

DEAR EDITOR....

ANNEXATION AND INCORPORATION

Editor, Torrance Press:
I have noted some quotes in the papers regarding Assembly Bill No. 2835 which provides a "rest period" in incorporation procedure. There seems to be some attempt to give the impression that this was a secret put over by anti-incorporation forces in Lomita and that it was done to facilitate annexation to Torrance.
Last February 21st an Assembly Committee held a public hearing in Lomita to receive recommendations for changes in laws on both incorporation and annexation. This meeting was attended in force by incor-

claim to be deathly afraid of annexation, gave no support whatever to these recommendations or to the legislation embodying them. If they wanted protection against annexation they should have supported this legislation at Sacramento. They did not do so.
The reasons are obvious. They know that annexation is not a threat in Lomita; that Torrance has not annexed an inch of Lomita territory in the last thirty years. Torrance officials know that Lomita would be a tax liability, they do not want us, and have declared publicly that they are not trying to get us.
Promoters are making desperate attempts to scare people with this phoney annexation threat in spite of the fact that it has been thoroughly exposed and is worn threadbare. They keep saying Torrance has repeatedly chewed off pieces of Lomita; but we notice they very carefully refrain from telling what pieces have been taken, and the reason is, there aren't any.

Very truly yours,
(s) L. E. Ross, Chairman
Committee Opposing
Incorporation
Lomita Civic League
Editor's Note: The following are the recommendations referred to in letter.

ANNEXATION. Inhabited Territory. Since it is property and not people, that is annexed, the law should be amended to require that property owners only should sign a petition for annexation to a city, instead of registered voters as at present.
It is recommended that the protection period provided in Section 35113 of the Government Code, be extended from 50 days to 60 days.

Section 35114 should be amended to provide that the required signatures must be secured within a period of 60 days from the date of the first signature secured thereon. It should provide further that if the signatures are not obtained, no petition for the annexation of any of the same territory to the same city shall be circulated for a period of three years.

It is recommended that Section 35134 of the Government Code relating to successive annexation elections be amended to provide an interval of three years instead of 12 months as at present.
The arguments here are the same as for incorporation, namely, that when the community has decided the issue it should not be subject to constant harassment by repeated attempts to annex.

ANNEXATION. Uninhabited Territory.
Section 35313 of the Government Code provides that if protest is made against annexation in accordance with that section "Further proceedings shall not be taken."

If this means that only one attempt can be made and if it fails the city is forever precluded from making another attempt upon its own motion, we are satisfied with the section the way it stands.

If, however, additional attempts can be made, it should be amended to provide a period of three years before any additional attempt can be made.

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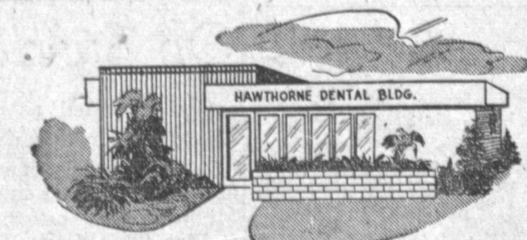
The Torrance Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a "Friendship Tour" of Mexico early next year for Torrance residents and friends, President A. E. Thompson announced today.
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Thompson pointed out that this tour will leave from Los Angeles International Airport, not Tijuana. Western Airlines is the only American air carrier from the west coast that has a franchise to fly to Mexico City. It was granted only recently after a determined effort led by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and assisted by a strong resolution from the local chamber to government officials in Washington, D. C.
Western officials told this chamber's board of directors at their last meeting, that Torrance would be the first city ever to schedule a "good will" tour to Mexico from the west coast on an American air carrier.
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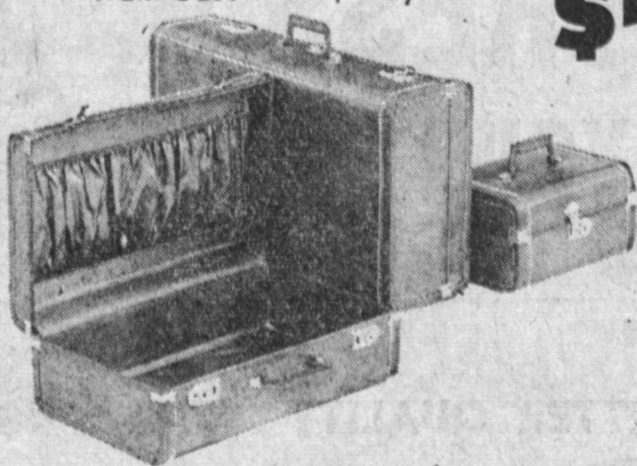
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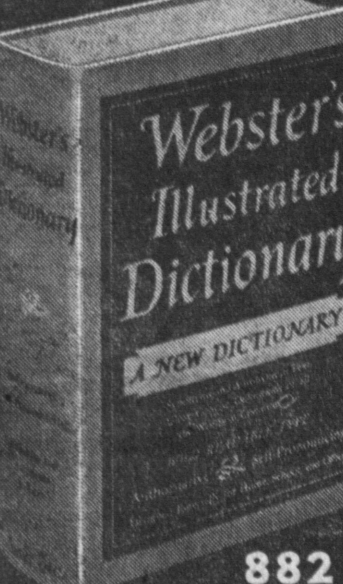
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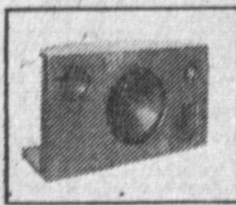
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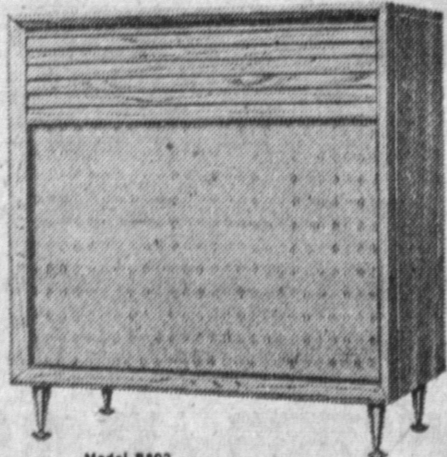
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