

TORRANCE HERALD

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Local Attorneys Serving On Bar Association

D. Clifford Higgins of Manhattan Beach has been named President of the Inglewood Township Bar Association. Melanie Dymner of Hawthorne is the new vice-president.

Police Judge Bernard Lawler of El Segundo is the new secretary.

The election was held Thursday at the association's annual meeting.

W. Wellington Farrow of Inglewood is to continue as treasurer. The new trustees are Judge Frank Carrell of Gardena, C. Ibeson Sweet of Inglewood, John McCall of Torrance, George W. Saunders of Hawthorne, and W. Floyd Cobb of Inglewood.

Picking Of Cheapest Taxi Service Depends Upon How Far You're Going

Taxicab operators of Torrance have submitted a set of rates to the city which vary in manner of presentation, but which amount to approximately the same in the end, except for the first one-half mile or fraction or for distances greater than two and one-half miles.

J. W. Alford, of City Taxi Co., told the council his rates are: Per mile, minimum, 25 cents; maximum, 50 cents; and one charge for extra passengers. However, his rate as set forth is good for one and one-half miles. This company is charging 75 cents for one and one-half to two and one-half miles, and \$1.00 for two and one-half miles to three miles. All mileage more than three miles is at a rate of 40 cents a mile. Flat rate to Redondo Beach and Gardena is \$1.50.

Identical rates were submitted by Torrance Yellow Cab Co., of which Alford also is owner; Green Taxi Service, and Chuck's Cab Service.

Yellow Cab Co. of Torrance, owned by D. and Marie Frohman, asks 20 cents for the first half mile or fraction; 35 cents for one mile, but the rates quoted are approximately the same as other companies up to two and one-half miles. The Frohmans ask fifty cents for one and half miles or fraction; 75 cents for two miles, and \$1.00 for two and one half miles.

So, while it appears you can ride cheaper for short distances with one company, you can save money on longer trips with another.

The City Council is in the process of adoption of a Torrance taxi regulatory ordinance, and demanded filing of the rates by the taxi operators in lieu of meters provided for thereunder. They are on file in the office of City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.



ENJOYS LEAVE . . . William Edward Bean, baker 2/c, arrived here recently for a visit with his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Cozart of 716-E Amapola ave. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Bean of Tulsa, Okla. In service three years, he had been overseas 28 months.

TWO NEW LIQUOR LICENSES ISSUED

TORRANCE OWNERS

On recommendation of Wm. G. Bonelli, Fourth District member, the State Board of Equalization has taken the following action:

Paul Smolker and Marvin I. Howard, 2223 Torrance blvd. Application for off-sale beer-wine license approved.

Richard R. and Hazel Gotts and Jack C. Weir, 1225 El Prado. Application for new general on-sale beer, wine and distilled spirits license approved.

North Torrance Group Will Continue Attempt For G.P. In Water District

Although the Torrance City Council has fixed the south boundary for the proposed North Torrance water district at a point one-fourth mile south of 190th st., between Crenshaw blvd. and Hawthorne blvd., a new fight is in the making to bring about the inclusion of all of General Petroleum Corp. properties in the district — a fight which may have the effect of destroying all hope of forming the water district, it was reported this week.

Proponents of the plan include General Petroleum in the district will die hard, it was indicated, even to the extent of involving the area north of 190th st. so badly in need of water, in litigation which may take years to complete.

The City Council decided on the boundaries by a vote of four to one, Councilman N. H. Cucci holding out for including General in the district.

The council acted on the re-

commendations of Taylor & Taylor, water engineers, who reported that the assessed valuation of the property north of 190th st., plus the one-fourth mile wide strip of General property, is sufficient to finance a water district.

Arthur Taylor said that it appears the latest assessed valuation of the district will approximate:

For 2300 acres north of 190th st., \$656,000 and for 220 acres south of 190th st., \$120,000, or a total of \$776,000. The engineer said that if 180 acres of county territory in northwest Torrance are annexed to the city, it would add another \$40,000, making the total \$816,000.

This would produce a total of \$204,000 in funds based on the limitations of 25 percent of assessed valuation, with the county territory, or \$194,000 without the county area.

A revised pipeline layout was submitted by Taylor suggesting

the principle of putting the lines now to serve as far as practical existing homes where water sales would start immediately when service is available. Proceeds from the district would be used to expand the system later.

The plan would cost \$202,000, with transit pipe or \$220,000 with cast iron pipe. There would be 94,320 feet of pipe in the initial system, or approximately 18 miles.

Taylor said that he believed the people in the county area want to come into the district and the city, but if the area is not annexed, some \$8,000 would have to be raised to meet the presently proposed system of transit pipe or \$26,000 if it is built of cast iron pipe.

The engineer further told the council that "we repeat our recommendation that a strip one-fourth mile deep between Crenshaw and Hawthorne be includ-

ed in the district boundary, and believe if contested you would be supported by the courts in determining an equitable water district boundary—if we did not believe so, we would be inviting the unpleasantness of court battle. Likewise, we believe any greater spread of boundary of the district to the south would invite legal contest prolonged and difficult to win."

Eliminated also from the district as proposed by the city is the boundary within the A. & I. district served by Moneta Water Co.

Those seeking to put all of General in the district plan to reopen their fight, it was said, at an early council meeting.

SPARK PLUG ADVICE

The average spark plug is about through after 10,000 miles in a high compression engine. New ones will also save gas, an important consideration in car operation.

Two Burglary Suspects Given Wild Chase Here

George Winters, a guest of the Murray Hotel reported to police that he chased two youth-Mexicans for more than a half an hour through the streets of Torrance Friday night after he had caught the two youths stealing a blanket and portable radio from his car, parked in the parking lot on Cravens ave and El Prado.

Winters said that the pair made a quick get-away in a Ford panel truck and he immediately gave chase. The chase ended in a bean field south of Sepulveda blvd. near Western ave. The Mexicans abandoned the truck and fled across the field, his report indicated. Police said that the truck had been borrowed from a flower grower, F. Gorrindo, whose partner had loaned the youths the car to drive into town.

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