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All Groups To Share In Fireworks Profits

INTERESTED GROUPS MEET WITH COUNCIL

Promoters will be barred from selling fireworks but any local non-profit organization may take out permits according to an unofficial ordinance which was generally approved by the city council and interested parties at an informal meeting Tuesday night.

The intended compromise ordinance seeks to satisfy the various veterans' groups which have always tried to maintain an exclusive right over the sale of fireworks on the Fourth of July; it seeks to prevent discrimination against other groups who also wish to profit from the sale of fireworks; and it forbids the use of outside operators, or third parties, who usually take 90% of the profits, thus putting the major part of the money to use for personal benefits rather than non-profit purposes.

Last year's city ordinance required a \$1000 license for the first booth and \$25 for each additional booth, with a limit of six booths. In several instances groups were forced to employ professional operators



MISSED . . . This is one of the alleys in the downtown business district. It's been like this for over a week. Alleys are being swept only

once a month. Careless shoppers and uncovered receptacles have also been blamed for these conditions.

Downtown Alleys to Be Swept More Often

"We're going to try to have the downtown alleys swept more often," City Manager George Stevens said this week.

The remark was made following the fact revealed by the Torrance Press last week that downtown alleys are being swept only once a month. Stevens said that part of the trouble was the lack of street cleaning equipment. He felt sure that the situation would be permanently remedied with the sweeping machine which Ralph Perkins, superintendent

Police Catch Trash Dumper

Notified that Helen Marcus of 15404 Budlong avenue was dumping rubbish near 182nd street and Arlington, police contacted the woman and made her clean up the dumped rubbish. Police are carrying on an intensified campaign to catch all violators of the dumping ordinance.

Small Town Friendliness

By COUNCILMAN ALBERT ISEN, Guest Editor

In order to air our civic needs, the Torrance Press is running a series of weekly editorials written by people of the community. Editorials may be submitted by anyone. All manuscripts become the property of the Torrance Press. We welcome ideas on any subject, controversial or otherwise. Editorials do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the publishers.

I can recall Torrance in 1914. At that time everybody lived on Andreo, Gramercy and Arlington avenues, where the only homes in Torrance had been built. All the children attended a two-room school located on Cabrillo avenue, south of Carson street.

We children (I had just turned 7) were looking forward to the Christmas party at Campbell's Hall (now an apartment house on El Prado near Cabrillo avenue). The Dominguez Land company, original owners and subdividers, were the hosts and furnished Santa Claus. The families of Torrance were the guests. Christmas came and jollity and friendliness prevailed—not only because of the season—but the pioneer families—well acquainted and with common interests—were friendly.

It was still many years away before Torrance was to become a city. However, indications of future industrial growth were present. The Union Tool Company (now National Supply) had already located. In a few years Llewellyn Iron Works (now Columbia Steel) became a reality. Torrance offered itself to business and industry as "The Modern Industrial City" and growth, although slow, was continuous.

By 1924, when I graduated Torrance high school (the largest graduating class to date—consisting of 181), Torrance had already become an incorporated city. However, distances were still short; people were still walking to their destinations; everyone knew everybody else; everyone knew what everyone else was doing; everyone was friendly.

How often have you heard "Torrance is the best town I have ever lived in." I know of numerous families who have moved away and later returned stating, "We were not happy away—we had to come back to Torrance."

Now we are fast becoming a large city. We are suffering from growing pains and are confronted with many problems. Behind us we have a tradition of friendliness. As we continue to grow—and I believe our greatest growth lies ahead—let us not forget the spirit of friendliness that was characteristic of our small town that used to be. Let us all work together for a large, vital, vibrant city. Let us be a big city in our ideas, in our thinking and in our actions. Torrance is truly the City of Industrial Opportunity but let us also remain Torrance—the City with Small Town Friendliness!

TOLSON WITHDRAWS IN SCHOOL ELECTION

Bank Staff Officials To Remain

California Bank and Torrance National Bank have reached an agreement whereby the latter bank will be acquired and operated as a branch of California Bank. This was disclosed by Frank L. King, president of California Bank, and James W. Post, president of Torrance National Bank who announced the arrangement has been approved by the boards of directors of both banks.

The actual transfer of the business will take place as soon as the necessary legal formalities have been completed.

Post and the other officers of the Torrance National Bank will continue in the new branch, according to King, who also stated there will be no change in the other personnel.

The location of the California Bank of Torrance marks the arrival of a second major bank into this area. The bank has 43 branches, making the Torrance branch number 44. The bank's total deposits are listed at \$580 million and its total assets at \$619,579,000, it was disclosed. The bank was founded in 1903 making it 51 years old.

The Torrance National Bank was founded in 1933. James W. Post, president, and R. G. Deininger, vice president, will remain with the bank in the same official capacity until such time that they wish to retire, it was stated.

The bank will remain in the same location as at present but will undergo extensive expansion and remodeling soon, it was disclosed.

Faulty Homes Meeting Set

Lloyd Wright, Jr., attorney for Henry Albracht, contractor, formerly associated with Princeton Construction company, will meet with City Attorney James Hall and Crenshaw Gardens homeowners at the city hall, Tuesday, May 11, at 7 p.m. Hall said that progress is being made in working out a formula for correcting the building faults in the Crenshaw Gardens tract. All interested parties are invited to attend.

RICH FINDS COMMON AS DIRT . . .

You don't have to do a lot of digging to come up with a priceless find. There's nothing rare whatsoever about the countless bargains to be found in the Torrance Press classified section.

Somebody, for instance, read the following ad placed on the classified page by Charles Davis of 2314 Huber avenue:

1951 DEEP FREEZE—17 cu. ft., double door chest type. Used 9 mo. Best offer, 2314 Huber Ave. DA 60339

Davis sold the deep freeze to the first person who called.

Everybody profits through the Torrance Press . . . both the reader and the advertiser. There's nothing rare about finding a bargain on the classified page . . . it's the easiest thing in the world!



STATUESQUE . . . Flo Luongo, 17, of 16402 Wilton Place, will represent the Civitan Club in the 1954 "Miss Community Fair" contest. She is the first candidate to sign up for the contest at the Chamber of Commerce. President Frank S. Selover (left) here introduces the lovely Miss to Vernon L. Smith, co-chairman of the queen's committee.

Queen Contest Rules For Community Fair Disclosed

Rules of the 1954 Miss Community Fair queen contest were explained to a gathering of around 100 representatives from service clubs, veterans associations, and P-TA's at a Club Alondra dinner meeting last week.

Any girl over the age of 16 who works or resides in the area may participate. She must record her name, address, and telephone number on an official entry blank available at the Chamber of Commerce.

All candidates are to be sponsored by a service club, veterans' group, women's club, youth group, or lodge. The winner will be the one who chalks up the greatest number of points by the sale of 25-cent box office credit tickets.

The queen will be given a vacation trip for two persons to Mexico City or \$300 in cash. There will be such additional

Some Stores Open Sat. Nite

Some of the stores in the Torrance shopping area will remain open till 9 p.m. both Friday and Saturday night so residents may do their late shopping for Mother's Day, it was announced by the Chamber of Commerce.

ELECTION SET FOR MAY 21

William Tolson, member of the Torrance Board of Education, unexpectedly announced his resignation from the board this week, at the same time withdrawing his name from the May 21 school election.

The surprise announcement was made at a special meeting of the Board of Education at noon yesterday at which time Tolson's letter of resignation was read.

Tolson explained that this move was prompted for reasons of health and the pressure of business. He has been a member of the board for the last four years.

Election
With the school election only two weeks away no attempt will be made to appoint a replacement for Tolson, it was said. The election is scheduled for May 21. The winning candidate will probably be appointed to serve out Tolson's unfinished term which expires July 1, it was stated.

Those who have filed to run (Continued on Page 15)

POLIO DRIVE STARTS; SET \$2000 GOAL

A \$2000 goal has been set this year for the Torrance polio campaign, according to Mrs. H. J. Osborne, city chairman of the local Kenny fund raising appeal. The fund raising event which started this week will continue throughout May.

Last year Torrance residents raised \$1150. The present \$2000 goal is only a part of the total 1954 goal set at \$425,000. This money will be used primarily for clinical research, outpatient clinics, therapist training scholarships, and expansion of services at the Sister Kenny (Continued on Page 15)

2 WORKERS UNEARTH OLD INDIAN POTTERY

While grading a tract near 215th street and Normandie last week, Clemente Barajas, 1552 W. Carson street and John Montoya, 18545 Roslin avenue, stumbled upon some ancient relics which may be undatable and go back to pre-Spanish California days before the 1760's.

The two men have uncovered about 28 pieces of earthenware since their original find last Wednesday.

As they were grading they unearthed a collection of stone cups, grinding stones, and mortars and pestles made of rock.

R. M. Ariss, curator of Anthropology at the Los Angeles County Museum, examined the find Friday morning, and said that it contains some very good examples of utensils used by the Shoshonean speaking Indians in pre-Spanish California days before the 1760's.

Ariss intended to examine the find further to see if there were traces of Spanish civilization. If not, the pots and pestles could very well be from pre-Spanish days and undatable, Ariss said.

The Shoshonean Indians may have come here up to 3000 years ago, Ariss speculated.

"We intend to turn these objects over to the scientists and the museum," Barajas and Montoya said. "If somebody (Continued on Page 15)



ANCIENT RELICS . . . Stone bowls, grinding stones, mortars, pestles, and stone cups came suddenly to light while Clemente Barajas (right) and John Montoya were grading around a new tract near 215th st. and Normandie ave. last week. The discovery may be hundreds of years old.