

has reflected a measure of good will for this community.

**SCOUT PROGRAM:** As a civic activity everyone readily agrees that the program of scouting is much more than a boy's activity. Our regular constituted agencies of authority are loud in their praise for the citizenship value which the program of this youth movement tends to build in the development of character and citizenship. The several troops in Torrance are associated with the Los Angeles District Council, by reason of which they obtain the benefit of the splendid executives for the direction of all major activities. The major part of the expense involved for this city's share in the executive administration is provided from the city's promotion fund. Four hundred dollars per annum during the last three years has been budgeted and paid to this organization accordingly.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** Sponsored by the local fire department several years ago, a Christmas program has been provided each season, which has grown in proportions until last year the combined forces of the police and fire department found it difficult to serve the tremendous crowd which demonstrated their hearty approval of this community event. The splendid cooperation of the various religious bodies who joined with the committee of firemen to make these events depaganized and wholesome is a feature in itself, and has won for this city many fine expressions by visitors and guests from many surrounding communities. In addition to the short pageantry the committees handling this activity arranged the distribution of a large volume of apples, nuts, candies and miscellaneous toys, endeavoring to reach and serve the ever increasing multitude of kiddies who have this convenient and happy way to see Santa Claus. This function has become an institution in the community, and it is to be hoped may always endure. The funds with which this feature is provided are taken from the community's promotion budget.

**COUNTY EMPLOYMENT FUND:** Following the official announcement by county authorities shortly after the first of the year for the registration of all unemployed persons this bureau promptly established the office of a local registrar to conduct the activity. Comprehensive forms were developed to enable the local records not only to be a tabulation of the number of unemployed but to also incorporate full circumstantial facts in order that the city might have a graphic picture of its economic conditions. Commendation by the county authorities reflected the fact that the Torrance reports were the most comprehensive and well kept throughout the county. As a result of this registration and subsequent contact by a joint committee of the city and this bureau a \$15,000 emergency improvement fund was secured and spent by the city on projects designed for permanent good. By a process of rotation over two hundred and fifty persons were benefited through employment. As a by-product of this program the city realized nearly one thousand dollars in revenue derived from the sale of cut wood realized from the removal of trees on the proposed right-of-way of Sepulveda Boulevard, one of the projects embraced in the emergency work. In proportion to the number of persons registered the fund received by Torrance from the county was the largest allocated to the various communities.

**BALL PARK ILLUMINATION:** As a step in the direction of public recreational facilities a citizens' committee expended considerable energy in securing a property owners' agreement for use of the site now developed at Border, Artisano and Carson Streets. The agreement incorporates the right to the use of this land, with a termination provision upon the sale or other use desired by the owners. The agreement also provides a quit claim by the owners of any improvements which the operators may place on the premises. With this compact the citizens' committee requested the aid of this bureau for the development of the ball park. A committee of this bureau, including the city engineer, made plans accordingly, resulting in the chamber appropriating six hundred and eight dollars which paid for the installation of the lighting equipment installed on the ground. This expenditure was made by an understanding with the citizens' group that if and when the city should acquire a publicly owned park that the lighting equipment purchased from the promotion fund would be removed to such public park. The project has been run as a private enterprise and the grandstand and other improvements have been furnished by the citizens' committee. The labor incident to the preparation of the ball diamond proper was furnished by the city of Torrance. Probably no entertainment feature in Torrance has furnished such consistently large appreciative crowds as those which have attended the many games played on this park during the season. There has also been an advertising and publicity value of immeasurable benefit as a result of the thousands of people from many communities throughout the southland who have followed their respective home teams when they have come to play in Torrance. This entire feature certainly must serve as an example to the citizens of the need for a real comprehensive park in this city. Succeeding seasons may be expected to be even more pop-