

## TORRANCE INDUSTRIES AND TAXPAYERS TO BE ASKED TO STUDY CITY PENSION PLAN

All Torrance industries and interested taxpayers will be invited to a meeting with the City Council in the near future to discuss the proposed participation of the City of Torrance in the State Employees Retirement Fund, it was decided Tuesday night at the meeting of the council.

Councilman George V. Powell declared that all of the members of the council have indicated their support of the proposed pension fund, but that he felt full information should be given all concerned before it is placed in operation by ordinance.

He proposed that the plan be set up by the council by ordinance, after the public hearing, and that the employees then work to the end that the voters of the city might confirm the action of the council at a regular election in the future.

All members of the council reacted against a proposal of the city employees that a special election might be called to present the retirement plan to the voters.

On the other hand, Police Chief John H. Stroh, spokesman, said that it will be impossible to get the matter on the next regular election, in April, 1946, because the provisions of the state survey under which the proposed plan for Torrance is set up will expire on Dec. 1, and it will require about nine months to make a new survey.

The plan will call for donations each pay day by both the city and employees to the retirement fund, which will call for pensioning of employees reaching the age of 65. Those leaving the service of the city in the meantime would get all their money back with interest.



**RULERS OF TARTAR TOWN . . .** While boys of Torrance high are making plans to take over Torrance in Boys Week programs next week, this group has a permanent job of running a town—Tartar Town. Snapped lined up at the snack bar at the Civic Auditorium last Saturday night are the governing council of the teen-age organization, left to right: Mary Crawford, Gerald Godard, Myrna Fossum, Irene Hippik, Terry McIntier, Vannie Sommer, Frances Barrington, Donnie Cooke, Emogene Held and Bill Shaner. (Torrance Herald photo.)

## Juvenile Officer to Be Hired Here

Torrance police department will have a juvenile officer within the next few months, it was indicated at the City Council meeting when the appeal of Chief of Police John Stroh to add another officer to his force was confirmed.

Stroh said that the additional man will bring the force up to prewar strength, and that the juvenile man is needed.

James Lockridge was named to the Torrance Civil Service Commission to take the place of Paul Slonecker, now foreman of the bus department maintenance division.

D. J. Harris was hired as a temporary park maintenance man.

Davis S. Clark was hired as a temporary bus driver.

Provision for a dispatcher and cashier-bookkeeper for the bus department was asked by the council and referred to the civil service board.

The Los Angeles city board of education was granted a lease on the Torrance park property occupied by the day nursery.

Royal Neighbors of America, No. 8908, invited the council to its 50th anniversary program, also observing the 24th anniversary of the Torrance club, on May 15 at the Woman's club.

## Substation for WALTERIA ASKED BY ASSOCIATION

A police substation for WALTERIA is requested of the City Council by the WALTERIA Civic Association in a communication read at the meeting Tuesday night.

Paul Slonecker, secretary, said that recently burglaries, prowlers and traffic law violators in that area make the action necessary.

### EMERGENCY MESSAGES

Emergency messages between American servicemen on the Pacific and their families are being sent by the Red Cross at the rate of one every three minutes.

### BETTER BE LATE

It's better, states the Department of Motor Vehicles, to be late for work than early for Heaven.

### CAR ECONOMY

The automobile is not only here to stay but our whole economic system is dependent on it. Commercial goods can be transported by railroad, highway, air or water, but at some point in its journey, all freight is carried by motor vehicle. Modern roads built to handle traffic adequately are therefore a necessity.

## CCMO Asks Rezoning Plea Withdrawal

Chancellor-Canfield Midway Oil Company has withdrawn its effort to have the section of Torrance blvd. from Crenshaw blvd. west to Madrona ave. rezoned for heavy manufacturing.

City Engineer G. M. Jain so informed the City Council after City Clerk A. H. Bartlett Tuesday night read a communication from the City Planning Commission stating that it had recommended the denial of the rezoning plea.

The oil company officials have stated that they will not press the matter until it can be shown just what type of industries might be located on the tract.

They told the city engineer, he said, that they did not want to go against the wishes of the people of the district, and that they had no idea that there would be so much opposition to the proposal.

Meanwhile, the council concurred in the planning commission recommendation that portions of Western ave. north of 190th st. be rezoned for business.

### SAVE HORSEPOWER

The best way for the motorist to save manpower, remarks the highway patrol, is to go easy on horsepower.

### SWITCH TIRES

Punishment of tires in these rubberless days should be confined to "switching" them occasionally.

### JINGLING JULIA

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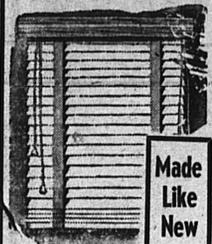
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## Bids for Tractor Opened by City At Tuesday Meet

Bids for a track-laying tractor with shovel were opened by the City Council Tuesday night. Shaw Sales & Service Co. bid \$7685; Smith-Booth-Usher, \$6459, and Shepard Tractor & Equipment Co. entered two bids, one for \$3257 and one for \$4100. Each bid will be checked by City Attorney J. E. McCall and City Engineer G. M. Jain to determine which equipment will best suit the needs of the city. The officials will report back to the council at the next meeting.

### EIGHT FLAVORS

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