

COUNCIL MEMBERS BOYCOTT MEETING

Blount Rumored Ready To Resign

PRESSURE TOO GREAT, REPORT SAYS

Rumors that Councilman Willys Blount may yield to pressure and give up his councilmanic post in Torrance were current this week, lending weight to the report that "something is behind" the ordinance which would bar the appointment of a city board or commission member to the city council. This ordinance was offered by Councilman Harvey Spelman and adopted for its first reading two weeks ago.

Blount is said to be finding the city's business much too confining for the good of his own business, and the machine headed by Mayor Bob Haggard is said to be grooming a Hollywood Riviera man (not Mr. Mason) for the appointment.

Reports also were heard this week that Spelman wants to give up his office in the city council. Both Spelman and Blount, Haggard-Herald sponsored, went into office in the last election, in April.

The councilmanic majority of Haggard-Spelman-Blount realize that with one member stepping down, there will be a tie in the appointment of another councilman, since Councilman Nick Drale and George Powell work closely together.

The ordinance to bar commission members from appointment would prevent the appointment of Victor E. Benstead, Jr., a member of the Civil Service Commission and defeated by but a few votes in the April election by Blount.

If Blount should quit, as is rumored, either a compromise candidate or an election will be needed to fill the office.

However, the ordinance barring appointment of commission members is believed to be unconstitutional, and the Benstead appointment might be forced to spare the expense and "campaign" of an election.

First Retired City Worker Denied Pass

After nearly a quarter of a century of service with the City of Torrance, Bill Laven, age 70, has retired from the street department at about one-fourth of his pay, but he cannot have a pass on Torrance Municipal Bus Lines to make very frequent trips to Los Angeles to see a specialist who is treating his eyes.

Living at 1809 Arlington ave-employee to retire under the state pension system, set up a few years ago, and he draws \$82 a month. He was earning \$231 a month prior to his retirement.

This was denied, even though the railroads give passes to retired employees, and the city council is being appealed to for the purpose of establishing a precedent. There will not be another retirement for three years, it was said.

Laven has lived in Torrance for 33 years and worked for the city for 24 years and 4 months.

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REAL ESTATE SPECIAL FOR THE WEEK

ACACIA STREET and PERCY AND VAUGHN

Offers you the once in a lifetime home. The unusual appointments would take much, much more space than we have here. 3 bedroom, 2 baths, full tile roof, patio and barbecue. — See Percy and Vaughn on classified page.



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READY FOR THE CAMPAIGN—Standing in front of the new Democratic headquarters at 1313 Border avenue, Torrance, are (left to right): Councilman Nick Drale, Beverly Smith, chairman of the women's division; Jess Dean, treasurer, and Alex Bradford, vice chairman.—Press photo.

WOMEN'S CLUB SPONSORS "CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM"

In accordance with a proclamation by Mayor Bob Haggard declaring October 24, 1950, as United Nations Day in Torrance and urging the citizens to wholeheartedly support the "Crusade for Freedom", Mrs. B. Whitney, president of the Torrance Women's Club announced that the club will sponsor the Crusade in Torrance.

Freedom Scrolls, which will be enshrined in the base of Freedom Bell in Berlin and stand as a permanent symbol of the free world's determination to resist Communist aggression, can be obtained at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Any organization wishing to assist in getting signatures and donations for the "Crusade for Freedom", should contact the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of the "Crusade for Freedom" is to set up five radio stations which will penetrate behind the "iron curtain" to the millions of communist controlled peoples and tell them about liberty and freedom.

MODERN LIGHTS FOR TORRANCE

Modern streetlights for Sartori and El Prado were assured with the announcement today by George Binder, Chairman of a Committee from the Retail Merchants Group of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and consisting of James Squire, Ike Washer, Charles V. Jones and Paul Diamond.

Binder said that an amount sufficient to assure the installation of luminaire, mercury vapor type units had been collected through the cooperation of property owners and turned over to City Manager George Stevens. Binder reported that Torrance would have best lighted streets for any comparable business district in Southern California. Cost of whole project was announced as \$5029.19.

Blaine Walker To Speak at Jaycee Dinner

Guest speaker at tonight's dinner meeting of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce will be Blaine Walker, secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The dinner, arranged by Dick Tuttle, program chairman, will be 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Palos Verdes Country Club. It is open to anyone interested in Junior Chamber work. A nominal fee will be charged. FIRE PREVENTION As one of the many activities of the Junior Chamber, they are sponsoring Fire Prevention Month in cooperation with the Torrance Fire Department this month.

AL JACKSON RESIGNS FROM BOARD

Resignation of Al Jackson from the Board of Education was received at the meeting Tuesday night but held over for 90 days. He was given leave of absence for that period. Jackson, formerly with International Derrick & Equipment Co., now is in Portland, Oregon, on business for another firm.

He was elected to the Board of Education at the last school board election.

The Board received from the State Department of Education a request that Torrance teachers take the loyalty oath required of other state employees, and the Board ordered that the school employees and teachers be asked to sign the oath.

IDECO Strike Ends with 12 Cent Raise

The International Derrick & Equipment Co. strike was settled October 8 with a 12 cent per hour across-the-board salary raise, said Joseph Fowler, president of the United Steel Workers of America, Local 2470.

The new six month contract, effective as of September 1, 1950, also allows for improved qualifying terms for holidays, as well as for a clause allowing for reopening of wage negotiations in January, 1951.

The strike, which began Sept. 1, involved about 150 men, seeking an across-the-board raise of 25 cents per hour. "Better working conditions, as well as an improved vacation and holiday plan were obtained," said Fowler. He also expressed that the men were glad to be back at work.

LOCAL BOY WOUNDED IN KOREAN WAR

Now in a Japanese hospital from wounds incurred in a Korean battle is Pfc. Roy Clarence Sandgren, 22 year old, of 20603 Oak St., Torrance. He is attached to the 25th Infantry Division of the Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Sandgren, said that they received a telegram from the Department of Defense Oct. 9 telling them that their son had been wounded on Korea September 22. He has been in Korea. (Continued on Page Two)

Former Press Reporter Travels East

Rosie Rosenberg, a former Press society reporter, will be visiting relatives in New York for a month. She will travel east by train.

Miss Rosenberg, who graduated from Torrance High school in 1949, was editor of the high school paper, the Torrance News and Torch.

After graduating, she attended El Camino college for one year. When she returns from New York, Miss Rosenberg expects to continue her schooling for a journalistic career.

Fire Department Ambulance Asked

Demands that the Torrance Fire Department install an ambulance service were made this week when it was revealed that the 18 square miles of this industrial and residential city no longer have a local emergency ambulance. The ambulance service maintained for some time by Virgil Sullivan was forced out of business because of inability to make a success of the venture, it was said. "We had to return the ambulances or go into bankruptcy," Sullivan said. "We ran it on a shoestring as it was, I'm amazed that my wife and I were able to continue the service as long as we did." Three ambulances were used.

Explosion Injures M. Moore

A boiler explosion was the cause of bad burns incurred by Monty B. Moore, 25, 1922 Plaza Del Amo, Torrance, Boiler Technician Grade 3 of the U. S. Navy.

Moore was badly burned on the left side of his body, September 27, while on duty on the U.S.S. Paricutin, when the boiler he was working near exploded. The ship was stationed near San Francisco at the time.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Moore, and his wife, Mildred, who visited him soon after the accident, reported that Monty is now well on the way to recovery. He is now at the U. S. Naval Hospital at Mare Island, about 60 miles north of San Francisco, said his mother.

Moore's wife, Mildred, and their two children, Monty Char- (Continued on Page Two)

Lions Give Baby Cribs To Hospital

Torrance Lions club has donated three baby cribs to Torrance Memorial hospital at a cost of \$50, it was announced this week by Albert Ewalt, president of the club.

The Lions sponsored the purchase of a few years ago of the incubators at the hospital, and paid for two outright, partially paying for a third. The cribs were added to the maternity ward at the last board of directors meeting of the club.

There was no meeting of the Lions this week because they are participating in the semi-annual Inter-Service club banquet Thursday night in the woman's clubhouse.

However, at the regular meeting Tuesday, the Lions will entertain the Torrance High school athletes at the annual Lions Athletic banquet.

Zoning To Be Studied by Keystone Group

KEYSTONE — Mrs. Irene Blythe, realtor, was appointed last Monday night by J. G. Caldwell, president of the Avalon-Keystone Chamber of Commerce, to head the chamber's zoning study committee. The meeting was held in the Keystone Woman's clubhouse.

Caldwell also named John Calas to head a special fundraising committee.

Calas said the first project of his committee will be to study the advisability of sponsoring a circus in the Avalon Village-Keystone area.

Standing committee chairmen named were Gonzales, finance; Woods, reception and attendance; H. J. Blythe, community activities; Reynolds, public affairs, and Jack Henry, highways and traffic.

Mayer Problem Solution Foiled

Action by the City Council which would have cleared up the myriad problems of Rudolph Mayer in Hollywood Riviera, slated for Tuesday night, again was stalled by the failure of the ruling Councilmanic majority to appear for the regularly scheduled meeting. Only Councilmen Nick Drale and George Powell were present.



WILLIAM H. TOLSON

Tolson Heads Warren Drive In Torrance

The Republican State Central Committee got into action this week and named some 76 "Re-Elect Governor Warren" community campaign chairmen.

Chosen chairman for Torrance is William H. Tolson, a member of the board of education and former mayor. He asked for volunteers to assist in the Republican campaign in this area.

Judge Collamer A. Bridge heads the South Bay committee, including Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, and Hermosa Beach.

William F. McWhinnie, Jr., and Leonard DiMiceli spearhead the San Pedro campaign, and Howard E. Crandall is head of the Wilmington drive.

MONDAY SET FOR MARBLE GAME TRIAL

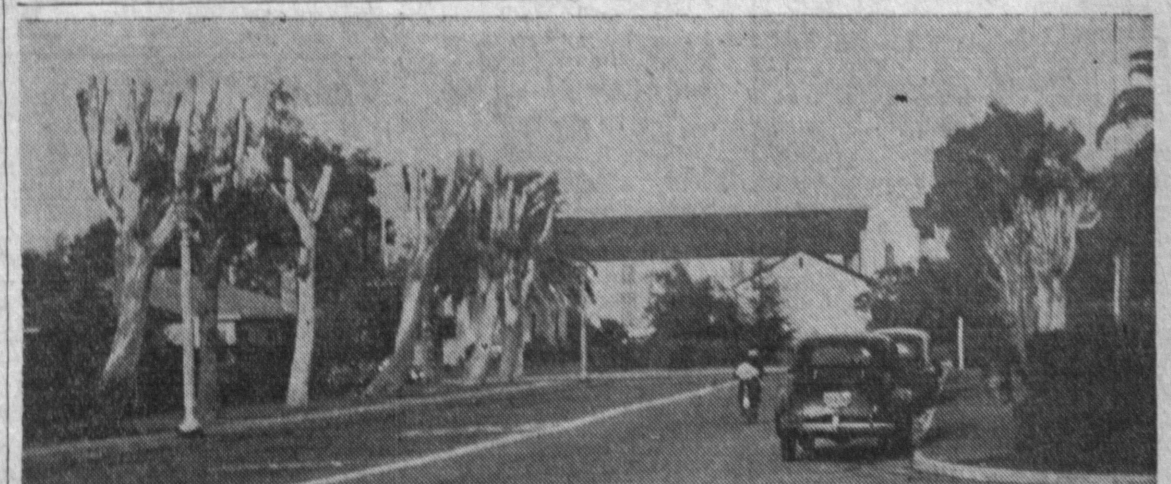
Trial of the case against Julius Defouri for violation of the city's new anti-marble game ordinance will take place Monday afternoon before City Judge Otto B. Willett.

Charges against Defouri, pool room proprietor, were filed October 3 by Chief of Police John Stroh when a marble game was found and seized by the Torrance Police Department after the games had been outlawed, under Ordinance 518.

The game had been in operation on October 2, but was outlawed by the ordinance as of September 30.

Proponents of the marble game ordinance, including P-TA and Church leaders, will be on hand at the trial. It was believed (Continued on Page Two)

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Pictured above are the eucalyptus trees along the west side of El Prado, which are being topped to permit new branches and leaves to grow and further beautify the area.—Press photo.

Eucalyptus on El Prado Topped

Eucalyptus trees along El Prado, which precipitated an "east-west" battle of residents along the parkway a few years ago, came back into prominence this week. "Only God can make a tree," the residents along the west side granted, but they claimed that the city

park department can make them look prettier.

As a result, the tall eucalyptus along the west side of El Prado are being topped to permit new branches and leaves to grow and further beautify the area. The topping started at Cravens avenue, near the Methodist church, and will continue for the full length, according to City Manager George Stevens.

The "east-west" fight of several years back involved the desire of "east side" residents to

Torrance Man Injured

Reported wounded during Korean fighting is Pvt. Eugene B. Moore, 22, of 2340 W. 230th St., Torrance, according to the Department of Defense.

His father, Grover Moore, was informed that the youth, a resident here all his life, was hurt on Sept. 19. He is a graduate of Torrance high school.

Moore was serving with the Seventh Cavalry Division. He enlisted in November, 1949.

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