

TORRANCE ORGANIZATIONS ENDORSE PLANS FOR BIG FOURTH OF JULY PROGRAM

Representatives of a dozen Torrance organizations met in the City Hall last Friday and endorsed plans for the big five-day Fourth of July Jubilee in Torrance as a "welcome home" for veterans of World War II.

The group endorsed various phases of the program, and immediate action was urged to get the program rolling.

One was the decision to proceed with printing and advance publicity leading up to canvassing aviation and industrial leaders regarding the expositions planned for Torrance during the five-day program.

Members of the executive committee who have been delegated to swing into immediate action were Harry B. Lewis, who will contact aircraft manufacturers throughout the nation relative to placing latest model military and commercial planes on exhibition at the Torrance airport during the two-day air show; Blaine Walker, who will be in charge of exhibits of industrial and commercial firms, other than aircraft, and Frank S. Selover, in charge of publicity for the entire program.

Also the need for immediate action on the air circus was stressed, and John P. Stripling, himself a pilot and Civil Air Patrol captain, has been asked to secure quotations on the circus for consideration at the next meeting.

Articles of incorporation of Torrance Projects, Inc., a non-profit corporation, have been filed, to handle the minute details of the gigantic Fourth of July celebration.

Another meeting of the general committee is planned for the very near future at which time a complete resume of all activities in behalf of the celebration will be presented.

Attending the meeting Friday were Mayor W. H. Tolson, chairman; Councilman C. M. Gilbert, representing the recreation department; Blaine Walker, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce; Chief of Police John H. Stroh, representing Kiwanis club, of which he is president; Harry B. Lewis, representing aviation and the veterans; C. Earl Conner, postmaster and commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post here; the Rev. Paul M. White, representing Rotary club; James Barker, representing the Moose lodge; Dale Riley, representing the recreation department.

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Contract Let To Clean Weeds From Local Property

At the suggestion of City Engineer G. M. Jain, the City Council Tuesday night voted to hire the firm of Jacobson Bros. for weed eradication purposes at a rate of seven cents per front foot, to a depth of 150 feet.

A limit of \$1,500 was placed on the original contract, and dangerous and downtown areas would be given preference.

It would be "too big a job" to clean all lots of Torrance and bill property owners as other cities do, Jain declared. He said that he was not prepared to estimate how much money would be involved in the whole city at seven cents per front foot, but said in some areas allowing weeds to grow and constructing of firebreaks proves more valuable to the property being involved than burning or destruction of cover.

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Residence Law Would Hit Many City Workers

A liberal attitude on the part of the Civil Service Board on the matter of residence of city employees will be necessary or the City of Torrance may lose several policemen, firemen and other necessary workers, it was revealed at the City Council meeting Tuesday night.

Chief of Police John Stroh said that two of his officers are faced with the need of finding residence outside of Torrance because, although they are veterans, they cannot find homes within the city.

Fire Chief J. E. McFaster reported that three firemen are similarly affected.

The residence requirements were relaxed at the start of the war, Bus Manager C. Z. Ward pointed out, and several of the bus drivers now live outside the city.

Should the rules be enforced to the letter, it was pointed out, municipal services would be thrown into havoc, and Mayor W. H. Tolson suggested that the Civil Service Board should not be "dogmatic" about the residence requirement.

Red Cross Drive In Torrance Progressing

Torrance canvassers for the 1946 Red Cross drive this week were \$1,618.05 nearer their goal of \$15,000, it was announced by I. J. Hallanger, chairman.

Fund campaign solicitors for Los Angeles Chapter's \$4,235,000 were urged by Hallanger to reach the half-way mark by March 15. The drive is scheduled to continue throughout March.

"The local area quota will play an important part in supporting the varied postwar program of the American Red Cross here," the chairman said. "Workers here must accept their fund quota as a minimum donation to an organization serving hospitalized and wounded, men still serving overseas, and countless veterans returning to civilian life. Red Cross also has accepted the challenge of meeting the needs of the community, including a new peacetime responsibility of supplying whole blood for free blood transfusions for civilian patients at Los Angeles General Hospital."

CHARLES CURTIS APPOINTED DEPUTY CITY TREASURER

Charles Curtis has been named deputy city treasurer and will be acting treasurer during the absence of Mrs. Harriett Leech who is leaving for Arizona for her health.

The appointment of Curtis was made Tuesday night by the City Council. Mrs. Leech is not a candidate for reelection to the job.

Sheriff's Raid Nets Local Woman On Bookie Charge

Joanne Zochert, 29, 1216 El Prado, was arrested here yesterday afternoon by Los Angeles County Sheriff's officers on suspicion of bookmaking.

The sheriff's officers charged Mrs. Zochert with accepting bets on horse racing, a felony, after acting on a tip received earlier that betting was being carried out at the El Prado address.

THE NATIONAL GUARD

It is to be hoped that the failure of the City Council Tuesday night to adopt a resolution urging that Torrance be made the home of at least an infantry company of the California National Guard will not have adverse effect on the efforts of community leaders to secure a unit of the National Guard.

No good reason was expressed as to why the resolution should not have been adopted.

There is no good reason why the City Council should not go on record in favor of stationing a unit of the California National Guard in Torrance.

That is something every California city would like to have. And the fact remains that Torrance, in view of the fine record that its State Guard unit made during World War II, unofficially has been assured that it can have a unit, if the city wants it.

Every progressive citizen hopes that the lack of action on the part of the City Council will not destroy this opportunity.

It is hoped that the resolutions of the Kiwanis club and the Lions club, and others in process of action, will offset the failure of the City Council to act. Chief of Police John Stroh himself states that the city is not equipped to cope with a disaster or emergency without the aid of state troops.

While the resolution before the council "offered" a site for a state armory, it was not binding in that no particular site was mentioned, but if Torrance could secure a National Guard unit and the State of California would build an armory in this city, that, gentlemen, would be progress.

NATIONAL GUARD COMPANY FOR TORRANCE URGED BY TORRANCE ORGANIZATIONS

Torrance will have a National Guard infantry unit stationed in a state armory here, if efforts of various organizations and civic leaders are successful, but not if the delaying action played by two members of the City Council Tuesday night is indicative of the city's official viewpoint on the subject.

The Council had a resolution before the body urging Governor Warren, as commanding officer of the California National Guard, to assign to Torrance at least a company of infantry troops, and offering a site for a state armory. No particular site was mentioned in the resolution.

Councilman G. V. Powell immediately objected to the resolution, and was quickly supported by Councilman N. H. Cucci. The final stroke delaying consideration of the action was taken by Councilman J. E. Hitchcock, and as a result, the official status of Torrance will be lacking at a time when it is needed for consideration in the placement and assignment of various units of the National Guard.

Mayor W. H. Tolson and Councilman C. M. Gilbert spoke in favor of action on the resolution.

The National Guard is in the process of reactivation, and with the distribution of troops throughout the state, the resolution said "in event of disaster or emergency, Torrance would need the assistance of a trained body of state troops."

Also adopting resolutions urging the assignment to Torrance of a National Guard company were the Torrance Lions club and the Torrance Kiwanis club. It was expected that the Rotary club, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion would follow suit.

Torrance ball park has been the headquarters of one of the most active State Guard companies in California, local citizens pointed out in urging the assignment of the National Guard company to the community.

The city has turned the ball park over to the State Guard whenever it is needed, and an armory was built there by two years ago.

Under command of Captain R. L. Lewellen, the company was charged with responsibility for defense of the Torrance "critical area."

Hawthorne Asks Airport, Plant Be Given City

A \$2,000,000 windfall may drop into the lap of Hawthorne.

This possibility was forecast today by Mayor Walter J. Hawley as he pressed for municipal acquisition, without cost to the city, of the large government-owned aircraft plant north of El Segundo, between Prairie ave. and Greenhawk Blvd.

The mayor cites a Senate bill providing for disposal of surplus airport facilities, providing that cities be given such holdings "if sale to private concerns is not quickly consummated."

In any event, the city is assured of obtaining at no cost the quarter-mile section containing upon waivers being obtained from the county and state, and these were promised, Mayor Hawley stated at the time Hawthorne City Council adopted resolutions of request to the two governmental units.

IMMEDIATE POSSESSION OF AIRPORT LOOMS AS CAA ASKS FOR INVENTORY OF PROPERTY

The City of Torrance was a step nearer securing its permit to take possession of the Torrance Army air field this week as the Civil Aeronautics Administration requested that the city secure an inventory of all equipment and improvements at the airport.

Mayor W. H. Tolson appointed Dale Riley, superintendent of recreation, to make the survey. It was completed with the assistance of Maj. Charles Holmes, Civil Air Patrol group commander and Capt. John P. Stripling, CAP public relations and intelligence officer. Stripling also is sports editor of the Torrance Herald.

The equipment which the city will secure with the airport includes a fire engine, jeep, gasoline truck, pumps, control tower, furniture, buildings and other improvements.

It was expected that the interim permit would be granted as soon as the inventory is completed.

One other California city already has received the gift of an army airport. It is Hayward, where the army spent \$2,185,000 building an 800-acre airport. Like Torrance airport, it is fog-free much of the time, and in its use as a civilian airport, it will relieve the congestion of the frequently fog-bound fields at San Francisco and Oakland.

Immediately following the end of the war, the Hayward Chamber of Commerce undertook a campaign to get the airport for the municipality. The Hayward City Council voted to accept operation of the port, and was given right of immediate entry by the United States Army Engineers and U. S. Surplus Property Administration, pending issuance of a formal permit and license.

Torrance has taken all the steps which Hayward took, and the right of immediate entry to the airport constitutes the "interim permit" for which Mayor Tolson is looking daily. All advice from Washington, D.C., indicates that it is on the way.

The City of Torrance is prepared to assume immediate control and operation of the airport, the mayor said.

Torrance residents contributed 12,500 garments to the victory clothing drive, according to final tabulations completed by Rev. J. Memmish, of First Christian church, chairman of the clothing drive.

As a result, an equal number of needy war victims of foreign lands will have shelter of clothing in months to come, he said, expressing his appreciation to Torrance residents for their cooperation in the drive.

Torrance Gave 12,500 Garments In Clothing Drive

Forty-two percent more voters will be eligible to vote in the April 9 city election than were qualified in the election two years ago.

This was revealed by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett yesterday when he made known the official registration figures for the City of Torrance, divided into 17 precincts.

Torrance has a registration of 5,236, Bartlett said.

In April, 1944, when the city election was held, only 3,676 persons were qualified to cast their ballots.

The gain of 42 percent is spread over all precincts, according to City Clerk Bartlett, and it bears out the population estimates of the City of Torrance of 13,000, on the basis of two and one-half population per voter, or 15,700 on the basis of three persons per registered voter.

While registration is closed for the city election, when two councilmen, the city clerk and city treasurer will be elected, another election, the State primary, is to be held June 4. Registration for this election closes April 25, Bartlett said. Those who have moved to Torrance a year or more ago at that date, who have moved since last registering or who did not vote at the last general election and have not since registered, must qualify to vote, he declared.

Following is the registration by precincts for this election as compared with the last election.

Precinct	1946	1944
1	382	205
2	346	262
3	262	171
4	320	192
5	300	154
6	310	225
7	288	228
8	322	269
9	309	267
10	310	181
11	294	223
12	354	225
13	283	200
14	303	246
15	334	202
16	283	214
17	296	201
Total	5,236	3,676

Missing Girl Is Believed To Be Enroute East

Anita Buzitte, 15, who had been reported missing for the past 10 days and who was believed to have eloped with a Camp Roberts soldier, is enroute to Dearborn, Mich., according to letters received here from the young girl's father, Ray Buzitte, who now lives in Dearborn.

Torrance police received an answer from the commander of the Camp Roberts base advising that the soldier in question produced a letter from Anita stating that she would write him from the Michigan city upon arrival.

The girl's mother, Mrs. Helen Clark, 24005 Ocean ave., reported last week that she had reasons to believe her daughter had eloped with the soldier, but could not be contacted for a statement in view of the more recent developments.

Buzitte, police said, will contact them upon the girl's arrival there.

Ask the Professor
(By H. F. Neale)
Dear Professor: See where a couple was arrested for spooning at a busy intersection. Wasn't that an odd place to spark?
Answer: Must have thought the traffic sign read Stop & Go.



MEET THE QUEEN . . . Here she is, "Miss Torrance of 1946," and her court. Winner of the Y. W. C. A. fund drive popularity contest is Miss Frances Barrington, above. Runners up are Miss Doris Lee Quaggin, lower left, and Miss Marge Dunham, lower right. The Queen will be crowned Saturday evening during the Annual Women's Club carnival in the Women's Clubhouse, and the runners up will be her escorts. The contest was staged by the Junior Women's club. (Ray's photo).

Miss Frances Barrington Is 'Miss Torrance Of 1946' Results Show

Miss Frances Barrington is the winner of the "Miss Torrance of 1946" contest. She won with a total of 111,270 votes. The lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Barrington, a student of Torrance high school, will reign over the annual carnival of the Torrance Woman's Club on Saturday evening.

Her coronation that evening will be a highlight of the affair.

Second in the contest for "Miss Torrance of 1946," which was restricted to unmarried girls of ages 15 to 21, and which was conducted for the benefit of the Young Women's Christian Association of Torrance, was Miss Doris Lee Quaggin, who had a total of 71,901 votes.

Third was Miss Marge Dunham, who had 40,866 votes. More than \$3,000 in funds was raised in the contest, to assure the establishment in Torrance of a Y. W. C. A. The contest was sponsored by the Junior Women's Club, its contest committee being headed by Mrs. John H. Ritchie.

The results more than doubled anticipated proceeds, it was said. Miss Barrington had the sponsorship of the Kiwanis club; Miss Quaggin the Rotary club, and Miss Dunham, the American Legion.

Others in the contest, their standing unrevealed, but their popularity established notwithstanding the result, are: Miss Cubie Bohannon; Miss Shirley Saffren; Miss Beverly Kelley; Miss Virginia Tuttle and Miss Beverly Holmes.

Miss Barrington begins her reign as "Miss Torrance of 1946" when she will rule over the senior Women's club carnival on Saturday, March 16, at the club house, at 1422 Engracia. The carnival crowning will be at 8:30.

All contestants will be awarded prizes at this time, according to Mrs. Ritchie.

First prize will be a \$125 17 jewel cocktail watch presented by W. T. Greene of Torrance Time Shop, and a loving cup presented by the Torrance Junior Woman's club.

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Torrance Weather Record
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TEMPERATURE			
Max.	Min.	Set	Maximum
Mar. 6	65	47	68
7	64	45	69
8	65	47	67
9	65	47	65
10	65	40	68
11	65	41	68
12	68	39	65

PRECIPITATION Total (Year) 1.76