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Shoestring Sets Up Block Warden Staff

Americ Hadley, chief of the Block Warden Division in Los Angeles' civil defense organization, this week reviewed the appointments he has made thus far in setting up a staff of block warden volunteers in Shoestring area.

Heading the group of emergency defense personnel for Shoestring area is Snowden P. Beaman, 1425 West 216th Street, who is the community warden.

Torrance Shoestring community boundaries for civil defense purposes are Sepulveda boulevard on the south, 190th Street on the north, Western Avenue on the west, and Normandie Avenue on the east.

Directly aiding Community Warden Beaman as an assistant community warden is Creed H. Jenkins, 1557 West 220th Street, who has been assigned the area bounded by Carson Street, the Santa Fe Railroad tracks, Western Avenue, and Normandie Avenue.

Warden Johnston
 Appointed as a neighborhood warden was James H. Johnston, 1651 West 216th Street, whose assignment in Torrance Shoestring is within Western Avenue, Normandie Avenue, Sepulveda Boulevard, and 190th Street.

As members of the Block Warden Division staff in Torrance Shoestring, are working together to carry out a citizen education program especially designed to help residents of their area achieve adequate defense preparedness.

Community Warden Beaman and his staff members function under the general guidance of Edward Anacker, coordinator of the Harbor District, whose office is at 435 Neptune Avenue.

COUNCIL APPOINTS

Appointment of a Planning Commission member to replace H. B. Bolas, whose resignation was officially accepted by the City Council Tuesday, was not forthcoming. However, three other Planning Commission members and a member of the Civil Service Board, whose terms were about ready to expire were reappointed.

Planners with new four year terms are R. S. Whitcomb, Chairman Beverly B. Smith, and A. K. Hill. The reappointed Civil Service Board member is Gordon A. Mothersell.

RETURNS HOME

Mrs. Hazel Sprague of 1917 West 220th Street has returned from the Hawthorne Hospital where she underwent surgery. She will be glad to receive her many friends at her home.

Bob Haggard Electioneers

April elections may have had nothing to do with it, but Mayor Bob Haggard did leave himself wide open: "I haven't brought anything up in the Council Chamber in a long time," he said. "Election time," laughed one of the councilmen.

"I expected that comment," said Haggard, ignoring the possibility of truth in the statement. "Then the Mayor continued: 'Torrance is growing, and I would like to see the pawnshop ordinance strengthened to protect the citizens.'"

Haggard also had another suggestion which sounded like a campaign promise: "I move that City Manager George Stevens purchase heaters for the police cars," Haggard said. Chuckling Councilmen adopted this one unanimously. It appeared evident that the opening guns in the 1952 elections had been fired.

If the election carries, it will be followed by construction of a 4 miles 24" feeder pipe line to supply the annexing territory with a supplementary source of water. If the Inglewood area is annexed, it will bring about \$80,000,000 in assessed valuation into West Basin District which now has an assessed value of \$191,414,210.

Consider New \$43,000 Project

HARBOR CITY—Improvement district formation at 254th St. and President Ave. was the main topic of discussion by Harbor City Chamber of Commerce members, last Monday. It was held at the home of Mrs. Frances Heneff, 25108 Normandie Ave.

C. F. King disclosed that the group was attempting to find a means for installing curbs and sidewalks in the area. It was pointed out that the cost of the improvement project has been set at \$43,000.

The meeting on Monday was a joint session of the chamber of commerce and the Harbor City Advisory Committee.

Commission Swears in Member

County Clerk Harold J. Ostley officiated at the ceremony which took place in the hearing rooms of the commission at the county engineers building in Los Angeles.

Construction Lags During First Month

With the exception of approximately five proposed large projects, construction in Torrance for the first seven days of the New Year seemed to be lagging. Up to this point, permits have been taken out to erect structures totaling \$53,225, according to James Dresser, Building Inspector for the City of Torrance.

Here are the individual construction projects:
Sunset Fence
 The Sunset Fence Company contracted for fences at the following locations: Adam W. Fritzel, 18920 Wilton, \$190; George W. Cooley, 330 W. 187th, \$300; Clark Morris, 18914 Wilton Place, \$283; Henry Gurale, 18908 Wilton Place, \$283; Bob C. Wheybrew, 18902 Wilton, \$327; Rogue A. Alencie, 18802 Wilton, \$369; and Darwin C. Bois, 3142 Torrance Blvd., \$283.

The Sunset Fence also contracted for two block walls: L. P. Patrino, 2806 El Dorado, \$200, and one at C. S. Kriesel's home, 2910 El Dorado for the same price.

Other Building
 Other building includes J. B. Hanna, 3435 Emerald, addition to dwelling, \$700; M. E. Atterbery, 4166 Sepulveda Blvd., fence, \$190; Nabow Kokayasku, private garage, \$1200; Edward Hays, private garage for \$700 at 1751 Fern and a \$10,600 dwelling at 2811 Carson.

National Supply addition to accounting department at 1524 Border, \$20,000; Harold L. Ritko, 3421 Emerald, incubator house, \$300; R. H. Pearson, contractor Pearson and Sons, residence and

Court Will Hear Basin Suit Soon

for the West Basin ground water supply is at long last a definite

possibility. The year 1952 may end with positive action in the matter of the suit for adjudication of Basin water rights.

The report of the Referee has been submitted to the office of the State Engineer for approval and will soon be shown to parties to the suit for comment prior to being arranged in final form for submission to the Court.

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 American service personnel supposedly being held as prisoners of war. However, I must caution you against over-optimism. The opposing forces have not abided by the terms of the Geneva Convention which provides for inspections of prison camps by representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross, and therefore, the list cannot be verified nor confirmed, and no official change of personnel included therein can be made at this time.

SON'S STATUS

All available information concerning your son has been carefully considered and under the provisions of Public Law 490, 77th Congress, as amended, an official determination has been made continuing him on the records of the Department of the Army in a missing in action status. This status will continue until such time as a subsequent review is warranted by additional information or circumstances. The law cited provides that pay and allowances are to be credited to the missing person's account and payments of allotments to authorized allottees are to be continued during the absence of such persons in a missing status.

APPRECIATE CONCERN

I fully appreciate your concern and deep interest. You will, without further request on your part, receive immediate notification of any change in his status. I regret that the continually changing situation with respect to our personnel who have been reported as missing in action imposes upon some of us this heavy burden of uncertainty as to their safety.

Sincerely yours,
 (signed)
 Wm. E. Bergin
 Major General, USA
 The adjutant general of the Army

FIRE STATION OKAYED!

City Council members voted unanimously Tuesday evening to build a central fire station 150 by 300 feet at the Southwest corner of Crenshaw and Carson Streets.

A Display Ad in our Classified Section is the surest way of obtaining quick and positive action.

Ground Water Plan Sought

The year 1952 should show real accomplishment with reference to solving the complex problems arising because of the overdrawn condition of the ground water supply of West Basin. A special water election will soon be held (probably in March) in the Inglewood area to annex that portion of the Basin to Metropolitan and to West Basin District.

If the election carries, it will be followed by construction of a 4 miles 24" feeder pipe line to supply the annexing territory with a supplementary source of water. If the Inglewood area is annexed, it will bring about \$80,000,000 in assessed valuation into West Basin District which now has an assessed value of \$191,414,210.

Council Accepts Insurance Bids

Bids for Torrance's bus insurances were reopened at the regular Council meeting Tuesday. Bidders were Farmers Insurance and Russell Lund representing the American Fidelity and Casualty Company. The Council referred the bids to City Manager George Stevens.

New Structures Being Planned

Important building projects are contemplated in Torrance during January. These include the Torrance Adult Recreation Building, addition to the personnel and accounting departments at National Supply, a proposed elementary school by the Knights of Columbus Archbishop of Los Angeles, new church addition for the First Baptist Church at Port and Newton Sts., in WALTERIA, and the expansion at Longren Aircraft.

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