

• KOORS CONTRACT KILLED AS COUNCIL SPLITS 3-2 ON BUS LINE MANAGEMENT

Torrance Municipal bus lines again are operating under new management, and a revised and improved schedule is promised, as a result of action of the City Council turning the tables on Charles F. Koors, transportation engineer, and revoking his contract. C. Z. Ward assumed the management of the bus lines, which position he had held for years until Koors was hired to reorganize and supervise the department.

New Park Being

Walteria Area

Torrance will have a new four and one-half acre park as a result of action of the City Council Tuesday night. The city agreed to buy from Mrs. Ruby S. Carroll of Santa Monica her tract of land at the northeast corner of 242nd st. and Ocean ave. in Walteria for park purposes.

The plan has been advanced by the Recreation commission, with George Thatcher of Walteria, a member of the commission, a vigorous supporter. Other members had approved the purchase.

Della Armstrong, real estate agent in Walteria handling the transaction, has donated her commission on the purchase to the project, Thatcher said. The price of the land was \$6,500. The park property will be improved with baseball diamond, tennis courts, basketball courts and barbecue pits with city funds. An effort will be made to get Federal Lanham Act money to aid the project, it was said.

Fired Two Drivers

Last Thursday Koors fired two drivers and told Ward he was through when he told the drivers to stay on the job.

Then the City Council stepped in and a meeting of the transportation committee was held. Result of this meeting was a letter signed by Mayor W. H. Tolson, Councilman J. E. Hitchcock and Councilman G. V. Powell, comprising the transportation committee, which informed Bus Manager Ward that under resolution 1676, full council authority had been given Koors, and that any action Koors took had the full backing of the City Council as a whole.

Improvement In School Bus Service Asked

Drivers, it was explained, had questioned Koors' authority to order them into uniform and the letter from the council transportation committee settled the issue.

Extra time was allowed the operators to get their uniforms. Mayor Tolson and Councilman Hitchcock held to their word, and Powell's change ended Koors' tenure in office.

Koors Asks Support

Before the packed council chamber, Koors arose to his feet and appealed for full support to Ward in the management of the department. "This has system has good possibilities," Koors told the council, "but it has very definite problems. With the wholehearted support of the City Council the system will go forward and conditions will continue to improve and be much better in the future." He asked that the council listen seriously to Ward's recommendations and that the council take them seriously.

When requested by the council to explain its agreement with the Los Angeles city schools in regard to hauling children from Walteria to Narbonne High school, Ward told the council that the service now is the best that can be offered, but that by a rearrangement of the schedule, it possibly could be improved. He said a complete change in the whole bus schedule would find widespread improvement in the service and promised that action.

Service Center, War Chest Office In New Quarters

Torrance Service Center of the Community Chest agencies of Los Angeles district, and the War Chest headquarters both moved yesterday to the old Red Cross headquarters at 1400 Craven ave.

The service center and war chest headquarters formerly occupied offices in the Torrance Chamber of Commerce office. The War Chest campaign will be directed from the new quarters and all case calls for the Torrance Service Center should be made to the new office.

The Red Cross has moved to the quarters on El Prado formerly occupied by the Chamber of Commerce.

Annual Show of Police, Firemen Set for Oct. 20

The annual Police and Firemen's Vaudeville will be held on Oct. 20 as usual, it is hoped, in the high school auditorium. This was decided at the meeting of the Police and Firemen's Benefit Association held Tuesday.

Sgt. William Haslam was elected president of the benefit association, succeeding Fire Chief J. E. McMaster. Chief of Police John Stroth was retained as secretary-treasurer.

TWELVE GRID LETTERMEN TURN OUT

On Monday, Sept. 11, Torrance High school's call for football players was issued. This year the call was answered by quite a few returning lettermen. There are 12 veteran players returning, three in the backfield and nine in the line.

The returning lettermen are: Sam Intermill, b.; Gordy Smith, b.; Ed Robst, b.; Marvin Kent, b.; Dallas Martin, g.; Bert Smith, g.; Bill Rogers, c.; Robert Warning, t.; Frank Dominguez, t.; Bill Shaner, g.; Dick Miller, g.

On interviewing Coach Winfield, he stated that we have a veteran squad with lots of spirit and with a few breaks should turn in a successful season. This seems to be the feeling of all the players and students. So, with this kind of spirit Torrance should really roll.

GETS CONTRACT

The contract between the City of Torrance and Carl E. Marsteller for operation of the Municipal bus lines depot in Los Angeles finally was approved by the City Council Tuesday night.



SIX THOUSAND PEOPLE

... all out for a good time, attended the National Supply Company picnic, Sunday, Sept. 10. From "Spud" Murphy's first announcement at 10:30 a. m. inaugurating the games to Bob Gaibe's last weary farewell at 7:00 p. m., Nationalities and their families danced, drank, ran, ate, laughed and, all in all, had one mighty fine time. Highlights of the picnic were many with the never-failing old children taking the spotlight many times. In the games, competition increased with every start and provided laughs for all as well as fine prizes for the winners.

Sam Fishman of accounting department, was a surprise winner in the 50-yard dash for boys from 51 to 100, as everyone thought Sam had bad feet but evidently he was just fooling. It might also be well to ask Electrician Charlie Mace for his birth certificate to prove his ancient heritage. The dance floor was packed to capacity as was expected. Winners of the contests

proved that the older generation can still do plenty of fancy footing, to wit: Ben Hannebrink, winner of the waltz contest, and slicker champ, "Slim" Lowry. Repeat winner, Herman Goettsch again took first place honors in the jitterbug contest.

National photographers, Bill Husbands and Darwin Shrope, covered the affair from start to finish as shown by these photographs. The upper center picture shows Mr. and Mrs. Arthur "Buddy" Barnes at the start of the day escorting their granddaughter, Arlene, as she enjoys a novel way of seeing the sights. Also shown are the big barbecue tables where the 6,000 participants got "all they could eat" of free barbecue beef and what goes with it. The other is a crowd shot, showing how National employees and their families packed the park. [Courtesy N.S.C.]

CITY BANS DRAW POKER OVER PROTEST OF LOCAL VETERANS' ORGANIZATION

Hopes of Veterans of Foreign Wars to raise money for the rehabilitation of returning war veterans by conducting legal draw poker games at their quarters were blasted Tuesday night when the City Council, on motion of Councilman N. H. Cucci, adopted four to one an ordinance to make playing of the card game for fee a misdemeanor.

Councilman J. E. Hitchcock was the dissenting voter. The action precipitated a long argument about the welfare of service men and the legality of draw poker between Jimmy O'Toole, local veterans leader, and the council, participated by Commander Judge of the local V.F.W. post.

O'Toole claimed that the game of draw poker has been played in Torrance for years, that it has been declared a legal game of skill by two attorney generals and the governor, and that for the City Council to pass an ordinance making it illegal in Torrance is a direct slap at the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the returning war veterans whom the organization is aiding to rehabilitate.

"These men need help," O'Toole pleaded, "and the only way under the veterans codes of the state and country for them to get help is through the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars or the Disabled American Veterans. I personally in the past week have taken 15 men to Sawtelle for much needed treatment for ailments the direct result of the war. Formerly healthy Americans who offered their lives for liberty are now returned broken down and discharged by the Army as unfit for longer military service.

"What are you doing to help these boys?" he challenged, and reiterated his previous statement that passage of the ordinance banning draw poker is a slap at them. "It takes money," he said, "and for these 15 men I personally paid the cost out of my own pocket."

O'Toole said that a corporation had been formed by the veterans creating an organization to operate the amusement center and that the money from the games would go into the bank and could only be voted out by the entire membership on veterans rehabilitation cases. He said the veterans have spent considerable money preparing for the operation of the games such as have been carried on in other organizations in Torrance.

At the outset of the argument, Cucci said that there had been intimidation by gambling interests to prevent passage of the ordinance, and O'Toole challenged that statement and asked each individual councilman whether or not he had been intimidated on the matter. Each replied in the negative.

O'Toole and Judge said that the matter will have to be carried further, to the voters—declaring that they felt the citizens as a whole had sufficient patriotic interest in the returning veterans to want to give them a helping hand.

The ordinance, No. 360, was adopted for the first reading, and provides for \$300 fine, three months' jail sentence or both, as a penalty for violation.

Ration Office Will Close on Saturday P.M.

Due to shortage of volunteer help, the Torrance War Price and Ration Board will close hereafter on Saturday afternoons. The doors will be locked at noon.

This is the announcement of F. W. Daniels, chief clerk. "We just cannot handle the business without more help," he said, "and the only alternative is to close at noon Saturday."

Daniels again reminded motorists that they will not get their tire inspection slips back. Sent in with "A" book applications, the slips are being held and will be destroyed. He said he is receiving scores of inquiries daily about failure to return the inspection slips. As announced previously, they will be returned, he declared.

AIR MEDAL IS AWARDED TO LT. T. T. WEIR

Second Lieutenant Thurlow T. Weir, 20, son of Mrs. Lillian B. Weir, 1408 Acacia ave., Torrance,



has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy.

Weir, a co-pilot in a B-24 heavy bombardment unit, recently returned from a bombing mission over the oil refineries at Pardubice, Czechoslovakia. "I hope we never have a tough one like that again," said Weir.

"After ploughing through a sky full of flak over the target, we ran into a mess of enemy fighters. Our group shot down 28, but I saw 3 of our bombers go down."

A graduate of the Torrance High School, Weir attended the University of California before his enlistment in February, 1943.

Wilmar Hall, Jr. Confined In Base Hospital

Friends of Capt. and Mrs. W. R. Hall and family of 2273 255th st. will regret to learn that their son, Pvt. Wilmar Hall, Jr., is confined to the hospital at Camp Roberts for observation due to a heart condition.

Wilmar graduated from Narbonne with the winter class of '44 and has been at Camp Roberts one month.

C. Alexander And Chas. Ray Buy Building

C. Alexander of Alexander's Radio and Refrigerator Repair, 1324 Sartori st., and Charles C. Ray, of Ray's Radio, Lomita, have purchased the property from 1318 to 1324 Sartori ave. and the deal now is in escrow.

The property will be utilized for their own business as soon as practical, it was said, but a photographic studio will be opened by Ray in one of the stores in the near future.

The property, comprising two lots with a total frontage of 60 feet by 130 feet depth, listed as lots 8 and 9 of block 2, Torrance tract, was purchased from Elias and Doris Mosher at a reported price of \$14,250.

Occupying the stores on the land at this time are Alexander, Evans Gift Shop, J. Lepkin, merchant tailor, and National Home Appliance, warehouse.

Sewer Survey In Two Districts Asked by City

Residents of South Torrance and of the Pueblo district were a step nearer sanitary sewers Tuesday night when the City Council asked that City Engineer G. M. Jain define the districts involved and check signatures on petitions presented, report costs and take other steps necessary to the formation of an assessment district.

Petitions from South Torrance residents were presented Tuesday night and the Pueblo group had presented its petitions several months ago. A majority of the frontage involved is in favor of this project.

VISITS PARENTS

Mrs. William E. Blair and son Randy arrived recently at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Barnard, for a month's visit. Mrs. Blair will later join her husband, a lieutenant, at Hobb Field, N. M., where he is taking instruction for combat training on a B-29.

Lt. Obidine Is Killed In France

Word has been received in Torrance by Lt. and Mrs. Tom Ramskill, 1604 W. 220th st., of



LT. V. J. OBIDINE

the death in action of their son-in-law, Lt. Vladimir J. Obidine, attached to headquarters, 5th Artillery Division in France.

Lt. Obidine, U.C.L.A. right tackle who married Joan Alexander Ramskill in January of this year, went to France with the first invasion forces on "D" day and his last letter to the family here addressed Aug. 21 told of sleeping in a haystack for two hours, the first sleep he had had in three days.

The War department message said that he was killed four days later in the performance of his duty.

The 22-year-old officer who played in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1, 1942, had been in the service for about a year and met Mrs. Obidine while both were attending U.C.L.A. A romance blossomed and their marriage followed this year.

Mrs. Obidine is serving as a specialist, second class, in the Waves, and is stationed in Portland.

Mrs. Ramskill left last night for Portland to be with her daughter and an effort was being made to arrange a leave to permit her to come home. The Ramskills visited her in Portland on vacation two weeks ago. Lt. Obidine's family lives in Eagle Rock, Calif.

LOCAL HENDY PLANT HAS BIG PLANS FOR FUTURE AS SALE OF POMONA UNITS IS COMPLETED

Increased production in the local plant of Joshua Hendy Iron Works on Lomita Blvd., Torrance, is likely to follow sale by Hendy of other Southern California plants to Fairbanks Morse & Co.

All of the Pomona Pump Co. division plants except the local ones were sold by Hendy to the Chicago firm, which has worldwide interests.

Arthur D. Freshman, plant manager, pointed out that the deal will result in the manufacture here of even more articles than in the past.

From the headquarters plant at Sunnyvale has come a congratulatory message to the 300 local employes for breaking all previous production records during the month of August.

The local plant, former plant of the Hydral Company, has been under full production since Hendy purchased it in March, 1943, from Hydral.

Currently completing a large order of marine pumps and other equipment for navy and maritime commission attack transports, the local plant also has made both Diesel and steam engine parts and with sale of the Pomona plant probably will be called upon to manufacture many of the industrial and marine pumps formerly made there, it was announced.

Best known in marine circles for the more than 760 big reciprocating steam engines built for Liberty ships, the Hendy company already is shifting to medium size Diesels which the firm anticipates will have wide appeal in the postwar market for stationary generators and fishing and smaller cargo ships.

Five Anti-Tank Gun Types Used In World War II

Army Ordnance is providing our invasion armies with five major types of anti-tank guns. A tough little scrapper is the 37 mm gun. It tosses a two-pound projectile at a speed of half a mile a second at a rate of 15 to 20 rounds a minute.

The 57 mm anti-tank gun, which fires a six-pound projectile, was used a lot by the British in mammoth tank battles that stopped and then routed Rommel in North Africa.

The 75 mm gun, nicknamed "Old Reliable," weighs nearly two tons, has a range of more than 12,000 yards, and fires three 15-pound high explosive or armor piercing projectiles a minute.

Next comes the big 3-inch gun. It weighs more than two tons and fires 20 rounds of 15-pound projectiles a minute. Highly successful in France and Italy, the nine-ton 90 mm. dual purpose anti-aircraft and anti-tank gun can be placed in firing position in about four minutes. A good gun crew can get off about 12 shots a minute. Each projectile weighs 23 pounds.

Attached to Fighter Unit

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Perkins, 1920 25th place, have received word that their son, Pvt. Frank Lee Perkins, is now attached to a fighter control unit in the South Pacific.

Young Perkins entered the army in January, 1943, and went overseas in October. He attended Narbonne High school and is a former Union Oil Co. employe.

First Death on Crenshaw Blvd. Mars Record

Within a few weeks after its completion and opening, blood already has been spilled on Crenshaw Blvd. in Torrance and the two-year perfect safety record has been broken for the second time recently.

Evelyn Ruth Brown, 28, of 2606 Carnegie Lane, Redondo Beach, died in Torrance Memorial hospital Sunday night shortly after the automobile in which she was riding collided with another car at Crenshaw Blvd. and 182nd st.

Jack Flewelling of 708 Columbia court, a 15-year-old youth, was driving the car which collided with the machine driven by Orval S. Mayes, 1121 E. 63rd st., Los Angeles, in which the dead woman was a passenger.

A coroner's inquest was held Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. at Stone & Myers and Mayes was held negligent in the death.

Chief of Police John Stroth, bemoaning the fact that the city of Torrance has had two deaths in as many weeks, after two years of no traffic fatalities, said that boulevard stops are installed along the entire length of the recently completed Crenshaw Blvd., but that if necessary two-way stops will be installed to prevent further accidents. "Crenshaw is not a speedway," he said, "and we'll see that it is not used for one."

Man Pays \$18 For Letting Dog Run Loose

It cost L. Hinde of this city \$18 to let his dog run loose in violation of the city laws.

Hinde was brought into court once on the charge and given a \$10 suspended fine. A second violation brought the \$18 fine, not suspended, which the man paid.

Judge Otto B. Willett said that with rabies reported among dogs of the community it is the duty of all dog owners to keep their pets tied up or inside substantial yards.

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