

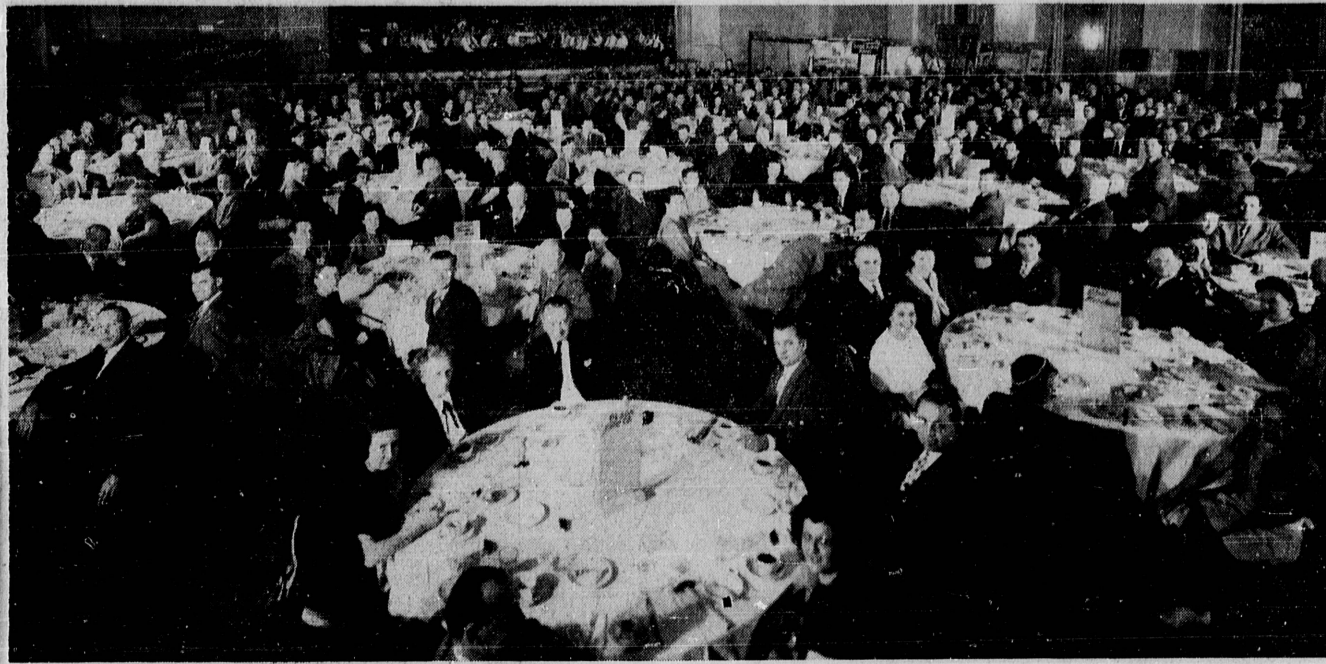
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'SALUTE TO COMMUNITY BUILDERS' . . . Here is a portion of the 350 persons who thronged Torrance Civic Auditorium Monday night to pay tribute to community builders of Torrance who are constructing or proposing some 4,589 homes in this city. The affair was sponsored by Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and presided over by President C. T. Rippey and Past President Reed H. Parkin. A map showing location of the tracts is printed on page 4-C of this edition. (Photo by Keystone)

Torrance Salutes Builders Of 4589 Homes In City At Big Chamber Dinner

Torrance Monday night honored developers of nearly a score of home building projects which will have completed not less than 4589 new dwelling units within the confines of this city before Uncle Sam gets around to taking the census in 1950.

And, according to the plans placed before the community

leaders gathered in the Torrance Civic Auditorium at the annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce, where the tremendous home-building program was revealed, the city can expect to double its population in the next two years.

Keynote of the affair was "Salute to Community Builders." The Torrance Herald, surveying the situation in connection with the annual Chamber banquet has revealed that 314 new homes have been completed and sold in seven new tracts in Torrance, adding some 2830 to the population of the city in the past year, and that 3865 more dwelling units are on the drawing boards and subdivision maps of the community.

They would add 10,705 persons to the population of Torrance, if completed as planned, meaning that, between the new homes completed in recent months and those planned, the population increase before 1950 can be anticipated as approaching 13,535 persons, practically double the official population as of the recent special census taken by the Federal government.

Honored at the annual banquet of the Chamber in its "Salute to Community Builders," were the following developers:

Ben Haggott, Seaside Ranches, who has constructed 140 dwelling units and proposes 467 more on acreage already purchased.

California-Nevada Properties, Inc., now completing 219 units. Riviera Housing Corporation, who soon will start 137 units.

Sande Senness, who has just acquired the remaining holdings of the historic Weston ranch, and who plans development of 1800 dwelling units here.

Southwest Properties, Inc., who are starting 186 dwelling units at 174th street and Crenshaw boulevard.

Sunhaven Properties, Inc., headed by R. W. Mayer, who will build 349 rental units at

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LOMITANS HIT NARBONNE AVE NAME SWITCH

Comment adverse to the proposed change of name for Narbonne avenue and Arlington avenue was heard this week both in Lomita and Torrance.

That the names of Narbonne and Arlington both be changed to "Van Ness" was suggested last week to the County Board of Supervisors by the Los Angeles County Planning Congress. The proposed change was reportedly the brain child of the City of Inglewood.

The office of Raymond V. Darby, board chairman, stated today that the supervisors had not yet received the proposal from the County Surveyors office, to whence they referred it last week for a feasibility study.

Meanwhile, among Narbonne avenue businessmen questioned, all said that they would turn thumbs down on any proposal to change the name of the historic Lomita thoroughfare, and many had a good word for President of the Lomita Business Association Jerry Ward's suggestion that the street, from here to the center of Los Angeles, bear the name of Nathaniel A. Narbonne, Lomita pioneer.

Some Torrance civic leaders said that they also would favor changing Arlington to Narbonne rather than "Van Ness."

A Narbonne avenue bank manager, a music store proprietor, a mortuary owner, a water supplier, a publisher, a shoe store owner and others said that they wished to keep the traditional name. Some said that they believed the change would, in certain respects, be harmful to their businesses.

Business Men Watch NLRB Picket Suit

Torrance retailers are watching with interest the complaint filed yesterday with the National Labor Relations Board by the San Pedro Business Men, Associated, charging that the Retail Clerks union is picketing a member store in violation of the Taft-Hartley law.

The union Tuesday afternoon called a strike and began picketing the Union War Surplus store at 220 Sixth st., San Pedro. Haskell Tidwell, union secretary, declared the firm had refused to sign a contract with the union. He called one clerk from the store and led off picketing, which continued yesterday with four persons parading with placards.

The store operators, Dick and Ira Kaye and Irving Robinson, all veterans of World War II, said they seek an arbitration clause to be added to the new contract which would call for state and federal conciliation service in the event any dispute could not be resolved by a joint employer-union committee.

Ira Kaye said the management was willing to negotiate the union shop request if they were granted the arbitration clause in any new contract.

Store Manager Dick Kaye yesterday filed an affidavit of the strike situation with attorneys of the San Pedro Business Men, Associated. The National Labor Relations Board is now studying 14 charges of unfair labor practices filed by the association and its members against the union.

NLRB Examiner Eugene Purver said he was awaiting a report of the situation before taking further action.

The Central Labor Council (AFL) last Friday placed the store on its "unfair" list and the firm countered Monday with an unfair labor practice charge filed with the NLRB against the union.



ADDRESSES MEETING . . . C.

S. Beesmyer, executive vice-president of General Petroleum Corp. and past president of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, is shown as he addressed the 350 persons who gathered in Torrance Civic Auditorium Monday night for the Torrance Chamber of Commerce annual dinner staged as a "Salute to Community Builders." (Torrance Herald photo.)

L. A. SCHOOLS BUY MORE LAND FOR NEW JUNIOR HIGH

Los Angeles City Board of Education authorized the director of real estate to accept a grant deed dated Jan. 14, 1948, from Madison H. and Caroline M. Compton for a parcel of land for the new junior high school site in the Wilmington area.

FIVE MEASURES PLACED ON BALLOT FOR APRIL 13 TORRANCE CITY ELECTION

Torrance City Council yesterday adopted resolutions to place on the ballot of the April 13 municipal election five propositions, three of which are amendments to the new City Charter and two of which provide for new ordinances.

The Charter amendments upon which the people will be asked to vote are:

1. To provide that Ordinance Manager form of government on a permanent basis.

2. Permanent abolition of gambling halls such as are licensed in Gardena.

3. Separate the elections of members of the Board of Education from the Torrance city elections, and providing for such elections to be held in May, at the time other school districts elect their trustees, as provided by the Education Code.

New ordinances asked are:

1. To provide that Ordinance No. 249 be amended to require that specific charges and penalties be set forth under which members of the police and fire departments may be suspended or dismissed.

2. To provide that Ordinance No. 200, which allows a \$50 a month salary for members of the City Council, be repealed. Election notices are being prepared by City Attorney C. Douglass Smith, who returned to his job after a serious illness this week, and will be published next week, it was said.

The anti-gambling, City Manager and Council pay elimination ordinances were sponsored by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and members of the Citizens Committee for City Charter Amendments.

Night Hours For Big Sale

In observance of Torrance Old Fashioned Dollar Days, most stores of Torrance will remain open on Friday and Saturday nights this week, it has been announced.

Most Torrance stores are co-operating in the gigantic value-giving event, by which consumers may realize values far in excess of expectations in the present-day market.

Torrance Old Fashioned Dollar Days are a new innovation for Torrance, marking the introduction of values such as cannot be found in other shopping centers, it was said.

TORRANCE ROTARY TO VIEW COLUMBIA STEEL WORKS HERE

Members of Torrance Rotary Club will be taken through the Columbia Steel Co. works in Torrance immediately after their dinner tonight, according to Joe Arnold, vocational services chairman of the club.

Otto A. Kresse, plant manager, will conduct the tour. He is a member of Rotary.

RESIDENTS OF NEW OUTLYING SECTIONS TO GET MUNICIPAL SERVICE UNDER NEW MANAGER

The needs of residents of outlying sections of Torrance, such as Seaside Ranchos, Torrance Manor and the California-Nevada tract in the Riviera section of the city, will have the immediate attention of the City of Torrance, George W. Stevens, city administrator, told the Torrance Herald this week.

Responding to a number of stated problems, Stevens announced:

1. Street signs will be painted on curbs at once, to be followed by erection of uniform steel poles and street name plates as soon as materials are available.

2. Bus transportation service will be improved within two weeks, as announced in another news item on this page.

3. Street lights will be installed through cooperation with the Southern California Edison Co. at corners.

4. Police protection will be increased through more frequent patrolling by radio cars and with additional personnel. The Walteria fire station now in its radio contact with the Torrance police department for emergency calls.

5. Traffic stop signs will be installed at intersections to slow down traffic through such developments as Seaside Ranchos, where a "through route" has been created from Sepulveda boulevard over Tullita avenue to Doris Way and then through Seaside Ranchos to 101 highway.

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New Bus Line To Riviera Section, North Torrance

Establishment of new bus lines to serve Torrance Manor, in North Torrance, and California-Nevada tract, on the Torrance-Palos Verdes Estates line, is slated for March 1. It was announced this week by Manager William Murphey, of the bus department.

Murphey said that the new North Torrance bus will be routed out Western avenue to 182nd street, west on 182nd street to Crenshaw boulevard, north on Crenshaw past Torrance Manor tract to Redondo Beach boulevard and El Camino College.

He said that the new bus service through Hollywood Riviera to California-Nevada tract will be an extension of service now routed to Seaside Ranchos.

Use Of Torrance Park For High School And College Football Urged

Possibility that Torrance ball park might be utilized for home football games of both Torrance High School and El Camino College loomed this week, following conferences between officials involved.

Torrance High School is in the Bay League of the California Interscholastic Federation, which plays night games and played home games in Redondo bowl last year. Torrance high's athletic field is not lighted and has bleachers only for a few hundred spectators. Also it is not properly designed, it is said.

El Camino, moving soon to Alondra park, is without a home field save for use of high school grids throughout the district when available.

Torrance Superintendent of Recreation Dale Riley, after conferences with City Administrator George W. Stevens and other officials, said that it is possible that lights can be shifted, fences moved and additional showers and lockers installed to take care of both the high school and college home games during the coming season.

President Forrest G. Murdock and Student Personnel Director H. J. Sheffield, of El Camino, will confer regarding the matter this week, and it is ex-



HEADS COLLEGE . . . Raymond J. Casey, former principal of Torrance High School, has been named director of the Harbor Technical Junior College being built in Wilmington. Casey is well known in Torrance and is at present principal of Belmont High School in Los Angeles. He was named director of the college by the Los Angeles Board of Education last week.

150 Attend Rites For William, Paul Husbands

Approximately 150 persons paid their last respects Wednesday to William D. Husbands, 49, Torrance World War I hero, who was slain Sunday evening by his brother.

The brother, Paul Husbands, 46, who turned the gun on himself after the killing, also was buried yesterday following a double funeral in Stone & Myers funeral in Stone and Myers Chapel.

Simple services were conducted by the Rev. Ben Lingenfelter, former minister of the Torrance Christian Church, and a squad from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3251 fired a volley over William's casket when the procession reached Roosevelt Memorial cemetery. Ashes of the brothers will rest there.

Torrance police said that the killing and suicide occurred early Sunday evening in the family home, 1808 Gramercy ave. A third brother, Jack, 44, was barely missed in the bullet barrage.

Paul, a rubber worker and amateur gunsmith, shot William with a .38 calibre pistol, police stated, following William's demand that Paul pay \$15 per month or vacate the residence which had been inherited from their mother.

As police reconstructed the crime, Paul stepped into a bedroom, returning a few seconds later with the gun and the ex-

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ELECTION MAY 14 FOR NEW SCHOOLS SEEN; TAXPAYERS TO BE ASKED TO VOTE \$1,450,000

Voters of Torrance City School District will be asked on May 14 to approve a bond issue for \$1,450,000 to provide four new schools for the rapidly expanding residential area of Torrance, it was indicated by the Board of Education Tuesday night.

The schools will be built in the Riviera section, Walteria area, Kettler Knolls area and in North Torrance, and each will contain eight classrooms, kindergarten, cafeteria and administrative quarters.

Dr. Howard A. Wood, president of the Board of Education, said that until the new buildings are provided, double sessions will be necessary next year in some schools to provide for the rapidly expanding school population. While enrollment last year under Los Angeles schools was only approximately 2,000 students in all grades, the figure now exceeds 2,700 students. Next year, it is anticipated, the enrollment in schools will reach 4,100.

It is estimated that each will cost \$283,000, including land, equipment, architects and engineering, fees and miscellaneous costs.

In addition a five-classroom unit, with additional kindergarten, cafeteria and office, costing \$138,700, is proposed for Fern Avenue School, to be located on the site now being used for a city park but owned by the schools.

A kitchen and cafeteria equipment is proposed for Torrance Elementary School, costing \$20,000, and \$8,000 worth of improvements will be made at Perry school.

It is hoped that some \$150,000 can be utilized for a cafeteria and equipment at Torrance High School.

The proposals will be studied by the Torrance Educational

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Torrance Herald 'Makes' Congressional Record

The Torrance Herald "makes" the Congressional Record. In newspaper vernacular this means that the Herald has been quoted in the official records of the affairs of the Congress of the United States, specifically at the instance of Rep. Cecil R. King who requested and was granted an extension of his remarks in the Record to include in full the editorial printed under date of Jan. 8, 1948, entitled: "1947: A Year of Results—Vision, Fulfilled."

The editorial, written by Frank S. Selover, managing editor, consisted of a review of three previous "New Year's" editorials; a survey of accomplishments of the community since 1945, and a list of that which will be needed in Torrance during the year 1948.

Thirteen specific past accomplishments were noted, and nine which are needed in Torrance for the year 1948 were outlined. Several of those mentioned as needed in 1948 already have been achieved.

The Torrance Herald realizes its obligation to the community and extends its columns to the end that the needs of this fast growing city might be met as fast as physically possible, and the recognition of Congressman King, in placing the editorial in the Congressional Record of Feb. 9, 1948, is accepted as an illustration of the fact that the efforts of this newspaper are being officially recognized.

Weather Man Predicts . . .!

With everyone doing a little predicting on the side, we asked the Weather man what he could predict. He bobbed his head up and down trying to dodge his bifocal blur while he looked at the weather chart and came up with this outstanding masterpiece of predication:

"Yesterday, which was 82 degrees, I predict will be the hottest day since the last time it was 82."

Period, end of report!

Except for the following list of temperatures for the previous week:

Feb.	Maximum	Minimum
11	62	44
12	62	42
13	60	32
14	61	31
15	67	38
16	68	33
17	81	43
18	82	56

SALE OF WHITE MANUFACTURING COMPANY REVEALED

Sale of the White Manufacturing Co., one of the oldest firms in Torrance, was announced this week.

Located at 17001, the company headed by O. C. White, has been manufacturing chicken equipment.

The new owner is Albert M. Meyers.

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