

Torrance-Lomita Realty Board Is Reorganized; To Promote Housing

Torrance-Lomita Realty Board was reorganized Tuesday evening with the determined purpose of working out the housing situation in this district. B. C. Buxton was elected as president and W. E. Bowen, was elected secretary.



B. C. BUXTON President of Realty Board

The Realty Board and the City Planning Commission are going to have to work hand-in-hand in getting at this housing problem. Secretary Bowen said, "and we are going to have to go out a mile or a mile and a half to get any real home building and development. We will have to forget old Torrance, the center of the city, except for spasmodic home-building, and reach out for new subdivision development."

Welcome Home Veterans

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Peer and her mother, Mrs. Ida Tarpenning, of 1328 Amapola ave., have returned from a week's visit at Portland, Ore., where they greeted the Peers' son, Sgt. Philip Eldon Peer, recently returned from 23 months' duty in Hawaii. Sgt. Peer, formerly of this city, had received his honorable discharge Nov. 10.

Hospital Cases

The following patients, among others, were admitted to the Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week: Mrs. Dorothy Allen, 1324 Cota ave. Mrs. Dorothy Brady, 25344 Pennsylvania ave. Mrs. Gladys Hayhurst, 1830 Cabrillo ave. Mrs. Helen Scott, 1737 1/2 282nd st.

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County Would Maintain Part Of Gramercy Place

On motion of Supervisor Raymond V. Darby the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution at its Tuesday meeting declaring that Illinois street, otherwise known as Gramercy Place, in the City of Torrance, from the south city boundary north of 174th street northerly approximately 420 feet, should be a part of the County system of highways, and requesting the consent of the City of Torrance to its improvement by the county. The improvement to be made consists of installing corrugated metal pipe drain, making necessary fill, and constructing light macadam pavement. This is necessary due to the construction work being done on the Dominguez Channel by the Flood Control District.

Boys Suffer As Girls Win P.T.A. Contest

Boys League and Girls League members at Torrance high school recently finished a membership drive contest for the Parent-Teacher association with the result that the girls obtained 224 new members against the boys 169. After working hard, but not being able to compete with the girls, the boys had to suffer. The girls, if they had lost, would have had to suffer the consequences of coming to school minus make-up and with uncombed hair, which would have been very comical. But instead Tuesday was a sad day for the boys. They had to undergo the jeers and mockery of the girls as they looked from under the feminine war-paint of lipstick, rouge, eyeshadow, etc. The boys were sports about this embarrassing consequence of bogging down on the job. They shouldn't have minded too much, for the pleasure of bestowing upon them the "enchanted beauty of femininity" was given to their girl-friends.

Tire Rationing End After New Year Is Visioned

The government's expressed hope that tire rationing can end early next year was bolstered yesterday by an official report that tire output is up sharply. The O. P. A. announced that production has increased considerably during the last few weeks and, "barring work stoppages, is expected to attain the scheduled production goal of 11,000,000 (passenger) tires in this quarter." Production in the July-September quarter was about 7,000,000 passenger tires.

County Sets Fee For Taxicabs In New Ordinance

An ordinance requiring taxicab companies operating in unincorporated territory to pay a yearly license fee of \$25 plus \$10 for each cab operated, except those operating only one cab, was adopted yesterday by the Board of Supervisors.

SCRAP FIRE

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Many veteran pilots who have flown in all branches of the services, from the B-29 super-bomber down to the lowly Army L-ship, in the European theater of operations to the South Pacific; even those who have many perilous hours over the far East's Himalayas are now enrolled within the U. S. Civil Air Patrol, the Third Group headquarters located at Torrance airport. Capt. C. H. Holmes, Third Group commander, announced that every effort is being employed by his staff to encourage the returning airmen, as well as others, to join Civil Air Patrol and avoid "pilot rust" which is what usually happens when inactive. He further revealed that any commission held in the Air Force could be retained in Civil Air Patrol, up to and including grade of captain. It was estimated that more than 200 hours a week are being flown at this base of operations by 30 privately owned ships of the group members, plus that which is being flown in the CAP's PT-17's. The PT trainers, the commander said, are being flown in orientation and other flights for the cadets of the five squadrons within the Group. These ships are furnished by the Army for this type of training which includes flying time for the many qualified pilots of Third Group, with an excess of 200 hours, for training in pilot proficiency. They are maintained by the AAF and flight time for the members complying with official directives are without cost. The Group will soon celebrate its first year at the local flight strip where more than 500 cadets have been flown in many types of aircraft including General Hodges, C-47, without the slightest accident. Operation records disclosed that 22 cadets are now taking dual instruction at this base with a greater number already soloed. Lt. W. W. Wright, engineering officer for the Group and field service representative for North American Aircraft, who is a licensed aircraft engineer and mechanic, and whose responsibility has been to see that all aircraft are in perfect order, deserves much of the credit for the Group's fine safety record, it was said.

County To Open Bids On Lomita Park Dec. 26

On motion of Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, the board of Supervisors approved plans and specifications for the improvement of Lomita Park, which will give that location modern and complete playground and recreational facilities. The improvements contemplated include among other things a complete softball field with back stop and bleachers, a basketball court, horseshoe courts, shuffle board courts, a picnic ground with the necessary appliances, a sand box, pergola and small apparatus for the younger children, together with a field house, comfort stations, and small service building. According to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, the county contains a plot of approximately 447 feet north of 174th st. and a point approximately 600 feet south of 174th st., in the City of Gardena, should be a part of the county system of highways in order that certain improvements contemplated by the county could be made, and requesting the consent of the City of Gardena to the making of such improvements. The work contemplated consists of installing corrugated metal pipe drain and making necessary fill in the new Dominguez Channel, also installing re-enforced concrete pipe drain in Western ave.

Building Permits

The following building permits were issued within the City of Torrance during the past week, according to Building Department records: C. Mallo, 24424 Los Codona ave., exterior covering of residence, \$300. George E. Olding, 2650 Newton st., patio shelter, \$200. Ray E. Phillips, 1326 Engracia ave., private garage with apt. above, \$3700. B. Schlangenhaupt, 1918 Martina ave., brick fireplace in residence, \$100. Karl Shoe Store, 1279 Sartori ave., neon sign, \$350. E. W. Douglas, 18325 S. Western ave., wire frame for chicken coop, \$80. Fred Yerkin, 23911 Pennsylvania ave., repair residence, \$1600. Marie Frohman, 1617 Cabrillo ave., stucco taxi office, \$300. William P. Neal, 1916 Andree, addition of bedroom to residence, \$760. Phone Torrance 444 For Classified Advertising Service

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