## BRONSON C. BUXTON, LOCAL REALTOR, CIVIC LEADER IS **NAMED CITY COUNCIL MEMBER**

Brosson C. Buxton, local realtor, was appointed to the City Council Tuesday night to fill the unexpired term of George V. Powell who resigned Sept. 15. The term ends in May, 1948.

Buxton was nominated by Councilman William H. Tolson, and his election was unanimous among the four other members of the city's legislative body. Hex was sworn in immediately by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, received the congratulations of colleagues, thanked the Council for their expression of confidence in appointing, him, and sat through a three-and-one-half nour session.

Councilman Buxton is one of the "old-timers" of Torrance, having had a hand in the development of the central business district and much residential property. He is, an extensive property holder.

Recently, he was appointed to the chalirmanship of the Rent Advisory Board for Area 15, and he serves as president of the Chalirmanship of the Republican County Central Committee in the 68th Assembly district, and long has been an active figure in political affairs. He is a member of the Rotary club.

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P ow elf resigned from the Council following the assumption of control of the schools of Torrance by the people of Torrance with the formation of the Torrance City School District as provided for in the City Charter which he vigorously opposed. He had been custodian at Torrance High School until July 1, when Los Angeles control of the school ended, and then was transferred to Dana Junior High School in San Pedro. He is moving to Modesto, Calif., however, having acquired property there.

**Darby May Lose** 

\$30-A-MONTH IS COST OF

**GUARD FOR 100 CHILDREN** 

# TORRANCE HERALD

# MERCHANTS BREAK WITH HARBOR GROUP IN MOVE TO REOPEN STORES HERE

# **Tidwell Gives Views On Chain Store Closing**

COUNCILMAN . . . B. C. Buxton, prominent local Realtor and civic leader, Tuesday night was named to the City Council, taking the place formerly held by G. V. Powell, resigned. [Torrance Herald photo.]

S14,000 Profit
Made By City
Building Dept.

Torrance City Building Department has made a \$14,000 profit in 11 months, due to the many permits being issued this year, but the plea of City Engineer C. M. Jain for permission to hire a full time electrical inspector was held over Tusday night for conferences between the City Council and Jain.

The engineer said that he is conducting his department with this same staff he had in 1943, but that where huilding permits have jumped from 175 in 1943 to 547 in the first nine months of 1947. Electrical permits have jumped from 175 in 1943 to 547 in the first nine months of 1947. Electrical permits in 1943 were 208, they have reached 946 in nine months of 1947. Electrical permits in 1943 were 208, they have reached 946 in nine months of 1947. Electrical permits have jumped from 175 in 1948 to 547 in the first nine months of 1947. Electrical permits have jumped from 175 in 1948 to 547 in the first nine months of 1947. Electrical permits have jumped from 175 in 1948 to 547 in the first nine months of 1947. Electrical permits have jumped from 175 in 1948 to 547 in the first nine months of 1947. Electrical permits have jumped from 175 in 1948 to 547 in the first nine months of 1947. Electrical permits have jumped from 175 in 1948 to 547 in the first nine months of 1947. Electrical permits have jumped from 175 in 1948 to 547 in the first nine months of 1947. Electrical permits have jumped from 175 in 1948 to 547 in the first nine months of 1947. Electrical permits have jumped from 175 in 1948 to 547 in the first nine months of 1947. Electrical permits have jumped from 175 in 1948 to 547 in the first nine months of 1947. Electrical permits have jumped from 275 in 1948 to 547 in the first nine months of 1947. Electrical permits have jumped from 175 in 1948 to 547 in the first nine m



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Skull Fractured

As Motorcycle

Strikes Train

Adrian C. Tatum, 2355 Torrance Loud, who was the protective redistricting of Los Angeles would take over the part of Dana Junior High school in County was the report yesterday. Roach, who represents the Second Supervisors district, most ly confined to Los Angeles would take over the part of Darby's Fourth district east of Western avenue, under one plan in the intersection of Crenshaw blvd, and Dominguez ave, last week.

The engineer of the train, G. B. Hurst, 3649 Roseview, Los Angeles, told Torrance police that he blew a warning blast on his holdstle when he saw Tatum approaching. In an attempt, to wolf and the Soldstring strip, and the Soldstrip strip, or represented by D a rby. Chairman Darby would not gain any new territory. He now represented by D arby. Chairman Darby would not gain any new territory. He now represented by D arby. Chairman Darby would not gain any new territory. He now represented by D arby. Chairman Darby would not gain any new territory. He now represented by D arby. Chairman Darby would not gain any new territory. He now represented by D arby. Chairman Darby would not gain any new territory. He now represented by D arby. Chairman Darby would not gain any new territory. He now represented by D arby. Chairman Darby would not gain any new territory. He now represented by D arby. Chairman Darby would not gain any new territory. He now represented by D arby. Chairman Darby would not gain any new territory. He now represented by D arby. Chairman Darby would not gain proceed to be divided equally on a population basis.

Nation try "once more" and if they failed to get the favorable ruiing of the court, they would quit.

However, it is reported that some of them feel chagrinhed and may continue the effort.

Sources-close to the plaintiffs said that some of them were "stumed" by the second Superior court defeat of their efforts, and that no more attempts will be made by the group to gain the airfield. However, they might file an action to secure rebate of the money paid the government under the lease.

The plaintiffs in the issue are E. M. Mosher, publisher of the Lomita Progress; Norman Gardiner, lumberman; John Stanton, manager of the Lomita branch of the California Bank, and W. J. B. Hughes, a Torrance resident who inined the suit as a "taxwho loined the suit as a "tax-

# **Plans For Fall** Frolic Nov. 22 A request from Torrance City School district that the city of orrance spend \$30 a month during the remainder of the school sear for a crossing guard at Hawthorne bivd. And 182nd \$4., was eferred to the Council finance committee Tuesday night. It was pointed out that the county refuses to do anything bout the problem, although all\* he children using the crossing a get to Perry school from the Nidod district are residing in ounty territory. The State to ut by territory. The State to ut by territory. The State is upon the state of the

The National Supply Company has reserved the Riviera Beach Club for its big Fall Frolic Saturday, Nov. 22, the week before Thanksgiving.

Dancing from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., and a midnight Smorgasbord dinner from 12 to 2 a.m. are planned.

The event is under the combined auspices of the National Supply Company, the National Supply Company, the National Supply Management club, the National Credit club, the Rod and Gun club, the Cinema club. the Bowling club, the Soft Ball club. Tickets now are on sale at National

# Torrance Retail Merchants division of the Chamber of Commerce has withdrawn from the San Pedro (Harbor district) Business Men's Association, and members voted unanimously Tuesday to relieve Haskell Tidwell, secretary of the Retail Clerks'-local No. 905, of any agreements or promises made regarding adjustments of existing agreements with the union and their store employees. The move was made to fancilitate the negotiation of a new labor contract with J. C. Penney Co., J. J. Newberry, Owl-Sontag Drug Co., and Whelan Drug Co., atore in Torrance to permit them to reopen. Existing contracts with the stores, other than the four closed units whose agreements have expired, run until February 1, 1948, but Tidwell had promised the merchants that if he signed the chain stores on a contract calling for a lower scale of wage rates than are being paid by the other stores here, he would adjust the other merchants' contracts to that scale. We are agreeing to continue operations under our lake of the continue of the contract of the contracts of the Retail Merchants' letter to Tidwell. "Haskell Tidwell, Secretary" "Haskell Tidwell, Secretary"

merchants' contracts to that scale.

"We are agreeing to continue operations under our existing agreements for the balance of the current contract, regardless of whatever wage rates or other conditions which you may sign with the chain organizations," Blaine Walker, secretary of the Retail Merchants Division, told Tidwell.

The merchants, at the meeting Tuesday, stressed the im-

CITY OF TORRANCE WINS

SECOND DECISION IN COURT FIGHT OVER LOCAL AIRPORT

# **Torrance Open**

## \$14,525 Goal of Torrance, Lomita In Chest Drive

Weather Report

# Civil Service Willett, did so "without leave to amend." This means that the only recourse of the Lomita business men is to file an appeal to the higher courts. It is not anticipated that they will do this, however, since they said that they would try "once more" and if they failed to get the favorable ruing of the court, they would unit.

Torrance Civil Service Board is urging that the two Torrance civil service ordinances be merged into one because of the difficulty in handling the various cases involved from time to time.

The police and fire departments are under one ordinance, and all other departments under the other.

The board suggested the contraction of the co

der the other.

The board suggested that the Charter be annended to provide for one ordinance only covering all employees.

The matter was referred to the Council as a whole and to the Citizens Committee now working on Charter amendments.



# 28 Stores In **Friday Evenings**

In order to better serve the buying public in this area, 28 Torrance retail stores will remain open Friday evenings beginning this week, Oct. 17, it was announced following a meeting of the Retail Merchants Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce this week.

The Friday evening openings, have been made in response to a demand of shoppers in this area who find it inconvenient to make purchases at any other time, it was explained.

Special values are being offered by the 28 stores participating in the plan, They are published in a full-page advertisement printed elsewhere in this issue.

Torrance and Lomita share of the total goal of \$7,322,240 for the annual Community Chest campaign was established last week after consultation with local Chest volunteers and other civic leaders.

Chest chairman, Sam Levy of Torrance and Ronald Coil of Lomita, said that the two communities will strive to raise \$14,525 as their part in supporting the 159 youth, health, welfare and veterans service agencies of

the 159 youth, health, welfare and veterans service agencies of the Chest.

Last year Torrance and Lomical conducted separate cambaigns, each with a quota to fill but this year the Welfare Federation of the Los Angeles County, Metropolitan area put the two communities under one quota Chairman Levy announced a meeting of Torrance majors for 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, in the Chamber of Commerce office. He said that 78 volunteers have signed up for work, but that more are needed.

As sist ant chairmen are George L. Johnson and B. T. Wiltiney.

Majors are the Rev. Ben Lingenfeiter; Mrs. H. C. St Martin; Mrs. F. H. Forester; Mrs. A. C. Turner; Mrs. David Howard; Mrs. G. W. Licht; Mrs. Elmer C. Moon: Mrs. R. M. Cline and Mrs. A. R. Wilcox. While Torrance residents were shaping plans for their particitation in the annual Community Chest drive, the official Rotarvelub publication of Las Vegas, Vev. was received stating that Hillman R. Lee, manager of the J. C. Penney Co. store, formerly of Torrance, was the first to step up and make his contribution to the \$60,000 Las Vegar qual.

STEEL WORKEDS IN

## STEELWORKERS IN SUPPORT OF CITY

WORKERS PAY HIKE

Local Union 1414, United Steel,
workers of America, C.I.O., Tueslay night expressed their ap
proval of the petition of city employees- for a new raise in sale
ries. The union also asked that
the Council negotiate through
the C.I.O. Public Workers Union.
The letter was referred to a
meeting on Oct. 22, when a con
ference on the matter will be
held.

# **TORRANCE ASSUMES \$266,009** ON ELEMENTARY, HIGH SCHOOL BOND ISSUES OF L.A. SYSTEM

were taken over from Los Angeles on July 1, u

## Lieut. Fierce **Rescued From** Raft In Atlantic



Lieut. (jg) Vernon R. Fierce Jr., 25. son of Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Fierce. 2363 El Dorado ave., was rescued from a rough sea off Marineland, Florida, on Oct 3 when the fighter plane he was giloting caught fire and forced them down a mile and, a half

piloting caught fire and forced them down a mile and a half off shore.

Lieut. Fierce, veteran of more than 26 aerial strikes against the Japanese in the Pacific, and W. L. Smith, AMM 1/c, his passenger, were pulled from the sea by two Marine Studio fish ermen, who battled high waves in a light skiff for over an hou otore picking up the men. Fierce received light bruises from the crash landing.

The aircraft was heading a routine navigational training flight of nine planes when it tengine began to miss about seven miles off the coast. Fierce tried to reach the mainland, but the plane caught fire and he or, dered Smith to ball out. Smith jumped from 1,000 feet and warescued an hour later.

Fierce was prevented from jumping by smoke and fumes and he made a pancake landing a mile off shore. His life raff sunk with the plane, but one was dropped to him from a student plane.

During the war Fierce was pilot of a carrier-based Nava diw bomber and was awarded the Air medal for his part in successful strikes against the enemy. I Palau and the Philippines hade two hits and a near miss on enemy assault craft an transports, and was given partial credit for two airplanes if flight and many more on the ground.

om Los Angeles on July 1, under rier which resulted in formation it.

\* According to figures given to Superintendent of Schools and the County Superintendent of Schools and the County Auditor, with the approval of the Board of Supervisors, Torrance will assume \$112, 773.88 in bonds on the elementary schools, and Redondo Union High School District assumes \$133,235.72 on the high school. This indebtedness will be transferred to Torrance with the formation of Torrance with the formation of Torrance with the formation of Torrance will per school District, which will result in Torrance assuming dontrol of the high school next year.

Torrance will pay \$11,901 per year on the elementary bonds, which run to 1961, 1962 and 1964.

The payments on the high school school bonds will be \$11,341 per year, and these bonds run to 1961 and 1962.

It is estimated that a tax rate of seven and one-half cents will retire the bonds, both for elementary schools and the high school.

Los Angeles had 'tried to "saddle" Torrance with the entire original am ount of the binds, \$413,698.88 for the elementary schools and \$410,946.23 for the high school.

It is estimated that there is \$26,266.90 yet to be paid by Tor-

wide bond issue.

Torrance must pay \$36,984 as its share of the \$147,381.62 spent on Torrance Elementary and Fern avenue schools in 1924, 76 percent of a Los Angeles citywide \$19,900,000 bond issue.

Rehabilitation of Torrance elementary and Fern Avenue plant expenditures were \$143,207.02 or 96 percent of a 1931 issue of \$5.790,000 of which Torrance assumes a balance of \$47,671. Torrance assumes \$914.5 or .0395 percent, on a painting issue of 1931, and \$1,820.53 for Walteria school representing 8.35 percent.

The high school issues are as

percent, on a painting issue of 1931, and \$1,520.53 for Walteria school representing 8.36, percent. The high school issues are as follow: (1) \$73,386.90 to be assumed on \$195,684.76 which was Torrance share of a \$7,000,000 issue expiring in 1962. This amounts to 2,659 per cent of the total. (2) \$46,920 to be assumed on \$106,884.86, Torrance share of an issue of \$15,280,000, amounting to .0699 per cent. (5) \$36.567.62 on \$82,693, or Torrance share of an issue of \$6,830,000, amounting to 1.193 per cent. (4) \$14,861.20 of a balance of \$25.681.23, the share of Torrance in an issue of \$5,758,000, which was .0446 per cent of the total.

Torrance has been paying on these bonds since date of issue, and according to school authorities, the amount represents only that amount actually spent 'n Torrance or real estate, buildings and fixtures.

### BOYD JOHNSON ASKS PERMISSION TO USE DOMINGUEZ WATER

TR. L. M. KNOX TO
ADDRESS LIONS
Dr. Lawrence M. Knox, roont, rolokets at Porrance Memoric hospital, will speak at the Lions club program Oct. 28 on the to pic "From Adam to Atom."

He will describe the lethal effects of atomic radiation on the human body.

## PIPE FOR 182nd ST. MAIN AVAILABLE, SAYS STANGER

That William H. Stanger, manager of the Torranee water of tricts, may be able to get enough six-inch pipe immediately trun a main from Crenshaw blud, to Hawthorne blud, was realed at the City Council meetig Tuesday night.

Councilman W. H. Tolson told the Council that the prospect were good for getting the pipe. Which would serve a wide area on either side of 182nd st., all inside the new Torrance Municipal Water District No. 2.

His remark came after a complaint was read against furnishing pipe to take water to new livery schedules call for order subdivisions before taking care of the present homes in North Torrance. The Council recently Stanger spoke, Tolson said the property of the present homes water district, but continued to the council recently Stanger spoke, Tolson said the pipe to take water from would be bought on the open 190th st. to 174th st., on Crenmarket for general city use, and home Bale tract of 186 homes, replace it in warehouse storiand other new development promise when received.

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