

BUILDER AGREES TO SEEK REMEDY FOR NORTH TORRANCE HOME FAULTS

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Four-Way Agreement Reached for Tract

A four-way agreement between parties involved in the Crenshaw Gardens home tract investigation was reached this week, and indications were that it might pave the way to a settlement of complaints against builders of the tract.

Meeting in the City Council chambers early Tuesday evening, residents of the area; City Attorney James Hall; Atty. Lloyd Wright Jr., representing builder Henry Albahten; and Atty. Harry Apter, representing the Princeton Building Corp., agreed to ask the State Division of Housing for a home-by-home inspection of the tract with the understanding that the builders would rectify "justifiable" complaints of faulty building.

The word "justifiable" was emphasized by Apter, representing the Princeton firm, and all apparently agreed that the word of a state investigator on what would be accepted as deserving of remedial action.

The city attorney's office reported late yesterday that state investigator Charles Armstrong was expected to contact the city this morning to arrange for a time to begin investigations of the 32-home development.

Attorneys and residents agreed that the state investigator would be accompanied by representatives of Mr. Albahten, who is no longer associated with Princeton, and a representative of the building firm if desired.

Offers of Albahten to "use his influence on Princeton" to seek a correction of faults followed filing of a criminal complaint charging the firm with 20 counts of code violations in construction of five homes in the tract.

Efforts to have Princeton Attorney Apter agree to drop the \$300,000 libel suit filed against Joseph E. Kolb and 25 John Does last February failed when Apter said it wasn't his decision but his client's.

Kolb and the 25 John Does were named in suits filed by Tony Paravano, Princeton Construction Corp., and Stanford Construction Corp. The builders complained that Kolb and others had made statements before the City Council which were designed to injure their business.

Depositions have been taken by attorneys in the matter, but no further action has been taken.

Weston Hills Developer to Repair Drives

Representatives of the Cottage Grove builders, developers of Weston Hills, city officials, and residents of the area appeared in agreement this week that something, at long last, was being done about drainage, driveways, and driveway aprons in the South Torrance home tract.

Gail Eagleton, representing the builders, told the City Council Tuesday that he had spent several days in the tract discussing the problems with residents, and that work had already been started on installation of the driveway aprons as required by city ordinance.

Attorney Eagleton said his company had made the money available and that the driveways would be towed or changed as necessary to insure proper drainage.

A report by City Engineer Ronald W. Bishop is due in two weeks on the progress in the area.

New Post Office To Be Installed

A new postal station in North Torrance has been contracted for by the Post Office Department, according to U. S. Senator Thomas Kuchel (R-Calif.).

The station will be built on the west side of Crenshaw Blvd. between 174th and 176th Sts. It will be a one-story frame building with 2511 square feet and will be built by J. A. Faris, who will provide the building on a 10-year lease basis.

The building will be ready for occupancy Sept. 1, according to the Kuchel announcement. At the same time, Postmaster Clara A. Conner announced that bids will be opened May 15 for bank-type three-line to be installed in the Walteria Station. Bids will be accepted until May 24 at 4 p.m.

Information may be obtained by contacting the local postoffice.

WEATHER

More of the same today. The Weather Bureau predicts a cloudy morning followed by hazy sunshine this afternoon and little change in temperature, with a high near 72.

MAYOR DRALE CHANGES COUNCIL PROCEDURES

A couple of noticeable changes in the operating procedure of the City Council have become evident after the second meeting of the Council under Mayor Nicholas O. Drale.

1. The opening invocation, inaugurated two years ago by the then Mayor Mervin M. Schwab, has been tossed out.

2. The mayor has opened up a new line of procedure in the matter of making and seconding motions before the Council.

Under item No. 1, Mayor Drale said two weeks ago that he was dispensing with the invocations until he could have time to study the practice. He skipped on through the opening ceremonies this week without a hint of seeking divine guidance for the evening's proceedings.

In the second instance, Hizzoner apparently is no longer to be relegated to the role of presiding officer and tie-breaker for the Council.

Despite a challenge by Victor E. Benstead Jr. that he was out of order, the mayor continued throughout the evening as he did two weeks ago to make motions, second others, and mingle into the proceedings at all levels.

Report Missing Plane, Girls Seen in Mexico



ARMED MIGHT . . . Among exhibits which will be on display on Armed Forces Day, Saturday at Fort MacArthur in San Pedro, will be an anti-aircraft battery of the 47th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Brigade. The public can visit this unit, which is a part of the anti-aircraft defenses of Southern California, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Other displays at the Fort's open house celebration, including scores of military items, will also be open for public viewing during the same hours.

Trio Missing For Month Said To Be In Mexico

An international serial mystery with pretty Flora Bell Kidwell, 23, daughter of Mrs. Wilfred H. Spoden of 1714 W. 234th St., in the cast of characters is nearing a dramatic climax and solution by American and Mexican authorities.

Miss Kidwell, two other Hollywood beauties, and the pilot of the private plane that took off for Mexico from Lockheed Burbank Airport in a rainstorm on the night of March 24 and "disappeared" two hours later are alive in Mexico, a metropolitan paper reported this week.

It was believed that the Beechcraft sports plane had crashed after Pilot John A. White radioed March Field that he was "icing up" near Banning and was "going up to 9000 feet." Silence followed, and scores of military planes plus dozens of volunteers from the Civil Air Patrol Auxiliary took the air for several days as they searched the rugged terrain from Fontana to Palm Springs.

They found no trace of craft or passengers.

Actually, the metropolitan paper reported the plane is believed to have weathered the storm and made a safe landing near La Paz, near the southern tip of Baja California.

After the landing the following day, and hundreds of miles off the course that would have taken the pilot and the three girls, each carrying an overnight bag, "disappeared" again, the paper reported.

"We are positive the plane made a safe landing near La Paz, even while we were looking for it around the peaks near (Continued on Page 2)



POPULAR ANITA AROS To Give Local Performance

Popular Violinist To Appear in July

Anita Aros, beautiful young violinist, and Miss Universe, to be selected in July, will share feature billing at the finale of the Third Annual "Miss Torrance Beauty Pageant," to be held in the Torrance Civic Auditorium on Friday evening, July 30.

The evening's entertainment bill will feature violin selections by the popular Miss Aros, while the new "Miss Torrance" will be crowned in ceremonies presided over by the new Miss Universe and Sandra Constance, last year's "Miss Torrance."

Appearance here of Miss Aros was announced this week by James Van Dyck, director of the Torrance Area Youth Bands, sponsors of the annual queen contest. The young star has made extensive appearances on radio, television, and in motion pictures.

She has appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show, which is televised coast to coast; has appeared at the famous Palace Theater in New York; has been the featured performer at such famous hotels as Houston's Shamrock and the Biltmore in Los Angeles.

At the present time, she is under contract to Spade Cooley and is a featured attraction on his weekly Saturday evening television show. In addition to being a violinist, she is a gifted pianist and Spanish dancer.

The appearance of the Miss Universe winner who will be crowned in Long Beach a few days earlier, continues the tradition established by Director Van Dyck and Oscar Meinhardt, who is director of the Miss Universe Beauty Pageant.

Meinhardt will be chairman of the panel of judges picking Miss Torrance again this year, Van Dyck said.

Official registration headquarters for the contest has been established at the Flamingo Florists, located across the street from the Civic Auditorium on El Prado.

Photo Arts Studio will again be the official photographers for the pageant, and Charles Gotts, owner of Daniels Cafe, will handle prizes.

The contest will officially open the first week of June and will end with the big pageant at the Civic Auditorium on July 30.

Harbor Addition Contract Given

Award of contract to Oppert and Forsberg, Gardena contractors, for new medical staff offices at Harbor General Hospital was approved Tuesday by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

CAP to Join in Armed Forces Day Observance

The United States Air Force's Auxiliary—the Civil Air Patrol—will help the U. S. Navy celebrate Armed Forces Day Saturday at the San Pedro Naval Supply Depot.

Squadron 43, Group 7, of the CAP will display an L-16 USAF aircraft and also ground rescue equipment. CAP cadets will assist in serving as guides and controlling traffic.

The program of events will include tours aboard a Navy submarine and a heavy cruiser, exhibits of equipment and fire-fighting demonstrations.

At the Torrance Annex of the Supply Depot, an open house will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tours of the giant storehouses will be conducted and exhibits and displays will be presented.

A helicopter from the Marine Air Group in Santa Ana will make hourly visits to the Annex and also on an hourly schedule will be a series of short movies.

The California National Guard will present a display of mechanized troops. Demonstrations of the latest in fire-fighting equipment and rides on the Torrance Storage Area locomotive will be featured. The Torrance High School band will provide music for the open house.

A group of 24 Corsairs will fly over Torrance at 2:25 Saturday afternoon in conjunction with the celebration of Armed Forces Day.

Warm Weather Draws Flies, Fly By Night Solicitors--Chamber

The advent of warmer weather and longer working hours is bringing swarms of out-of-town solicitors into the new housing developments of Torrance with glib pitches for everything from home freezers to magic paints, the Chamber of Commerce warned this week.

To check this swarm of house-hold pests, the Chamber recommends that citizens demand to see the Torrance City business license or Chamber of Commerce clearance card before obligating themselves to costly payments on wares being peddled by house to house salesmen.

The Chamber of Commerce clearance card is issued only to local concerns representing legitimate projects, and before the card is issued the reputation and background of the organization is checked, and the company is required to register and file complete data regarding its project, which is held on file in the Chamber office for future inspection or information of any interested party.

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Residents of Ellinwood Tract Form Homeowners Group

A new civic organization to be known as the Ellinwood Estates Homeowners Association, Inc. was formed Monday evening by residents of the recently-constructed Ellinwood Estates development in South Torrance.

Present at the organizational meeting, which was held at the Walteria School in Walteria, were approximately 75 homeowners from the area.

Acting Chairman Bob Werley, 4926 Pacific Coast Hwy., presided at the meeting and introduced a constitution containing the governing rules of the Ellinwood group. Official formation of the Association came with the adoption of the constitution by a unanimous vote of those assembled.

Membership in the EEEHA is limited to property owners within the new development, which is bounded by Palos Verdes Estates, Hollywood Riviera, Walteria and Pacific Coast Hwy. There are 187 homes in this area.

At the meeting it was decided to elect officers for the first six months to be chosen from among 12 blocks captain previously selected for their interest in civic activities.

According to the organization's by-laws, the Ellinwood group is designed to "provide civic service to the community and its residents, foster property improvement and counsel and advise residents" in various situations that might arise.

Regular meetings of the Ellinwood Estates Homeowners Association will be held on the

Council Again Denies Zone Change Request

A request for change of zone on the northwest corner of the city to allow construction of multiple family dwelling units was denied for the second time in less than a year when it came before them again this week.

The request for rezoning, submitted by M. D. Shepherd, was denied after a number of residents from the area protested the plan to allow multiple dwelling units placed next to their single-family homes.

Attorney Arnold M. Cowan, who represented the applicant in the matter, spoke to the councilman explaining that the area was adjacent to commercial uses and that the use as R-2 would be the most economical for its owners.