

**ART-CRAFT CLUB MEETS AT DEROUN'S**

Members of the Art-Craft club were entertained at the home of Mrs. G. T. Deroun Friday evening when Mrs. Charles Ward assisted her daughter as co-hostess.

Mrs. Lillian Sana presented an interesting demonstration of Christmas table and cake decoration and handcraft work occupied the balance of the evening. Members will enjoy a Christmas dinner party at Carl's in Leimert Park tomorrow evening and will return to Torrance where they will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Don Miller. An exchange of gifts and amateur motion pictures has been planned.

**City Signifies Intent to Buy Tax-Deed Lots**

In order to meet the Dec. 15 deadline established by the county board of supervisors for receipt of proposed agreements by cities to purchase tax-delinquent property at a fraction of the land's cost, the city council adopted a resolution Tuesday night, subject to the city attorney's approval, to acquire such property and restore it by resale to individual owners to the tax rolls.

Prices for the parcels are to be mutually agreed upon by the city and the county. No particular lots were mentioned in the agreement. Ample notice will be given by the publication of three legal advertisements concerning the locations.

**City Employees Elect Officers**

To Irwin J. (Jack) Hallanger, deputy city clerk, went the honor this week of being elected the first president of the newly-formed Torrance City Employees' Association.

Elected to serve with Hallanger in balloting yesterday were Tom Perkin, secretary, and Jack Long, treasurer. The three officers and Tom Hatfield, Jack Tucker and Capt. John Roy Winters comprise the board of directors. A vice president, who will preside over meetings and serve as a director, will be appointed by the elected directors. Fraternal and benevolent in function, the group has more than 100 members. Hallanger is the assistant city clerk; Perkin a police officer; Long, assistant city electrician; Hatfield, recreation worker; Tucker, street department worker, and Winters, a fireman.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Appenzeller were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Tillotson of Walnut Park, when they left for San Francisco Tuesday on a business trip. They plan to return Saturday.

**Data Sought on Means to Assure Jobs to Drafted City Workers**

City employees who may be drafted should be assured of their jobs on return from a year's training in the Army, Councilman Vern Babcock, veteran of World War I, told the city board Tuesday night in proposing that the city attorney draft an ordinance or resolution guaranteeing draftees their jobs.

After discussion, during which Mayor Tom McGuire indicated that the city could "do something to help out on the men's pay during their service in the Army," Babcock withdrew his motion. City Clerk A. H. Bartlett was instructed to write the legal department of the California League of Municipalities to find out what other cities are doing in this regard.

**Amendments to Boys' Club Project Are Filed by Council**

Another move to get action from the city council on their proposed Boys' Club project was made by the Torrance Coordinating Council Tuesday night but the city board placed the communication on file.

Signed by Judge Robert Lessing, chairman of the coordinators, the letter submitted three amendments to the Boys' Club proposal: (1) that the cost of the building and furnishings for such a club could now be more closely estimated at "between \$6,000 and \$7,000" as result of N.Y.A. commitments concerning labor; (2) that more space could be provided and thus accommodate girls as well as boys and perhaps broaden the age limits, and (3) that a recreation center, including library facilities, be erected in Walteria at a cost of "about \$2,500 for the building."

"I move that the communication be placed on file," Councilman John V. Murray said. "It's nice to know Lessing is taking an interest in the delinquency of others."

Sakhalin island, off the coast of Asia, is divided between Russia and Japan. It is valuable because of oil and fisheries.

**White-Clad Arm Lifts Woman's Purse at Church Sunday**

Mrs. Olga Poh of 1814 Martina, laid her tan leather purse, containing personal papers and \$7 or \$8 in cash, on the ledge of a window inside the student class room at the Foursquare church on El Prado Sunday evening.

The window was partly open and partly curtained.

During the evening a little girl in the room saw an arm reach thru the window, lift the purse and disappear.

The only description obtained: the arm was clothed in something white.

**Week's Building Totals \$14,478**

Building permits issued during the past week totaled \$14,478, according to records on file at the city engineer's office. They were:

C. T. Rippy, frame stucco six-room residence and two-car garage, 1611 El Prado, \$6,100; Texas Company, demolishing two old derricks, \$780; K. Okubo, wood frame and corrugated metal bird house and chicken house at 18321 Arlington avenue, \$550; William E. Fritz, seven-room frame duplex and two-car garage at 1328 Cota avenue, \$4,050; George Briggs, re-roof residence at 1434 Post avenue, \$188; Jacob Schipper, barn and milk house at 1808 Sepulveda, \$2,500; Walteria First Fundamental Baptist church, 20 by 12-foot frame addition at 3635 Newton street, \$275; H. Blackmon, re-roof residence, \$28.

**Permit Moved-in House On Ranch**

Permission was granted A. L. Nelson, Los Angeles house-mover, by the city council Tuesday night to put a moved-in \$1,200 frame house on his 10-acre ranch at 178th street and Crenshaw boulevard. Nelson, it was reported, moves in the dwellings and leaves them on blocks until he can sell them.

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**Police Now Studying Darkroom Technique for Photo Finishing**

A completely equipped darkroom and courses in photo developing and printing are the newest items on Police Chief John Stroh's scientific crime detection program for his Torrance police department.

Stroh has had a darkroom fitted out in the city hall and plans to detail two officers, one for daytime and the other for night, to a class in photo finishing. Several local camera fans here have volunteered to act as instructors.

Officers are now learning the fine points of operating the department's new Speed Graphic camera which was purchased this fall. With the equipment, local police are prepared to gather evidence at the scene of accidents and in criminal cases.

Now, if he could just get that two-way radio equipment that he has sought for the past two years, Torrance would have a pretty well equipped department, Chief Stroh believes.

**Eight Patients Enter Hospital**

Eight patients were received at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. They were: Jack Adler, 12, of Lomita for treatment of a fractured leg on Saturday; Mrs. Edna Bishop and her seven-year-old daughter Ann Marie, of 1433 El Prado for influenza treatment Sunday; Betty Day, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Day of 1923 Andree avenue, Saturday for pneumonia treatment.

Ada M. Plotner, Manhattan Beach, Sunday for an appendectomy; Mrs. Daphne Proudfoot, Ferros Beach, Monday for surgery; Mrs. Marguerite Stone of the Gramercy Apartments, Friday for medical treatment, and Richard Worthing, Los Angeles truck driver, for treatment of a fractured knee suffered Friday as a result of a traffic collision.

American railroads use about 1,286,000 miles of telephone and telegraph wires in their operations.

**Evening School Students Plan Yuletide Party**

Plans for the annual Christmas party to be held Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p. m., in the Torrance high school auditorium are being made by the student body officers of the Torrance Adult Evening school. There will be Christmas carols, entertainment, dancing and refreshments. All members of the student body and their friends are urged to bring a ten-cent gift to be exchanged later in the evening with other members of the student body. Refreshments will be on a pot-luck basis, with the members of the student body bringing sandwiches, cakes, cookies, candy or whatever they choose.

Special entertainment features of the evening will be the singing of Christmas carols by Miss Nelle Gothold's voice class and the presence of Santa Claus, himself. Luke Nickol, president of the student body, urges all members of the student body and their families and friends to attend the party.

**Car Equipment and Chickens Stolen in City**

Thefts-of-the-week as reported to Torrance police: Carburetor and oil filter, stripped from William Smith's car Monday night while the Redondo Beach resident had it parked in the rear of a cafe on Border avenue near the Columbia Steel plant;

Two fog lights, from Donald Harding's car Monday night after the Long Beach resident had parked it on Border avenue near Arlington;

Three chickens, from Alfred E. Marsteller's coop at 1314 Amalopolis avenue, Saturday night; and Two fog lights, from Ray Cook's car Friday night while it was parked on El Prado near the city hall. Cook lives at 1608 25th street, Lomita.

Miss Virginia's Trailer of Long Beach and formerly of Torrance was an overnight guest of Miss Marjorie Page Saturday.



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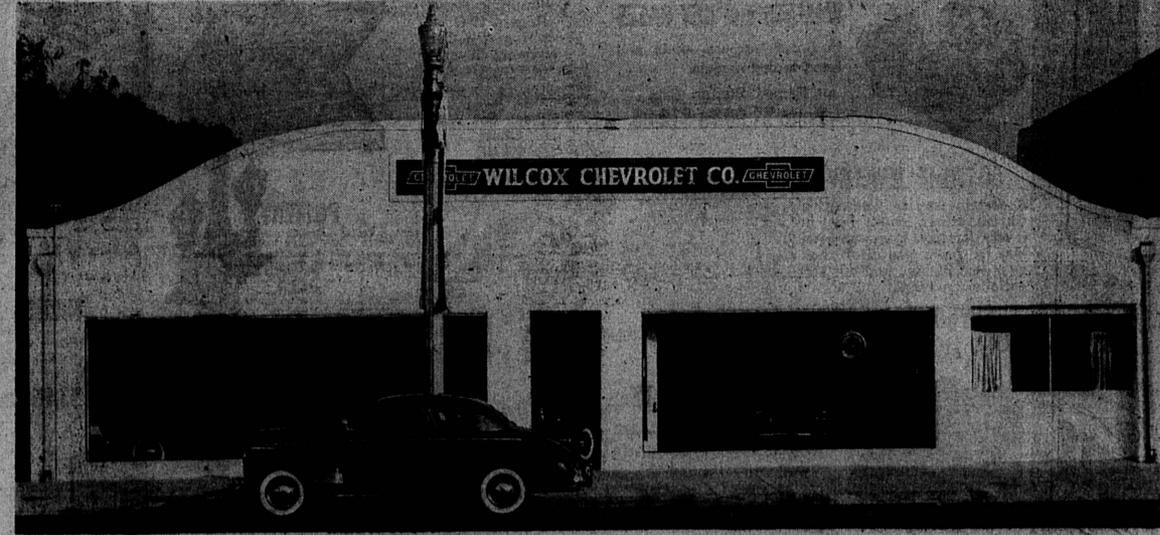


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