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Expansion Of Recreation Centers Asked

Widespread expansion of available recreation facilities and development of new centers for use of all people in this area was recommended at a meeting at the Ambassador Hotel last week as citizens of the 35 towns and cities in the Community Welfare Federation met to hear the report of the Youth Survey Committee which recently completed a recreation survey here.

Torrance was represented at the meeting by Agnes Fladung, of the Catholic Welfare Bureau; Gil J. Derouin, YMCA; M. Theodore Meier, YMCA; and Kenneth C. Beight, of the CIO Council.

Reports given at the meeting dealt with general recommendations affecting the entire Welfare Federation area. Specific recommendations for Torrance will be reviewed locally by a local citizens committee.

General recommendations included the acquiring of large park areas and beaches for public use under the County Parks and Recreation Department, and active participation of County Schools in the program.

Development of a uniform schedule of qualifications and salaries for city, county and school recreation workers was also recommended.

Implementation of the master plan, designed to bring recreation in line with rapid growth of this area, would be accomplished through a joint city, county and school commission to coordinate and finance the program.



MORE RECREATION AREAS NEEDED . . . More play places for children and young people is the object of the Youth Recreation Survey just completed in the metropolitan area under the sponsorship of Community Welfare Federation. A master-plan coordinating recreation in 65 separate areas, including scores of cities and towns in the Los Angeles area, has been set up to see that good recreation leading to good citizenship is available to all. Torrance representatives participated in the adoption of the plan.

Expenditure Of \$63,000 Planned To Improve Telephone Service

Sixty million dollars will be expended in Southern California this year by the Southern California Telephone Company for a new construction program aimed at provision of facilities to take care of about 118,000 persons who have been waiting for telephone service. This is the announcement made today by G. G. Draper, manager of the Torrance and Lomita exchange.

As part of this construction program, approximately \$47,000 will be expended here in Torrance and \$16,000 in Lomita this year the manager says, to provide service at the earliest possible date for local persons now on the waiting list. "We have already started some of the work," Draper says, "and several other projects are scheduled for later this year. Included in the new construction for the Torrance exchange about \$41,000 will be expended for new central office equipment with \$18,000 similarly expended in Lomita.

"Installation of new central office equipment for more telephones includes 161 major projects for Southern California. Three of these are planned for the Torrance exchange and two for the Lomita exchange. Engineers of the company, according to Draper, are giving due

emphasis to meeting the needs of sections and communities which grew most rapidly during the war years and where, therefore, the need for added facilities is most acute and has existed longest.

In the Torrance exchange, there are 1870 telephones and about 570 persons have placed orders for service which are now unfilled. In Lomita there are 2040 with about 200 orders for service unfilled.

"The 1946 program is a continuation of the work which was well under way in the autumn of last year," Draper adds. "It is going on right now and has been going on for some time, as indicated by the fact that for the company as a whole we have achieved a net growth of 59,000 telephones last year, 34,700 of which were during the last four months of the year—after the close of the war. We are now making some real progress in taking care of those who have been waiting longest for telephone service. As our new facilities have become available since V-J Day, we have gotten in touch with many thousands of our applicants who have been waiting longest for service and have made arrangements to install telephones, resulting in the growth previously mentioned.

"The end of the war did not result in a decrease in the demand for telephone service here in Southern California. On the contrary, thousands of additional persons have applied and are applying for service."

Included in the construction program is a substantial portion of the work to be done in the laying of a \$5,000,000 unit of the transcontinental coaxial cable which will in the next few years traverse the southern part of the United States in a gigantic arc from New York to Los Angeles. This cable will provide hundreds of additional telephone circuits and also eventually will be capable of transmitting television programs.

NEW FOREMAN
Merlin Cook has been appointed foreman of the Bus Department garage succeeding Paul Slonecker, resigned. Slonecker is returning to his position with Joshua Hendy Co.

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New Subdivision Of Palos Verdes Property Okayed

A subdivision of homesites for estates in the East Palos Verdes district is to be developed.

Spokesman for the County Regional Planning Commission announced that the application of the Palos Verdes Corp., 818 W. 5th st., for permission to open a 114-acre tract in that area had been approved.

The plans on file call for the subdivision of the land into parcels averaging two and a half acres in size, the property located south of Crest Road and east of Portuguese Bend Road.

Applicant is both subdivider and owner of the property, commission representatives said.

OIL CAPITAL
Tulsa, Okla., is known as the "Oil Capital of the World" by reason of the fact that most of the large producers and refiners, as well as a large number of independent companies of the United States engaged in the oil industry have offices and headquarters in the city.

POLICE WELCOME THEIR LAST RETURNING YET

Marking the last Torrance police officer to return from the service, Adrian L. Thornberry, 29, 1813 Amapola ave., rejoined the department Monday after more than three years service in the Navy.

Thornberry has been on the force for many years and is a welcome addition to the department, said Police Chief John Stroth.

NEW LIBRARY HOURS ANNOUNCED; OPEN 12 NOON TO 9 P.M.

Announcement is made that the prewar schedule of library hours open for the Torrance branch of the County Library was resumed, Thursday, Feb. 7. Hours open every week day, 12 noon, to 9 p.m.

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Delford Thompson Takes Electronics Course In London

Enrolled as a student of electronics at the Warton American Technical School in England, Private First Class Delford B. Thompson, 20, of 2624 West Carson st., Torrance, is preparing for an early return to civilian life.

Pfc. Thompson is one of 4000 soldiers who are taking advantage of the Army's educational program as students in the eight-weeks session at Warton. Over 2000 men were graduated from the first term which ended November 1945.

Pfc. Thompson entered the service in March, 1944, and later saw action as a member of the 84th Infantry Division in three campaigns.

The Warton American Technical School, under the command of Col. Albert E. Billing, is designed to reacquaint soldier-students with the latest techniques, methods and machinery of the type they will find in use when they return to the competitive life of their civilian trades.

Pfc. Thompson's father, Roy E. Thompson, resides at the Torrance address.

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We are deeply appreciative of the concern the people of Torrance are showing as a result of the vicious attack on February 1, 1946, on two Torrance residents, one the manager of the J. C. Penney store, and the other the manager of a local business who came to his assistance.

The spontaneous action through which a large share of the community are pledging subscriptions to a reward fund offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the gangster-like attack upon Hillman Lee and John Melville is heartening to all Americans.

The J. C. Penney Company, as part of the business community of Torrance, wants to participate in this public reward. It is, therefore, offering a reward of \$1,000.00 to the person or persons who furnish information which leads to the arrest and conviction of the attackers responsible for this murderous assault. We are notifying the Torrance Chamber of Commerce of this offered reward and asking the Chamber of Commerce to act as trustee for this sum which is to be paid under the same terms and conditions as the balance of the fund being raised by the citizens of Torrance.

We are grateful that neither Mr. Lee nor Mr. Melville was permanently disabled. Mr. Lee has been a valued member of the J. C. Penney organization since 1927, and has managed the Torrance store for the last ten years. During Mr. Lee's 18½ years with the J. C. Penney organization, he has earned from his associates, as well as from the public with whom he has come in contact, high regard and affection. We are proud that Torrance citizens have accorded him the place in this community which is evidenced by the public concern over his injuries.

We are proud that the Torrance business community contains such men as Mr. Melville, who, regardless of danger to his own person, came to the aid of Mr. Lee while he was being kicked and slugged.

We trust that those responsible for this attack will be quickly brought to justice. All evidence points to the fact that the slugging and kicking resulted from well-planned preparation.

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