

TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1952

Thirteen



**JOURNEY'S END . . .** Relaxing after the long journey from Holland to Torrance are members of the Ouwendyk family (left to right) Robert, 14; Leo, Nellie, Djoek, Leonie and Arno. The Ouwendyks have taken up residence at 905 Felbar Ave. in Torrance Gardens. (Herald photo).

## Dutch Family Arrives To Settle Down Here

Population figures for the city of Torrance were upped six more last weekend when the Ouwendyk family, late of Arnhem, Holland, arrived through the port of San Pedro to take up residence here.

Coming to the United States under the sponsorship of the Anthony H. Van Kralingen family of 2204 Granney Ave., the Ouwendyks have taken up their residence at 905 Felbar in Torrance Gardens.

Making the trip from Holland were Leo and Nellie Ouwendyk, their daughter, Leonie, 24; a son Arno, 22, and a son Robert, 14. Smallest traveler in the group was six-month-old Djoek.

Arnhem, the Ouwendyks' home town, was the last town to be liberated by the Allies in World War II. Leonie, who was a school teacher and speaks French, German and English in addition to her native Dutch, said the family home was hit eight times by cannon fire during the final days of the campaign in the area.

Leo, the father, was a building contractor in his native land, and Arno was a carpenter and draftsman.

Are they happy to be in America?

They are open-mouthed at the copious quantities of food available here, Leonie and Arno both said.

The Ouwendyks were a middle class family in Holland and were able to buy meat and fruit only for a Sunday treat.

The families live mostly on bread and potatoes," Arno reported. Food is very expensive when available.

Holland is about the size of San Bernardino County and has a population of nearly 11,000,000 persons. Nearly 165,000 are jobless, the newcomers report.

"We have to export people because they are increasing faster than sources of food," Leonie said. The Ouwendyks consider themselves lucky that they were able to wait out the list and enter the United States.

"It took us three years to be cleared and granted entry under the quota of 3150 a year," Mr. Ouwendyk said. He speaks very little English so his children interpret for him.

Robert will enter school here and try to catch on to the English language fast enough to get right on with his lessons.

The family will apply for citizenship papers as soon as eligible, they indicated.

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## Price Agreement Made In Nielson Property Fight

"A \$4000 per acre settlement for school property in the North Torrance area ended a hard-fought but silent battle for 8.6 acres of land Tuesday night when the Board of Education gave its okay to an offer made many months ago.

Henry W. Nielson, owner of the plot on 18th St. between Yukon and Crenshaw Aves., had been holding out for the \$4000 sum because he depended on the land for his livelihood, he said many months ago.

The board previously had reached settlements for lesser amounts on other land and turned down the \$4000 proposal.

Nielson, represented at Tuesday's meeting by Attorney Leonard Smith, will retain rights to a barn located on the property, which he must move within a stipulated period.

The action clears the way for planning of a new school in this area to help alleviate the overcrowded North Torrance situation, members stated.

Current condemnation proceedings are being taken on the Ellwood property, located north of Pacific Coast Hwy., west of Hawthorne Blvd., near the Seaside Ranchos area.

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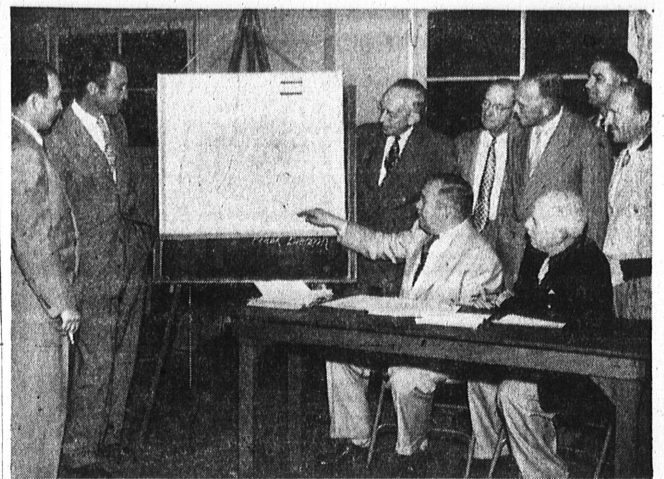
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**HOMEOWNERS OFFICERS . . .** Discussing sewers, storm drains and other projects in the Hollywood Riviera area are these new officers which were elected at a meeting of the Homeowners Association Monday night. Seated are Don Whitney, (left) new president of the group and Walter Garragant, the outgoing president. Others are (left to right) Francis Brennan, Ray Hole, C. C. Todd, Commander William A. Mason, Fred Ropiquet, Ross Dorsett and Robert Matson. (Herald photo).

## Don Whitney Heads Riviera Homeowners Association

Don Whitney, former president of the Hollywood Riviera Sportsmen's Club, was elected, to succeed Walter A. Garragant as president of the Homeowners Association of the Hollywood Riviera area Monday night.

Elected to serve with Whitney were Dr. Clare C. Todd, vice-president; Ross C. Dorsett, treasurer; Mrs. Rachel V. Sutherland, recording secretary; Commander William A. Mason, corresponding secretary, and Ray E. Hole, Fred C. Ropiquet, Bob Matson and Francis P. Brennan, all directors.

Discussed at the meeting, held in the El Retiro Recreation Hall, were a number of problems of interest and concern to the residents of the area, including sewers.

Outgoing President Garragant urged the residents of the Hollywood Riviera section to push the installation of sewers for the area.

He said sewers would cost from \$410 to \$147 per household, depending upon the location of the homes within the development. He volunteered to help "clean up" the sewer petitions now being circulated in the hillside community.

Cmdr. Mason told the group of an intended move by the City Council to pass a resolution asking the state to erect safety channels on Pacific Coast Hwy. at two of the main intersections bordering the tract.

Attending the meeting were City Councilman Ed Karlow and two council candidates, Mervin M. Schwab and Jack White. They were introduced by Mason, but did not speak.

Mason told the group that Hollywood Riviera now had 1366 registered voters.

"This represents approximately 12 per cent of the voting strength of the city," the ex-Navy officer pointed out.

"Living in the area are 1089 families—825 in single family residences and 264 in apartments," he said.

Willard C. Key, chairman of the art jury, reported plans for 18 new homes had been approved and that construction would soon be started on the homes.

Cmdr. Mason stated that the Hollywood Riviera section was assured of an ample supply of water in spite of a recent ultimatum regarding the tapping of water in the west basin.

"However," he told the homeowners, "we can expect a rate

higher cost of bringing Colorado River water to our homes as compared to the relatively low increase. This is due to the cost of pumping from local wells."

Well water costs \$7 per acre foot compared to \$21 per acre foot for river water, the speaker said.

The request was made after a move by Supervisor Raymond V. Darby to have the county sponsor state legislation for consolidation of all elections held by cities and districts throughout the county.

"Last year," Darby said, "261 elections were held. A consolidation of such elections would mean that any municipality or district would set its elections for a given date either in June or November, or whenever such time for elections was set by law. This would mean an elimination of overlapping procedures and a saving in county tax funds."

After adjournment of the board, Darby revealed that in 1950 eight municipalities requested permission of the board to put their measures on the ballot. This addition to the ballot cost an estimated total of \$9000. If each municipality had had to conduct its own election, the combined cost of the 11 elections would have reached an estimated \$300,000.

The Hon. Phil S. Gibson, Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court, yesterday assigned Collier A. Bridge, judge of the new court while Judge Hermosa Beach, to sit as South Bay Justice of the Peace for the month of March.

Judge John A. Shidler, South Bay Justice of the Peace, will take his annual vacation during this time. Judge Shidler will spend the month trying cases in higher courts.

The South Bay Justice Court, which serves Redondo, Torrance, Palms Verdes, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan, Gardena and Hermosa, will be changed to a Municipal Court with two fulltime judges on Jan. 1, 1953.

Judge Shidler has announced his candidacy for Office No. 1 of the new court while Judge Bridge is a candidate for Office No. 2 in the June primary.

Burglars who pried the lock and hinge from a door entered the Central Market several days ago, deputies reported today.

Bud Gardner, manager of the market at 2210 Lomita Blvd., said the loss, if any, was undetermined.

## Temporary Director Selected for YMCA

Dick Brown, summer camp manager for the YMCA and a teacher at the 18th Street School, was named program director of the Torrance YMCA yesterday to serve on a part-time basis until a permanent executive-secretary can be named.

Announcing the appointment of Brown was John Steinbaugh, chairman of the board of managers. The appointment of Brown was made after L. Milton Isbell, secretary of the YMCA here for

several years, announced his resignation last week to enter private business.

Brown, who is married and has two children, lives at 823 Faysmith Ave. in Torrance Gardens. He served the southwest branch of the Metropolitan YMCA for five years doing program work, and has spent the past five summers in the San Bernardino mountains directing the activities of hundreds of young men making the YMCA camping trips.

Last summer he was camp manager of the Little Green Valley camp. He has been teaching for three years.

Brown said he would be able to devote quite a bit of time to directing the activities at the YMCA. He will be on hand during the afternoons and during evening meetings.

Mrs. Betty Burnam, secretary at the YMCA, will continue on a full-time basis.

The "Y" building at 2050 Washington Ave. will be open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. until 12 noon on Saturdays. It will be available at other times for scheduled meetings of Hi-Y clubs and other groups.

Isbell said yesterday that the Torrance YMCA was fortunate in having Brown in the area to take over until a successor could be appointed. Isbell is continuing to work with the current support campaign now under way, and has said that he will continue to work with the YMCA in a lay capacity.

The document, which entered Supervisor Darby formally into his candidacy for a third term from the Fourth District, was signed by neighbors and personal friends and associates in Inglewood and vicinity.

Backers of the candidate say a campaign for the June 3 primary will get under way immediately.

Two Extra Days For Tax Returns

You'll have two extra days to wrestle with those Federal income tax returns, the Collector of Internal Revenue obligingly said this week.

Because March 15, the usual deadline for filing Federal income tax returns, will fall on Saturday this year, midnight of March 17 has been set as the deadline.

All returns must bear postmark on or before midnight of the 17th, it mailed, Robert A. Riddell, revenue man, said.

Offices will be open until 9 p.m. that evening.

## Like a Lyon March Blows In With Telltale Trail Behind

City crows were busy yesterday finishing the clean-up job necessitated by the weekend's heavy winds. Trees and tree limbs as well as general debris were blown over streets throughout the city.

A sixty-foot eucalyptus tree shattered to the ground early Saturday morning, partially blocking busy Torrance Blvd. near Hickory Ave. for more than 30 minutes.

Another woody specimen crashed onto a parked car near 1872 W. 218th St. doing considerable damage to the car, owned by a Los Angeles woman.

The gale, which reached a velocity of 65 miles per hour in some localities, ripped a portion of a roof off a house in the 2200 block on 203rd St. Vivian d. la Cruz, 2276 W. 203rd St., told Torrance police.

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Student counseling methods will be the theme of a Los Angeles County teachers' institute meeting on the El Camino College campus this afternoon.

Forrest G. Murdock, president of El Camino, will preside at the meeting, and George Watt, assistant director of instruction in charge of El Camino's extended day program, will act as moderator.

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## Youths Kidnap, Attack Woman

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