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TUT ACTS TO HASTEN ALONDRA ANNEXATION

City Warned of Threatened Grab

With their eyes on Alondra Park and its multi-million dollar college, stadium and golf course, Gardena citizens again are circulating petitions, this time asking an election to annex all the territory from Gardena's present west boundary to Crenshaw boulevard.

This accomplished, it would take but simple action by the Gardena City Council to "take" the vast Alondra Park into the City of Gardena.

Election Issue

Annexation of the park to Torrance was an issue in the recent City Council election, campaign in Torrance, backed by the winning Torrance Unified Taxpayers ticket, Councilman Nick Drule and Victor E. Benstead. The subject has been dormant since election until last week when it was revealed that Gardena is on the move.

Representatives of TUT, during the campaign, agreed not to ask annexation of El Camino College to Torrance, but just the park surrounding the college including the golf course.

Blow to College

However, it is said that Gardena is on the move.

Get Water For Slough Development

Another step towards developing Bixby Slough into a fishing center and recreation area was taken last week.

The Los Angeles City Recreation and Park Commission notified the Wildlife Conservation Commission that the city will provide water for the maintenance of a constant level of water in the slough.

A water supply and a constant level drain had been a requirement of the commission if the state was to put up funds for the purchase of the property covered by the lake for a fishing center.

The state funds were obtained through application of local civic groups through Assemblyman Thomas.

Realty Board Slates Final 1952 Meet

The Torrance-Lomita Realty Board will hold their final meeting of the year at the Torrance City Hall Friday evening, Nov. 28, at 8 p.m.

According to C. J. (Paddy) Ryan, president, it promises to be a full evening as their will be election for the Board of Directors and he will honor all the former presidents with a "past presidents" pin.

The guest speaker will be James Healy, associate legal counsel and attorney for the Tile Insurance and Trust company, his topic will be on "Homesteads."

No Word Yet On 2 Missing School Girls

Parents of two teen-aged girls who disappeared nearly a week ago from Torrance High School classes are still anxiously seeking word of their whereabouts.

Numerous search parties have scoured the Palos Verdes Hills and other desolate areas seeking Margaret Epifanto, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Epifanto, 1732-D Cabrillo Ave., and JoAnn Harlan, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harlan, 2121 Andreo Ave.

Harlan reported to Torrance police that he thought he saw the girls in Lomita Friday, but that they vanished before he got to them.

The girls were last seen definitely as they entered a red convertible automobile near Torrance High School shortly after noon Tuesday.

Neither family could suggest any reason why the girls should voluntarily leave home.

Parents reported that the coeds were wearing light school clothes and neither had a coat on the day they vanished. A sweater belonging to the Harlan girl was found by her father while investigating the disappearance.

PORT CHEST FUND NEAR 'HALF' MARK

Forty-six per cent of the harbor area's \$75,000 Community Chest quota has been collected by Chest volunteer workers, it was announced this week by Sam Levy, area chairman.

Torrance is at the top of the list of communities in the district with 75 per cent of their quota filled. Workers here have collected \$9322 of Torrance's \$12,384 goal.

Other areas above the 50 per cent mark are Harbor City, \$1717 of \$1067; Lomita, \$1287 of \$1981; Wilmington, \$7440 of \$13,208; and Gardena, \$4575 of \$9140.

Less than half their marks have been reached by San Pedro, \$9164 of \$28,451; Rolling Hills, \$653 of \$2669; and Palos Verdes Estates, \$1010 of \$5600.

Only divisions to thus far exceed their quotas are the residential units here and in Lomita.



TO GIVE THANKS—Thursday a deep feeling of thanksgiving will surely fill the hearts of every American! Let us express our thanks by attending the church of our choice on Thanksgiving Day. There, in quiet meditation, we will realize fully the wealth of blessings we enjoy because we are Americans.

Best Store Window to Get Trophy

A perpetual trophy will this year be awarded to the merchant whose Christmas window trim is adjudged the best in the city in the annual Junior Chamber of Commerce Christmas decoration contest.

Joe Helphand, general chairman of the competition, disclosed that plaques will be given to winners in three classification, and that the trophy will go to one of the three plaque winners.

The classifications, A, B, and C, (Continued on Page 3)

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING FUND DINNER HELD TONIGHT

What promises to be the greatest event of its kind will be the Building Fund Canvass Dinner of the First Methodist Church, to be held in Civic Center Auditorium this evening at 6:30 o'clock, according to Rev. John L. Taylor, pastor.

Between three and four hundred people have made reservations for the dinner, for which Judge Otto Willett will serve as master of ceremonies. The campaign for the sum of \$85,000 for the proposed Education Building has been in the process of organization since November 3. The actual canvass for pledges by an organization of seventy trained lay-

men will begin Friday night, November 28, and close December 12, Rev. Taylor said.

District Superintendent Those appearing on the dinner program in Civic Center include Rev. Douglas Walters, District superintendent for the Methodist churches; Mayor Mervin M. Schwab; Robert Reid, chairman of

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Civil Defense Meet Set for Walteria, PH

There will be an organizational meeting of the civil defense section for Walteria, Pacific Hills, and Weston on Thursday, Dec. 4, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Guy Richardson, 3314 Primm Way, it was announced today.

Everyone is welcome, and more volunteer defense workers are badly needed, Mrs. Richardson said.

Plans are being made now to form a first aid training class to be held in January. Anyone interested in enrolling is urged to attend the meeting, and contact Mrs. R. A. Osborn.

Who Says We Want a Bel-Air?

by M. L. O.

Are the city fathers trying to take the City of Torrance away from the working man?

This intent was evident this week when the planning commission was informed by City Manager George Stevens that the commission is to consider changing the city ordinance to require a minimum of 1,000 square feet for all residential dwellings in Torrance, regardless of the number of rooms in the structure.

Future Residents

It appears possible that future home-buyers of Torrance are to be victimized by the high and mighty ambitions of a few members of the city council, who unfortunately hold a majority in city hall.

Termed "out of all proportion" by prominent realtors, the maneuver has also been called a monstrous attempt to impede development and expansion of this city by concentrating control within the hands of a few men who seem to have forgotten that they are supposed to represent the people.

In July of this year, and over heated protests of many citizens, the council voted to hike minimum floor area to 850 square feet for two-bedroom residences and 980 square feet for three-bedroom dwellings.

Building Restricted Now, in another move to restrict building, hamper residential growth, and gain control of building activity in this city a majority of the city council is trying to force a 1,000 square foot minimum down this city's collective throat.

Top planning commission officials stated that they could not possibly go along with the council members that favored the change. Of course, it was pointed out, the council can override the action of the planning commission and force passage of the measure.

Torrance is an industrial city. In order to maintain it as such, there must always be a labor market. To attract a labor market, there must be homes, homes within the reach of the worker. A \$12,000 home, with \$3,000 down is hardly what realtors term a working man's ideal buy.

Board to Act

C. J. "Paddy" Ryan, president of the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board, said, "This matter will get the immediate attention of the entire realty board when they meet on Friday of this week."

"The council has gone too far (Continued on Page 3)

Food Clerks To Ask Double Pay Sundays

Terms of the new food agreement between employers of the Harbor Area and Retail Clerks Local 905 were announced in a joint statement today by Haskell Tidwell, secretary-treasurer of the Union, and Frank S. Selover, executive secretary of the Harbor Area Employers' Council.

The employers and the union agreed to petition the Wage Stabilization Board for double-time pay on Sundays, following a pattern established in Los Angeles, retroactive if approved back to November 23, 1952.

Granted was the allowable pay increase of \$2.40 per week per employee in all classifications, making the journeyman clerk's rate \$76.30 for 40 hours. It was agreed also that the Council and the union would petition for a 4 cents per hour improvement factor effective January 1, 1953. If the government controls are eliminated, the additional \$1.60 per week will be payable automatically, it was announced.

The contract is effective November 1, 1952, to November 1, 1953.

Also it was announced that the union had reopened the Mercantile agreement covering other retail stores in the area, expiring February 3, 1953.

Council Buys Acre Site for 2nd Reservoir

A one-acre plot adjacent to McMaster Park has been selected as the site for the 1,000,000-gallon water storage tank being built as part of the city's \$2,000,000 water system expansion program.

The city council Wednesday night authorized the purchase of the land at a cost of \$4300.

Bids for the tank will be opened by the city council tonight. Original bids received for a concrete tank were thrown out when Chicago Bridge and Iron Works of Torrance submitted a far lower bid on a steel tank. New bids, with specifications for a metal reservoir were then called for.

Construction of the giant-size 10,000,000-gallon reservoir in South Torrance is well under way, City Manager George Stevens reports. This tank, the main project in the expansion program, is located south of 101 Hiway, near Crenshaw blvd. According to Stevens plans for other portions of the expansion program are nearing completion, and the laying of pipes for new mains will begin soon.

City Wasting Cash Spraying Wormy Trees

The city is just "pouring money down a rat hole" by continuing to spray trees in Hollywood Riviera, according to Leo di Mayle, member of the city's planning commission.

The trees in that residential area have been attacked seriously by the borer worm. Commission R. S. Whitcomb attributes the condition to acid coming from the local industries.

di Mayle suggested to the planning body it would be wise and would save a considerable amount of money if the city would improve the affected trees and replace them with trees more resistant to the borer worm.

Commission secretary Earle Lloyd promised to bring the matter to the attention of City Manager George Stevens.

Press Christmas Shopping Edition Ready December 4

On Thursday, December 4, the Torrance Press will publish a giant, value-packed Christmas Shopping edition, it was disclosed this week by W. R. Zappas, co-publisher and advertising manager.

The spirit of the Christmas season will be reflected throughout both editorial and advertising sections of the paper, with special attention focused

on outstanding pre-Christmas shopping bargains, Zappas stated.

The issue, which will be largest yet published by the Press, will be enhanced by the use of a colorful front page in keeping with the gaiety of Christmastide.

Look for special features, pictures, and bargains in the Torrance Press Christmas Edition on Thursday, December 4.

Attend Church on Thanksgiving Day