

# City Owes Debt to Court Fight Leaders

The city of Torrance owes a debt of gratitude to those community leaders who helped relocate the proposed Superior Court facility in the new civic center.

The Torrance Press has often criticized stands taken by city officials when we felt that criticism was needed and would serve a constructive and useful purpose.

In the same light we thoroughly enjoy commending and complimenting these same officials for progressive activities that are a benefit to the entire city.

The securing of the beautiful new court for Torrance is one such activity.

When completed it will be a landmark pinpointing Torrance as the "central" city of the area.

## BEAUTY

Its construction will add beauty and dignity to the civic center complex, will bring jobs to the city and the surrounding area, and will bolster the economics of the entire community.

Supervisor Burton W. Chace, who was honored Friday at a luncheon for his part in relocating the

facility in Torrance, said that the structure will cost more than \$3,000,000 and will be out of the initial planning stage within 60 days.

## CREDIT

Largest portion of the credit should go to Torrance Mayor Albert Isen, the full complement of city councilmen who unanimously supported the move, and Boris Wooley, Torrance attorney who, as chairman of the local Bar Association's committee, spearheaded the fight.

Representatives of city government and Cham-

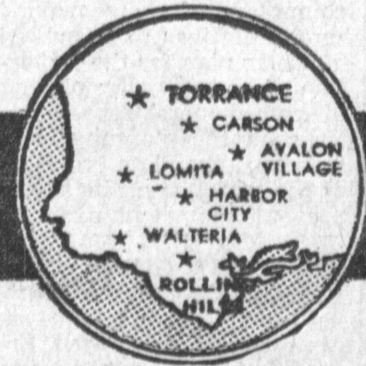
bers of Commerce in virtually every one of the area's cities and unincorporated communities lined themselves solidly behind the move.

Special commendations should also be given to Councilman Nickolas Dralle, who worked unceasingly to get the facility for Torrance, to newsman Reid Bundy and the committee who sweated out, for two years, surveys of possible sites for the court.

Certainly, the residents of Torrance owe a debt of gratitude to these men for their devotion to a cause and for the unselfish giving of their own time.

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**COMMENDATION FOR COURT**—Southland civic leaders paid tribute Friday to Supervisor Burton Chace for his assistance in establishing the new Superior Court facility in the Torrance civic center. Luncheon meeting, which was held at the Plush Horse Restaurant, was sponsored by the South Bay Bar Ass'n. Above, deed

to civic center site for court is presented to Chace by Torrance Mayor Albert Isen, while Attorney Boris Wooley, who spearheaded the local fight, and Superior Court Judge John Shidler, look on. More than 400 public officials, civic leaders and Chamber of Commerce heads attended the function.

## SF Mayor Christopher Speaks

San Francisco Mayor and GOP Lt. Governor hopeful George Christopher will address the February meeting of the South Bay Young Republican Club at Smith Brothers Fish Shanty, Torrance, Tues., Feb. 20, at 8 p.m.

Club president, Don Mehlig, in announcing the meeting, said that Christopher would discuss state problems and the GOP solution for them.

Christopher, who founded the Christopher Dairy Farm, largest independently owned dairy farm in the Bay area, entered political life in 1945 when he was elected a member of the San Francisco County Board of Supervisors.

He served twice as president of the Board of Supervisors before being elected mayor in 1955. He was re-elected in 1959.

Mehlig noted that the meeting begins at 8 p.m. but it is preceded by a no-host social hour at 7 p.m. All interested Torrance persons are invited to attend.



MAYOR CHRISTOPHER  
... Here Tuesday

## THREE HURT ...

### Torrance Woman Booked After Four-Car Crash

A 39-year old Torrance woman was booked on suspicion of drunken driving charges last week after a spectacular four-car collision in Carson.

Sheriff's deputies said that Roberta E. Wartella, 20610 Western Ave., crashed into a line of three vehicles at an estimated 50 miles

per hour. Mrs. Wartella and two others were injured in the crash and were treated at Harbor General Hospital.

Also hurt were Ermenial Colello, 34, 120 E. 223rd St., and a passenger in his car, Angelina Lopez, 33, 171 E. 232nd Place. They were treated by hospital physicians for facial lacerations.

# RECORD NUMBER SEEK CITY POSTS

## Only Three Incumbents Seek Posts

A record turnout of candidates for the six elective posts which will be filled in April, were clocked at noon Thursday, deadline for filing nominating papers.

Five persons have announced their intention of running for the mayor's post. They are: Albert Isen, incumbent; City Councilman Willys Blount; Arthur Armijo; Jeff W. Bell; and Roger "Pat" Hogue.

Of the 20 candidates who have filed for one of the three council posts, only one, is an incumbent. George Bradford will not seek reelection.

In the running for council positions are: J. A. Beasley, incumbent; John J. Barton, Garth Belknap; Mrs. Eva L. Bisou; Russell E. Cameron; James Cicchini; Mrs. Jean Clawson; Earle A. Foster; Harley Gibson; Arthur D. Kinane; George Kurtz; David K. Lyman; Mrs. Naomi McVey; Ken Miller; Nat Mondati; Stewart E. Rose; Ross A. Sciarrotta; Fred Steinbroner, Jr.; William R. Steele; and William E. Taylor.

Although A. H. Bartlett, city clerk, has announced that he will not seek reelection, eleven others have filed for the post. They are: Vernon W. Coil; Rose Craig; Charles L. Deck; Thomas R. Faren; Thirvin D. Fleetwood, a member of the city



**SIGH OF RELIEF**—Personnel in the Torrance city clerk's office breathed a huge sigh of relief Thursday noon as they closed the lists to political contenders. Deadline for filing nominating papers found record number of

aspirants for six positions that will be filled at the April 10 municipal election. Above, Mrs. Marjorie Moss and deputy city clerk Gale Whitacre, hang up the closed sign as Thursday's noon whistle blows.

## Panel of Speakers Seek Answer for Area Jobless

Unemployment in the Torrance area has become a major problem, according to a panel of speakers who met last week at the Fish Shanty Restaurant for a forum program on the employment picture.

The session, sponsored by the Harbor Area Welfare Planning Council, brought forth pertinent information concerning the decline in recent years of such basic area industries as shipping, shipbuilding, construction and commercial fishing. Unemployment in the area at present is about seven per cent of the work force, compared with a four per cent average in the entire Los Angeles area, according to panelist Marvin Dunne, a manager of one of our State Employment offices.

Much of the distressing lack of available work is due to automation, unskilled labor and population growth.

It was suggested that an organization dedicated to bringing more industry to the area through availability of information should be formed.

## Polio Clinic

Yukon Elementary School is conducting a Polio-Tetanus clinic on the third Tuesday of each month in the school cafeteria.

This month's clinic is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 20 and will be held from 6 until 8:30 p.m. Dr. Glen Mahoney will administer the serum.

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**TOPPLED TRUCK**—City rubbish collection truck slithered sideways Thursday at 228th St. and Hawthorne and then toppled over. Police and city employees spent more than an hour getting the truck back on its wheels

and cleaning up the spilled debris. Driver was taken to hospital for treatment. Right, stolen auto, driven by a 15-year old Torrance youth, hotly pursued by police officers raced through downtown streets Wednesday and



finally crashed into a lamp post. Injured youth was hospitalized. Car narrowly missed several pedestrians and busload of school children before coming to a halt,