



NATIONAL AND EMPLOYEES GET TREASURY PRAISE... Official commendation from the Treasury Department to the National Supply Co. and its employees was received Friday. Shown above is Harry S. Hanchett, U. S. Treasury representative (left, center), handing a certificate of commendation to F. J. Carpenter, assistant secretary and treasurer, National Supply (right, center), as Rita Schmitz (left), who handled payroll deductions for National, and Ruth Lutes (right), who handled the audit, checking, reporting and other information on bonds, look on. National employees bought \$1,705,050 worth of bonds in the eight drives. (Photo by Ken Roberts.)

## NATIONAL SUPPLY CO. AND EMPLOYEES GET PRAISE OF TREASURY DEPARTMENT

The United States Treasury has officially commended The National Supply Company, Torrance, and its employees for the bond sales results they attained through operation and support of the payroll savings plan.

A citation bearing the insignia of the seven war loan drives and the Victory Loan Campaign, together with the Treasury seal and the signatures of Fred M. Vinson, secretary of the Treasury, and Ted R. Gamble, national director of the War Finance Division was presented to the company last Friday by Harry S. Hanchett, deputy director, U. S. Savings Bonds Division for Southern California of the Treasury.

F. J. Carpenter, assistant secretary and treasurer, accepted the award on behalf of both the company and the employees.

The citation reads: "The National Supply Co. and its employees are hereby officially commended by the United States Treasury for the operation and support of the Payroll Savings Plan. We, the undersigned, recognize that the Government was provided with a substantial part of the money to finance the war through this method of bond purchasing. The continuance of this savings plan enables workers to gain a large measure of security by their regular purchase of United States Savings Bonds."

The total maturity value of the bonds bought by employees of The National Supply Co. since the payroll plan was put in operation is \$1,705,050.

Fred H. Johnson, state director of the U. S. Savings Bonds Division, added an additional word of praise to National and its employees, declaring: "This Official commendation is intended to permanently record the sincere appreciation of the United States Treasury for the cooperation and support of the Payroll Savings Plan by your executives and employees during the World War II financing period 1941-1945.

"Your support has helped build thrift and self-reliance making better and more substantial citizens. It helped distribute the financial load and divert money into non-inflationary channels.

"Congratulations and best wishes also present for the presentation of the certificate were Rita Schmitz, who handled payroll deductions for National, and Ruth Lutes, who assisted in details in handling the big drives.

## BIDS FOR VERMONT AVENUE WORK ARE OPENED BY BOARD

The Board of Supervisors at its Tuesday meeting received ten bids for cash contract No. 677, covering the improvements along Vermont ave. south of Gardena between Knox st. and 190th st., for a distance of approximately one-third of a mile. These bids ranged from a low of \$15,675.35 to a high of \$22,230.40, and were referred for checking and report back to the board.

## Ask the Professor



(By H. F. Noake)

Dear Professor: Please be good enough to tell me who wrote "Goodbye Mr. Chips." Answer: Probably some poker player.

## Many In Race For Congress Post In 17th

Two last-minute candidates for 17 district congressman, Tuesday brought the field to six for the office, the county registrar of voters reported.

James L. Roy, Rosenberg, managing editor of the Inglewood Daily News and formerly city editor of the Torrance Herald, filed for the Republican nomination and Willard W. Harper, insurance man, of 840 W. 61st st., Los Angeles, qualified just before the 5 p. m. deadline.

Previously qualified were Congressman Cecil R. King for both Democratic and Republican ballots, Edwin M. Reinheimer of Los Angeles for both tickets, and Tom B. Clark of San Pedro and Robert E. Glibreath for the Democratic nomination.

Election of a 68th district assemblyman at the June 4 primary was assured as the filing deadline passed with Vincent Thomas, incumbent, and Joseph Francis Quinn of Wilmington as the only candidates. Each filed for both nominations, but both the one who wins the Democratic nomination will be elected, according to state election rules.

Other last-day filers included Frank R. Carrell, veteran Torrance-Gardena jurist, for reelection as justice of the peace for township covering Lomita, Torrance and Gardena.

## REZONING OF AREA NORTH OF ALONDRA PARK IS STUDIED

At the Tuesday meeting of the Board of Supervisors, upon motion of Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, the Planning Commission was instructed to make a study towards the zoning of territory lying west of Gardena and north of Alondra Park, and the possible adoption of an ordinance to protect the district in the interim.

## Red Cross Lists Local Workers Who Contributed 200 Hours Time In War

Many Torrance residents are to receive certificates for 200 hours or more Red Cross service, 1940 to the end of World War II, according to Mrs. Helen Miller, branch chairman.

Certificate holders will be eligible to wear the Red Cross World War II pin and service ribbon bar, she said. Anyone who served for 12 consecutive months during the period from January, 1940, to the end of the war and did not have 200 hours will be eligible to wear the Red Cross World War II Volunteer service ribbon bar, she declared. Each Red Cross worker eligible for pins and bars will be notified as soon as allotments of applications are received at the Torrance branch office. They may be purchased through the local branch, she said.

In listing many of those eligible for the certificates for 200 or more hours, Mrs. Miller said that many have been omitted through error. She urged any person eligible who is not listed or who has been listed and has not received a certificate to contact her at local headquarters.

Following is the list of those with 200 hours or more service: Helen Miller, Katherine Curtiss, Gladys Weston, Dean Sears, Nell Smith, Roxie Sleeth, Caspar Clemmer, Walter Silence, Fred Folts, Elizabeth Clemmer, Mary Vonderahe, Bea Burchett, Hill-

## City Workers Get Pay Raises Of \$35 Month

City employees of Torrance, from the \$170-a-month laborers to the highest paid department head were granted pay increases of \$35 a month by the City Council Tuesday night.

The council, with two requests up for consideration, one of the department heads for a blanket 20 percent increase in pay and the other from City Employees Union No. 360 for a 25 percent increase, decided that it would be more equitable in view of the rising cost of living, to grant each worker an even \$35 per month.

The cost to the taxpayers will be approximately \$4900 a month, it was said by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, and there are sufficient monies on hand to see the raise through from its start on the date of April 1 to the start of the new fiscal year on July first.

Under the new salary schedule, the starting city worker in most departments will receive \$205 a month instead of \$170. Bus drivers will start at \$220 a month instead of \$185.

Members of the employees union, represented by Fire Captain Roy Winters, asked for a conference with the council to discuss phases of city employees working conditions, and the conference will be held within a week.

## Ocean Front Land May Be Transferred

Prospects for returning to the tax rolls ocean front property in Torrance valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars and for development of a county park on the local beach were revealed at the City Council meeting Tuesday night.

Associated Assessment Engineers asked the City Council to approve a deal whereby, of the 119 acres involved in the holdings west of Hollywood Palisera, that land west of Palos Verdes highway would be taken over by the county while the land east of the highway would be turned over to Torrance for tax sale to John Daly, general manager of Ocean View Properties, Inc. At present the land is deeded to the state for non-payment of taxes over a period of many years.

Daly is said to be prepared to offer \$54,000 for the property on tax sale, and promises an extensive home development program in the exclusive area. There would be no guarantee that he would not be outbid, however, Ocean View Properties, Inc., foreclosed a mortgage on the property but did not take up the back taxes.

While the county controls the future of the area in that the supervisors must agree to let Torrance settle with Daly, it is said that the deal is ready, for a harbor technical junior college, the board of education of the land west of the Palos Verdes highway and title to the 2000 feet of beach involved.

The location was proposed for one of the \$3,000,000 recreation development projects which may go on the county election ballot this summer.

The whole matter was referred to City Attorney John McCall for legal opinion.

## Negotiations Start With Navy For School Site

Negotiations are pending with the navy to turn over part of its fuel storage depot at Western ave. and Palos Verdes dr. north for a harbor technical junior college, the board of education reported today.

Tentative negotiations also are proceeding with owners of property on the east side of Bixby slough for an alternative site if the navy will not give up part of its property.

Earlier school board hopes to have the technical school at least partially operating by next fall have been dropped because of the delay over getting property, and the current shortage of building materials, Frank O. Evans, school housing official, said.

## ALBERT L. JACKSON CHARGES BIG GAMBLERS SEEK TO INVADE TORRANCE

### PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 600 HOMES GET CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Development plans involving three tracts in Torrance which call for construction of more than 600 homes and a total expenditure of more than \$5,000,000 within the next year were acted upon by City Council Tuesday night.

Approval was voted of the subdivision map of J. E. Kettler, which will result in the development of the tract of land east of Narbonne ave. between Sepulveda blvd. and approximately 230th st. Designed in keeping with the topography of the land, with 60-foot wide curving streets, the Kettler plans call for building of 193 homes.

Also approved was the subdivision map of Ben Haggott, involving the development of the Dolley Seaside Acres into 188 homesites. This tract is located east of the Redondo Beach-Torrance boundary and north of Pacific Coast Highway.

The City Council also received the request of Jacob Koch for sewer and water connections for the 56-acre tract at 190th st. and Gresham blvd. on which 225 homes will be constructed in the near future. Koch asked for connection with the sewer system on Arlington ave. and for the privilege of connecting with

the water mains along 190th st. The matter was referred to Mayor W. H. Tolson for discussion with the County Sanitation District No. 5 and the water department.

In addition, it was pointed out, the Ellinwood interests are negotiating with a builder to subdivide and construct homes on the Ellinwood land south of Pacific Coast highway, between Walteria and Hollywood Rivera.

Representatives of the Ellinwood estate have been in discussions with city officials regarding the formation of a sewer system in that area, a plan which fits in with the present formation of a sanitation district to handle the needs of that area. Development of the several tracts of land will provide housing in Torrance for an estimated 2500 persons, it is said.

## BUS LINE THROUGH NORTH TORRANCE TO INGLEWOOD RECOMMENDED BY MANAGER

Expansion of Torrance Municipal Bus lines to serve North Torrance and provide transportation to West Los Angeles and Inglewood is provided in a recommendation to the City Council by C. Z. Ward, bus manager.

The extension is in line with proposals which city officials made several weeks ago, accounts of which were published exclusively in the Torrance Herald. Another proposed extension to Long Beach is under study.

Ward, in addition to recommending the extension, asked for the purchase by the city of three new 25-passenger buses and one 43-passenger bus and requested larger quarters for the bus department.

Specifically, he urged that the city acquire the Plancoir addition to National Supply Co. from the Defense Plant Corporation. Torrance Municipal Bus lines, recently augmented by improved local and Los Angeles service, now is earning a gross of more than \$15,000 a month, and the additional schedules are popularized, it was said.

The net profit of the line is (Continued on Page 5-A)

## Southern California Edison Company To Build \$15,000,000 Beach Plant

The selection of Redondo Beach as the location for the immediate construction of a new \$15,000,000 steam-electric generating station by the Southern California Edison Company has been announced by W. C. Mullendore, Edison Company president.

The station will be erected on property now owned by the Edison Company and which was the site of a steam plant operated by the company from 1907 to 1924. The site provides adequate ground area for the extensive facilities required for a steam plant installation and its proximity to the ocean provides for the ready accessibility of sea water required for cooling purposes in plant operation.

The old Edison steam plant building now on the property will be torn down. The new station will be a steel and concrete building of modern and impressive architectural design. General equipment and other equipment for the station have been ordered, and installation will begin as soon as the building is ready. Completion of the project is scheduled for the fall of 1947.

Plan Explained "The company's plans for the immediate expansion of its steam-electric generating facilities have been under consideration since before the end of the war and have been accelerated to meet increasing demands for electric service in Southern and Central California. The selection of Redondo Beach from among the competing locations has just been decided upon," Mr. Mullendore said. The capacity of the new station will be 120,000 kilowatts, supplementing the present 412,000 kilowatts of the Edison Long Beach Steam Station, and will provide the company a total generating capacity from all sources of 1,481,450 kilowatts. The 120,000 kilowatts of new capacity in the Redondo Beach Station will be furnished by two 60,000 kilowatt generators of the most advanced engineering design.

Edison service capacity was increased late last year by 135,000 kilowatts through contracts with the Metropolitan Water District and others for use of hydro-electric generating facilities at Boulder Dam. The company's Hayfield-Chino 220,000 volt transmission line, the third Boulder Dam circuit, was placed in service in 1945 to bring the new Boulder Dam energy into the Southern California territory. The utilization of the Redondo Beach site for the new station is in conformity with the continuation of the company's engineering plan of locating generating facilities strategically with respect to centers of electricity load and established transmission centers. The Redondo Beach station will tie in directly with (Continued on Page 5-A)

Pre-election Torrance was thrown into turmoil yesterday with the charges of Albert L. Jackson, candidate for City Council, that outside gambling interests are attempting to establish themselves in Torrance through the support of certain candidates for the council.

Jackson, declaring that he is emphatically opposed to public card rooms in Torrance, challenged other candidates to state their views on the subject.

Thus he brought to light, for public examination, what previously had been persistent rumor that the gambling interests were vitally interested in the Torrance campaign hoping to get a foothold in Torrance on April 9 the same day that Gardena voters are balloting on their ejection from the neighboring city of "draw poker" fame.

Spontaneous reaction is expected today, from many of the councilmanic candidates, and an eager citizenry will watch for their remarks, it is indicated. What previously had been one of the quietest campaigns in the history of Torrance overnight was to become one of the most heated, it is indicated.

Jackson Statement In his statement published in an advertisement elsewhere in this issue, Jackson says:

"It is well known that operators of public poker houses have been anxious to obtain licenses to set up their gambling parlors in Torrance.

"These card game operators have been particularly active in Torrance recently. However, due to the refusal of a majority of the members of the present City Council to set licenses for gambling houses have been kept out of Torrance.

"Falling in this effort, the poker parlor operators are reported to be backing certain councilmanic candidates in the April 9 election who will give them a license to set up their gambling dens if elected to the City Council.

"It was largely because of this threat that I decided to enter the councilmanic race, as I am unalterably opposed to public gambling houses in Torrance.

"As a Torrance home-owner, I do not want to raise my family in a community which encourages and legalizes public gambling with all the evil influences which accompany such poker dens. Furthermore, it is well known that once these gambling barons get a foothold in a municipality, they infiltrate into all departments of the municipal organization and ultimately control the entire city government. I believe this is not conducive of good government and a clean, wholesome community life.

"As an example of this, we (Continued on Page 5-A)

County In Move To Purchase Beach Property

In a move to bring out more privately owned beach property into public use for swimming and bathing, the board of supervisors today ordered county acquisition of the Hollywood Riviera Beach club and 7131 feet of beach frontage, chiefly in the Torrance-Redondo area, at a total cost of \$254,110.

The Hollywood Riviera club and its 185 feet of beach is in Torrance near the Redondo boundary. This acquisition involves an estimated cost of \$90,000.

Other purchases include what is known as the Torrance beach property formerly owned by Coast and Valley Properties, Inc., estimated cost \$15,000, and 1290 feet of frontage between Torrance beach and Hollywood Riviera club, \$31,720.

The purchases were approved on recommendations of Supervisor Raymond V. Darby.

## City Engineer Will Attend Road Parleys

City Engineer G. M. Jain was authorized by the City Council Tuesday night to represent the city at two important conferences regarding major traffic arteries through Torrance.

One will be held Friday in Los Angeles, when the proposed opening and widening of Western avenue through Torrance will be discussed.

This is a Los Angeles city project, in the opinion of Torrance officials, and should get county aid without any Torrance participation due to the fact that Torrance will get no material benefit from opening of the highway.

The other will be in Los Angeles on April 1 in Los Angeles when metropolitan parkways will be discussed.

Three of the parkways skirt Torrance, one being the parkway along Pacific Coast and Hawthorne blvd., to connect with Sepulveda blvd.; another the Artesia parkway, near the North city limits, and the third a diagonal parkway from Willow st. in Long Beach which will cut through North Torrance.

## Torrance Weather Record

Official U. S. Weather Bureau

Mar.	TEMPERATURE			Set.
	Maxi.	Mini.	Maximum	
20	58	52	54	56
21	60	40	46	58
22	65	42	53	58
23	65	44	57	58
24	62	44	56	58
25	71	44	56	58
26	61	41	51	57

PRECIPITATION

Mar.	Storm	Total (Year)
20	.02	3.12
21	.01	3.12