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TO BUILD NEW SHOW HOUSE

500 FEET FROM TORRANCE . . . lying just across the street from the north boundary on Redondo Beach boulevard is the recently opened Alondra Park Lake which was visited by more than 2,000 swimmers and sunbathers last Sunday. Guarded by county life guards the lake is replenished daily by fresh well-water. Tons of sand have been brought in to make the beach area a haven for kids on warm summer days. (Staff photo.)

TIDWELL'S 'RULE-OR-RUIN' TACTICS ARE DENOUNCED AT CLERK GROUP MEETING

Max Bearden, Torrance clerk and write-in candidate for the position of secretary-treasurer of the Retail Clerk's Union, made a scathing denunciation of Haskell Tidwell and his "rule or ruin" policies at a mass meeting of the rank and file members of the Retail Clerks Local No. 905 at the Torrance Civic Auditorium Tuesday night.

Bearden asked for the floor immediately following the meeting's opening by George Hart, attorney for the group, upon information that Haskell Tidwell had parked his well known car immediately in front of the auditorium's entrance and was attempting to intercept clerks as they approached the building.

"I entered this as a clean fight for an elective office in the union," said Bearden. "I felt I was right and I told Tidwell so in his office. I went over to see him and told him I was running. But now, what has happened out there tonight, the thing that he is doing and what he has done, I am going to beat him if it is the last thing I ever do."

Questioned later by press representatives as to what he meant by the above statement Bearden told those present that dozens of clerks from Wilmington and San Pedro had been frightened away from the meeting by Tidwell and a gang of rough looking characters

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SECRET VOTE

Under the order of Superior Court Judge Percy Hight, dated April 12, 1948, the clerk's union election to be held tonight, must be by secret ballot, it is emphasized by Attorney George Hart, representing the rank and file group of the union.

Thugs Attack Civic Leader At San Pedro

Despite a thorough combing of the San Pedro-Torrance area for two young husky thugs who last Thursday afternoon beat up Harry M. Carr, 64, chairman of the San Pedro Committee for Civic Betterment, no arrests have been made to date. The elderly, slightly built civic leader was attacked near his real estate office at 558 Fifth street, San Pedro. He suffered facial cuts and bruises and two fractured or bruised ribs in the beating.

Carr told police he believed the attack was prompted by his group's opposition to the leadership of the harbor Retail Clerks union. As he approached the church near his office, the two young huskies began beating him, Carr told police, knocking him to the ground and kicking him. Carr said he shouted for help and the men then ran to a car parked near the church on Grand avenue and fled.

Final moments of the attack were witnessed by E. G. Spencer of 1212 Alma street, who saw

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Heads Expanding National Supply Department Here

Appointment of Glenn C. Merkley as manager of the industrial products division of the Torrance, California plant is announced by The National Supply Company.

Merkley's new duties will be in connection with expansion of the Torrance plant to produce steel castings and forgings to

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meet the increasing requirements of western industry. Until recently, he was manager of the company's San Francisco office, engaged in both domestic and export activities. Prior to his connecting with The National Supply Company, Merkley attended the University of Southern California.

Special machinery and equipment, including components of landing gears for large airplanes, has been produced at the Torrance plant for a number of years.

Establishment of the new industrial products division consolidates the activities of the plant in the general industrial field.

DUST FROM SANTA FE LANDS CALLED MENACE TO HEALTH; PETITIONS ASK RE-ZONING

Dust storms whipped up by prevailing winds blowing over the frequently plowed fields, owned by the Santa Fe Land & Improvement Company, lying north of Torrance blvd., and west of Crenshaw blvd., are charged with being a menace to the health and property of residents in the area according to a protest petition now being circulated.

The petition asks that the land be "re-zoned, released from farm occupancy, placed on the market either for municipal recreational, or to the general public for residential subdivision" purposes. Mrs. Carol Brown, 1008 Crenshaw blvd., who is circulating one copy of the petition states that she has already over 600 signatures. Other residents in the affected area are also working on petitions and copies are available at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and the office of W. E. Bowen, president of the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board, 1327 Post ave.

"Anyone wishing to sign in portest to this menace before the petitions are filed with the proper authorities is urged to call at either of the above offices as soon as convenient," Mrs. Brown states. The petitions are addressed jointly to the City Council, City Planning Commission, Department of Public Health, and the Santa Fe Railroad Corporation. The text of the petition follows:

"We, the following taxpayers and citizens of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby insist firmly that something be done, immediately, to eliminate the menace and hazard that confronts this city, especially the citizens living in the vicinity of the perpetually plowed farm lands situated on the northwest sections of Torrance and Crenshaw boulevards, Torrance, California, known as Lots 1 and 2 of Tract 7873, as recorded on Los Angeles County maps, and understood as owned by the Santa Fe Railroad Corporation.

"Because of the daily westerly winds, the City of Torrance and its householders are perpetually menaced with a heavy dust storm which infilters the homes and lungs of our people, causing ill health such as sinus trouble, sore throats, headaches, asthmatic conditions, etc. Homes and furnishings are being ruined and the housewives declare it is imposible to keep

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Action Taken At Education Board Meet Is Told

At its regular meeting last Tuesday night it was recommended and approved that the Board of Education should:

Advertise for bids for a three-quarter ton pick-up truck and/or a one and one-half ton stake body truck.

Employ Gwendolyn Erickson as a clerk-typist.

Approve Julia Antonson for employment as a substitute housekeeper at the Nursery School, effective May 18.

Release the Los Angeles City School District, as per the request of the County Counsel, by incorporating in the release a statement as follows:

The Torrance City School District is free of all financial responsibilities which might have been incurred by Los Angeles School District in moving, resetting, connecting with utilities, and readying for use the bungalows moved from the Gardena Elementary School to the Perry School site.

Enter into a lease prepared by the city attorney covering the use of the Fern Avenue Annex for playground purposes for a period of one year, commencing June 15, 1948 and ending June 14, 1949, for a rental of one dollar.

A thirty-day cancellation clause was requested, in order that the district may cancel the lease if they decide to begin building on the Fern Avenue site within the period of a year.

Enter into a lease with the City of Los Angeles City Board of Education for the use of the Farm Site for the year beginning July 1, 1948 and ending June 30, 1949, at the rental rate of $125.00 per month, payable at the close of each month.

Child Killed, Two Hurt In Truck Crash

Firemen and deputy sheriffs were holding back a crowd of nearly 1000 persons at the scene of a spectacular accident Wednesday afternoon at Hawthorne and El Segundo boulevards, just as the Herald was going to press.

A loaded gasoline tank truck and trailer collided with a light sedan, and the truck crashed entirely through a store front on the northeast corner of the intersection, only a rear wheel of the trailer protruding onto the sidewalk.

Preliminary reports stated that a seven-month-old baby from Hawthorne, was fatally injured. Two persons, both adults, also were hurt and rushed to hospitals. Driver of the truck also was injured, but names of the victims had not been obtained before they were rushed away for medical attention.

ULTRA MODERN STADIUM TYPE THEATRE TO GO UP AT CORNER CRAVENS AND GRAMERCY AVES.

Construction will begin soon on an ultra modern motion picture theatre in Torrance at the southeast corner of Cravens and Gramercy avenues, it was announced today by Albert Mellinkoff and Harry Milstein, who will own and operate it.

Of the latest stadium type, embodying a reverse slope pattern with the entrances to the auditorium appearing midway between the back and front, the new show house is designed to provide an excellent unobstructed view of the stage from every seat. In every respect the new "Stadium Theatre" will be on a par with the newest and best show houses in the Los Angeles metropolitan area, according to Messrs. Milstein and Mellinkoff.

TELEVISION ALSO

Among its features will be a "crying room" or nursery where mothers may leave their babies in charge of a competent nurse. Provision for television is also made so that such events as the Rose Bowl football games may be viewed simultaneously with their occurrence on a large size screen. Earphones will be available for use at any seat and the seats themselves will be of the new comfortable body-forming design.

Slightly less than one thousand seats will be installed, according to construction plans, which are now being checked by the City Building department, preparatory to beginning construction. To be built of re-inforced concrete with brick walls, the building will be earthquake resistant in every respect, according to the structural engineers. The most advanced acoustical developments, ventilation, and hot water heating, are among the many features of the new theatre.

ZEON MARQUEE

Highlighting the exterior design will be an attractive marquee with multiple color high intensity Zeon tubing of the latest type. Mounted on a 40-foot tower will be a vertical sign completely outlined in neon and visible for miles. An extremely brilliant letter panel will be readable at a great distance, according to Edward L. Thompson, representative of the Electrical Products Corporation, designers and manufacturers.

Included in the new building will be a store room for rental and a suite of executive offices for the Mellinkoff and Milstein enterprises, operators of the Torrance and Grand theatres in Torrance, the Gardena theatre, and the Park theatre at 14948 Crenshaw boulevard.

The Torrance Theatre, which is temporarily closed while under complete modernization, should be ready for opening about August, Messrs. Milstein and Mellinkoff state. When it re-opens, it will be operated as a "first-run" house, along with the Grand Theatre and the new Stadium, the veteran theatre men state.

Stassen . . . Say Students

Can it be that "as the twig grows the tree will bend"?

Holding a mock political National Convention Monday afternoon members of the student body at Torrance High School elected Harold E. Stassen president of the U. S. in a landslide vote. Stassen received one third of all the votes cast for eight candidates.

Mary Ellen Crawford Wins Queen Contest

Miss Mary Ellen Crawford, 20, lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Petty J. Crawford, of 1306 Amapola avenue, is "Miss Torrance of 1948," and will reign over civic affairs during the year.

Entry of Torrance Lions Club, Miss Crawford polled a total of 60,649 votes to win the annual contest sponsored by the Torrance Junior Woman's Club for the benefit of the Young Women's Christian Association of Torrance.

Miss Crawford, who is employed as bookkeeper at Torrance branch, Bank of America, received her diploma from Torrance High School where she was affiliated with GAA and Tartar Ladies. She is librarian of Torrance Bethel No. 50, Job's Daughters. Gifted with a lovely voice, the charming successful queen contestant is studying with an operatic career in view.

Miss Donna Mauk, vivacious 16-year-old, entry of Torrance 20-30 Club, placed a close second with 53,000 votes. Donna is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mauk, of 2317 Maricopa street.

In third place with 50,555 votes was winsome Beverly Crook, Optimist Club entry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Crook, of 1926 Gramercy avenue.

Marie Kelton, VFW entry, chalked up 6,500 votes. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Kelton, of 918 Portola avenue.

Coronation ceremonies will be held tomorrow, Friday evening, in Torrance Woman's clubhouse

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SUCCESSOR TO THE THRONE . . . Miss Mary Ellen Crawford won the title "Miss Torrance of 1948" by raising the largest sum of money for the Torrance YWCA building and equipment fund in the contest which was staged by the Junior Woman's Club. She will receive her crown and sceptre tomorrow evening

Two Chain Stores Re-Join Merchants Assn., Hope To Open

The F. W. Woolworth Co. and the S. H. Kress & Co., two of the four chain organizations with closed stores in the Harbor area, have already re-joined the San Pedro Business Men's Associated in its battle to re-open the nine harbor area stores operated by the companies. Still to be heard from are the J. C. Penney Co., and the J. J. Newberry Co., who operate units in Torrance.

L. E. DeLaney, secretary of the business men, issued the invitations to the chain organizations to re-join the association following a special meeting of the board of directors.

His letter to the firms, whose stores in Torrance, San Pedro and Wilmington have been closed since last July, stated that joining the association "carries no obligation to open your stores in the harbor area."

"We feel that your affiliation with our group at this time will be evidence that you believe that our goals are sound and will encourage the retail merchants in this community, the union and its members, to make every effort to arrive at a collective bargaining agreement which will permit all members of the community—employers, employes and consumers to go forward bringing prosperity to the community by obtaining security against arbitrary work stoppages and arbitrary use of force to settle disputes," DeLaney wrote.

"The community has missed you," DeLaney wrote. "Consumers have suffered. There have been fewer jobs for retail clerks and other businesses in the community have had concrete evidence of the value of your stores in providing full community service to our shoppers."

DeLaney wrote that the association has been "endeavoring to work out the problems which have caused a wholly unsatisfactory employer-employe rela-

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Gift Flags Presented By Legion

American Gold Star Mothers, Torrance Memorial Chapter, are recipients of a set of three American flags, a gift of Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170.

Formal presentation was made recently by Adjutant James R. Wilkes during the semi-monthly meeting the women's organization in St. Andrew's Guild hall. Mrs. Anna Held, president, graciously accepted the gift on behalf of her chapter.

The meeting marked the special annual memorial service of the group in memory of the sons of chapter members. Each mother had been asked to take a flower, preferably her son's favorite, to be used in the special service.

GIFT TO CHURCH GROUP

Another presentation made by Adjutant Wilkes on behalf of American Legion Post was a handsome American flag to the Boys and Girls Club of the Church of the Nazarene.

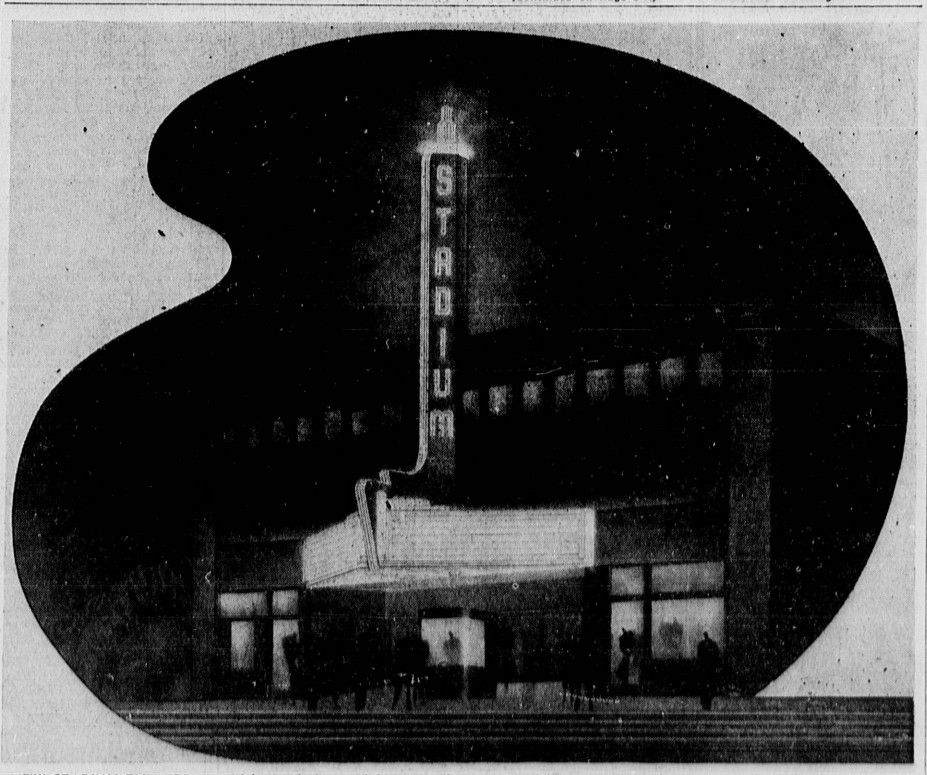
The gift was presented Thursday evening in the Labor Temple. Recipient of the gift was Leo Wagner, sponsor of the young peoples club.

Contributions To School Bond Campaign Listed

Mrs. Florence Miller and Mrs. Byron Johnson, who are acting on a voluntary basis in soliciting and collecting contributions to pay for necessary bond campaign literature, such as posters, stickers, and other materials necessary in presenting the facts to the citizens of Torrance in connection with the forthcoming school bond election scheduled for June 4, 1948, have furnished the following list of persons and firms who have made contributions to date:

Ben Haggott	**$50.00**
California-Nevada Properties	**$50.00**
Riviera Housing Corporation	**$50.00**
Hollywood Riviera Home Owners Association	**$10.00**
Walteria P.T.A.	**$15.00**
H. G. Pegors	**$10.00**
J. J. Kettler	**$50.00**

Further contributions may be turned in to Emmett W. Ingrum at the Business Office, of the School District, 2093 Torrance boulevard. The bond campaign is about $80.00 short according to school officials.



NEW STADIUM THEATRE . . . of latest design, will be erected soon at southeast corner of Cravens and Gramercy avenues, Torrance, by Albert Mellinkoff and Harry Milstein, operators of four other show places in this area.

Cycle-Auto Victim Dies

Gordon Richard Peterson, 28, an employee of the Superir Oil Company, died in the Long Beach Naval Hospital yesterday from injuries sustained in an auto-motorcycle accident at 190th street and Hawthorne boulevard last Friday night.

Being held in the Torrance City jail is John Foley, 19, of 3491 Spencer street, on a charge of hit and run, a felony.

Police Chief John Stroh said that it is probable that manslaughter charges will be brought against Foley after the coroner's inquest today.

Peterson was riding a motocycle last Friday night when he crashed into an auto claimed by police to have been driven by Foley. Peterson's mangled body was dragged from beneath the auto approximately 90 feet from the point of impact by motorists who came upon the scene a few minutes after the accident.

Foley told police that he had left the scene of the accident to get an ambulance. He was found by Officers D. C. Cook and Mervin Porter a short time after the crash under some shrubbery at a friend's house.