

Chamber President-Elect Tells Objectives for Year

Expressing the opinion that "the next few years will offer the opportunity we have all been awaiting to develop this community," Dean L. Sears, president-elect of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce said he would "utilize every effort to promote business and increased housing in Torrance."

"I am unalterably in favor of more diversified industries in Torrance, and particular attention will be given also during the next year by the Chamber of Commerce to encouraging increased housing."

Sears said he would endeavor to draw in more of the citizens-at-large in the community into active participation in Chamber of Commerce activities. "In my opinion," said the newly chosen Chamber president, "there are not enough people talking part in the work the Chamber is endeavoring to do for the community."

Coming to Torrance on October 1, 1935, as manager of the Torrance branch of Bank of America, Sears has taken an active interest in community affairs ever since. He served as president of the Kiwanis Club, secretary of the Merchants Association, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce promotion and advertising committee, and just recently was appointed treasurer of the Torrance chapter of the American Red Cross.



DEAN SEARS

TWO TORRANCE YOUTHS LEAVE TOMORROW FOR BOYS' STATE

Bound for "Boys' State" at Sacramento where they and several hundred other youths will make an intensive study of the workings of government, Robert Lewellen, Jr., and Frank Whiting of this city will leave tomorrow night for a week's stay at the state capital. They will stay in a camp to be established at the state fair grounds.

Expenses of the local boys are being shared by the American Legion post and the Torrance Coordinating Council. The delegates from Torrance were selected by high school faculty members for their leadership and interest in governmental problems.

Boys' State is sponsored by the American Legion "to prepare the youth of today to become a good citizen tomorrow." Only boys who will be seniors in high school are eligible. Each boy, as he registers at Sacramento, is assigned to a "city area," and thereafter he is a "resident" of that city and his bed is in that city area. From 35 to 40 boys are assigned to each city.

A group made up of several cities constitute one county and all together constitute one state. The boys are divided, according to the order in which they register, into political parties—not Democratic and Republican, but Federalist and Whig—just so that the boys may see how political parties function. They select all governmental officers, including a governor, judges and prosecutors and conduct their campaign according to recognized legal procedure.

Two More 'Sour' Assessment Dists. Sweetened by Co.

Transfer of \$10,627 to complete the refunding of the old assessment districts for the improvement of Electric street and for Prairie avenue was voted this week by the board of supervisors, on recommendation of the delinquent tax lands committee.

The transfer will complete the refunding proceedings, and permit immediate redemption of outstanding bonds, it was explained. Some bondholders in these districts also had bonds of the old Alondra Park district.

A SPORTING CHANCE

Most of the collisions which occur at intersections are caused by the competitive urge to gain the right of way; or the will to gamble that no one is coming on the cross street.

MARCH OF RIMES

ANTIQUE By H. F. NOAKE

The Swankington Smythes collected antiques, from every part of the globe, whether Naples or Cairo or Stratford, they've been there, and elsewhere, to probe. It seems they were over in Europe, and stopped in Madrid for a spell, where antiques are priceless, and guarded, but which they reluctantly sell. The Smythes took a terrible fancy to a very elaborate divan, and forthwith determined to buy it, so a long drawn out dicker began. The relic they hoped soon to purchase was Queen Isabella's, 'twas claimed, and of all her cherished possessions, 'twas reported this one was most famed. Well, after considerable fussing, a fabulous price the Smythes paid, nevertheless they thought it a bargain, the best one, so far, they'd made. This valuable piece was carefully packed, and insured, then placed on the ship, where, under the watchful eye of Smythe, it took the long homeward trip. Shortly after returning, the Smythes sent out cards, inviting their friends once again, to see the divan, the favorite seat of Queen Isabella of Spain. As Smythe showed it off, his collar bounced in, and quicker than you could say "Gish," knocked over the bench exposing this sign—Manufactured in Grand Rapids, Mich.

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M. W. D. Test of Aqueduct Water Now Under Way

Soft and filtered water from the Colorado River Aqueduct became available here yesterday but Torrance residents won't actually use it until Sunday morning. At the present time the municipal water department is engaged in flushing out the old Colorado River water out of Metropolitan Water District mains from 190th and Normandie ave.

"It will take us several days to rid the mains of the hard river water which has been used as a preliminary test on the M. W. D. system," William H. Stanger, superintendent of the Torrance water department, said yesterday.

"Then we'll have to get a check from the county health authorities on the soft, filtered water furnished by M. W. D. before we can run it thru our mains. This will take about 72 hours for a thorough analysis. Then we can start our tests of valves, lines and gauges. When these are complete, Colorado River water will run into all our municipal mains."

The M. W. D. board authorized delivery of water without charge to the 13 District cities between June 18 and August 18. During that time the city water department will renovate its pumps and other equipment that will be idle while Colorado River water flows from the La Verne treating plant to Torrance mains.

On August 18 the aqueduct will go into regular operation and on that date soft and filtered water will be available.

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Additional Recall Petitions May be Filed This Week

Under provisions of State laws governing recall procedure, the date for holding the recall election affecting three Torrance councilmen should be set next Tuesday evening, June 24, when the city council holds its next regular meeting. The original petition as filed June 7 by Charles Mitschrich, chairman of the Recall Committee, was found to contain sufficient valid signatures to compel an election for the ouster of Councilman J. V. Murray, and the statutes require the council to call the election in not less than 35 days or more than 40 days after the city clerk certifies that the petition is sufficient.

City Clerk Bartlett attached his certificate June 12 to the effect that he found 639 valid signatures on the petition as filed June 7. Only 560 valid signatures are required to qualify the Murray petition. Sufficient additional signatures have already been obtained on a supplemental petition to qualify the petitions against both Councilmen George V. Powell and Vern Babcock, according to Mitschrich.

"However, we are continuing our work of securing additional signatures so that there will be no danger of any insufficiency by reason of having some of the names struck off upon checking by the City Clerk," Mitschrich said.

May file this week. Because Bartlett and his aides eliminated 132 names on the original petition which contained 771 signatures, the original petition fell 81 short of the number required for Powell and Babcock. However, a number of voters, who included some of the oldest residents of the city have since re-registered and re-signed the supplemental petition.

The petition as it affects Powell and Babcock must contain 720 valid signatures because of the larger vote cast in the 1940 election when they were seated. Murray was elected in 1938, at which time the vote was only about half that of the record turnout in 1940.

While the Recall Committee has until June 27 to submit additional names to qualify the Powell and Babcock petitions, Chairman Mitschrich and his co-workers are planning to file the supplemental petition this week, so that the city clerk may check it and certify to its sufficiency prior to next Tuesday's council meeting. Unless this is done, there is a possibility that it may be necessary to hold two recall elections—one for Murray and another one at a later date for Powell and Babcock.

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Next Draft Call June 25 Will Take 7 Men

Following the now customary brief farewell program in front of the Torrance Civic Auditorium, six more draftees left Torrance yesterday (Wednesday) morning at 7 o'clock on a municipal bus for a Los Angeles induction station and a year's Army training. Members of the combined 10th and 11th draft contingent to be called from this district were:

William John Megraw, 23, nursery salesman, 25308 Eshelman ave. Lomita.
John Zaharis, 29, cafe owner, 2912 W. Manchester, Inglewood.
George Herbert Coburn, 23, electrician's helper, 4435 Torrance blvd. Torrance.

Robert Don Fernley, 22, junior draftsman, 1552 Post ave. Torrance.
Loren Hollas Kastrop, 27, barber, 2050 Highway 101, Lomita.
Frederick Jackson West, 28, unemployed, 1829 Arlington ave. Torrance.

The 12th draft call is scheduled for 6:30 a. m. Wednesday, June 25, when seven men from the district covered by Selective Service Board No. 280 will be called into service, according to Clerk Carl Marsteller.

P.V. Site for Navy Hospital Wins Favor

Strong endorsements of the Palos Verdes site for the proposed \$2,500,000 Navy Hospital were sent this week by Chamber of Commerce officials in Torrance and Lomita. While the Palos Verdes site has the approval of the Shore Stations Development Board of the U. S. Navy, powerful interests in Long Beach are endeavoring to switch the location to that city.

The Palos Verdes location is described as being on Palos Verdes Drive East and just south of Palos Verdes Drive North, along the extension of Narbonne avenue, north and west of the Miraleste district. It is approximately six miles from Torrance.

The Palos Verdes location is reported to be favored by Washington officials because it has "less fog and is quieter" than the Long Beach site. A 156-acre tract has been offered in the Palos Verdes hills, 780 feet above sea level.

Wire Congressmen. In addition to the Shore Development Board's endorsement of the Palos Verdes location, Admiral Ross T. McIntire, chief of the Navy's bureau of medicine and surgery and personal physician to President Roosevelt, is said to favor the Palos Verdes site.

Contract for the construction of the 450 bed hospital and other facilities has been let to (Continued on Page 6-A)

Term-End Events Begin at Schools; Graduation Nears

With but one more week of school remaining on the 1940-41 calendar, these are thrilling days to the 275 boys and girls who will graduate from elementary, junior high and senior high schools here. For the other youngsters, the end of next week means promotion and the start of vacation that will last until school bells ring for the 1941-42 term on Sept. 10.

Senior Hi Graduates

The Summer class of 1941 at Torrance high school which holds its commencement program next Thursday evening, June 26, at 8 o'clock in the high school assembly hall includes 51 girls and 81 boys. They are:

Helen C. Bay, Ruby Arlen Bonner, Florence Fusaye Bingo, Frances Miyeko Bingo, Leah Bratton, Lucy Briganti, Relda Ruth Briggs, Patsy Ruth Dooley, Patricia Louise Fere, Elizabeth June Fish, Beverly Taylor Frisberg, Louise Grasso, Agnes Gertrude Harris, Ayako Honda, Mina Nanette Hornell, Sally Ann Howell, Shirley Hudson, Mary Elizabeth Intermill, Margie Virginia Kelson, Mary Elizabeth Kirkland, Jacqueline Kyle, Eleanor Marie Lukes, Wanda Evelyn Maddock, Reba Wayne Mathews, Jessie Ernestine Mauk, Margaret Del Moon and Bonnie Alice Mosher.

Marilyn H. Moyer, Leola Newman, Ruth Lois Parkey, Betty June Pierson, Sylvia Ann Portnoy, Lillian Christine Prince, Kathryn Quimby, GeNeva LaMoine Roberts, Dora Joyce Robinson, Elizabeth Ross, Marjorie Rusk, Isabelle Russell, Ethel Mary Schimmick, Velva Stegelmeier, Evelyn Sullivan, Emiko Grace Tanaka, Helen Thompson, Maryada Walls, Norma Wathan, Vera Mae Weber, Mary Lou Williams, Betty Jean Young, Virginia Young and Virginia Mae Zamperlin.

Other year-end events in the schools here are: Today noon—Induction of new officers of the high school government. These include: Richard Paxman, succeeding Clifford Powell, as student president; Doris Marlin, vice-president; Pauline Desaigne, secretary; Jo Bayliss, girls' self-government president; Thurlow Wier, boys' self-government president; Clair Johnson, boys' league president; and the following commissioners: Bob Haller, entertainment; Frank Whiting, athletics; Bill Moon, advertising; Jack Jensen, halls and grounds; Wallace Post, safety; David Deano, group control; and Eldon Peir, finance.

Senior Tea Today. New Girls' League officers are: Virginia Hall, president; Georgia Billingsley, vice-president; Barbara Watson, second vice-president; Mildred Ikezo, secretary, and Norma Hammond, reporter.

This afternoon—Annual Senior Tea for parents in the library with music by high school groups and soloists.

Sunday, June 23—Baccalaureate service at 7:30 o'clock in the high school assembly hall. Following the procession of graduates, Rev. F. T. Foster, president of the Torrance Ministerial Union, will preside. The hymn "Onward, Christian Soldiers" will be sung by the congregation, Rev. Harry Branton will offer the invocation and the anthem "The Heavens Resound" will be sung by a combined choir.

Sermon by Rev. Northrup. Rev. H. Wesley Roloff is to give the Scripture reading. Principal Thomas H. Elson is to give a brief address and the combined choir will sing the Gounod anthem, "Unfold Ye Portals." Rev. C. Miles Northrup's address is titled "Good Soldiers." Following the hymn (Continued on Page 7-A)

Elementary Graduates

Sixty-one A6 students at Torrance Elementary school are scheduled to graduate into junior high school Friday morning, June 27, at 11 o'clock exercises in the school auditorium. They are, according to Principal Leonard Dykes:

Room 23
Joseph Ban, Herbert Curley, Eddie Findley, Allen Hale, Marvin Jarrett, Eugene Justice, Pat McCrackin, Allison Thompson, Eugene Thompson, Billy Wood, Alice Alvarez, Phyllis Anderson, Arline Atwood, Sally Cwengel, Rosalyn Davie, Marjorie Dominguez, Marilyn Dunbar, Lups Escobar, Audrey Floyd, Gloria Flores, Nolle Hooot, Ida Pearl Ingram, Patsy Johnson, Mary Lafferty, Wilma Jean McBride, Patricia Newland, Evelyn Patterson, Gayle Raymond, Genevieve Renicker, Juanita Ritohie, Jane Scott, Shirley Severin, Lura Mae Sheen, Lillian Strilka, Anna Svensk, Room 20: Harold Belles, Henry Castillo, Richard Jackson, Andrew Johnson, Bill Johnson, Yutaka Mine, Bobby Olivera, Masaru Shimatsu, Jay R. Siroh, Billy Tolson, Lloyd Treasure, Charles Turner, Robert Wels, Wanda Cline, Ofelia Duarte, Alice Mae Dorn, Dorothy Graham, Diane Licht, Josephine Martinez, Dorothy Moore, Wilma Penner, Louise Peterson, Leona Stassin, Yaeko Takaki, Aurora Torres, Evelyn Tucker.

WINS SCHOLARSHIP. Robert Richard Kirkland of Torrance was one of the 240 winners of scholarships, prizes and honors at U.C.L.A. He was awarded a State of California Scholarship offered by the Regents of the University of California.

Bobby Andrews, Ralph Britford, Wesley Christian, Daniel Gipe, Ben Kayashima, Chester Kohler, Elsie Nakazawa, Arthur Walters, Ray Wilson, Maxine Coats, Donna Ericson, Laveta Keith, Masako Sasahara and Marie Van Vliet.

Fern Avenue Graduates

The following 16 boys and girls will advance from the Fern Avenue school to Junior high school at closing exercises to be held Tuesday, June 24, at 1:30 o'clock in the Fern auditorium:

Shirley Albertson, Stewart Cooke, Shirley Cox, Oscar Escobedo, Lupe Franco, Jesus Hernandez, Teddy Hornstra, Joan Keller, Eugene Northway, Baele Reyes, Polly Robinson, Dorothy Smith, Joyce Steele, Connie Torres, Donald Wiggam and Leola Wood.

Walteria Graduates

Fourteen pupils—nine boys and five girls—will advance to Narbonne Junior high school next fall from the Walteria Elementary school, according to Mrs. Natalie L. Ross, principal. They are:

Bobby Andrews, Ralph Britford, Wesley Christian, Daniel Gipe, Ben Kayashima, Chester Kohler, Elsie Nakazawa, Arthur Walters, Ray Wilson, Maxine Coats, Donna Ericson, Laveta Keith, Masako Sasahara and Marie Van Vliet.

Expect 280 to Draft Register Here on July 1

Arrangements for the second Selective Service registration to be held July 1 for all men who have become 21 since the first "K" day of October 16, 1940, have been completed by Selective Service Board No. 280, which serves Torrance, Lomita, Waveria, Gardena, El Nido and portions of Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Palos Verdes and the L. A. Shoestring strip.

Draft Board Chairman Carl Steele announced today registrations will be taken Tuesday, July 1, from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. at that location in this district at the Draft Board's headquarters, 1337 El Prado in Torrance, at the Lomita postoffice where Mrs. Frances Hathaway will be in charge and at the Gardena city hall where Councilman Earl Jacobs will direct the sign-up.

It is estimated that approximately 280 young men will register in this district. A total of 3,000 were registered in this area for the first "K" day. The 12 draft call-outs to induce young men into Army service have sent a total of 150 to the various camps from this district since Nov. 22, 1940.

The 13th draft call-out is scheduled for July 15 when 13 men will go from Selective Service Board No. 280. They will leave Torrance at 7 a. m. that day.

U. S. Steel's Employee Training Program Now Largest in History

To meet pressing defense requirements 15,000 employees of United States Steel Subsidiaries are now undergoing intensive training for skilled jobs. The employee training program thru-out the country, which is by no means a new undertaking among the subsidiary companies of the corporation, is now one of the largest in the history of American industry.

The fact that a training program has long been in effect made it possible for the steel manufacturing subsidiaries of the corporation to increase their output on a little more than six months' time from two-thirds of capacity to full capacity, which over a 12-month period would produce steel in excess of the entire annual steel output of Germany based on the latest available figures.

The need for skilled men, not only for the production of steel but also for the manufacture of defense items such as cruisers, destroyers, merchant vessels, armor plate, shell forgings and bomb casings, now being made by U. S. Steel, is growing each day and many of the trainees are receiving their instructions on the job, others are given preliminary training before being put on production work.

In this way the need for increasing the army of skilled men is being met as the tempo of defense production increases and thus the training of men to operate the machines of industry is keeping pace with the training of men to handle the mechanized equipment of land, sea and air forces.

Employee training is of two kinds—that involved in fitting a man for the next higher job in regular mill operations and that required to equip a man to handle a special defense operation. In regular operations there is (Continued on Page 7-A)



Patternmaker Jerry Becker (left), explains blueprint reading to Don Thacher, apprentice patternmaker, in a Pacific Coast training room of the Columbia Steel Company, United States Steel Corporation subsidiary.