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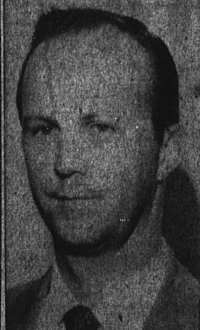
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Due Tomorrow

County to Act On Board Post

Approval of Clinton B. Cooke, 35-year-old general superintendent of National Supply's fabrication department, as a new member of the Torrance board of education is expected tomorrow when the members of the County board of education receive the recommendation on his appointment from the local board.



(Herald Photo) CLINTON B. COOKE Up for Board Approval

Cooke was named last week to succeed Dr. Joe Bay, who has moved his residence outside the city limits. The new board nominee has been a resident of the Torrance-Gardena area for most of his life. He was graduated from Gardena High School in 1939 and immediately entered the National Supply Co.'s student machinist program.

Received Degree
He left the firm in 1942 to enter the military service. The following year, he entered the University of Texas under the Navy's V-12 program, and stayed on to complete his work for a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering in 1946. After two short periods with Douglas Aircraft and Columbia Steel, Cooke returned to National Supply in 1947 and has been there since that time.

He lives with his wife, Helen, and three children at 16216 Wilton Place in north Torrance. Two of his children attend North Torrance Elementary School.

Cooke is a member of the National Supply Management Club, and occupies his spare time with golf and a home woodworking shop which fixes his garage.

The present board of education will include President Charlton A. Mewborn, Mrs. Grace Wright, Darwin Parrish, Joe Arnold, and Cooke, if his appointment is confirmed tomorrow.

Only two members of the board were elected to their original terms—Mrs. Wright, who was on the city's first board of education, and President Mewborn, who was elected two years ago. Arnold and Parrish have since been elected, but their positions on the board came first by appointment—Parrish to succeed the late Carl D. Steele on his death, and Arnold to succeed William H. Tolson who resigned.



(Herald Photo) BEATING THE HEAT... Cooling their toesies in a convenient pool are four late entrants in the 1956 Miss Torrance contest sponsored by the Torrance Area Youth Bands. Left to right are Vera Robertson, 19; Marti Fowler, 16; Marlys Webb, 18, and Lila Robertson, 17. Judging will be conducted at the Torrance Civic Auditorium July 27.

Three Cities May Be Formed South of Here

The incorporation fever in unincorporated County areas south of Torrance have reached such a pitch that maps for three new cities have been filed with the County's boundary commission during recent weeks.

Plans to incorporate areas including Lomita, Rolling Hills, and Rancho Vista have been filed, the latest on Wednesday afternoon when backers of the Lomita incorporation move filed their plans with the County.

Three Cities Proposed
Backers of the various incorporation moves propose these cities:

1. Lomita—bounded by Torrance on the north and west, Los Angeles on the east, and Palos Verdes Drive on the south.
2. Rancho Vista—would include much of the unincorporated areas of the Palos Verdes Peninsula outside the Rolling Hills gatehouse area.
3. Rolling Hills—would include that area inside the gatehouse of the Rolling Hills community.

Rolling Hills signified its intention to seek incorporation several weeks ago by filing boundary descriptions with the County.

Lomita proponents of an incorporation had been studying the matter, including in its plan the area described as Rancho Vista.

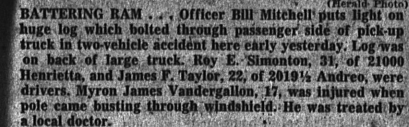
Opposition Grows
Opposition to Lomita's plans has grown in recent weeks, both from groups within the Lomita area and in the hill area proposed for inclusion in the city of Lomita.

Rancho Vista area opponents of incorporation with Lomita filed boundary descriptions early last week, a move described as a "delaying tactic" to halt Lomita plans for incorporation.

Lomita backers of city status responded Wednesday with their own boundaries—boundaries which excluded the hills area previously wooed.

No Poll Taken
Lomita opponents to incorporation say the move by the

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(Herald Photo) BATTERING RAM... Officer Bill Mitchell puts light on huge log which bolted through passenger side of pick-up truck in two-vehicle accident here early yesterday. Log was on back of large truck. Ray E. Simonton, 31, of 21000 Henrietta, and James F. Taylor, 22, of 2019 1/2 Andree, were drivers. Myron James Vandergallon, 17, was injured when pole came busting through windshield. He was treated by a local doctor.

Pastor Back From Annual Camp Duties

Pastor Glenn L. Goffar of the Torrance Seventh-day Adventist Church returned last week from the church's Earle-teen Boys' Camp at Cedar Falls in the San Bernardino Mountains, where he served as a supervisor.

In commenting on the 10-day retreat, Pastor Goffar said, "Highlight of the camp was a wilderness survival expedition." He explained that an advanced group, under trained instructors, camped for three days in the Santa Ana River area with no food, bedding, or water. Twenty-eight varieties of edible vegetation were sighted, 17 of which were used. Their main dishes were cooked caitail roots and nettles. At night a shelter was erected with two reflecting fires built for warmth.

Rangers commended camp officials for their work in teaching wilderness survival, which could be extremely helpful to them and to others in case of a national disaster.

Art Group Plans Show

Members of the Torrance Art Group and their families plan to visit the Los Angeles County Art Museum on Saturday to see a special exhibit of the Walter P. Chrysler Jr. collection.

The group announced at its recent meeting that plans are being made to hold an open air art show as part of the dedication program of the new Civic Center, Aug. 11-12. Any artist, professional or amateur, living in this area is invited to submit two paintings for the exhibit, a spokesman said. Vicki Feldon is in charge.

THS Class Of Summer '50 to Meet

A class reunion for the Torrance High School Class of Summer '50 is being planned for Aug. 18 at the Palos Verdes Country Club, it was learned here yesterday.

The August reunion will be a diner-dance, according to the sponsoring group.

Busy making arrangements for the affair are Jacquie (King) Holloman, Joan Davis, Vivian (Hazard) Mackley, Mona (Henry) Norris, Tommy Gattas, Ronnie Higgins, Joe O'Toole, and Rudy Flores.

Five Music Teachers At Convention

The South Bay Branch of the Music Teacher's Assn. of California sent five representatives to the state convention in San Diego's last week, according to Gertrude Lumsden, local president.

Among the many interesting workshops—panels attended were those led by Lill Kraus, internationally known pianist; Conductors, Sol Babits, Los Angeles; Robert Shaw, Santa Monica; Dr. Arthur Lange, Santa Monica; Ruth Bampton, Pasadena; American Composer Roy Harris; Vocal instructors, William Vennard, Los Angeles; J. Dayton Smith, San Diego, and two pianists Ethel Bartlett and Rae Robertson.

Dr. George Markey, head of organ department, Westminster Choir College, and Dr. Paul Pick, College of Fine Arts, University of Texas, were among the speakers at the informative lectures given.

Attending from the local South Bay Chapter were branch officers, Lila Stefan of Hollywood Riviera; Alfreda Headley of Redondo Beach; Mrs. Lumsden of Torrance and members Mabel Woodworth of Manhattan Beach and Efeldine Courtney of Redondo Beach.

The South Bay Branch was complimented by the state officers on its progress since organizing last March, and also on its high standards of membership, fine programs, and phenomenal growth.

'Accidental' Police Say Of Hanging

Juvenile authorities reported yesterday that a 10-year-old Torrance boy, who apparently hanged himself accidentally a week ago, is home and reportedly in good health.

Officer Gus Rothswich said John Alton Wagner appears to have recovered completely from the incident. He said the boy told authorities at Harbor General Hospital that he remembered being alone in the garage of his home, but that was all.

The youngster reportedly was found by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Wagner, last Sunday evening hanging from a rack near the garage ceiling. He had been seen minutes before by two sisters, officials reported.

The family lives at 4753 DeLane St.

Operation Alert Report Due Soon

A report on Friday's "Operation Alert 1956" drills in the city will be heard Thursday when service chiefs of the Torrance Civil Defense and Disaster Groups meet.

Although most of the Southern "rider mock attack" during the day, local participation began at 4 p.m. with a meeting of the chiefs in Planning Director George Powell's office. Powell is assistant to Civil Defense Director George Stevens.

Throughout the Los Angeles area, CD groups were carrying out survival tasks all day. The mock attack also brought out the first nationwide use of Conelrad, special defense radio broadcast procedure.

All radio stations, except KFI, 640, and KPPC, 1240, were off the air for a 15-minute period. All television and FM stations closed down.

PACIFIERS DRIVE MOTHER, BABY OUT

There are several ways a baby's playthings can be sterilized, but the one used by a Torrance mother this week is not recommended by members of the Torrance Fire Department.

Mrs. J. L. Cadenhead, 4578 Cadison St., was sterilizing her baby's pacifiers this week when they caught fire, she told firemen.

Firemen got into the act when smoke filled the house, driving mother and baby out.

No damage was reported after the smoke had cleared. No damage, that is, except to the pacifiers. They were a total loss.

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Area's First Rabid Dog of Year Found

The city's first rabid dog of the season was picked up last week at Newton St. and Hawthorne Ave., it was reported yesterday by the County Health Office here.

The dog, which bore a Los Angeles city license, was picked up near the intersection by a woman and her daughter and taken to South Bay Humane Society, the health official said.

The dog was apparently coming down Hawthorne from the Palos Verdes area when found a week ago yesterday.

By last Tuesday, the dog was

showing symptoms of rabies, and it died Wednesday afternoon.

Laboratory analysis of the dog's brain showed the presence of negri, a positive indication that it suffered rabies.

Neither of the ladies who picked up the stray were bitten, and there are no other known bites from the animal, health officers say.

The dog was described as medium in size, about like a large cocker, was light tan, and probably a mixed sheep dog.



(Herald Photo) EXTEND WELCOME... A Japanese recreation official, Goichi Matsubara, secretary of the National Recreation Association of Japan, receives welcome handshake from Mayor Al Isen on steps of City Hall Friday. Matsubara observed local recreation parks and activities on a special tour Friday. Helping to welcome visitor are, left to right, City Manager George Stevens, Recreation Commissioner Herma Tillin, and Recreation Director Harry Van Bellechem, far right.



(Herald Photo) GONE FISHIN'... Police Lt. D. C. Cook, left, gives last minute instructions to Dan Tipla, James Masaki and Wayne Wright, left to right, prior to starting on angling trip. Police sponsored trip took 15 boys to Mystery Lake, above Fresno, Friday. Group is to return today. Virgil Bolles, Torrance Mounted Police officer, and Police officer, and Police Lt. A. S. Thompson stand behind boys.

Temperatures

The following daily temperatures were recorded in Torrance last week at the fire department main station:

	Low	High
Sunday	55	72
Monday	51	75
Tuesday	52	76
Wednesday	52	74
Thursday	60	70
Friday	59	71
Saturday	59	72