

Lomita Variance Gets Board Okay

A petition for a zone exception to construct a 15-unit apartment at 2268 and 2274 W. 24th St. has been approved. The petition was submitted by Morris Otchis and Murray Auerback. The area is zoned R-2.

Teachers Honored at Tenure Tea

The Torrance Education Assn. honored a large group of teachers Thursday afternoon at the first annual "Tenure Tea." More than 90 teachers gained tenure this year.

Hosted by members of the Torrance High School Future

Teachers Club, the district's newest tenure members heard Paul Bjelland, California Teachers Assn., explain the new legal status which they have gained.

OTHER SPEAKERS included Garth Belnap, president of the TEA; Mrs. Polly Watts, board of education member; and Dr. Robert Morton, assistant superintendent of schools for personnel matters. Dr. Carl Ahee, principal of Torrance High, welcomed the group. Under California law, teachers achieve tenure after three years of acceptable teaching in

the district. Personnel division consultants rate each teacher throughout the first three years, as do the individual principals. At the end of the third year, teachers are given their tenure. Under the tenure law, teachers may not be dismissed without just cause, such as immoral conduct or failure to discharge teaching responsibilities.

Plan to Eliminate Office Of City Treasurer Studied

A proposal to eliminate the office of city treasurer met with a cool reception when put to the City Council last week.

Councilman Ross Sciarrotta said the city has gotten along fine without the services of the treasurer, Mrs. Harriet V. Leech for more than a year. He asked that a study be made

to put a charter amendment before the voters in April. Mrs. Leech, who is recovering from an illness, has not been on the job for about 15 months.

City Manager Wade Peebles will poll other cities to present the council with "the facts" as soon as possible. The proposal would require

a charter amendment, and could not become effective until 1966. It would save the city about \$8,000 annually, said Sciarrotta.

During discussion of the proposal, Mayor Albert Isen remarked, "Why not have everybody appointed?" Isen recalled past moves to elimi-

nate the city clerk for the council, and added, "Nothing ever came of it."

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