

# EARLY DELIVERY OF BUSES MAY BRING ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW LINES IN DECEMBER

Reports indicate that Torrance Municipal Bus Lines may receive all four new buses and inaugurate long contemplated new service early in December instead of January, according to Manager William Murphy, of the bus lines.

The bus manager said that he had received word from the bus division of Reo Motors, Inc. in New York, that the third and fourth of the new 34-passenger vehicles probably will be enroute across the country by Monday, November 24.

Two of the new buses already are in Los Angeles, and will be delivered by the company to Torrance Municipal Bus Lines today.

In the trip across the nation, the buses advertise the City of Torrance, since they are being painted and lettered in New York with the words "Torrance Municipal Bus Lines."

In order to give patrons better visibility of the buses, from a distance, roofs of all vehicles in the system are to be painted cream color.

Check-up and servicing will require a few days, and it is anticipated that the Long Beach to Inglewood line, serving North Torrance, local industries, El Camino college and the Harbor General Hospital, will be inaugurated Monday, December 1.

Arrangements are being completed with the City of Long Beach Bureau of Franchises and the police for routing the buses in Long Beach. They will follow Carson street from Torrance to Main street; Main to Sepulveda boulevard; Sepulveda to Alameda boulevard, and Alameda to 101 Highway. The route into Long Beach from 101 highway has not yet been decided, Murphy said, but the service definitely will start December 1, as will the North Torrance service. It will be on an hourly schedule.

Service into Seaside Ranchos will start Monday morning, November 24, with two buses each morning, and afternoon service scheduled to start as soon as all the new equipment arrives.

The schedule to Seaside Ranchos is: Leave Torrance 8:55 a.m.; arrive Seaside Ranchos 9:20 a.m.; leave Seaside Ranchos 9:20 a.m.; arrive Torrance at 9:40 a.m. Leave Torrance at 11:30 a.m.; arrive Seaside Ranchos 11:40 a.m.; leave Seaside Ranchos 11:40 a.m.; arrive Torrance 12 noon. Frequent service to Seaside Ranchos and to Hollywood Riviera will start about December 15, it was indicated. The buses will travel into the tract from 101 highway.

Additional service to Los Angeles will follow.

The plan for expansion of the lines was prepared by the transportation sub-committee of the Citizens Committee studying improvements in municipal government. Murphy is a member of the sub-committee, as is Councilman W. H. Tolson, Assistant Superintendent of Schools E. W. Ingram, Ben Haggard, Realtor.

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## National 'Fall Frolic' Set

Plans have been completed for the "Fall Frolic" of National Supply Company employees to be held Saturday in the Riviera Beach club, according to Committee Chairman Matt Liben.

Mel Irwin's 10-piece band has been signed for the evening, with card tables and games to be set up on the club promenade. A smorgasbord style lunch is scheduled for 11 p.m. featuring ham, turkey, roast beef and pork, besides other delicacies.

The "Frolic" is to be informal despite its club-city setting. Festivities begin at 9 p.m. and last until 2 a.m.

## Early Deadlines Next Week For Torrance Herald

As is the custom, public offices, banks and stores will be closed in Torrance on Thanksgiving day, Thursday, November 27.

The Torrance Herald edition of next week will be published a day earlier, for distribution on Wednesday. Classified advertising will close at noon on Tuesday of next week.

Editorial copy, society and sports news must be in a day earlier, with deadlines on Monday, but to assure publication, club and society news, should be in the hands of the editorial department Friday of this week.

## Huntington Beach Seeks City Manager

Huntington Beach is the latest small Southern California city to take steps toward the formation of the City Manager form of government.

A meeting was held recently to consider the adoption of amendments to the City Charter which will result in establishment of the City Manager plan of municipal administration.

W. F. Curmutt, chairman of the Huntington Beach Property Owners and Taxpayers League, explained that the group advocates adoption of the City Manager type of government which he believes will result in more efficient handling of City business. He stressed the fact that the league members consider the City Councilmen honest and sincere in their work, but they also believe that the City is large and wealthy enough to require a full-time manager of municipal affairs.

Torrance will vote early next year on an amendment to the City Charter to provide for the City Manager form of government here. The amendment was drafted by a sub-committee of the Citizens Committee, including four attorneys, and will be presented to the City Council which has agreed to present the amendment to the people without necessity of initiative petitions.

While legitimate photograph studios are carrying on their normal trade, many of them making neighborhood solicitations, the county is flooded with "fly-by-nights" who are falsely representing themselves as members of the staff of a big contest sponsored by the Downtown Business Men's Association in Los Angeles. They ask \$2.50, more or less, to enter pictures in the contest, Walker said.

No such contest is being sponsored, he declared, and the activities of the photographers are being investigated by the Better Business Bureau, of which the Torrance Chamber is a member.

Steven Flynn, 10-year-old student of 4739 W. 170th st., today was treated at the Park Emergency Hospital for a broken foot and numerous cuts and bruises, sustained when a Los Angeles school bus struck him while he was riding his bicycle on 166th st., near his home.

James H. Frazier, 28, of 15517 Ermanita ave., Gardena, driver of the bus told Sheriff's Officers that young Flynn, rode his bicycle in front of the bus.

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## COLUMBIA STEEL PLANT IN TORRANCE WINS NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL'S AWARD

Torrance works of the Columbia Steel Co., has won the National Safety Council's Award for Outstanding Safety Performance in completing more than 1,000,000 man hours without a lost time accident, it was announced this week.

The award, in the form of the National Safety Council's pennant and certificate, probably will be presented in the presence of high company and labor officials at a ceremony to be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday at the Columbia plant here.

Actually, according to Don Hyde, superintendent of industrial relations for Columbia's Torrance works, the plant doubled the National Safety Council's requirement by working 2,000,000 man hours without a lost time accident.

O. L. Pringle, vice president of Columbia Steel Co., in charge of operations, J. L. Turner, director of industrial relations for the company, Fred Koble, manager of safety and health for Columbia, will come to Torrance for the presentation ceremony.

The award will be made to the Torrance works' Joint Labor Management and Safety Committee, of which Frank Smith is chairman, and the Management General Safety Committee, consisting of Otto A. Kresse, general superintendent of the Torrance works, and his department heads.

Two union representatives from each department of the Torrance works, with outstanding safety records, will be selected to participate, and the union, United Steelworkers of America, C.I.O., local No. 1414, will be represented by its president, Alex McJannett.

Hotrod drivers have been making race tracks out of newly developed parking lots in the central business district, causing hundreds of dollars in damage to the surfacing of the lots.

They have brought a warning from Chief of Police John Stroth, even as Santa Monica city is taking measures to outlaw all unsafe vehicles from the streets of that city and the Southern California Timing Association was appealing to all hotrod owners to embrace the association's standards and eliminate the jalopy menace.

The parking lots are private property, the chief declared, although they were graded and surfaced with municipal funds for the convenience of shoppers. Hotrod drivers or others abusing the property can be held liable both for arrest and damages, it was said.

A group using the lot on Marcellina ave. for a race track was driven off Sunday, it was reported.

In Santa Monica the police are under orders to stop all "hotrods" and impound them for inspection. The first one stopped resulted in the issuance of seven separate citations to the driver because of violations of motor vehicle laws on safety equipment.

Some 700 members of the Southern California Timing Association, who build and test "hotrods" on the Mojave desert dry lakes, Sunday launched their own safety campaign.

At a meeting at Eastern and Slauson avenues the speedsters condemned reckless driving on the highways and agreed that if unaffiliated drivers would embrace association standards the jalopy menace would be eliminated.

The "show-off" antics of drivers who attend the week-end dances in Torrance Civic auditorium have brought many complaints and suggestions have been made to officials that steps be taken in Torrance to curb activities of the youthful drivers showing disregard for the safety of others and themselves.

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The National Supply Company has announced a new scholarship plan, effective immediately, to provide financial opportunity for employees who desire to improve in their jobs and qualify for better positions with the company.

Under the plan, all full-time employees with six months of continuous service are eligible to participate. This includes employees in the company's offices, sales divisions, the six plants at Torrance, Calif., Etna and Ambridge, Pa., Toledo and Springfield, O., and Houston, Tex., and in its many retail stores located in the oil fields.

The plan provides that the company will refund one-half the tuition paid by any eligible employee upon satisfactory completion of any course of study taken from an approved trade school, college or by correspondence. The company will make

## Geo. W. Stevens To Be Engineer-Administrator

George W. Stevens, chief administrator and city engineer of Culver City, will become City Administrator in charge of all management affairs of the City of Torrance including those requiring the services of a registered engineer on Jan. 1, Mayor J. Hugh Sherfy Jr. informed the Torrance Herald at a late hour last night.

"Mr. Stevens will be City Administrator effective Jan. 1, 1948," Mayor Sherfy said. "As a licensed engineer, he will execute and approve all engineer drawings requiring the approval and signature of a licensed engineer. Until he takes effect, such approval as is necessary will be made by Harold A. Barnett, consultant under contract with the city on several projects."

Mayor Sherfy said that the official action appointing Stevens as administrator, with powers as city engineer, will take place at the regular meeting of the City Council next Tuesday night.

The job of city engineer was vacated with the resignation on Nov. 15 of Glenn M. Jain, who is now serving as city engineer of Redwood City, Calif.

All members of the City Council are in agreement on the appointment, Mayor Sherfy said. Stevens, who has been Chief Administrative Officer and City Engineer of Culver City since 1946, was born in 1901 in Santa Barbara, where he attended high school and junior college.

After receiving a B. S. degree in civil engineering from the University of California in 1924, he was employed in the engineering department of Santa Barbara for 13 years, taking one year out for private engineering work in 1937, and returning as street superintendent of the city in 1938-39.

For two years he served as City Engineer for Culver City, until 1941 when he began a four-year period of active duty in the Army overseas, having been called into service with the California National Guard. He was a lieutenant colonel when he ended his Federal service.

As a battalion commander of field artillery with 155 m.m., 8-inch and 240-m.m. guns, Stevens saw two years of action in the European theater. He was in his big push across France from Cherbourg to Metz in the historic "Battle of the Bulge," and was in command of the 942nd Battalion in the 40th Group when U. S. forces halted at the Elbe River 40 miles west of Berlin, waiting for the Russian army to take the German capital. At present he is a lieutenant colonel on the 40th Division staff of the California National Guard.

Stevens is married and has a family residing in Culver City.

## TORRANCE PREPARES TO OBSERVE THANKSGIVING

Torrance this week is preparing for the Thanksgiving day holiday and observance in the traditional manner. Schools will close on Wednesday, November 26, and reopen on November 30.

Special church services are being slated for Thanksgiving day. The regular annual Community Thanksgiving service will be held on Thanksgiving morning at 9 o'clock in the First Baptist church. Special music will be rendered by the choir of the Christian church. The Rev. H. Wesley Roloff, of Central Evangelical United Brethren church, will give the scripture reading. Prayer will be offered by the Rev. Ronald J. Menmuir, of the Christian church, and received by the Rev. W. A. Penner, of the Nazarene church. Benediction will be by the Rev. Clyde Ruckman, of First Methodist church, and the Rev. Arthur Pedersen, of Foursquare Gospel church, will deliver a message. The Rev. C. Miles Northrup, of First Baptist church, will preside and give the call to worship.

The community service is under the auspices of the Ministerial Union.

At St. Andrew's Episcopal church, communion services will be conducted by the Rev. Torben R. Olsen, new rector, at 10 a.m. with music by the Girls choir.

Thanksgiving services of First Church of Christ, Scientist, will be conducted in the church edifice at 10:30 a. m., Thursday, Nov. 27, instead of at the usual church hour of 11 a.m.

Special Thanksgiving mass will be conducted at Nativity Catholic church Thanksgiving morning at 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.

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## SEVEN NEW SCHOOL SITES NEEDED DUE TO RESIDENCE GROWTH, BOARD DECLARES

Steps are being taken by the Torrance City Board of Education to acquire seven school sites which will be required within one to three years if the present rate of growth of Torrance residence districts is continued, it was revealed at the Board meeting Tuesday night.

Members of the Board and the Administration, including Dr. Howard A. Wood, president, and I. Henrich Hull, superintendent, have surveyed sites throughout Torrance.

According to Hull's statement to the Board Tuesday night, it is apparent that four school sites will be needed in South-west Torrance and three in North Torrance, due to present and prospective residential development.

The district owns one seven-acre site in North Torrance, acquired when Perry district became a part of the Torrance district, and another 15-acre site, formerly the Los Angeles High School district farm for Jardenia, which now is in Redondo Union High School District's possession, will come into Torrance district upon unification of the school district.

Hull pointed out, however, that these sites are unsatisfactory because they are on the edge of the district. He said they would have to be sold or traded for land in the centers of population in order to eliminate transportation problems.

The superintendent said that the Walteria school site is in a "business district" and cannot be expanded without buying adjoining residence and building property. He suggested that this site be sold as business property and the buildings which can be salvaged moved to a new site.

The superintendent declared that one site will be needed in the center of the Hollywood Riviera district, for a primary school; one on the Ellinwood tract, which might be used for a junior high school, elementary or even a high school; a third south of 101 highway in the upper Walteria section, and a fourth south of the highway on the Weston ranch property.

He said that three new sites in North Torrance will ultimately be needed, two east of Crenshaw boulevard and one west of Crenshaw but south of 174th street.

The sites, when actually selected and approved by the State Division of School House Planning and other agencies, would be taken on options and held until needed. They would be purchased outright, when required, Dr. Wood pointed out, if the price is right, but condemnation proceedings would be instituted in the Superior court if owners attempt to charge more than the land is worth to the district. He suggested buying raw land now at lower prices rather than waiting until sections built up and agricultural land becomes residential property.

Hull said he contemplated eventual use of Torrance elementary school as a junior high school, but said that this would require the providing of another

Members of Torrance Chamber of Commerce nominated to fill two offices on the Board of Directors, announced Monday by Chairman Bernard Lee, of the Election Committee, are:

Reed H. Parkin, secretary of Doak Aircraft Co., president of the Chamber for the past two terms; Grover C. Whyte, publisher of the Torrance Herald, incumbent director; Bob Haggard, realtor, and W. T. Tillotson, plant manager of American Rock Wool Corp.

Two offices are to be filled in the final voting which now is taking place by mail, with ballots due to be returned before Monday, Nov. 24, at 12 noon. The offices being vacated by expiration of terms are those of President Parkin, Director I. Washer, and Director Whyte. The third director will be appointed by the whole board after those chosen during the present election are seated.

Assisting Chairman Lee on the Election Committee are William Zoeller and Haggard.

Burglars Rob Blake Home

A \$1,700 burglary of his home Sunday was reported to Torrance police by Frank O. Blake, 5342 Sharynne Lane.

The thieves broke into the house some time between 4:30 and 10 p.m. by forcing off a screen door and breaking the window of the back door, according to police.

Among the items reported missing by Blake are a portable typewriter, a portable radio, two men's suits, two fur coats, a diamond ring and other jewelry belonging to Mrs. Blake.

One of Blake's neighbors told police that an old car was seen in front of the Blake house at approximately 6:30 p.m. Sunday with a middle-aged man seated in it. It was the only clue the police had to work with in seeking the culprits.

Weather Report

TEMPERATURE		
Nov.	Maximum	Minimum
12	70	62
13	70	60
14	65	60
15	65	60
16	67	59
17	67	58
18	67	58
19	67	58
20	67	58
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26	67	58
27	67	58
28	67	58
29	67	58
30	67	58

PRECIPITATION

Nov.	Total	(Season)
12	Trace	.023
13	Trace	.023
14	Trace	.023
15	Trace	.023
16	Trace	.023
17	Trace	.023
18	Trace	.023
19	Trace	.023
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GOLD STAR MOTHERS . . . Mrs. Helen Smith, Mrs. Allie M. West, Mrs. Persia Fess, president of Torrance chapter of Gold Star Mothers group, Mrs. Violet Brooks, and Mrs. Regina S. Cunningham are shown at Torrance Welfare Center where they received booklets compiled by the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Veterans Service Centers. Distributed to parents of all war-dead, the pamphlets give complete information on overseas and mainland United States military cemeteries, and list benefits available to dependents of veterans.

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## Mrs. Conner To Lead March-of-Dimes Campaign

Mrs. Clara Conner, recovered from recent illness and ready for renewed civic activity, will be chairman of the annual March of Dimes anti-infantile paralysis campaign which starts soon, according to Postmaster C. Earl Conner, honorary chairman.

Mrs. Conner will be assisted by Mrs. Edith White, as secretary, and will form a committee representing each of the clubs and organizations in Torrance.

The quota for the drive this year in Torrance is \$3,000, figured on a basis of approximately 20 cents per unit of population, it was announced as the organization meeting of all committees held at Warner Bros. station in Los Angeles recently.

"Twenty cents per man, woman and child is not much, as an average, for any of us to give toward the campaign to fight infantile paralysis," Conner said in announcing the leaders and quotas for the campaign.