Cities to Meet in Torrance

Torrance will be the host-city for the dinner meeting of the Southern California branch of the League of California Cities. The dinner will be held March 18 at 7 p.m. in the Civic Auditorium, it was announced by City Manager George Stevens.

An attendance of 200 guests is expected. H. C. Wennerberg, superintendent of the Whittier Union High School District, will be the principal speaker for the evening.

The Southern California branch, includes 45 cities, meets every month.

CHUCK STEVENSON, 1952 Triple-A National champion and two-time winner of the Mexican road race, will drive for Oscar Maples, local Ford dealer, in a car race held at Carrell Speedway this Sunday, March 14, at 2:30 p.m. Stevenson, who is being sponsored by Maples, will drive a '54 Ford V-8 provided for him by the Oscar Maples Ford Agency, 1420 Cabrillo. —Press Photo

Drama Students To Participate In Tournament

Torrance High School drama students, under the direction of Louis Bereskin, will participate in the Twenty-first Annual Pasadena Playhouse One-Act Play Tournament to be held March 22-24. Thirty high schools have already signed up to compete.

Approximately 10 one-acters will be presented during each day of the tourney which is open to the public at a nominal charge. Performances begin at 1:30 p.m. daily, continue till about six when players and audience break for dinner, and resume at 7:30 p.m.

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verdict of City Prosecutor Boris S. Woolley who is studying the matter this week.

Denial

Denial of some of the charges made in the investigation came this week before the Council in a letter submitted by Harry Apter, attorney for the contractor.

Arguments presented were as follows:

1) It is erroneous and untrue that foundations and footings have been placed wholly or in part on filled ground without evidence of sufficient soil compaction. The tract is not a filled ground tract and does not require compaction.

2) It is false that floor joists exceed the span and deflection limits. The contractor was never so notified.

3) It is erroneous that lintels or headers over garage door openings are not supported on the floor slab. The generally accepted practice has been followed whereby the foundation is put in first and the slab poured over the foundation. By looking deep enough the foundation would have been found.

4) There is no requirement stating that foundation footings must be placed at an 18-inch minimum depth. Wherever steel reinforcements were used 12-inch depths were permitted and legal.

5) There has never been a change in the structural features of the houses from the original plans and what changes were made were never detrimental.

Apter declared that the homeowners' remarks have harmed the homeowners since the values of their homes are bound to suffer by what they say. The fact that the investigator has made the various charges does not indicate that these are true, the contractor's attorney further stated.

A CARELESS song, with a little nonsense in it, now and then, does not misbecome a monarch.—Horace Walpole.

A KIND of inarticulate, unfathomable speech, which leads us to the edge of the infinite, and lets us for moments gaze into that!—Thomas Carlyle.