

ROLLING HILLS ASKED TO ANNEX TO TORRANCE



"DANCING TO THEIR HEALTH" ... Among the groups sponsoring fund-raising dances for the March of Dimes Drive is the Torrance lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose. The dance is scheduled for Saturday, January 30, 8:30 p.m. at the lodge hall, 1744 Carson st. Here Dance

Chairman Charles Shiffer collects money from Daniel Desmond, governor, while Mrs. Clara Conner, postmaster and March of Dimes chairman for Torrance, hands him his ticket for the dance.



CONQUERING POLIO ... Only a few months ago little Donna Broos was struck critically by polio. The disease proved fatal in a very few hours to her four-year-old twin sister who also had been struck overnight. But Donna is home again with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Broos, 1001 Sartori, and while it will take about a year, the doctors are optimistic about her complete recovery. The Broos said that there were not enough words to praise the Foundation for Infantile Paralysis for its outstanding services. They hope everyone will support the March of Dimes to the fullest.

Dances To Spearhead March Of Dimes Drive

Three public dances will spearhead the 1954 March of Dimes campaign in Torrance, it was announced this week by Postmaster Clara A. Conner, chairman of the drive.

Groups who will be sponsoring these dances are: Torrance Democrats, Inc., Torrance lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose, and the Square Dance Club at the Adult Recreation Center. All profits from these dances will go to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Demo Dance
Torrance Democrats, Inc., are sponsoring the first of these dances which will be held Saturday, January 23, at 9 p.m., at the Alan Richard Hall, 1953 Carson St., in Torrance. Ken Perkins' orchestra is featured. Members of the dance committee are: Miss Rose Sarukian, chairman; Mrs. Irene Fraser, Robert Burke, Mrs. Ella Schwartz, and Louis Carreau. Tickets may be secured by calling Miss Sarukian, ME. 4-1234; Robert Burke, FA. 8-4949; or Louis Carreau, FR. 5-1276.

Square Dance
The second dance will be a square dance to be held at the Civic Auditorium, Tuesday, January 26, from 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. The dance is sponsored by the Recreation Department's square dance class and the ladies of the adult recreation center who will serve refreshments. Contributions are entirely voluntary. Gerald Reeser, a noted square dance caller will

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Detectives Capture Fugitives

A fugitive from a North Carolina prison and three persons suspected of safe-burglary were arrested Tuesday night by Detective Capt. Ernie Ashton and Sgt. Percy Bennett, following a tip from North Carolina authorities.

Arrested were John Monroe Weaver, 37, who had served 10 years of a 14-year sentence for robbery; James Oscar Black, 29, Ray C. Correll, 28, and his wife, Ida Mae, 32, on suspicion of safe burglary. Weaver will be extradited but there is still doubt as to the status of the others.

The two Torrance detectives went to the North Torrance home where the group had been staying since the latter part of December. They arrested the woman and then arrested the men as they returned to the house.

INSPECTORS INVESTIGATE POST OFFICE

United States post office inspectors are now in their second week investigating conditions in the local post office. The inspectors could not reveal what their investigation disclosed so far, stating that all official announcements must come from the Department in Washington.

While it was admitted that faults have been found in the local post office, there was no indication on the part of the inspectors whether these faults were of a minor or major character.

Some of the carriers have been interviewed and some are putting their complaints into writing at this time to be submitted to the inspectors, according to a reliable source.

Residents To Register For '54 Tabs

Since the new Motor Vehicle Department intended for Torrance will not be opened until about February, residents may register for their 1954 license tabs with the Bank of America, corner Sartori and Post, it was announced this week by Acting Chief Willard Haslam.

The bank will handle all straight registering. Such matters as transfers, out of state vehicles or commercial vehicles

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'53 Building Record Hits All-Time High

The all-time 1953 building record in Torrance which reached \$29,315,265 represents approximately \$700,000 worth of construction per person in this city of about 45,000 population. As has been the pattern for the past five years, the majority of the total was made up of dwellings in one of the greatest home building booms ever seen. The permits included an estimated 2500 houses.

Industrial and commercial permits were minute by comparison in a city attempting to maintain a balance between homes and factories, however. Less than \$5,000,000 of the total was for industrial and commercial facilities. Largest of these was for a cracker unit at the General Petroleum Corp. and initial buildings at the Union Carbide Co.

Further development of the \$29,000,000 Union Carbide plant is expected to boost the industrial percentage during 1954. Other industrial are foreseen by city officials and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Location
Most of the home building was in the south and north sections of the city. The largest underway is the 1250-unit project by the Ellinwood Corp., just west of Walteria. Construction of various types

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ROUGH STUFF?

POLICE CHARGED WITH 3 BEATINGS BY BECKEL

Council, Residents To Meet

An invitation will be sent to the Rolling Hills homeowners from the Torrance City Council asking the residents to meet with the Council in order to discuss the possibility of annexing Rolling Hills to Torrance.

This recommendation was made by Councilman Nick Drake at Tuesday night's council meeting and was accepted in a 3-2 vote.

The move comes as a result of the recent Palos Verdes mine

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TAP's Blanks Available To School Kids

Applications to join the Torrance Auxiliary Police (TAP's) may be picked up at the Torrance police station up to and including Wednesday, January 20, by any boy or girl 12 years or older who is still going to school and lives within the jurisdiction of the Torrance Police Department, it was announced this week by Lt. A. S. Thompson.

Advanced members of TAP's will go for a snow trip, leaving January 16, with all expenses paid.

The first meeting of the new "rookie" class will be Wednesday, January 27, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall.



ADDING MUSICAL SPARKLE to the annual installation dinner sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will be "The Sparklers," a lively, local combo, newly organized under the direction of Alvin B. Chandler. The gala dinner af-

fair is scheduled for Thursday evening, January 28, at 7 p.m. in the Civic Auditorium. From left to right are: Al Chandler, trumpet; Anita Menni, piano; Margaret Chandler, drums; and Jim Copp, saxophone.

FORMS FOR INCOME TAX AVAILABLE

Income tax forms, both state and federal, will again be available at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, 1345 El Prado this year.

Last year the Chamber passed out approximately 25,000 copies and expects to pass out many more this year. Arrangements are being made with the San Pedro office of the Bureau of Internal Revenue to have a representative at the Chamber office at a later date to offer free help to anyone having trouble with income tax returns.

A representative from the Franchise Tax Board will also be at the Chamber office at a later date to assist with California State Tax, as has previously been done in the past. Watch this newspaper for dates.

Water Level Measures Proposed

The West Basin water supply is dwindling critically and the intrusion of salt water into the underground supply is getting serious. The West Basin Water Association is, therefore, considering a tax in order to raise funds to keep the water level constant. A decision in this matter will be made by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Friday, January 29, at 10 a.m. in the Hall of Records. The Torrance water supply will be seriously affected by the success or failure of this issue, according to Angus McVicar, superintendent of the Torrance Water Department.

45% of Water
Torrance, which is a member of the West Basin Water Association, gets 45% of its water

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C Of C Dinner To Feature Good Food, Entertainment

Alvin B. Chandler and His Musical Combo, also known as "The Sparklers," will provide continuous music at the gala annual installation dinner planned by the local Chamber of Commerce for Thursday evening, January 28, at 7 p.m. in the Civic Auditorium.

Included in the program is a "Chuck Wagon" barbecued dinner serving a complete menu with ham and beef or both if desired, including "seconds."

There will be a pre-view showing of the colored motion picture of Torrance, "The City of Industrial Opportunity" plus the presentation of the Torrance Annual Citizen Award to be presented to a local citizen who has contributed most to

the welfare and growth of Torrance in 1953.

Groups or individuals may still send in their nominations. Nominations must be in writing and must be received by January 20 at which time the committee will vote on the matter. Letters should be addressed to Selection Committee, Citizen of the Year Award, Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The citizen chosen for this award will receive the William L. Laughon-Grover C. Whyte Memorial Trophy. "The Sparklers," are a new combo group. The group is local and may be contacted at FA. 8-1077.

Superior Court To Hear Case

Round two of the Beckel-Hamilton tussle found Louis Beckel turning the tables on the Torrance Police Department when he charged that he had been "worked over" on three different occasions while in the custody of the local police station.

These disclosures were made at a preliminary hearing, January 8, at which time Louis Beckel, 29, of 21011 Shearer, and his sister, Mrs. Lydia E. Alvarado, 42, of the same address, pleaded not guilty to charges of assaulting a Torrance police officer with the intent to do great bodily harm while the officer was guarding the Ellinwood tract. The case was transferred to the Superior Court in Long Beach, January 23.

Contradictions
Completely contradictory statements exist concerning the beating suffered by Officer Miles Hamilton at Beckel's hands and all subsequent events.

Beckel maintains that he was beaten up on three different occasions during the night of Saturday, January 2, when he

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H. Sherfey Heads Drive

Acceptance by Hugh J. Sherfey of the post of Torrance Red Cross fund campaign chairman was announced today by Frank H. Afton, Southwest regional chairman of the Los Angeles Red Cross fund campaign to open March 1.



SOMETHING FOR BABY ... The first bottle warmer owned by the Torrance Memorial Hospital was presented to the hospital this week by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Torrance Memorial Hospital. The bottle warmer was bought with part of the funds raised through the group's annual Valentine's Dance. Mrs. John Melville, president, made the presentation on behalf of her group to Mrs. Kenneth Matthis, maternity supervisor.

Torrance Faces Critical Water Shortage