Lions club.

Dave Elman liked the idea and wrote to Lewis: "We would like very much to include them in one of our auction programs."

How much the Lions cachet will bring will not be known until at least 30 days after the broadcast Elman told Lewis.

## AUTHORITY FOR CONTROL OF 'SHACK TOWN' HELD BY L.A. CITY, UNDER DECISION

There appears to be no authority or department of government, state or county empowered to regulate and control conditions of housing such as exist in "shack town" in the Los Angeles shoe-string strip east of Torrance, Robert W. Kenney, attorney general of the State of California, has informed Assemblyman Vincent Thomas.

Thomas forwarded to President H. B. Lewis, of Torrance Lions club, a copy of an opinion written for Kenney by Carl S. Keger, deputy attorney general, which states that "we find the limitation of power of the Department of Industrial Relations to supervise or enforce the provisions of the State Housing Act remain as set forth in the State Housing Act and is limited to apartment houses and hotels and does not cover dwellings."

The 121 units, including 51 gigantic floats, will top the mark at 9:15 a.m. Jan. 1, with 18 bands and 200 equestrians in the march.

According to L. Clifford Kenworthy, parade chairman, only the tying on of flowers remains to put the entire extravaganza in finished form.

Through an oversight, the universities clashing in the Rose Bowl football classic, USC and Alabama, will not be represented by floats.

Tournament officials explained that the universities are usually sponsored by some organization, and this year no groups were contacted in time.

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## Claude Mitchell Missing After Discharge

Mysteriously missing since he left Fort MacArthur Christmas morning after receiving his honorable discharge from the Army, S/Sgt. Claude W. Mitchell Jr. was the object of a wide search last night.

Age 25, he resided at 819 Fortola ave., Torrance.

His mother was in distraught condition last night and was in the care a physician.

A check-up by the staff sergeant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude W. Mitchell, Sr. of the home address revealed that the young Army man received his discharge at Fort MacArthur at 8 a.m. and left the camp about 8:30 Christmas morning.

Failing to hear from him, the Army man's father contacted Torrance and harbor area police, and efforts were being made to broadcast an appeal over Los Angeles radio stations.

S/Sgt. Mitchell entered the service on July 15, 1942 and had recently been returned from a long tour of duty in the ETO.

He wrote his parents on Dec. 11 from Camp Miles Standish, Mass., stating in a cheerful manner that "I'll be seeing you soon."

The young man is now married and so far as his parents know, he has no sweet heart. He is a typical "home boy," his father states and corresponded regularly with his parents.

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## CUCCI QUILTS COUNCIL'S TRANSPORTATION POST AS WARD'S REQUEST VOTED

Councilman N. H. Cucci resigned as chairman of the transportation committee of the City Council last night as an aftermath of a dispute over the concurrence of the council in recommendations of Bus Manager C. Z. Ward for certain reorganizations in the bus department.

Cucci very pointedly stated that he wished to resign as "chairman of the transportation committee as of now" and his resignation was accepted by the council after Mayor W. H. Tolson told him that he was given the assignment at his own request and he "was handing it back at his own request."

The council decided, on motion of Councilman C. M. Gilbert, that bus department affairs would be handled by the council as a whole.

Effect of the reorganization amounted to the elimination of the position of "bus dispatcher" held by Ernest Trelor for several months; readjustment of hours of bus attendants and others to eliminate the need for a "night watchman" establishment of new schedules to Los Angeles; establishment of routes to North Torrance, and other improvements in the service. Ward's recommendations to the council are printed in full in an adjoining column.

Councilman G. V. Powell, opposing the move to concur in Ward's recommendations sponsored by Councilman Gilbert, said that perhaps the best thing to do for the department is to abolish the job of "bus manager."

Gilbert had declared to the council that if they wanted to retain Ward as manager of the department, they should back him up and make a good department out of it.

"Give the department head in the bus department the same cooperation and backing that you give other departments, and you will have a good unit of government," Gilbert implored.

He won his point with the support of Mayor Tolson and Councilman Hitchcock, and Cucci's resignation as transportation committee chairman followed.

The council voted to instruct City Attorney J. E. McCall to prepare a resolution of intention to pass an ordinance to place the city employees of Torrance under the jurisdiction of the State Employees Retirement Fund.

Also voted last night was a movement to rezone the Torrance army airport so that it might be developed in accordance with its usefulness to the community. It belongs neither in agricultural, residential, light manufacturing nor heavy manufacturing zones; it was pointed out, but in a zone of its own.

Waterman Not Needed  
"During this same period a nightwatchman was hired to spend four hours and thirty minutes per night, from 12 midnight until 4:30 in the morning to watch the buses, there being no one at the City Yard during these hours. For this four and one-half hours per night the City paid \$170 per month. The bus attendant's hours could be advanced so that they would coincide with these hours, thereby eliminating the necessity of a nightwatchman and saving the City \$170 per month."

"I recommend that we discontinue the nightwatchman and change the bus attendant's hours from the hours of 4 a.m. to 12 noon to the hours of 12 midnight to 8 in the morning. This would leave someone on duty a full twenty-four hours of the day."

"The saving to the city on the above two recommendations would amount to \$627.83 per month and would not hamper our operations in any way."

Increase Schedule  
"I further recommend that we increase our Los Angeles schedule by three round trips per day because of the increase in travel and that we adjust our local schedule accordingly."

"There have been several requests for service in North Torrance. I feel that a survey of that area should be made in order to determine the possibilities of running a few schedules a day to that area."

"William Garland has contacted me regarding the lease on our bus terminal at 1014 So. Hill st. and informed me that if we care to renew the lease, the rental will be \$125 per month. He would like to know as soon as possible if we intend to renew."

"There is no other available building in this area and rather than make any changes in our routing, I would recommend that we renew our lease on the building at 1014 So. Hill st. for a period of two years, this being the maximum length of time Mr. Garland will allow the lease to run."

"Garland has complained of the appearance of our bus terminal at 1014 So. Hill st. It has been difficult to obtain the services of a painter, but at the present time I have one available and would recommend that the Council allocate \$150 for painting the bus depot."

C. Z. WARD, Manager, Bus Department.

VETS GET AUDITORIUM  
The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 3251, last night was granted use of the Civic Auditorium Friday nights for dances.

According to authorities, the couple left their children, Eleanor, 5, John, 4, and Thomas, 2, with Mrs. Cavanaugh's stepmother and step-father at 1966 W. Lomita blvd., after telling them they were going to San Pedro to pick up unemployment insurance checks.

From San Pedro they went to Phoenix, Ariz., and from there to El Paso, attempting to find work in each city, police said.

Cavanaugh is a former shipyard worker. He was severely injured two years ago when a heavy load of equipment fell on his left side and partially paralyzed that part of his body.

Local Cafe Burglarized  
Lee Balaam, operator of the Five Points Cafe, Cravens and Cabrillo ave., was the victim of a burglary over the weekend, Torrance police report.

Police said that \$83 had been stolen from the cafe's cash register during the burglary after entrance had been made by breaking the front door glass.