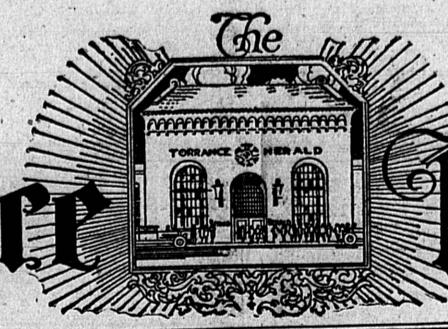


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## OPENING OF ILLUMINATED BALL PARK MONDAY NIGHT TO BE GALA CIVIC EVENT

Parade, Fireworks and Ceremonies Are To Precede First Game to Be Played at Border and Carson

After Mayor John Dennis hurled the ball in the general direction of Police Chief G. M. Calder, who will attempt to catch it, the Torrance night baseball diamond, corner of Border avenue and Carson street, will be officially dedicated next Monday evening and an extensive series of night games will start.

The formal opening of the illuminated ball park Monday evening at 8 o'clock will precede the initial game which will bring together two outstanding teams—the Torrance Red Jackets (representing the best ball talent in the city) and the Pacific Steamship team of San Pedro.

Parade to Park  
But the Mayor's pitch and Calder's catching act are not the only ceremonies scheduled. A street parade led by the American Legion drum and bugle corps and the Torrance Boys' band will wind about the downtown streets and end at the new ball park. Both the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs and both competing teams in uniform have signified their intention of participating in the parade, and it is expected that the Bert S. Crossland post, Boy Scouts and other organizations in the city will march in the procession.

The parade will start at 7 o'clock from the city hall.

A brilliant fireworks display, ending with a salute of bombs, will be staged at the ball diamond shortly before the first game is called. The Chamber of Commerce directors voted \$25 for the pyrotechnics Monday afternoon.

Accommodation for 1000  
It is hoped that a large crowd will attend the first game. The lighting system installed by the Chamber of Commerce is one of the best in the Southland and permits every place to be seen just as in daylight games. There will be no charge at the gate, but a "hat collection" will be taken up during the course of the game.

The two grandstands erected on the diamond will seat approximately 275 spectators, but there is room on the base lines for at least 750 more, making the total capacity of the park more than 1000.

Representing an investment of about \$1000, the illuminated field is the joint labor of the city, Chamber of Commerce, a committee of five representatives of citizens who have guaranteed the bills for the grandstands, and the owners of the land, who have donated the use of their property without charge other than the payment of the taxes.

Lineup for Game  
The Torrance Red Jackets, managed by Ed Tansey, who has been interested in local baseball teams for the past five years, are now leading two indoor leagues, the San Pedro and the Lynwood divisions. The team is composed of a fast aggregation of players who have consistently won games with.

## DRUM CORPS GETS UNIFORMS

Council Concurs in Action of Chamber Directors to Equip Unit in Time for State Contests at Long Beach

The Chamber of Commerce directors, with the entire City Council "stamping in" on the meeting, voted Monday afternoon to appropriate \$1520 for the purchase of 38 dress uniforms to equip the American Legion drum and bugle corps with outfits that will enable the corps to enter the state-wide contests at Long Beach in August.

The bid of Sandy and Scotty to furnish the complete dress uniforms for \$40 per suit, which was previously accepted, formed the basis of the contract for the uniforms. It is stipulated that the suits and equipment must be ready for the local corps in time for the Long Beach convention, which opens August 31.

Publicity for City  
Invited to attend the directors' meeting so that the matter could be fully presented to them, the members of the City Council took an interested part in the discussion of the uniform proposal.

Mayor John Dennis stated that he had been to a good many Legion meetings lately when the various drum and bugle corps of Southern California posts attracted much attention by their playing and costuming. He cited, as a particular instance, a gathering at Redondo last Friday evening when between 500 and 600 men were out on a field and in exhibition drills. In conclusion he declared he was highly in favor of the chamber's purchase of the uniforms for the Bert S. Cross-

## SPEAKER



Paul Clagstone  
Manager of Western Division,  
Chamber of Commerce of  
United States

## Business Situation, World Problems in Review Here Today

"A perspective of the nation's business as seen through the eyes of the United States Chamber of Commerce presented in Atlantic City this May at the annual meeting of the National Chamber of Commerce and glimpses of the International Chamber of Commerce, whose biennial meeting was held at Washington in May."

This was the subject discussed by Paul Clagstone, western manager for the United States Chamber, at the noon meeting of the Torrance Rotary club. Clagstone is a recognized authority on business and industrial matters and presented a concise survey of business conditions in general at the meeting.

## City License Fees Due July 1

Ten Day Period to Pay At City Clerk's Office With No Delinquent Penalty

Business license fees for Torrance business and professional people will be due next Wednesday, July 1, warns City Clerk A. H. Bartlett. Collections will be started at Bartlett's office beginning July 1, when such licenses are due and payable. While city officials will not be persistent, a reasonable period may expect a visit from Police Chief G. M. Calder's men if they continue in business.

## END OF FISCAL YEAR

Next Wednesday, July 1, the city of Torrance will start its fiscal year of 1931-32. The present 12-month period of the city's life ends Tuesday, June 30.

## Landlords, Attention!

You who have a vacant house, apartment, court unit or hotel room that is vacant, stand a good chance of getting a tenant if you will cooperate with the Torrance Chamber of Commerce by sending in your listings AT ONCE.

The first of a series of six advertisements now being run in 10 hot belt newspapers appeared Tuesday afternoon of this week, and 19 hours later, or Wednesday noon, five inquiries were received from Phoenix and two from Tucson, Arizona. One of the letters from Phoenix asked for a definite reservation for July 10. Others asked for more information on available vacancies.

The first of the six advertisements attracting residents in the hot belts to cool Torrance for the summer is printed (gratis) on another page of this issue. This advertisement as well as five others will appear in newspapers in Phoenix, Tucson, Yuma, Prescott, San Bernardino, Redlands, Riverside, Brawley, El Centro and Bakersfield.

The entire cost of the campaign is being paid by the Chamber of Commerce and there will be no charge of any sort for listing vacancies, but owners of rental property in Torrance are urged to turn in a description of their vacancies AT ONCE in order that all may benefit by the campaign.

## Two Writers Tell Story of City's Growth

Magazine and Newspaper Accounts Picture Torrance as in Path of Great Industrial Expansion

Two exceptionally good reviews of Torrance as an industrial center were published during the past week. One article in Southern California Business, a monthly magazine published by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, formed the basis of the second story, which was printed in the Los Angeles Evening Herald last Saturday. Both articles are worth study by local residents.

Accompanied by two airplane pictures of Torrance, one taken in 1921 and the other this year, which depict the really astounding growth of this community, the Southern California Business magazine's story, "Torrance—Our Own Gary," is written by Mel Wharton. "From the day it was born, at a directors table, this steel city has grown by wise plans," declares the sub-heading. Here is Wharton's review of Torrance:

"Few cities have had the blessing to be well born. Generally, they have grown without direction or curb, and like children, with growing pains and irrepressible inclinations that have often militated against their better interests. But occasionally, some community is cradled into being upon the lap of anticipation and grows as 'model cities,' and the wonder of their growth and achievements is flung far and wide.

"Gary, Indiana, the big steel and metal manufacturing city, is the outgrowth of careful planning and execution, an example of foresight in all aspects, both social and industrial. A nearer and more recent example is the little city of Longview, Washington, built entirely by the Lone-Bell Lumber Company, and dedicated to the science of lumbering, a community of mills, pleasant homes and ideal public institutions.

"Right here in Southern California is another infant born with a heritage of thoughtful parents. This city is Torrance, and in accumulated wisdom, the transmitted knowledge of perceptive forebears. It has already achieved renown as an ideal location for big industry, and is being groomed to become the Gary of the West.

"Probably no place in the Coast can equal Torrance's per capita value of equipment. With 8376 population, by the 1930 census, the value of the city's products is \$38,000,000—equivalent to \$5160 for each man, woman and child. On this basis the statistical worth of Torrance's products is \$19,575 Torrance family annually.

"Actually, 6400 men are employed during normal times in Torrance industries, chiefly the (Continued on Page 5-A)

## RETIRING



Sam Levy  
President of the Torrance Rotary Club, 1930-31

## Rotarians to Enjoy Week-End at Ranch Installation Outing

When the Torrance Rotary club adjourned after its luncheon meeting this noon, Sam Levy ended his term as president of the organization. Saturday he will be "de-moted" with much ceremony at the fourth annual Rotary outing at Warren Johnston's ranch home near Escondido.

Herbert S. Wood, principal of the Torrance High school, will be installed as the new president of the club at the Escondido week-end party, along with Bruce Bilger, incoming vice president, who succeeds Don Findley, Ed Nelson, who succeeds as secretary-treasurer of the club for many years, continues in that office. The Rotary board, composed of Wood, Bilger, Finley, George Fay and W. Rufus Page.

Don Findley said yesterday that his membership and their families are planning on accepting Johnston's hospitality during the week-end.

## Local Barber Said Victim Of Poison Liquor

Don Santori is Stricken By Blindness; Refuses To Tell Source

Because no trace of wood alcohol was found in the poisoned liquor drunk by Don Santori, local barber, last week-end, he has a fighting chance to regain his eyesight, according to Dr. J. S. Lancaster today. Dr. Lancaster is treating the well known young man who was stricken with partial, then total blindness Monday.

Santori refuses to divulge the place or the person from whom he obtained the impure liquor. "I believe he will regain his eyesight in time, but it will take a long period before he is out of danger," the physician declared. "I had a sample of the liquor examined by the county chemist and he reported it contained no wood alcohol. However, he is making further tests to determine what may have caused Don's affliction. The barber-musician has regained some of his eyesight, but earlier in the week it was feared that he would be totally blind for the rest of his life.

## Plan Holiday From Next Week's Herald

Next week's Herald will be distributed at 6 a. m., Thursday morning, July 2. Carrier boys have been notified to be ready to start on their routes at that hour.

The earlier delivery will enable readers to study the advertisements of local merchants who are planning to offer many attractive pre-holiday bargains. In order to make your Fourth of July more enjoyable than ever, why not check through the Herald next Thursday morning and in a few minutes plan out your holiday picnic lunches, dinners and accessories direct from its pages? The Herald office will be closed all day Saturday.

## RIGID ECONOMY IMPERATIVE AS COUNCIL FORESEES 15 TO 20-CENT INCREASE IN TAXES

Unavoidable Extra Items of Expense Will Necessitate Slashes in Fire, Police and City Clerk's Departments

Faced with an increase in municipal taxes of from 15 to 20 cents because of several unavoidable extra items in the 1931-32 budget, the City Council is endeavoring to perfect a program of rigid economy in general governmental expenses in order to partially offset the increase. It was learned this week that the departments scheduled for paring in next year's budget are the police, fire and city clerk's office.

Councilman action on the coming budget has been in progress for several weeks, but intensive activity on the city cost sheet has only started. In coming down to bed-rock figures on what it will cost to operate the city of Torrance next year, the council found three items in particular which will tend to raise the municipal taxes next year and several reasons why a program of strict economy will be instituted.

## Ten Nominated For Directors of Chamber

Final Ballot Electing Five Returnable On June 30

Ten members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce were nominated this week for directors of the organization in an election which 52 per cent of the total membership participated. This is said to be a record vote. There were 282 names on the ballot and 116 members, received votes, indicating a wide range of choice among the voters.

The 10 highest who stand for election and the votes they received are as follows: D. K. Kall Spaulin, 62; J. W. Post, 60; Earl Conner, 57; Don Findley, 43; George Fay, 32; J. C. Smith, 29; Frank Steinhilber, 29; J. W. Leeb, 25; W. T. Klusman, 15, and C. T. Rippey, 11.

Final Vote by June 30  
The final ballots carrying the above names were mailed today and are returnable not later than 5 p. m., June 30. Members of the chamber are asked to vote on five nominees. The judges who counted the nominating ballots and count the final votes are C. A. Paxman, chairman; B. C. Buxton, Ed Clarkson, Len J. Murray and G. L. Morris. Murray was unable to be present at the preliminary count and Floyd Evans took his place.

Four of the new directors will serve for two years and the remaining one for a year term. After the new board is installed, they will elect officers for the coming year.

## Fireworks Sale And Use Limited By Law

Here's a word of warning for all Torrance youngsters—both old and young—fireworks are to be sold and used the first four days of next month—from July 1 to and including July 4.

The city ordinance covering the sale and use of Fourth of July pyrotechnics is very definite as to that point—and any violation of the law is punishable by a fine of not less than \$5 or more than \$50. (Continued on Page 8-A)

## FREEHOLDERS START WORK

Organize Board to Draft City Charter; Many Important Aspects of Work Are Discussed Tuesday Night

Manifesting a keen interest in the work before them, 11 members of the board of freeholders who will draft a city charter for Torrance met Tuesday night. Police Judge C. T. Rippey was elected permanent chairman of the board; Herbert S. Wood, vice chairman, and Robert J. Deiminger, secretary. At the conclusion of the meeting, during which many general points in the proposed charter were broached, indicating that the freeholders were fully cognizant of the duty that lies before them, the board adjourned until Monday evening, July 13, when the first regular meeting will be held.

Within 120 days from the date the vote on the freeholders was canvassed (June 15) or until October 14, unless the freeholders ask an additional 60 days to complete their work, the board must draft and submit an instrument, known as a charter or constitution, to the people for their inspection and ratification.

Form of Government  
Among the more important charter aspects discussed Tuesday night were the form of government to be proposed, the formation of various sub-committees to study and report on phases of city administration and law, the future population and its bearing on the charter, and the calling in of experts to criticize the work of the board.

In regard to the form of government, there are several plans to be considered the freeholders learned. These are: the present or councilman form, with all councilmen elected at large; the election of the mayor by the council and his right to cast a vote but without veto power; the councilman form with the mayor being elected at large and having no vote in council proceedings but given veto power; the commission or board form; the commission or board form; and the election of the council by a ward system.

Sub-Committee Plan  
That the sub-committee plans to work out a charter by dividing the work among groups will permit greater study and a resultant better charter was expressed by all present Tuesday night. Frank E. Leonard proposed the following sub-divisions for study by groups of three freeholders each: corporate powers, elections and councilmanic districts and police courts; health and sanitation, social welfare and civil service; education. (Continued on Page 4-A)