



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HEAD WELCOMES DARBY . . . Read H. Parkin (left), president of Torrance Chamber of Commerce and secretary-treasurer of Doak Aircraft Co., Inc., welcomed County Supervisor Raymond Darby, former mayor of Inglewood (right), at a meeting of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce in Torrance Civic Auditorium Wednesday, Feb. 7. Harbor President Pat MacDonnell (center) looks on.

WALTERIA WATER SURVEY IS ORDERED BY CITY AS DISTRICT IS PROPOSED

A complete water survey of the Walteria area, to lead toward defining the need for and area of municipal water district, has been ordered by the City Council. Mayor W. H. Tolson Tuesday night was authorized to retain Taylor and Taylor, water development engineers, for a survey of the whole area. The action is the outgrowth of a community request in the form of a petition circulated among Walteria residents for a survey of the Quandt water system.

Blood Bank on Friday Honors Red Army Day

The joy in American hearts over the stupendous victories and advances of the armed forces can be expressed in a deed of honor next Friday, Feb. 23, by a blood donation at the American Red Cross, for our American boys.

It was on Feb. 23, 1918 that the Soviet Army repulsed German troops attempting to capture Petrograd. Since then, this day has been set aside as a national Soviet holiday—known as Red Army Day.

To commemorate this day, Russian War Relief, Inc., is enlisting the aid of all in Southern California, desirous of paying tribute to gallant American fighters, to give a pint of blood.

More than seven million Red Army men have been casualties in this war. Thanks to Soviet advances in wartime surgery, and to the thousands of pounds and medical supplies sent them by Americans through Russian War Relief, 72% of Red Army wounded have been able to return to their ranks.

City Court Fines \$1,508 In January

From Jan. 1 to and including Jan. 31, 1945, the City Court of the City of Torrance received \$1,508.50 net from fines and fees. Of this sum \$674.50 are general fund monies, while \$834.00 came from vehicle code violations and thus are road fund monies, Judge Otto B. Willett said.

Fifteen civil cases were filed during this month, 14 of which were small claims cases, making a total of \$13.00.

Vehicle code funds were derived from the following cases: drunk driving, \$375.00; speeding, \$428.00, and miscellaneous traffic violations, \$13.00.

General fund monies were collected from the following cases: Drunkenness, \$336.50; disturbing the peace, \$155.00; parking, \$55; boulevard stop, \$113, and battery, \$15.00.

Violation	Total	GUILTY
Drunkenness	27	27
Disturbing the Peace	12	5
Drunk Driving	5	5
Speeding	52	50
Parking	32	27
Boulevard Stop	26	25
Misc. Traffic	26	26
Misc. Criminal	5	4
Held for Superior Court	1	1
Totals	186	152

Two Torrance Boys Held for Auto Stealing

Two Torrance Mexican boys were in the custody of Juvenile authorities yesterday as a result of their arrest for grand theft, auto.

The boys, each age 16, are accused of taking a car from the General Petroleum corporation's employee parking lot. They have been bound over to Juvenile court by City Judge Otto B. Willett.

Investigation Of Race Limits Here Ordered

A prompt investigation of all race limitations in Torrance was asked by the City Council on Tuesday night following the receipt of a letter from the Walteria Civic Association declaring that deed restrictions on land in that area are sufficient to solve the Japanese return question.

They claimed that there are restrictions against members of the African and Asiatic races in deeds to all of the land in that area.

The question of restrictions in other parts of the city, involving members of the Mexican race, was brought up, and a thorough study by City Attorney J. E. McCall was asked.

Bus Lines in Torrance Show \$3,100 Profit

Revenue from the Torrance Municipal bus lines in January jumped to nearly \$10,000 according to a report filed with the City Council by C. Z. Ward, manager of the department.

The income, amounting to \$9,701.06 represented a profit of about \$3,100 in January, the operating expense in that month, less depreciation and insurance, being \$6,600.88.

The revenue has climbed consistently since the new lines through Gardena and to Harbor City and Harbor Hills were established, it was said.

In December the income was \$8,832.09, while many bills chargeable against other months last year were paid that month to make total outlay of \$9,490.87.

That the lines are on a good paying basis, it was pointed out, has been proven by two months operation of the new schedules, and improvement in the local and Los Angeles service will follow.

During the month of January, the Torrance, Lomita, Walteria, Harbor City, Harbor Hills line, which also serves Western avenue to 203rd st., resulted in revenue of \$1,188.37, or about 760 five-cent fares per day.

On the Los Angeles run, the fare box revenue was \$4,015.16; from commutation books, \$116.75; from tickets sold at Beacon Drug, \$2,093.55; at Tenth and Hill station, \$3,344.30; additional tickets, \$45.00; miscellaneous revenue, \$86.30.

With the use of the new buses recently bought from Crown Body and Coach Co., gasoline and oil consumption dropped materially. While in November, the peak was reached of 8,884 gallons of gasoline and 146 quarts of oil, for Torrance buses traveling 32,605 miles, the December gasoline consumption dropped to 6,345 gallons and oil to 69 quarts.

During the year 1944, Torrance buses used a total of 73,025 gallons of gasoline and 1,510 quarts of oil, traveling 319,225 miles and carrying 368,874 passengers for a total revenue of \$83,841.41.

Torrance Wins Marine League Sportsmanship

The final standings of the sportsmanship ratings for the 1944 football season have been tabulated. For the football season, there was a total of 60% possible.

Torrance took first place this season with 57.29%; San Pedro high came in second with 56.75%; following San Pedro came Narbonne with 56.43%; 54.99% was the fourth place standing taken by Gardena, and Banning trailed with 53.72%.

The next meeting of the Sportsmanship committee will be held at San Pedro high school, Thursday, Feb. 22.

Alien Property Sale in Lomita Is Announced

One of the first sales of alien held property in this area during World War II will be conducted March 12 at 11 a. m. at 517 H. W. Hellman Bldg., Los Angeles, when Alien Property Custodian James E. Maricham will sell Lot 3, Tract 285, County of Los Angeles.

The property is located in Lomita, at 253rd st. and Ebony Lane.



TORRANCE LIONS CLUB FORMS . . . Organized last Friday night, Torrance Lions Club becomes the third club of business and professional men in Torrance area. The members at the original meeting, and others, are, left to right, front row: Charles Z. Ward, Lion Tamer; A. F. (Pinky) Palmer, second vice president; Harry B. Lewis, president; Earle D. Baker, Lions district governor; Dr. Rollin R. Smith, first vice president; Bob Strath, Lion Tailwister. Second row: Robert Keefe, Inglewood Lions Club; W. T. Greene, director; Dr. Don C. Moshos, director; Herb Allen, director; Jack Hallanger, director; Frank S. Selover, secretary and treasurer; Clarence P. Manion, special representative of Lions International; Harold Perry, past president of Hollywood Lions Club; Third row, left to right: Merritt E. Stokoe, Floyd DeVore, Maurice Koch, Al Lewis, Paul Banks, Charles Gots and C. Alexander. (Torrance Herald photo.)

Torrance Lions Club Is Formed; to Receive Charter at March 20 Meet

Torrance Lions club was organized last Friday night by a group of Torrance business and professional men, meeting for dinner in the Woman's club-house, and Harry B. Lewis, executive secretary of Torrance Chamber of Commerce, was elected president.

Dr. Rollin R. Smith, local veterinarian, was elected first vice president; A. F. Palmer, service station operator, second vice president, and Frank S. Selover, city editor of the Torrance Herald, was named secretary-treasurer.

Robert Strath, co-owner of Carsonmart and Ideal Ranch Market, was named "Tail Twister," or sergeant-at-arms, and C. Z. Ward, manager of the Municipal Bus Lines, "Lion Tamer," or official greeter of the club.

Directors chosen are Herbert C. Allen, restaurant owner; Dr. Don C. Moshos, physician and surgeon, long term, and Irvin J. Hallanger, city accountant, and W. T. Greene, local jeweler, short terms.

The officers will be installed and the charter awarded to the Torrance Lions club on March 20.

The Lions club will meet on Tuesday, at 12:15 p. m., the first meeting being Feb. 20, in the Civic Auditorium annex.

Torrance Lions club is being sponsored by the Hollywood Lions club, and Walter Whitney, past president, with the present and former members of the Hollywood unit, including Harold E. Perry, principal of Torrance high school, participated in the meeting Friday night. Also attending were members of the Gardena and Inglewood Lions clubs.

PROPOSED RUBBISH DUMP AT WALTERIA PROTESTED; COUNCIL FAILS TO ACT

While official protests have been made against establishment of a Los Angeles city rubbish dump in Walteria, the City Council Tuesday night avoided an official opinion on the matter on the grounds that it would be necessary to get Torrance permission before the dump could be placed in operation. The Walteria Parent Teachers Association sent in a letter of protest against establishment of the dump, and circulation of petitions among South Lomita and Walteria residents protesting the dump has started.

Mayor W. H. Tolson explained that he had given official protest to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby.

The Los Angeles city park department has proposed that the abandoned gravel pit just east of Walteria and south of Newton st., be acquired for the dump, to replace the one now located at Gaffey and Anaheim streets.

Art Stagner, president of the Walteria Community Council, said that it had been determined that the proposed dump actually is within the city limits of Torrance.

The P. T. A. letter was ordered tabled at the suggestion of Councilman N. H. Cucci.

Coffee, Donuts For Selectees To Be Resumed

The practice of the American Red Cross, Torrance branch, of serving coffee and donuts to selectees departing for army camps will be resumed on Saturday morning, according to Mrs. Lola Hoover, Torrance branch chairman.

The donuts and coffee serving will start at 7:30 a. m. at the headquarters adjacent to the Civic Auditorium, while the class of departing servicemen is not scheduled to appear until 8 a. m.

Formerly a custom of the local branch, the serving of coffee and donuts was discontinued, but is being resumed at request of officials.

Four Torrance Japanese Get Combat Badges

Four Torrance and one Lomita Japanese are among one hundred and forty American soldiers of Japanese ancestry from California, now with the 442nd Japanese American Combat Team, who have been awarded the combat Infantryman's badge for exemplary conduct in action in the Vosges mountains of eastern France with the Seventh Army.

The men receiving the award joined the combat team in Italy prior to its departure for Southern France last fall. They earned their badges in the mountainous, heavily wooded terrain, described by the commanding general of the 36th Infantry Division as among the most difficult terrain in the world. During their action, they took part in the rescue of the now famous "Lost Battalion" of World War I near Bruyeres, France.

Men awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge from Torrance are S/Sgt. Isutomi Akimoto, Pfc. Yoshio Nakamoto, Pfc. Masaharu Hata, and Pfc. Aki Iwanaga, of Walteria. The Lomita man is Pfc. Horace Watanabe, of Route No. 1.

Recreation Commission to Consider Club

Members of the City Recreation commission, under chairmanship of Councilman C. Meriton Gilbert, and Dale Riley, superintendent of recreation, last night met with a group of high school students to discuss the establishment by the recreation department of a city-sponsored "teen-age" club.

The city proposes to provide facilities for a club to keep children off the streets and to provide a well-rounded recreation program for their entertainment. Gilbert and Riley met with architects on Tuesday relative to drafting of tentative plans for the proposed memorial building for Torrance, and a meeting of the recreation commission will be called soon to discuss phases to be incorporated in the plans.

WEEKEND GUEST Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Nackerman of 1004 Beech ave., entertained at their weekend guest, Miss Kate Lee Carver, of Los Angeles. The hosts and their guest, accompanied by Mrs. Wilda McKenna, attended services at a Los Angeles Baptist church Sunday evening.

FINAL APPROVAL OF NAVY PLANT IN TORRANCE MADE IN WASHINGTON, REPORT

Formal approval of the U. S. Navy's new redistribution center in Torrance has been announced by the Navy Department in Washington, according to press dispatches. The project approved calls for the expenditure immediately of \$2,623,000 for the construction of four 200 by 600 foot warehouses, an administration building, cafeteria and other needed structures. Sen. Sheridan Downey was informed by the Navy Department.

Bartlett and Mrs. Leech to Answer Lawsuit

Appearances were being made today in Superior Court in behalf of City Clerk A. H. Bartlett and City Treasurer Harriett V. Leech who were named defendants in an injunction suit involving the payment of \$50 a month to Bartlett to act as city purchasing agent.

Howard P. Raymond has brought a taxpayers' suit to restrain Mrs. Leech from paying Bartlett the money on the grounds that as an elective official he cannot hold an appointive office such as purchasing agent.

Bartlett held the job for years, and several years ago the purchasing agent's duties were given to City Engineer G. M. Jain. A few months ago, they were transferred back to Bartlett and at that time Councilman G. V. Powell, who opposed Bartlett's resuming the job of purchasing agent, threatened a suit to determine the legality. Later, civil service commission was allocated \$300 to determine the legality of the move, but it was pointed out that this money cannot be used to sue the officials.

Tuesday night, the City Council allowed \$300 to Mrs. Leech to retain an attorney, after City Attorney J. E. McCall said that he would rather not enter the case. "My job is to represent the City Council," McCall said.

Since many other cities use their clerks for purchasing agents, there is considerable interest in the case, and the best municipal attorneys are aiding in Bartlett's defense, it was said.

P. G. Briney is representing Raymond. Briney was once city attorney of Torrance.

The defendants were given until today to file an answer, demurrer or other pleading in the case.

Parents Get Direct Word From A. J. Law

Direct word from S/Sgt. Arthur J. Law, of 1733 Caballero ave., a prisoner of war in Germany, was received this week in the form of a German prisoner of war postcard.

Dated Oct. 15, 1944, the card declared: "Hello folks: Here I am again, like a bad penny. Any package sent through the Red Cross will be greatly appreciated. How is everything going and I hope you hear regularly from Eleanor. Seems I caused a lot of worry to you people. This is all I can put on this card. Until we see each other again, so long for now. Your son, Red. Regards to all."

Sgt. Law, who formerly worked at National Supply Co., was first declared missing on Aug. 14, 1944, and later found to be a prisoner of war.

Mrs. Eleanor Law, his wife, is making her home in Detroit, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Law reside at the Caballero st. address.

Torrance Man Is Hurt in Sunday Accident

Robert D. Steck, 28, of 231 1/2 West Twelfth st., San Pedro, was held at the sheriff's Vermont substation Monday on suspicion of drunk driving following an accident in which his skidding car struck and injured four persons who were waiting for a bus at 206th st., and Vermont ave., Sunday night.

Marguerite Ortiz, 34, of 1345 West 12th Place was the most seriously injured, receiving a fractured leg. Steven Ortiz, 15, and David Ortiz, 9, both of the same address, received minor injuries only, as did Ralph Delgado, 58, of 2015 1/2 New Hampshire st., Torrance.

Gardena Joins Torrance Area Welfare Group

The Gardena Community Council Tuesday night voted to affiliate with the Torrance Area Welfare Council, for purpose of clearing Area War Chest and Community Chest cases coming from Gardena district.

The group was invited by the Torrance Area Welfare Council recently.

Officers of the Gardena group are Mrs. Ada Mowatt, president; Gus Purche, vice president, and Mrs. Alma Compton, secretary. Delegates to the Torrance Area Welfare Council are the officers Les Roscoe, Sevier, Mrs. A. A. Bamford, Mrs. Elmer Tuttle and Mrs. Virginia Davis.

The Torrance office now has jurisdiction over all cases from Torrance, Gardena, Lomita, Harbor City and other nearby communities.

Leslie Johnson, Reported Missing, Back on Duty

Pvt. Leslie C. Johnson, reported missing in action in Belgium in a message received here Saturday by his wife, Ardella, of 2073 1/2 Carson st., has been found and is back on duty, according to a telegram Monday from the War Department.

Johnson, 24, has two brothers in service, Donald V., a radio man, 2/c, hospitalized at Santa Cruz following leg wounds suffered last July in the Battle of Saipan and Wayne, M., 18, in boot camp at San Diego Naval Training Center.

Before his induction last June, Leslie Johnson had served in Co. H, 2nd Battalion, 39th regiment, California State Guard.

Mrs. Johnson is employed at Columbia Steel Co. office.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Johnson of 2073 Carson st., owners of Western Village Super Service Station, Carson at Western ave.

The cheering news was gratefully received by Mrs. Johnson and the couple's three-year-old daughter, Beverly Jean.

LOMITAN WOUNDED

Pfc. Ray J. Leino, whose wife, Rita, lives at 1813 253rd st., has been wounded in action in the southwest Pacific, the War Department has reported.

TORRANCE MAN KILLED

First Lt. Ivan H. Wilcox, whose wife lives at 2112 Carson st., was killed in action in the Mediterranean area, the war department announced in a list of casualties made public in Washington.

MRS. KASPEE HERE

Mrs. Edith Kaspee, former Torrance resident, arrived recently from her home in Midland, Tex., to visit with friends and relatives.