



# CITY CLERK SLAPPED WITH COURT ORDER

## Restraining Order Charges Rezoning Petitions Altered

Employees in the city clerk's office yesterday were served with a court order prohibiting them from issuing a certificate of sufficiency on petitions calling for a referendum on the rezoning of the controversial Marble Estate tract.

Order issued by Superior Court Judge Gordon Files was served on Deputy City Clerk John Bramhall, Gale Whitacre, Marjorie Moss, and A. H. Bartlett, city clerk.

Court order, in effect, prevents certifying the validity of the petitions and negates the possibility of the city council calling

for an election on the issue.

Injunction also calls for the named city personnel to appear in Department 65, Superior Court of Los Angeles on Friday, October 27 to show why a permanent injunction should not be issued.

Plaintiffs John M. Marble, Robert E. Marble, Marian M. Nichols and Donald H. Wilson, allege that personnel of the city clerk's office allowed petitions to be removed from the city vaults and, after they were filed, allowed proponents of the referendum to add precinct numbers, dates and addresses

to names that had previously been invalid.

Action is the latest move in the controversy over whether the Marble tract, located on Crenshaw between Sepulveda and Lomita, should be held to its present industrial zoning or should be rezoned as residential.

Builder Don Wilson indicated that he would build some 600 homes in the 155 acre tract if it were rezoned.

Twice referred back to the Planning Commission, the rezoning was finally okayed by the city council with a 4-3 vote.

Opposition to the re-

zoning issue, led by a Torrance attorney, immediately began circulating the petition calling for a referendum.

Final tally of signatures on the petitions showed that passers had brought in a total of well over 5,000 names. However, a large proportion of the signatures were open to question because of neglected precinct numbers, dates and addresses, plaintiffs stated.

A state law, now in existence, makes it illegal to alter the face of a petition after it is filed according to the County Councils office.

## Council Okays Airport Bonds

Torrance city councilmen last night agreed to seek voter support of a proposed \$1,250,000 revenue issue, which would be used to finance development of the municipal airport.

Project, which was brought before the council by the Airport Commission, would include several capital outlay plans and would finance expansion and modernization of the local air terminal.

Revenue bond issue would be amortized with revenue from the airport itself.

Councilmen agreed that the bonds, if authorized by the voters in April, would be sold in two or three issues, rather than all at once. Project, when completed, would give Torrance one of the most modern community airports in the nation.



**DIG RED TOY**—City recreation personnel last week accepted as a gift a huge, red, 30-year-old fire engine, complete with brass bell and proceeded to install it at Torrance park as an irresistible toy for the small fry.

Youngsters showed up in crowds as workmen placed the huge fire engine in place, waiting impatiently to see who would be the first to climb aboard.

## Lions Schedule Second Annual Glaucoma Clinic

South Torrance Lions Club will hold their second annual glaucoma clinic Friday at Torrance Memorial Hospital, it was reported Monday by Lions Club officers and participating physicians.

Free examinations to detect the presence of the dread blinding disease will be given from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Physicians said that the disease can be cured if detected in time. No appointment is necessary, said Dr. Fred Hookes, chairman for the project.

In a second announcement it was reported that all Lions Clubs will observe White Cane Days Friday and Saturday. Money collected will be used to aid Lions sight conservation projects.

## Abortion Charge Filed Against Torrance Woman

A Torrance woman was jailed in Tijuana this week on charges of participating in the activities of a Baja California abortion ring.

Maria Clopton Cortez, 28, of 1237 213th St., was one of four Southern Californians booked on the charge.

Preliminary reports stated that Mrs. Cortez was arrested for aiding Dr. Jorge Ballesca Valencia, 45, a suspected abortionist.

## INSTALLATION CEREMONIES . . .

## Torrance Banker to Head Chamber; Select Housewife as 'Citizen of the Year'

Members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce last night installed a local banker as president and named an outstanding civic leader as "Citizen of the Year."

Formally seated in ceremonies staged in the auditorium at South High School was Harold G. Frenz, manager of the Torrance branch of the Bank of America. Frenz will take the post held for the past year by William E. Shawger.

Selected in a city-wide competition for Citizen of the Year was Mrs. Kenneth (Naomi) McVey, tireless civic worker and busy

housewife.

Listed in her accomplishments during the past year were, coordinating chairman of Konya Days activities, Magazines for Friendship program for the PTA, coordinator of the Torrance Council of PTA; judge of the Bank of America Scholarship awards; secretary of TEAC; chairman of group that annually adopts a ward at Harbor General Hospital; president of local chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority; nominee for the title of "Outstanding Woman of the Year" sponsored by the Torrance Press; recreation commissioner for the city of Tor-

rance; dental committee for the Dental Health Association; section chairman for the Community Chest; residential chairman for the Red Cross; volunteer for the American Cancer Society; Mothers March of Dimes; Multiple Sclerosis, heart Association, Easter Seals, Arthritis Foundation; YMCA and YWCA.

Also seated during the installation ceremonies were James M. Hall, attorney, first vice president; C. A. Woodcock, accountant, second vice president; and William Belding, head of a large Torrance retail store, treasurer.



## State Controller Alan Cranston to Tour Torrance

People of Torrance are invited to meet their State Controller, Alan Cranston. Under the sponsorship of Torrance Democrats Inc., and the Democratic Women's Society, Cranston will be honored at an informal tea, Friday afternoon, Oct. 27, at the Torrance YWCA.



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**ANNUAL BANQUET**—Hundreds of local residents, Chamber of Commerce members, representatives of city government and service clubs took part in last night's annual Chamber banquet at South High School. Above, Harold G. Frenz, manager of the Torrance branch of the Bank of America and

newly installed president of the Chamber, introduced Mrs. Kenneth (Naomi) McVey, selected in a city-wide competition as Torrance's Citizen of the Year. Below, rapt audience listens to address of Dr. William Teague, Pepperdine College administrators, guest speaker of the evening.



**WHITE CANE DAYS**—Guest speaker at last week's North Torrance Lions Club meeting was Jack Whiffen, center. Blind himself, he told Lions of needed laws for the protection of blind people and how White

Cane money is used in the nationwide Lions Club sight conservation programs. Above, he is shown with Sal Perez, president of the North Torrance club, and George Webb, program chairman.

# Naomi McVey Named 'Citizen of Year'