



FIRST FROST . . . Meet 1st Lt. Dick Ryan and Hatushimo, Hirohito's favorite mount, as the stallion touched American soil for the first time at the stables of Torrance Army hospital Monday. Hatushimo means "First Frost," and, like other mounts of the Imperial stables, is named for a "first" of the seasons' changes. Lt. Ryan, owner of the mount which was refused by Gen. MacArthur, will use the white Arabian horse for exhibition and breeding purposes. (Torrance Herald photo.)

EMPEROR'S WHITE HORSE TAKES FIRST STEP ON U. S. SOIL IN TORRANCE

"Most solid and honorable terra firma," was the expression of his most royal ribs, "Hatushimo," pride of Hirohito's Imperial stables, as he weakly stepped out of his portable stall at Torrance Army hospital following the long voyage from Japan.

It was the white Arabian stallion's first step, although very wobbly, on American soil, according to his new owner, Lt. Dick Ryan, rodeo showman from Oceanside.

The lieutenant walked his war prize around in circles while he talked to your reporter near the stables at the hospital.

"Did you see him nearly fall to the ground when we led him out of that stall?" he asked us. We agreed that the horse even went to his imperial knees.

"Well, imagine those guys down at the harbor wanting and insisting that I lead him down a steep ramp from the ship. I'd have lost a good horse right there if that had happened.

"I said a 'good horse,' too, and not the 'cow pony' that some guys are trying to sell the public. This horse is an Arabian breed of the finest stock and he was born in Japan. He is of the third generation to be foaled on the Emperor's Imperial ranch. His name means 'first frost,' and like other Imperial mounts was named after firsts of the seasons, such as 'first winter'.

Construction Of 38 Homes Here Proposed

J. H. Pine Construction Co. will build 38 homes in the area bounded by Acadia st. and Crenshaw Blvd., Maricopa st. and Dominguez st., Jack Pine informs the City Council Tuesday night, proving the city will inight, necessary public utilities to secure approval of the Federal Housing Administration of the project.

Pine said that the city will be reimbursed in additional tax revenues from the tract in three years time. He said that water, streets, walks and curbs are needed. The request was referred to City Attorney J. E. McCall.

GRADING OF GUTTERS ASKED BY SUPERVISOR

Grading of the gutters at Arlington ave. and Redondo Beach Blvd. to eliminate a flood condition was asked by Supervisor Raymond V. Darby in a letter to the City Council Tuesday night.

He said that the county cannot do the work, and that until the Dominguez channel flood control project from Inglewood to the Harbor is completed such steps as that requested of the city will be necessary.

Ask the Professor

(By H. F. Noake)

Dear Professor: There seems to be a lot of wrangling among senators. Never agree on anything. Have they all gone haywire?

Answer: It's true, my friend, the Senate does seem to have its ups and Downys. But don't worry, it's still full of the old



APPOINTED . . . Otto B. Willett, former city judge, has been named deputy city attorney and prosecutor by Torrance City Council.

Willett Is Deputy City Attorney

Otto B. Willett was appointed deputy city attorney on a part-time basis to act as city prosecutor and assistant to City Attorney J. E. McCall Tuesday night by the City Council at a salary of \$180 per month. The salary is the same as that received by City Judge John Shidler who returned from service in the Army Air Forces to resume his position occupied by Willett during his absence.

Willett will act as prosecutor in all city cases, a position which, in the opinion of the district attorney's office, which should not be assumed by the chief of police. In Torrance, Chief of Police John Stroh has been acting prosecutor for some 20 years.

The legal department was also authorized to employ a full-time legal stenographer and secretary.

NO FIRE HYDRANTS FOR NAVY PROJECT UNTIL STREETS OPENED

The City of Torrance will not install new fire hydrants within the U. S. Navy Material Redistribution Center in Torrance until the streets are opened to public use, it was decided by the City Council Tuesday night.

Streets have been fenced off by the Navy without abatement proceedings, and the Navy has requested new hydrants be installed within the area. The request was denied at the suggestion of City Engineer G. M. Jain.

JOE WEBB NAMED ACTING CITY ELECTRICIAN

Joe Webb was named acting city electrician, acting chief electrical inspector and deputy building inspector by the City Council Tuesday night. The salary was fixed at \$250 a month. He is filling the position held by Oscar Butterfield, now on leave of absence.

Jack Long was named deputy city electrician and building inspector at \$225 a month.

HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA, NORTH TORRANCE APPEAL FOR WATER VOICED AT COUNCIL MEETING

Water is the No. 1 problem of the residents of most of Torrance, and they were heard from at the City Council meeting Tuesday night.

While Watteria and Southwest Torrance see the solution to their needs, having formed an assessment district known as Municipal Water District No. 1, the residents of Hollywood Riviera requested that a survey be made that area preliminary to formation of a district to provide for its water needs. This was referred to the engineering firm of Taylor & Taylor, to determine the cost of the survey.

Torrance May Get \$88,572 From State

Torrance would receive \$88,572 as its share of the \$90,000,000 fund voted by the Assembly of California for use of cities and counties in post-war construction, Assemblyman Vincent Thomas has informed the City Council.

This is "matching money" and the city must appropriate an equal amount for any work done under provisions of A. B. 80, which set up the fund.

Sewage facilities are set up as having first priority, and under terms of the act, these "sewage facilities" can include "sewage treatment and disposal plants, trunk and outfall sewers, and other facilities for the collection, transportation, treatment and disposal of sewage, but does not include local street sewers as distinguished from main trunk, interceptor and outfall sewers."

Major streets, including storm drains, bridges and other street structures or facilities are given No. 2 priority under the act.

The funds may not be used for any other purposes except as described in priorities Nos. 1 and 2.

Ballots of the recent MVD No. 1 election were canvassed and it was found the total vote was 154, with 109 voting for formation of the districts and \$150,000 in bonds and 45 against.

The Council instructed City Clerk A. H. Bartlett to file a statement of creation of the district with the county and state departments involved.

Also to be heard from was the North Torrance group who are worried over summons served upon them in the ground water rights adjudication suit filed by the City of Torrance, Pacific Water Co. and California Water Service Co. against all other cities, the county, various districts, water companies and individuals producing water in the West Basin to determine the need for water and allocate the supply to present users. Any shortage between the ground water supply and the requirements of the district would be met with Metropolitan Water District supply.

Due to the fact that many of the residents do not understand the intent and desired result of the lawsuit, it was decided to hold a meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at 8 p.m. in the City

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Hollywood Riviera Group Asks More Consideration Be Given Its Needs

The Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association complimented the City Council Tuesday night for the attention it has given the district since its previous complaint, but enumerated eight steps which are necessary in order that they might get the full benefit from the tax dollars paid to Torrance.

The eight points stated in a communication signed by W. W. Edwards, president of the association, are:

1. The city has done a good job, with one exception, in repainting the names of the streets. Via La Selva was overlooked both where it joins Via Monte D'oro and also at Calle Miramar.
2. A start has been made in cutting grass and weeds from the roads; but many streets, Via Los Miradores to name one, have not yet been done. Furthermore, in many cases the men have left the piles of cuttings in the street for days, and even weeks, to be blown around.
3. Most of the dead evergreen type of trees, many of which undoubtedly died from neglect, were removed last Fall, but a few are still standing. In short, the remaining trees throughout the district are badly in need of proper trimming.
4. The park and parkways have received little, if any, attention in years, and many of

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Woman Reported Missing Since Tuesday Morning

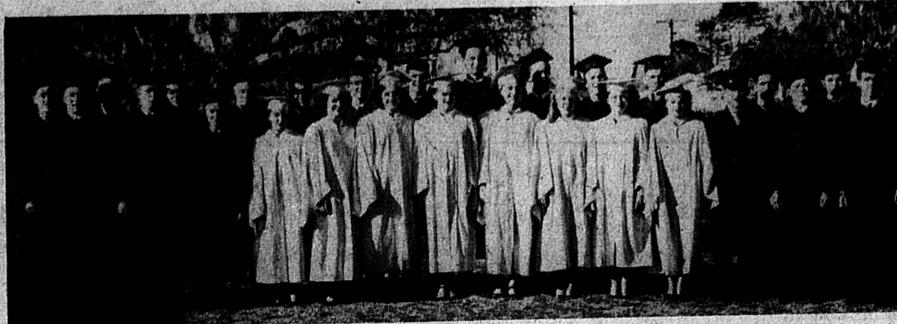
J. G. Carter, 1423 1/2 W. 219th st., reported the disappearance of his wife, 29-year-old Anna Lee Carter, who had been missing from the couple's home since Tuesday morning.

Carter told the police that his wife had left a note to their young son Tuesday morning, stating that she was going to the store and would be back soon.

Carter said that he could not recall any argument with her that would provoke her leaving.

ON FURLOUGH
Cpl. Richard P. Miller, A.A.A. Slt. Bn., has returned from two and a half year's South Pacific duty. At the conclusion of a 46-day furlough, he will report at Camp Hood, Texas with a Cadie unit, where he will remain until June 1.

RICHARD MILLER
Sgt. Richard G. Miller and his family will report to his base at Fort Riley, Kan., following his 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller of 1217 Cota ave.



TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1946 . . . These graduates will receive their diplomas at commencement exercises in the high school auditorium tonight. Pictured from left to right: Wayne Hovis, Gerald Godard, Eddie Bernasconi, Ralph Prime, Frank Dominguez, Jack Smith, Jim Standifer, Dolores Perez, Don Cook, Madeline Ban, Gerald Weeks, Jennie DeBasse, Dan Moon, Barbara Smith, Odell Dobbins, Lucy De Goche, George Poh, Betty Hansen, Dallas Martin, Jeannette Farquhar, Bob Thomas, Ramon Johnston, Cpl. Gordon Smith, USMC, William Rogers, Robert O' Cain, William Dietlin and John Hill. (Torrance Herald photo.)

Grandstand Repair At Park Asked

Torrance post of the American Legion was authorized to hold its annual semi-pro baseball tournament in Torrance ball park again this year, under action of the City Council. An inspection of the grandstand and bleachers was ordered to determine their safety to handle the capacity crowds at the games.

The local Legion post, which under the joint auspices with the California Semi-Pro Baseball Association, staged three Southern California championship tournaments before the war and resumed the schedule in 1945, also was granted use of the park and concession rights on Sundays for the year.

Reverend Superintendent Dale Riley said that the safety of the grandstand and bleachers was questioned from a fire hazard as well as structural point of view and asked that the inspection be made so that needed repairs can be accomplished before the baseball tournament starts.

Screening of the open areas beneath the seats if one needed improvement, it was said, to avoid the accumulation of papers and other combustible articles and burning tobacco under the grandstand.

Additional seating arrangements may be necessary for the tournament, it was pointed out, as well as for the Annual Rodéo also scheduled for this summer.

RAYMOND J. CASEY NEW PRINCIPAL OF HIGH SCHOOL AS H. E. PERRY TRANSFERS

When students at Torrance high school begin their second semester next Monday morning they will be greeted by a new principal. It was announced today.

Raymond J. Casey, who was boys' counselor and instructor in drafting and science at Torrance high from 1933 to 1936, is returning after two and one-half years' service overseas with the Seabees to become principal, succeeding Harold E. Perry, who has been transferred to Verdugo Hills high school. Perry requested the transfer, it was explained by school officials, in order to be

nearer his home and thus avoid a 60-mile drive each day.

"I am glad to be back in Torrance," Casey told the Herald yesterday. "It's just like coming home, as Mrs. Casey and I have so many fine friends and associations here."

Since leaving Torrance in 1936, Ray Casey received many promotions in the Los Angeles City School system, serving as vice principal at Frank Wiggins trade school, head of the industrial arts department at Polytechnic high, boys' vice-principal at San Pedro high and boys' vice-principal at University high. For one year prior to his enlistment in the Seabees Casey was principal at Woodrow Wilson high school.

In August, 1943, Casey requested a military leave and enlisted in the Seabees and almost immediately was shipped to the Pacific Theatre of Operations. He was in charge of constructing factory buildings for fabricating steel pontoon bridges at advanced bases. He was stationed at New Caledonia, the Russell Islands, Guadalcanal, Guam, and landed on Okinawa



RAYMOND J. CASEY
New Torrance Principal

Employers' Effort To Reopen Stores In Torrance Meets With Failure

Efforts on the part of store management to reopen the J. C. Penney Co. and J. J. Newberry Co. stores in Torrance, as well as other chain stores in San Pedro and Wilmington, again were deadlocked this week.

Last week a letter to each employer was sent out by the store operators, advising the employes that his position was open and asking him to report for work on Wednesday, Jan. 23, upon the same terms and conditions as prevailed when the stores closed on Sept. 26, 1945.

The Retail Clerks' Union also received notification that the letters were being sent out. Irvin Stalmaster, representing the stores, requested the union to urge all such employes to return to their positions.

However, prior to the date set by the management for returning to work, Haskell Tidwell, business agent for the union, called a meeting of all clerks involved and instructed them not to return to work. None did.

Stores affected in addition to the two Torrance stores are: S. H. Kress & Co., San Pedro; J. J. Newberry Co., San Pedro; J. C. Penney Co., Wilmington; and F. W. Woolworth Co., San Pedro and Wilmington.

A report that a conference between Stalmaster and Tidwell, to re-open negotiations had been arranged for yesterday was denied by Stalmaster. However, Stalmaster stated he had talked with Tidwell concerning the possibility of re-opening negotiations to write a new contract, but was informed by Tidwell that he (Tidwell) would insist upon acceptance of the same contract under which independent stores in the Harbor area are operating. This is the contract over which the dispute originated as Stalmaster says it is not applicable to chain store operations.

LOW-FLYING PLANES AT AIRPORT GET COUNCIL COMPLAINT

Complaints of low-flying airplanes at Torrance airport were voiced to the City Council Tuesday night by Watteria Civic Association.

The complaint asked that a minimum altitude of 2500 feet be maintained or that Civil Aeronautics Code be enforced there.

Emergency Hospital Plan Asked

The City of Torrance would negotiate with the County of Los Angeles, nearby cities and Torrance Memorial hospital for the maintenance of a doctor at the hospital to handle emergency cases, under a plan discussed by the City Council Tuesday night.

It was pointed out that transient patients often are taken to the hospital by ambulance only to wait for as long as an hour before the care of a doctor can be provided.

The cases come in from all surrounding area, five patients being brought to the hospital by the sheriff's department, Redondo Beach or Gardena police to one from within the City of Torrance, Chief of Police John Stroff said.

Eighty percent of the cases are transients and while the responsibility for their care rests with the county or cities involved, the hospital has refused to cash the city's checks in payment of the services.

Mayor W. H. Tolson and Chief of Police Stroff were asked to investigate the possibility of retaining a physician and surgeon at the hospital to care for the emergency cases until their ability to pay for medical care has been established. Indigents would be transferred to the county hospital if hospitalization is needed, it was pointed out.

Stone & Myers reported that in the year 1945, they answered 42 calls from the Police department for ambulance service, and that 27 of them remained unpaid.

Chief Stroff said that in Compton the county is paying for part of the hospital fee for indigents at a private hospital. The City of Compton pays the balance.

NORTH TORRANCE PAVING PROJECT WINS APPROVAL

Arlington ave. in North Torrance is to be resurfaced by the city, under a plan announced to the City Council by Councilman J. E. Hitchcock Tuesday night.

Hitchcock also secured approval of appropriations for the resurfacing of Santa Fe ave. between Arlington and Cabrillo aves., just south of Torrance park.

KINDERGARTEN ESTABLISHED AT WALTERIA SCHOOL

Walteria school will have a kindergarten starting Monday, and registration of kiddies for the new class already has started, according to Margaret Smith, new principal at the school.

Children who are now age four years and six months, or who will be five years of age on or before August 1, 1946, may enter the kindergarten, the principal said.

Those who now are five years and six months of age may enter the first grade. They must be six years of age between now and August 1.

Torrance Weather Record

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Jan.	TEMPERATURE		Set
	Maxi-	Mini-	
16	73	48	58
17	73	39	63
18	67	48	53
19	59	44	54
20	67	37	62
21	72	36	68
22	74	40	61