

Torrance Tops Area In Chest Campaign

The Harbor area has passed the half-way mark in its campaign to raise \$75,000 for the 1952 Community Chest. It was announced today by Sam Levy, chairman of the Red Feather appeal in the sector.

So far, the hundreds of volunteers seeking funds for the 160 health and welfare agencies supported by the Chest have raised \$39,958, which is 53.63 per cent of the goal, Levy reported. Topping the list in percentage

of goal raised at present is Torrance, which has slightly less than 80 per cent of its quota. The percentage figure represents \$9,822. Second spot is now held down by Harbor City, with 67.43 per cent of its goal reported in. Fol-

lowing in order are: Lomita, 66 per cent; Wilmington, 62 per cent; Gardena, 61 per cent; San Pedro, 41 per cent; Rolling Hills, 38 per cent, and Palms Verdes, 25 per cent. The harbor's \$39,958 has come

from 10,295 contributors—both individual and firm gifts, Levy reported. "This shows that the donors are increasing the amount of their gifts by about 20 per cent," he said.

"We have been asking for this much more this year, because of the desperate financial condition of the Chest's 160 agencies. Higher cost and lower buying power of the dollar are causing chaos among the Red Feather agencies,"

Pay Fines Soon at Redondo

Police chiefs from six communities in the South Bay Municipal Court District met last night at the Palos Verdes Country Club in an effort to gain better understanding of just what changes in operation will result from the new court re-organization plan.

The two municipal court judges, John A. Shidler and Otto B. Willett, were principal speakers at the meeting. No official word is available yet on whether or not a circuit judge will hold court weekly in each of the six cities. All six of the police chiefs are backing a drive to inaugurate this service.

Torrance Police Chief John Stroh points out that unless the court and the county board of supervisors agrees to this plan, Torrance residents are going to have to travel five miles to pay a \$1 parking fine.

Such fines, he says, will not be accepted at the local police station in the future. Under the city judge plan, fines could be paid at the police station. The money thus collected was taken to city hall, and turned over to the clerk each morning.

However, when the courts are moved to Redondo Beach after January 1, we can no longer extend this service, Stroh said.

He said that the police chiefs of Gardena, Manhattan Beach, and Hermosa Beach have also indicated that they will ban local collection of traffic fines.

Present at last night's meeting were the following police chiefs, Stroh, Torrance; Jack Smith, Palos Verdes; Lowell Hopkins, Redondo Beach; Hank Sights, Manhattan Beach; and Elmo Field, Gardena. Also attending were Police Chief C. C. Cupp, Inglewood; Chief Jack Baumgartner, Hawthorne; Capt. Fred England, Lennox sheriff's substation; and Chief Tom De Barry, El Segundo.

Council Admits Attempt To Hike Home Floor Area

Public admission that a certain element on the city council is pushing hard to hike the minimum square foot requirement for single-family dwellings in this city was made at last Tuesday night's meeting of the council.

During the meeting, a local real estate man, Dick Miller, asked the legislative body if reports printed in the Torrance Press last week were true.

After a very conspicuous pause, Councilman Harvey Spelman finally muttered yes. Another councilman stated that the matter had been turned over to the planning commission for study and recommendation.

Mr. Miller said thank you and sat down.

The plan to raise the minimum square footage from 850 for two-bedroom homes and 980 for three-bedroom homes to a blanket 1,000 square feet was reported exclusively in last week's Torrance Press.

Since that time many prominent realtors, high city officials, and planning commission members have declared that they cannot go along with the council faction that is advocating the change.

ENGINEER UNIT SLATES DANCE DECEMBER 13

A reunion dance and party for present and former members of the 378th Engineer Combat Battalion, units of which formerly trained in Torrance, has been scheduled for Dec. 13 at the outfit's Manhattan Beach armory.

Three hundred and fifty former members are currently living in the battalion's southeastern area, which includes Torrance, according to Lt. Col. Dallas I. Downs, commander.

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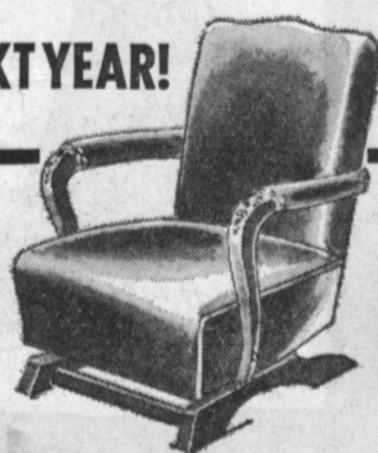


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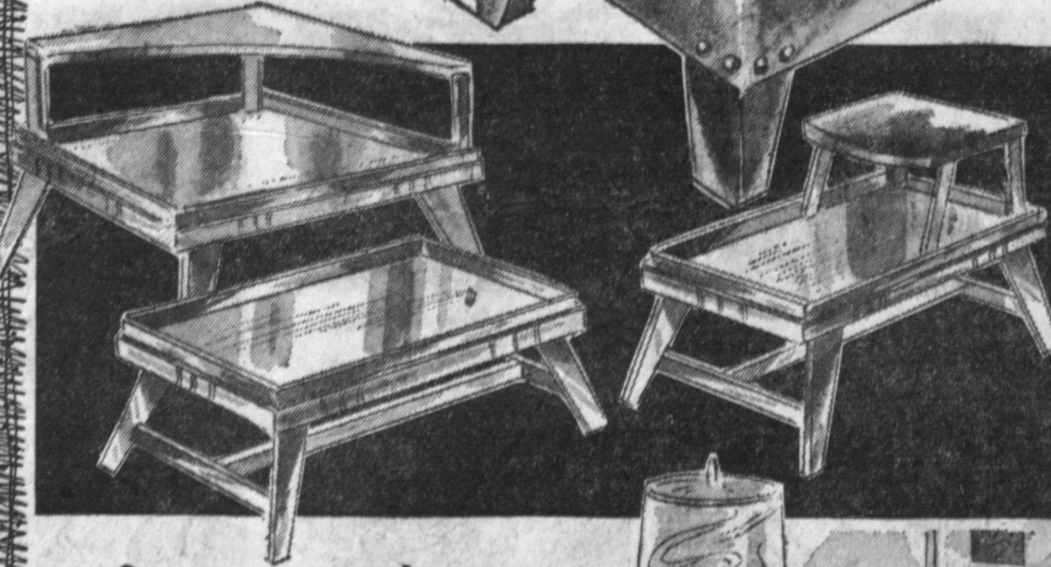


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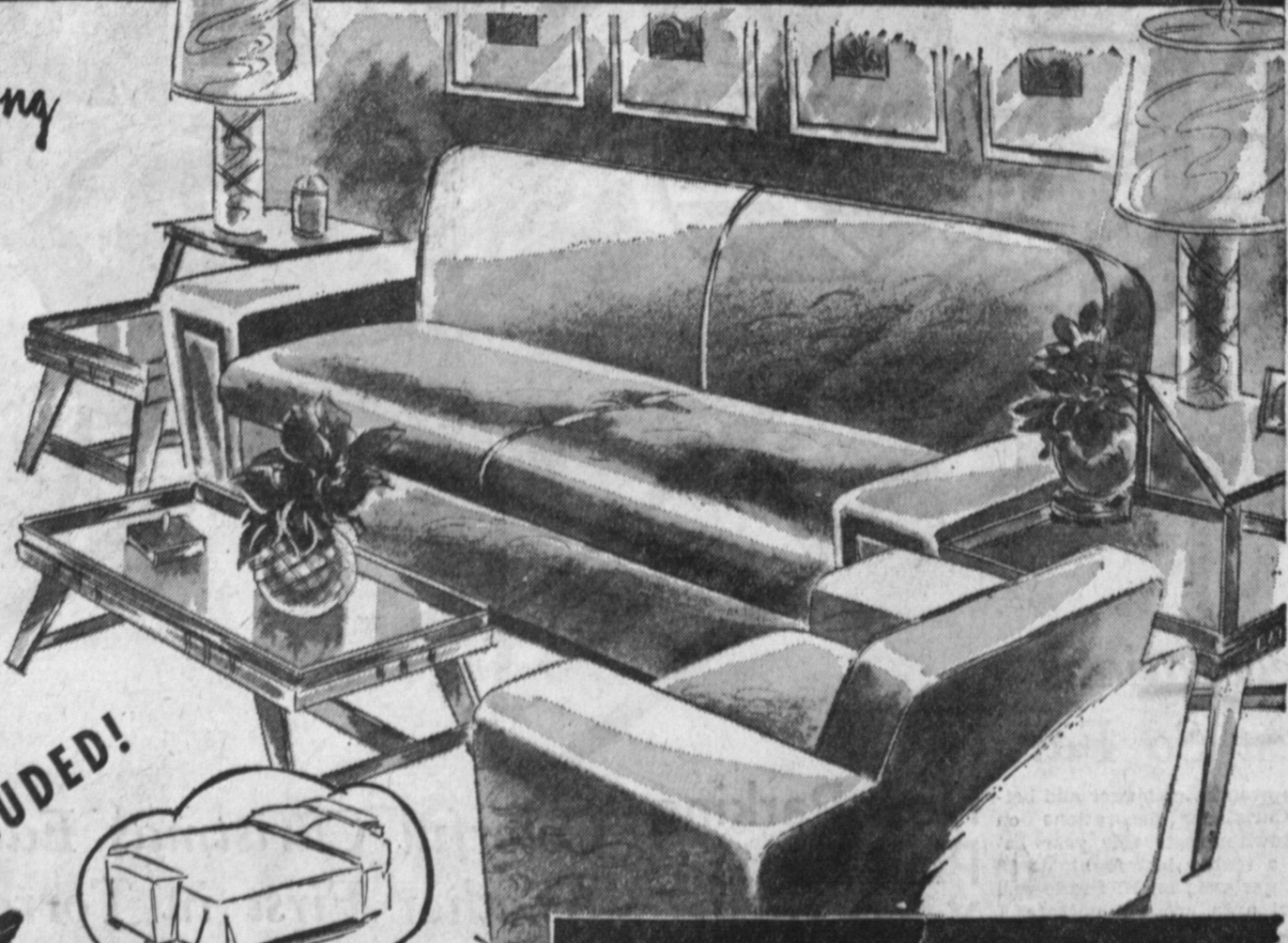
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