

Governor Invited to Attend Flag City Celebration

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CITY TO RESTORE BUSES TO RIVIERA

Riviera Buses To Be Resumed About July 1

A recommendation that bus service be restored to the Riviera area was approved by the City Council Tuesday evening, and City Superintendent Marshall Chamberlain was instructed to arrange for a maximum of six runs daily into the area as soon as possible.

In a report to the Council, the city's traffic committee, headed by Councilman Willys G. Blount, recommended that the service be restored as far as possible along routes suggested by citizens of the area.

Chamberlain said yesterday, however, that the routes would be approximately the same as they were before service was cut off earlier this year.

BY JULY 1

Service will probably be resumed to the area by July 1, Chamberlain said. Delay in resumption is caused by necessity for rescheduling some Walteria runs, and posting notices of schedule changes in the area, the bus manager said.

In other council action Tuesday, bids for the construction of a sewer in the Seaside Heights area were received and referred to the city engineer's office for recommendation.

BIDS RECEIVED

Bids were also received for refuse collection throughout the city and were referred by the council to City Manager George Stevens for study and recommendation. A letter from the recreation commission discussing the problem of financing recreation in the city was referred to a future agenda meeting of the city fathers for discussion.

Contract for a sewer project in North Torrance was awarded to J. B. Gravano by the council, and work should start soon on this project, according to Stevens. The area involved is the development around 182nd street and Hawthorne boulevard. The council also renewed the County Public Health Service contract for 1951-52.

Grads Invited To L.B. Party

Graduates from all high schools in the area including Naborne and Torrance are invited to attend an all-night party tonight at the Wilton Hotel in Long Beach.

The party, sponsored by the Youth for Christ movement in conjunction with various pastors in Long Beach and Torrance, will climax with a breakfast at 3 a.m.

Ralph Carmichael, his Campus Orchestra and Chorus, will play from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. Admission is \$3 with tickets available at the door.

Vacationing Technician Dies in Utah Accident

Death on the highway was the fate of a 26-year-old Harbor General Hospital X-ray technician Sunday as she drove east to visit her parents.

Miss Bernadine Caspers, who was on her way to the home of her parents in North Dakota, was reported killed in a head-on crash on Highway 91 near Kanosh, Utah. She resided at the Torrance Memorial Hospital.



DIANA CHACON
... Backyard Tumble Fatal

Tot Dies Following Fall into Water Keg

A fall into a nail keg used for a water pan for the family dog brought death Sunday to a 13-month-old Torrance infant.

Victim of the accident was Diana Chacon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zeferino Chacon Jr. of 2123 Crenshaw boulevard. Efforts of three Torrance firemen, Captain Gene Walker, Ralph Collins, and Charles Robertson, who worked on the infant with a resuscitator for 45 minutes failed to revive the child.

According to reports of the Torrance Police Department the infant apparently tripped over a 100-pound nail keg which was partly buried in the ground near the kennel of the family's pet dog. The rim of the barrel protruded above the ground approximately three inches.

The tot's mother, Mrs. Rose Chacon, had left the child playing in the back yard of their home. She returned a few moments later to find the child lying head down in the partly filled keg.

The baby was rushed to the Torrance Memorial Hospital where Dr. E. W. Grubbs pronounced the child dead after hospital.

Site Above Walteria Checked For Proposed Vets Hospital

Federal representatives this week inspected a 200-acre site at the crest of Rolling Hills above Walteria as the possible location for a \$18,000,000 veterans' hospital.

The 1000-bed neuropsychiatric and general medical institution would employ upwards of 1200 persons, it was reported.

Officials of the Palos Verdes Corp., which owns the land, said that the proposed site is located on High Ridge road, about 1/2-mile west of the extension of

Crenshaw boulevard. The new hospital would be an impressive architectural layout on the outlines of present facilities at San Francisco and Cleveland, Ohio, it was reported. Its construction in the Los Angeles metropolitan area was authorized by congress in 1946.

It was pointed by a Palos Verdes Corp. spokesman that the building of the hospital would mean a sizeable commercial spur for Lomita, Walteria, and Torrance.

"However, we also must look to the future of the Palos Verdes area as a fine residential

Governor Warren Invited to Big Flag City Fete

Governor Warren has been invited to head the list of dignitaries scheduled to attend the huge "Flag City" celebration planned here for June 30, according to U.S. Treasury Department officials.

Branches of the military have indicated they will send troops and motorized units to participate in the celebration.

Treasury Department officials have picked Torrance for the celebration which will gain nationwide attention because the city was the first in California to qualify for a "Minute Man Flag."

A recent campaign, touched off by George Post, chairman of the Defense Bonds Committee of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce, was climaxed last week with more than 80 per cent of local employees agreeing to make defense bonds available to their employees through payroll deductions.

Meeting Tuesday forenoon were a group of local officials who formulated initial plans for the parade and ceremonies here on Saturday afternoon June 30.

Representing the Treasury Department were William H. Hodge, Ralph E. Perry, and Stanley T. Switzer, all deputy directors of the savings bond division of the government agency.

Discussing the celebration at the meeting were local officials including Mayor Bob L. Haggard, City Manager George Stevens, Police Chief John Strohm, Charles Schultz, campaign publicity chairman; Chairman George Post, Blaine Walker, executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce; J. H. Paget, president of the Retail Merchants Division of the C. of C.; and Jack O. Baldwin, managing editor of the Torrance Herald.

Others named to the committee to work with the Treasury Department officials included Henry W. Creeger, George Peckham, Paul Loranger, Dean Sears, Wallace Post, Victor Teer, Bob Watson, Russell Lund, Parke Montague, Paul Diamond, Dr. Allen L. Pycatt, J. H. Hull, Mrs. Don Hyde, Mrs. B. W. Roberts, George Powell, Bert Lamb, James G. Parks, William Rose, Art Moore, and John Ott.

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Normandie To Be Opened To the Harbor

A new route from Los Angeles to the Harbor through Torrance was assured this week when the Board of Supervisors awarded contracts for opening, widening, and paving Normandie avenue from Imperial to Rosecrans.

Receiving the contract for the work on its bid of \$218,572.05 was the Arthur H. Johnson Company. Work will start July 1 and is scheduled to be completed by the middle of December this year.

Specifications for the new artery to Los Angeles call for an 80-foot right-of-way.

When completed, the new section of Normandie avenue will open the thoroughfare from Hollywood to a juncture with Vermont avenue, Anaheim street, Palos Verdes drive, north, and Gaffey street below Pacific Coast highway.

Awarding of the contract came after a five-year drive spearheaded by Supervisor Raymond V. Darby to have the Normandie avenue artery to the harbor opened. Darby was also influential in getting Western avenue opened through Torrance to the Harbor last year.

Herald Sixth in NEA Newspaper Photo Contest

The Torrance Herald was the only California weekly winning honors in the "Best Use of Illustrative Material" Division in the 1951 nationwide newspaper contest sponsored by the National Editorial Association.

The Herald received honorable mention or sixth place in the competition. There are approximately 11,000 weekly newspapers in the nation.

Judging of the contest was based on five consecutive issues of the competing newspapers. Some of the points considered in the judging was the number of news pictures, the tie-in with local events, reproduction and quality of photographs.

The entries were judged by Prof. Cliff Edom of the University of Missouri, one of the nation's leading schools of journalism. He was assisted by Tom Smith and Verna Miller, prominent figures in the graphic arts field.

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Army to Occupy Torrance During July Maneuvers

Torrance and eight other Southern California cities will be "occupied" by Military Government Reserve Corps units of the Sixth Army during mid-July as a highlight of the first combined summer training program at Fort MacArthur. Lt. Col. Levia H. Arnett, coordinator of the training announced.

"Occupation" of the communities, all in the vicinity of Fort MacArthur where the 17 Military Government Reserve units will be training, will have a two-fold purpose:

1. The Military Government units will receive actual field training in the program they would be expected to follow in the event of occupation of an enemy country in time of war.
2. American civilians will have an opportunity to see first hand that "Military Government" does not operate as martial law, but rather as supervisors of the government of the occupied country.

Culver City, Inglewood, Hawthorne, Huntington Park, South Gate, Compton, Long Beach and Redondo Beach officials also will feel the effect of the Military Government supervision during the three-day exercise.

For the purposes of training, some of the officials, including possibly Mayor Bob L. Haggard and Chief of Police John Strohm, may find themselves "suspended" from office while their



COUNCILMAN TAKES OATH . . . John S. Gibson, newly-elected Los Angeles City councilman, takes oath of office administered by Walter Peterson, Los Angeles city clerk. Gibson will take office on July 2. He represents the 15th District.

Gas Thieves Sought After Tapping Line

Poetic justice came to two pipe-line tappers this week who have been stealing gasoline from a General Petroleum pipe-line for the past nine months.

The two suspects, according to Sgt. E. B. Hatcher of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's department, had dug a 60-foot tunnel beneath a Wilmington Auto Paint shop used as a front to cover their illegal operation. It led to an underground pipeline running from the Torrance Refinery to the Harbor.

Temping fate, the two gas thieves plugged in a 125-pound test line with a garden hose fitting onto the 600-pound pressure line under the street. Gasoline was pumped into two tanks hidden inside two panel trucks and was carted to service stations the men operated in Keystone and Wilmington.

Not content with a daily haul estimated to be approximately 1000 gallons per day, the gas burglars were attempting to weld another tank in one of the trucks when the flame from their welding torch suddenly turned the building into a blazing inferno.

Witnesses said the two occupants took off in a hurry headed "that a way." As of yesterday the pair had not been apprehended.

ESTIMATES HIGH

A General Petroleum official said that early estimate of 270,000 gallons looked like it might be a "little high." He also said that the petrol crooks are

wanted by the federal government and the state government for tax evasion. They owe the U.S. Government a penny and a half for each gallon and the state wants four and a half cents as its share of the price of each gallon.

Based on 250,000 gallons this means they owe Uncle Sam \$3,250 and the state \$11,250.

LEAK SOUGHT

The local oil company officials said the pair, although they didn't know it, were about to be discovered. The "leak" had been detected and the company, aided with scientific pipeline leak detection devices were only a short time away from bracketing the "leak."

Just what charge awaits the pair when apprehended is a matter of some conjecture. Although the total amount missing is well within the grand theft bracket the pair may only face a petty theft charge. One legal advisor opined that the men could only be held to answer on what could be proven was stolen in one day. The amount of gasoline stolen in one day would put the crime in the petty theft bracket, he claims.

First Families Slated to Move To Torrance Gardens Next Week

Monday for the first 48 families to move into the huge Torrance Gardens tract drew near this week as notices were sent out to the home buyers to complete the final papers on the deals.

"Several families should move into their new homes next week," Louis Rudman, Torrance Gardens official, said this week.

As the first families prepared to move into the huge tract, the city engineer's office was processing building permits for the homes in the Gardens.

Hickory and Maple south of Torrance boulevard, have a permit valuation of \$1,869,400 and bring the total development valuation to more than \$5 million.

Active Church Worker Passes

Last rites were conducted in Redondo Beach Saturday for Mrs. Frank Long, 47, an employee of the D. and M. Machine Works and an active member of the First Baptist Church of Torrance.

The native of Lexington, Ky., died June 6 in a Long Beach hospital. Rev. Miles C. Northrup, pastor of the local church, officiated. He was assisted by the deceased's brother-in-law, John B. Long. Following the rites, which were conducted at the White and Day Mortuary in Redondo Beach, Mrs. Long was interred in Green Hills Memorial Park.

"The speed with which these