

# Split Council Ducks 'Hot Potato' Charter Proposal

# EL NIDO ANNEXATION ELECTION RECEIVES APPROVAL OF COUNCIL

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# Two Miss Death in Train Crash

## Industrialist Named Head Of Chamber of Commerce



JOHN EBBINGHOUSE  
... New Chamber President

John A. Ebbinghouse, manager of the American Rock Wool Corp. plant in Torrance, was elected president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce at the regular board meeting, Monday afternoon. Other officers selected at the same meeting were A. E. Thompson, manager Torrance Refinery General Petroleum Corp., first vice president; Arthur O. Otsea, second vice president, vice president and manager of the Torrance branch California Bank; R. S. Pyle, treasurer, manager Torrance office Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co.

Also elected to serve as a director for a three year term is O. R. Trueblood, manager McMahon's Furniture.

Tom Watson, was re-elected as manager.

These officers will be installed at the annual banquet of the Chamber to be held Tuesday night, Feb. 28, in the Civic Auditorium.

Ebbinghouse succeeds Paul D. Loranger who has served for two years as president of the Chamber and was named "Citizen of the Year" for 1954.

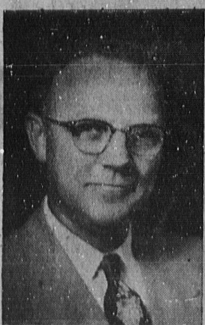
Loranger was officially thanked for his services as president for two years by the board on a motion by Director Milton A. Hunter with a second by Arthur O. Otsea.

## \$2,190,000 Bonds Sold

Money for expansion of the facilities of the Torrance Unified School District to serve the rapidly increasing needs of the Torrance area was provided this week as the county board of supervisors sold \$2,190,000 of school district bonds to the Security First National Bank of Los Angeles.



ARTHUR O. OTSEA  
... Second Vice President



P. S. PLYE  
... Chamber Treasurer

## Dr. Don C. Moshos To Head Red Cross

Dr. Don C. Moshos of 1617 Cravens Ave., was elected chairman of the Torrance Red Cross Branch, at a meeting of the board of directors held Monday evening in the Chamber of Commerce building.

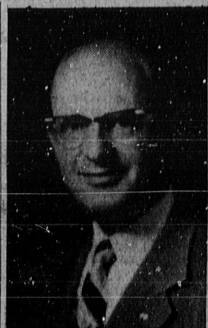
The new chairman succeeds Albert Isen, who has held the post for the past two years.

An active interest in the bloodmobile program, which he organized in Torrance for the first time almost 10 years ago, accounts for Dr. Moshos' outstanding experience with the mercy organization. He has also participated in several Red Cross fund campaigns.

As chief leader of the local branch, he assumes the responsibility of directing and co-ordinating all activities carried on by the various Red Cross workers in Torrance.

A native of Turkey, Dr. Moshos has lived most of his 45 years in the United States. He came to Torrance in 1948, after obtaining his MD degree from the College of Medical Evangelists in Los Angeles. He makes his home at 2570 Totters Terrace with his wife, Bernice, and their five children, Donnie, Don Jr., Donna, Dennis, and Donella.

A member of the Torrance Lions Club, Dr. Moshos is affiliated with the following medical organizations: American Medical Assn., Torrance Memorial Hospital, Gardena Hospital, and the American Academy of General Practice. In the course of stepping into



A. E. THOMPSON  
... First Vice President

## Doss Receives Kiwanis Gavel

Joe Doss was formally installed as the 31st president of the Torrance Kiwanis club at a gala dinner dance Monday evening at the Palos Verdes country club.

Inducted along with the local food market owner were president; Kenny Anderson, Jay Barrington, first vice president; Angus McVicar, secretary; Clint Meadway, treasurer; and the following directors: Don Hitchcock, Ted Meier, Park Montague, Glenn Pfeil, Alden Smith, Dean

Sears, James Post, Robert Clayton and Dick Pyle.

Doss succeeds Dr. Gerald Eastham.

Master of ceremonies for the event, attended by approximately 150 Kiwanians, their wives and special guests, was Paul Loranger, Clyde Lheureux, newly elected lieutenant governor of Kiwanis district 19, presided at the installation.

Outgoing President Eastham was paid tribute by Carl Arfwedson, past lieutenant governor, for the record achieved by the local club during 1955 and was also the recipient of a plaque for his services from Byr Scott on behalf of the Torrance club.

Presidents of the other Torrance service clubs in attendance were: Tommy Thompson, Rotary; Mott Farrell, Lions; George Bradford, Optimists; Joseph Bellanti, chairs president of the newly formed Watteria Kiwanis Club; Frank Selover, Civitan; Tommy Block, Exchange.

Dancing followed the banquet festivities.

## Litterbug Pays \$50 Fine in South Bay Court

Municipal Judge Otto Willett gave Raymond L. Rumsey, 23, of 18444 Regina, the choice of 10 days in jail or a \$50 fine in South Bay Court this week after the defendant pleaded guilty to dumping trash here.

Rumsey paid the fine.

Detectives says Rumsey was traced by an old address left on some papers that were dumped in a field near Regina and 186th St. last month.

Authorities checked out the address, in Hawthorne, then caught up with Rumsey, who admitted the litterbugging.



(Herald Photo) NARROW ESCAPE... Two persons were hurt Tuesday night when this late model sports coupe collided with a train at Madrid Ave. and Torrance Blvd. The front end of the car was dragged about 15 feet by a boxcar, then stopped against the warning signal in back of car. Gladys Funk, 32, and Frederick Casson, 22, both of 1572 213th St., were treated for injuries after the smash-up.

## Isen Challenged Over Planners

Initiation of annexation proceedings by residents of El Nido was given formal approval by the City Council here Tuesday evening following an hour-long discussion of the proposal with residents of the area and adjacent north Torrance area. The area lies west of Hawthorne

Blvd. and north of 190th St. and contains about 600 persons. The El Nido Elementary School, which has been part of the Torrance Unified School District for several years, is located in the area to be annexed.

One of the principal reasons behind the move to annex the area to Torrance was the school situation, members of the Council were told. The school now is housed in wood buildings and the El Nido residents indicated that they thought the situation might be improved if the site were in Torrance.

Several legal steps must be taken which include a petition by the residents, a public hearing, and an election.

Planners Named In other action of the Council Tuesday, Elvin Schoonover and Beverly Smith were reappointed to four-year terms on the Planning Commission by Mayor Albert Isen. David Figueredo was appointed to succeed James Whitcomb, whose term expired yesterday. The appointment was opposed by Councilman Nick Drake on the grounds that the mayor was making the appointments to the Commission without consulting other members of the Council—a long standing policy of previous Councils.

Cited the Law The mayor cited the ordinance which empowered him to make such appointments and stuck by his guns to name the members of the Commissions. Appointment of a president of said he also was empowered to the Commission, which Isen do, was referred to the group itself for an election. Beverly Smith, who was reappointed, has been serving as president. Figueredo, who lives at 1730 Date Ave., operates a service station at Torrance Blvd. and Crenshaw. He is a long time Torrance resident and has been active in Junior Chamber of

## Commerce and Optimist Club Work for Several Years

Mry Meet Earlier A suggestion that all Council meetings be held at 5 p.m. was voted by Mervin Schwab, Councilman commented favorably on the suggestion. The late meetings were given as the reason for suggesting earlier meeting times. Drake even suggested that some of the meetings might be held during the afternoon.

Councilman Willys Blount, who was absent Tuesday, has not expressed an opinion on the earlier meetings. At the present time, the Council meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first, third, and fifth Tuesdays and at 2 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays.

The Council also held up for one week the second reading of the city's new land use ordinance which raises the minimum building lots to 6000 square feet and makes other changes in the law. Several changes in wording and punctuation were being made by the city's legal department.

## Man, Woman In Narrow Escape

Two local persons escaped with minor injuries Tuesday night when the car in which they were riding crashed into a Santa Fe train at Torrance Blvd. and Madrid Ave.

Frederick B. Casson, Jr., 22, of 1572 W. 213th, driver of a 1955 model car, and his passenger, Gladys Funk, 32, of the same address, were injured in the crash. Their car hit a boxcar and was dragged a short distance before it lodged against a warning signal.

Police reports say the car was eastbound on Torrance Blvd., while the train was going south. Casson was treated at Torrance Emergency Hospital, then released. The woman was taken to the local emergency station and later transferred to Gardena Hospital. Authorities at Gardena Hospital said she was discharged yesterday afternoon.

The car received extensive damage to the left front end, according to police reports.

T. J. Wages, of 15223 Anola, Whittier, was engineer of the train.

Police reports indicated that Casson evidently failed to heed the wig-wag signal at the busy crossing.

## Dope Lands Boy In Jail; More Arrests Slated

Torrance juvenile officers arrested a 17-year-old high school boy at his home Monday on charges of possession of marijuana and indicated that more arrests on dope charges will be made soon.

Sgt. D. C. Cook, head of the juvenile bureau, and Officer Leo Gonzales took the boy into custody after about three weeks of investigation on the case. They said he is believed to be a peddler, but still are working on that assumption.

A student at Torrance High School, the boy was turned over to Juvenile Hall officials yesterday. A date has not yet been set for a hearing on the marijuana possession charges.

Sgt. Cook indicated that narcotics users are on the upswing in Los Angeles County. Use of narcotics in the county is getting to such a point where violators are going to be dealt with much more severely than in the past, he remarked.

## Blood Bank Visit Due On Jan. 23

The first scheduled bloodmobile will be early this year—Jan. 23, 1956, at the Torrance Civic Auditorium, Mrs. Gordon Jones, blood bank chairman said this week.

"A new time has also been set," said Mrs. Jones, "in order that groups from industrial plants may get in earlier." The time will be 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., instead of the usual 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Blood is needed more than ever before and all blood bank volunteers will be on hand to process all donors.

Interested groups may contact the chairman at Davenport 6-1617 or co-chairman, Mrs. W. Cochran, at FAIRfax 8-1597. Volunteers will again contact individual donors by telephone beginning this week.

## Council Delays Final Decision On Proposals

The City Council, split 2-2 with one member absent, failed to make a decision on including the proposal to consolidate city and school elections as a charter amendment on the municipal ballot next April.

While Victor Benstead and Mayor Isen voted to include the measure on the ballot, Mervin Schwab and Nick Drake voted against it. Councilman Willys G. Blount was not at the meeting.

Although the motion to include it on the ballot was lost, Mayor Isen insisted City Attorney James Hall to have it on the proposals which must be formally adopted next Tuesday. Blount has spoken favorably on the measure at previous Council meetings and his vote could tip the matter to a vote in the April elections.

All of the other items were put on the proposal resolution without controversy. Even a couple were added. Drake suggested that the people vote on the new Civil Service ordinance inasmuch as they voted on the original one, and Schwab voted to include a proposal to grant City Clerk A. H. Bartlett a pension of \$300 a month. Bartlett, who has been City Clerk for Torrance for 34 years, has been ill and away from his office recently. As an elected official, he does not qualify to participate in the city's retirement program.

## Long-Time Local Resident Dies

A long-time Torrance resident, Mrs. Eliza May Sidebotham, 79, of 1403 Beech St., died Saturday in a Long Beach hospital. She was buried Tuesday in rites held at Ingwood Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Sidebotham had lived in this area for 43 years and was a native of London, England. She was a past matron of the Torrance Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, a member of the White Shrine of Redondo Beach, and past guardian of Job's Daughters, Bethel 13.

The Rev. Leonard Babcock officiated at the final rites. Stone and Myers Mortuary was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. May Scotton, of Torrance, and Mrs. Edythe Hickey, of Long Beach; a son, Leo Sidebotham, of Torrance; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

## Board Names Chamber Traffic Study Group

Arthur O. Otsea was named chairman of a traffic control committee named by the Chamber Board of Directors Monday at its regular meeting. Other members are Milton A. Hunter and J. H. Paget.

## Car 'Caps Stolen Here

An Anaheim resident, Walter L. Weiss, reported to police Sunday that four hubcaps were taken off his car while the auto was parked in front of the Torrance Roller Drome.

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