

# New Torrance Chamber Launches Campaign for 13 Civic Objectives

## CIVIC OBJECTIVES IN BRIEF

These are the objectives, in brief, of the New Torrance Chamber of Commerce:

1. Repeal of the initiative 10-cent tax ordinance originally voted by the people of Torrance for the financing of the chamber, thus saving taxpayers approximately \$21,000 a year and releasing the chamber from control of the city council.
2. Elimination of the 1-cent tax now levied for "promotion" but used for expenses of city councilmen and other city employees.
3. Elimination of all pre-war activities having no connection with the war effort.
4. Repeal of the ordinance giving councilmen salaries of \$50 per month.
5. Full use of Metropolitan Water district facilities to eliminate present M. W. D. tax of 48 cents per \$100 valuation by use of Colorado river water.
6. Reduction of the Los Angeles city school tax rate.
7. Elimination of conflicting building and fire ordinances which interfere with construction of homes for working men.
8. All-out promotion of a working program to obtain more housing.
9. More efficient operation of the Torrance Municipal Bus system.
10. Investigation of the use of Municipal Water district funds by the city for financing general municipal activities.
11. Study of post-war plans to eliminate any unnecessary suffering among potential unemployed.
12. Full endorsement of educational campaign for the purchase of more War Bonds.
13. Reduction of the cost of construction of homes for new residents.

## HOUSING, TAX REDUCTION DECLARED CHIEF AIMS OF CITY-WIDE ORGANIZATION

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ber for advertising and publicity, but now used by the city of Torrance entirely for parks and music. (This fund now amounts to about \$21,000 annually.)

(2) Elimination of the 1-cent tax now levied for "promotion" but used by the city of Torrance for the payment of expenses of city councilmen, and the officers and employees of the city to meetings of municipal functions, and to reduce such proper channels of publicity and seats of government.

**Specific Objectives**  
The immediate, specific objectives of the new chamber are:

- (1) Repeal of the initiative 10-cent tax ordinance originally expensed to a minimum.
- (2) Seek Salary Repeal
- (3) Elimination of all pre-war activities, having no connection with the war effort and to streamline all activities of and employment by the local municipal authorities in order to effect a budget which will effectively supply all minimum requirements of the city. This particularly refers to recreation, park, music and unemployment activities of the city.

(4) Repeal of the initiative ordinance, fixing salaries of councilmen at \$50 per month, amounting to \$3000 per year.

(5) To conduct a publicity and educational campaign concerning the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, of which Torrance is one of the 13 members, having for its object the elimination of the present tax rate of 48 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation by the use of water of the district by its members.

**Promote More Housing**  
(6) To conduct a publicity and educational campaign to reduce the school tax.

(7) Elimination or amendment of all building and fire ordinances of the city of Torrance, which interfere unnecessarily with the construction of homes for workmen.

(8) Promote the construction of workmen's homes here by accumulating and publicizing and furnishing data to contractors relative to the following: (a) number of homes, (b) number and location of lots and acreage available for such purposes with their costs (c) minimum requirements for subdivisions, (d) cost of installation of all utilities, (e) cost of installation of streets, sidewalks and curbs as may be required by city ordinance and (f) requirements of Federal Housing Administration and War Production Board and other governing bodies having jurisdiction over such matters.

**Post-War Problems**  
(9) To investigate the transportation and bus problems of Torrance and make every effort to remedy the same, including the enormous losses heretofore and now being suffered by the city in connection with the operation of its bus lines, including a more efficient and appropriate bus schedule.

(10) Investigate the use of funds of the Torrance Municipal water district by the city of Torrance to finance general municipal activities, including the acquisition of buses, and determine upon a measure to

## HOW BOARD IS COMPOSED

The new Torrance Chamber of Commerce, a California corporation, amended its Articles of Incorporation several months ago to provide for 15 directors who were selected by the various classes of members specified in its by-laws. All classifications have only one director with the exception of "heavy industry" and "labor" members, which have three directors each. Three public directors have been chosen by the other 12 directors.

All directors will hold office at the will of the appointing members. It is hoped that this will mean a permanent working organization to aggressively attack the many civic, municipal and war problems facing the city.

stop the use of the same for such purposes.

(11) To study post-war problems with a view to eliminating at that time unnecessary suffering among the unemployed and to conduct now an educational campaign among the employed having for its object the necessity for accumulating their earnings now and not to depend, in times of unemployment, entirely upon social security payments or charity.

**Reduce Building Costs**  
(12) To conduct an educational and publicity campaign to induce the purchase of War Bonds by those who neglect or refuse to buy the same.

(13) To make every effort, consistent with the present high cost of living, to reduce the cost of construction of homes for workmen.

**Spread Tax Base**  
It is estimated by leaders in the chamber revival that there is a need for at least 3000 new homes in Torrance. If these could be erected at an average assessed valuation of \$1500 each, this would increase the assessed valuation of the city by \$4,500,000 and the total assessed valuation to about \$25,000,000. The effect of this construction, therefore, would be to make it possible to reduce the tax rate from \$1 to about 80 cents, a saving of approximately \$40,000 to \$45,000 per year. In addition, this would increase the demand for water, lights and gas, and the revenue of the Torrance Municipal water district alone would be increased by approximately \$50,000 per annum.

## National Supply School Trains Women Workers

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clared: "Child-care. Many women have not made permanent arrangements for the care of their children while they are at work and have to lay-off to make new plans or attend to the youngsters themselves."

**Rules Outlined**  
There are a number of, husband-and-wife combinations employed at the plant—some of them are working side by side, partners in war production as well as in family relationships. And there is Matt Lebew, a veteran National Supply worker who has been on the payroll for 20 years or more. His son and daughter are both working to turn out the vital war products at the plant.

Each woman worker is given a copy of the plant rules on entering the school. This states that women employees are not permitted to work more than eight hours per day or more than six days per week. They are allowed a 30-minute lunch period per shift and many secure food and a hot drink at the canteen or cafeteria maintained in the plant. And they are not permitted to lift or carry any burden in excess of 25 pounds.

Safety regulations are most important and the women workers are required to conform to these rules:

**Head Regulations**  
Hair must be confined in turban, cap, bandana or close meshed hair net. Shoes must have sufficiently heavy leather soles to give adequate foot protection. Open toe shoes or "tennis" shoes are not to be worn. Use safety shoes when handling heavy objects.  
Clothes must be snug-fitting. Never wear skirts, neckerchiefs, unusually loose trouser cuffs or

## Budget for New Chamber's First Year Totals \$6,970

It is proposed, for the first year, that the new Torrance Chamber operate upon a budget of \$6970, and that its finances be raised entirely by dues paid by members. The amount of the dues is based upon responsibility of members of the Chamber. In order to have a voice in the affairs of the Chamber, dues must be paid. The estimated operating expense of the Chamber for the first year, however, is as follows:

Secretary	.....	\$3000
Clerk	.....	1080
Rent	.....	400
Supplies	.....	300
Miscellaneous	.....	220

The tentative dues recommended by the Classification and Dues committee for the calendar year 1943 are as follows: Heavy industry, \$500 each; semi-heavy industry, \$100; light industry, \$50; financial and utility, \$50; semi-major retail business, \$35; major retail business, \$50; medium retail business, \$25; small retail business, \$10; medical and legal professional men, \$75; miscellaneous professions, \$15, and service stations, \$10; individuals, not to exceed \$5.

## Breakfast Party by Waleria P.T.A. Set

The public is invited to attend the "come as you are" breakfast, which the Waleria P. T. A. will serve at the home of Mrs. Carrie Gipe, 24439 Hawthorne blvd., Friday, Jan. 22, from 8 a. m. to 12 noon. The price was announced at 25 cents and money taken in will be

In England evaporated milk is rationed under the "points" system, as it comes in standard size cans, but liquid milk is rationed by volume.

**TO MISSOURI**  
Mrs. John W. Guyan and two boys left Thursday for a visit at Eldon, Mo., at the home of Mrs. John G. Hutcherson and other relatives.

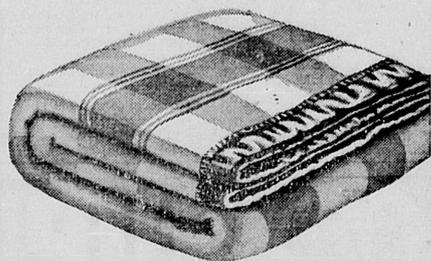
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## State Picnic-Reunions

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## Last Tribute Paid John Disario

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He visited his native country in 1938 and on his return was much in demand as a speaker who could give an authentic report on Italy's tottering economy under the Fascist regime. His talks on this subject were inspired with a fervent appreciation of the rights and privileges accorded by democratic government in the United States.

He served as general chairman of the General Committee of the Western Metal Congress and Western Metal Exposition in March 1938, was chairman of the Southern California Chapter of the American Society for Metals in 1937 and 1938, and was chairman of the Southern California District Committee of the American Society for Testing Materials from 1937 until his death.

**Planned Son's Wedding**  
Mr. Disario began his career in the steel industry when he went to work for the Otis Steel Co., of Cleveland in 1913. He

was well known throughout the industry and collaborated with many leading metallurgists on important developments and problems.

He attended high school in Kent, Ohio, and studied chemical engineering at Carnegie Tech and metallurgy at Case School of Applied Science in Cleveland. John Disario, Jr., had planned to marry Jessie Jacqueline Cook, also of this city, last Sunday but his father prevailed upon them a few days earlier to postpone the ceremony for another week and was planning an elaborate wedding for the pair at the Palos Verdes Country Club.

## RESIDENTS ATTEND WEDDING RITES

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. Willis M. Brooks were guests at the wedding Sunday of Miss Nona Grayce Planting and Mr. Robert Glennon Barnes at Lakewood Village church. Phillips Brooks served as attendant for the bridegroom, his roommate at Stanford. Barnes is well known here, having been employed by the Walker Construction Co. for the past three years.

## Announcement

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## Derrick and Pumping Unit Destroyed In Fire

A raging inferno that sent huge billowing clouds of black smoke miles high destroyed a large portion of the derrick of Peters No. 9 well operated by the A. B. Mitchell Oil Co. of Long Beach at Border ave., and Lincoln st., Tuesday.

Loss of thousands of dollars of precious oil well equipment in the blaze was reported. The pumping unit at the well was badly damaged. Two pieces of fire equipment, under direction of Fire Chief J. E. McMaster, put out the fire which started in the machinery. An employee told firemen that a new bearing had probably overheated, causing the blaze.

Jack Bergerson, engineer on the Waleria unit of the Torrance fire department, assisted by three volunteers, fought a blaze in a eucalyptus grove for two hours Monday before bringing the fire under control. The grove, located at a ranch at Sepulveda blvd., and Ocean ave., took fire from grass being burned under permit by W. B. Finney, rancher, it was reported.

### DOORWAY TO FOOD Savings

<p><b>IDEAL RANCH MARKET</b></p> <p>PARTY SODA CRACKERS, 1-lb. pkg. 11c</p> <p>N.B.C. CRACKERS, SNOWFLAKE, 1-lb. pkg. 16c</p> <p>DEXTER'S HONEY BUTTER, pkg. 33c</p> <p>WHITE HOUSE BLUE ROSE RICE, 2-lb. pkg. 25c</p> <p>LIGHT MEAT Yacht Club TUNA, No. 1/2 can 39c</p> <p>WHITE KING SOAP POWDER, family size 29c</p> <p>MONARCH PUMPKIN, No. 2 1/2 can 13c</p> <p>PEERLESS BARTLETT PEARS, No. 2 1/2 22c</p> <p>KRAFT MACARONI DINNER 2 for 19c</p> <p>SUNBRIT KITCHEN CLEANSER 3 cans 14c</p> <p>ALBERS FLAPJACK, large pkg. 19c</p> <p>GOLD MEDAL FLOUR, 5-lb. bag 30c</p> <p>A-1 FLOUR, 5-lb. bag 28c</p> <p>8-OZ. POSTUM 39c</p> <p>40 SHEETS KLEENEX 25c</p> <p>KOTEX 2 pkgs. 43c</p> <p>SCOT TISSUE 3 rolls 20c</p> <p>WALDORF TISSUE 3 rolls 13c</p>	<p>CAMPBELL'S TOMATO JUICE, 47-oz. can 24c</p> <p>HEART'S DELIGHT TOMATO JUICE, 47-oz. can 22c</p> <p>LIPTON'S NOODLE SOUP 3 for 28c</p> <p>FELS NAPTHA SOAP CHIPS, pkg. 20c</p> <p>BLACK &amp; WHITE SOAP POWDER, pkg. 29c</p> <p><b>Garden-Tool Specials</b></p> <p>Sturdy Garden CULTIVATORS 99c</p> <p>Garden HOES 89c</p> <p>Garden RAKES \$1.25</p> <p>Garden SHOVELS \$1.59</p> <p><b>Hand Garden Tools</b></p> <p>CULTIVATORS 10c</p> <p>WEEDERS 10c</p> <p>TRANSPLANTERS 10c</p> <p>TROWELS 10c</p> <p>Large Pkg. BISQUICK 31c</p> <p>LAPINA FLOUR, 50-lb. bag \$1.85</p> <p>KELLOGG'S RICE KRISPIES, pkg. 11c</p> <p>ALBERS CORN FLAKES, 6-oz. pkg. 5c</p> <p>POST'S TEN'S ASST. CEREALS 10 pkgs. 23c</p> <p>Large Pkg. ROMAN MEAL 29c</p> <p>WITH CHINA MOTHER'S OATS 33c</p> <p>K.C. BAKING POWDER, 50-oz. jar 33c</p> <p><b>Crystalware Specials</b></p> <p>9-oz. TUMBLERS, 6 for 29c</p> <p>12-oz. TUMBLERS, 6 for 49c</p> <p>Quart Refrigerator WATER BOTTLES, 10c</p> <p>REFRIGERATOR DISHES</p> <p>4"x4" Size 15c</p> <p>8"x4" Size 25c</p> <p>8"x8" Size 35c</p>
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