

# PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY BUYS NINE ACRE TRACT ON ABALONE, TO BUILD STATION

Pacific Electric Railway has purchased nine acres of land, south of 220th st. between Abalone st. and Western ave. to be used for industrial purposes and as a site for a new freight depot, it was revealed this week.

The company's purchase consists of lots 1 to 4 inclusive, of block 106, and lots 1 to 4 inclusive of block 105. The P. E. already has a right-of-way through the property and intends to construct team tracks for service of the sites.

The lots in block 105 range in width from 128 to 187 feet, being 340 feet in depth.

Those in block 106 are from 128 feet to 175 feet in width, 330 feet in depth.

It is said that the entire 371,250 square feet of area will be utilized for industrial purposes by the railroad or firms purchasing or leasing the land.

Former owner of the land is C. M. Bell.

Disposition of the present Pacific Electric depot at the north-east end of El Prado is not yet determined, it was said, but probably will be turned over to the Railway Express Co. for its exclusive occupancy upon completion of the new freight depot.

The Pacific Electric right-of-way through the land is located on Ferrocarril.

The transaction was handled through Remco, Torrance real estate brokers.

# County To Place Incinerator Plan On Fall Ballot

Definite steps toward the elimination of the source of a great deal of the "smog" was taken by the Board of Supervisors at its Tuesday meeting when Supervisor Raymond V. Darby moved that County Council be instructed to take the necessary steps to place on the ballot of the Special Election to be held August 6, 1946, a proposal for a bond issue of \$6,000,000 to provide a system of incinerators in the county area south of the mountains.

One would be located just east of Torrance. The bonds, 10 years, would be amortized, both as to principal and interest from revenues derived from the incinerators. The plan as originally considered by the board was for six incinerators at an estimated cost of \$4,400,000, but the Rubbish Disposal Committee composed of city and county officials, made a supplemental report which pointed out that it would be better to have more incinerators of less individual capacity but so situated as to make them more readily available without such a long haul.

As a result, the bond issue will contemplate the erection of eleven incinerators at an estimated cost of \$6,000,000. According to Supervisor Darby, a service charge will be made against all cities, rubbish collectors and individuals using the incinerators which will meet all operating costs as well as the amortization of the bonds, such service charge to be fixed later, but at this time it is estimated at from \$1.75 to \$2.00 per ton.

# Navy Discovers Deserter After Police Arrest

Following his arrest here last week on a charge of drunk driving resulting in bodily injury, Eston L. Cooper, 209 E. 220th st., was released by police on \$1500 bail only to be picked up shortly thereafter by the U. S. Navy on a charge of desertion.

Cooper, who was held to answer here yesterday on the civil charge to appear in superior court May 3, was released from Naval custody to civil authorities pending outcome of his hearing.

Four persons residing out of town were injured in the head-on collision which occurred on Torrance Blvd. last April 5.

# FORTUNE TELLERS MAY BE BANNED IN COUNTY AREA

Fortune tellers will be barred from county territory under the provisions of an ordinance which was ordered drafted by the Board of Supervisors at its meeting Tuesday.

On motion of Supervisor R. V. Darby, the county Council was instructed to prepare the ordinance, due to the series of serious complaints which had come before the Public Welfare Commission of the county.

# Airport Protests Of No Aid To Nearby Residents

Neighbors of Torrance residing in Lawndale and Redondo Beach, are protesting the establishment of the new airport in North Torrance, but there is nothing they can do about it, according to city officials.

The Lawndale Civic Association protested the establishment of the field as a "public nuisance" and an undetractable enterprise.

However, it was pointed out, the airport is being developed according to zoning and building regulations, and there is nothing to stop its development.

It is being built by a corporation known as Community Airports, Inc., headed by Col. William Fox as the first of a chain. It will have a 2700 foot runway, and will be for the exclusive use of small plane operators.

A temporary administration building was moved to the tract, bounded by Redondo Beach Blvd., Prairie Ave. and Hawthorne Blvd., and a \$20,000 hangar now is under construction.

Runways are being graded, and the field will be in operation in the next few months.

# Report On West Basin Water Is Due Soon

A report covering the possibilities of developing water supplies in the West Basin is due July 1 from Harold Conkling, formerly chief engineer of the California State Division of Resources, now a private consultant.

The report is to be made to the newly organized West Basin Water association, of which Ben Haggott, president of the Palos Verdes Water Company, is the president.

The territory involved lies south of the Ballona escarpment and Slauson ave., west of the Inglewood-Newport fault and the flood control channel of the Los Angeles River, and east of the Pacific Ocean. The tract somewhat resembles a triangle.

It includes the cities of Gardena, Hawthorne, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Palo Verde Estates, and such county territory as Lawndale and Lennox.

When Conkling's report is submitted, its findings will be recommended to the voters of the area, who will be asked to form a water district, Haggott stated. This is provided for by statute. If added, the district formed is a city district, the procedure will follow one line. If it is a county district, the procedure will follow another procedure.

The current water shortage (ground water) is due to the increase in population and industry in the area, Haggott stated.

# 'Old Swimming Hole' Drained Dry By Navy Pumps; City Action Due

The kids didn't like it very well; Mom and Pop breathed sighs of relief, and the people of Torrance doffed their hats to the United States Navy.

What's this all about?

The "old swimming hole" is gone, at least until filled up again by another rain.

Drainage water standing in a pond between Plaza del Arroyo and the Santa Fe tracks—just south of Torrance high and elementary schools—was over the heads of some of the kids who swam there daily, and the Navy, while not assuming responsibility for the standing water, decided that something should be done about for the safety of the youngsters.

Commander George Happ, of the Navy Material Redistribution Center, after consulting with Navy Public Works officers, put a pump on the pond for a couple of days and dried it, and he thanked the Torrance Herald for calling it to his attention.

# TORRANCE HERALD

ESTABLISHED 1914 . . . THREE SECTIONS — 22 PAGES  
TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1946



THEY WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO SMILE LIKE THIS AGAIN . . . The new administration of the City of Torrance, caught in a brief, happy pose Tuesday night immediately after reorganization, indicates a freedom from worry and concern such as never may be experienced in the future. In charge of the affairs of the \$30,000,000 corporation of the City of Torrance, the members of the new City Council are, left to right, C. Merton Gilbert, William H. Tolson, Mayor J. Hugh Sherfey, Jr., Albert L. Jackson and George V. Powell. In the foreground are Mrs. Margaret Fordice, city treasurer, and Albert H. Bartlett, city clerk. (Torrance Herald photo.)

# Red Cross Drive Here Entering Final Phase

The "open territory" signal was flashed this week from Red Cross fund campaign headquarters to all canvassers soliciting in the 1946 drive in this vicinity.

Announcement of this ruling—allowing workers to canvass in any geographic division in the quest of their minimum quotas—was made by I. J. Hallanger, local chairman.

"The open territory" ruling was adopted at the request of hard-working Red Cross house-to-house callers intent on attaining their share of this area's total goal, the fund leader disclosed. "Under this arrangement, a canvasser may feel free to ignore the geographic boundaries to which she has been assigned, and collect monies anywhere. The collections, however, will be credited to the worker's home zone."

The overall geographic divisions of the 1946 Los Angeles Chapter Red Cross campaign today is 90 percent and the "open territory" edict is expected to result in an "over the top" achievement for thousands of volunteers who have vowed to "stay in the field until the goal is met."

# BIDS CALLED ON WESTERN AVENUE IMPROVEMENT

According to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, the board at its Tuesday meeting adopted an order approving plans and specifications and setting May 14 as the date for receiving bids on the improvement of Western avenue by the construction of cement curbs and gutters, asphalt concrete and precast pavement, selected material base, and drainage structures.

The improvement contemplated covers territory in the vicinity of Torrance and Gardena.

# Sherfey Elected Mayor Of Torrance In Surprise Move By Powell, Gilbert

Torrance has a new mayor. In an unexpected political maneuver Tuesday night, J. Hugh Sherfey Jr., new councilman, was elected mayor of Torrance, Councilman George V. Powell, making the nomination and Councilman C. Merton Gilbert, adding the second after paying a brief tribute to former Mayor W. H. Tolson.

# Bartlett Thanks Voters For Big Vote April 9

A. H. Bartlett, who Tuesday night started his sixth term as City Clerk of Torrance, was felicitated by citizens of the community as he was sworn into office.

Bartlett was reelected by a majority of more than two to one over his two opponents, and is one of the most widely known City Clerks of California.

He became clerk of Torrance one year after incorporation of the city nearly 25 years ago. Robert J. Deisinger was the clerk upon incorporation and he served until Bartlett was first elected.

In a statement of thanks to the voters, City Clerk Bartlett said: "I appreciate the trust and confidence that the people of Torrance have shown in returning me to the office of City Clerk for the sixth time. I shall continue to do everything within my power to justify this confidence, and I will work in the interest of every citizen as I have done in the past."

"This city has grown and the duties of this office have grown, but every effort has been made to keep the office of City Clerk in pace with the growth of the city. "I certainly wish to thank each and every person who voted for me."

# W. H. Tolson Top Man In Three Past Elections

William H. Tolson, until Tuesday night mayor of Torrance, has been top man on the ballot in three councilmanic elections since 1934, according to a survey of his record issued in tribute to his administration of the city government.

Running for office originally to fill the unexpired term of C. Earl Conner who had resigned from the City Council, Tolson was top man on the ballot. This election was held on April 9, 1934.

Two years later, he ran for the full term in a large field of candidates, and was elected April 14, 1936, with the highest number of votes cast for any candidate for City Council.

He was elected mayor by the City Council on February 25, 1938. (Continued on Page 6-A)

# SMALL POWER DRILL OBJECT OF THIEF'S SECOND VISIT HERE

Marking the second theft of a power drill from a local store in the past two weeks, Charles Jones, co-owner of the Torrance Hardware, 1615 Cabrillo ave., has reported to police Saturday such a theft.

The small bore drills were said to be valued at \$36 each.

# Carson Street To Be Non-Stop From Normandie To Santa Fe, By New Law

Good news to Torrance residents who are required to make quick trips to Long Beach came from Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, who said that the time-taking boulevard stops at all highways along Carson st. east of Normandie st., will be removed and Carson st. will be made a through highway.

Traffic will be required to stop at Carson st., under a new ordinance which will not go into effect for some 30 to 45 days. Heretofore, north and south-bound traffic has had a free way of things.

The recommendation of the County Traffic Committee that boulevard stop signs be erected to stop traffic on each side of Carson st. from Normandie to the boundary of Long Beach, except at Santa Fe ave., was concurred in by the Board of Supervisors last week, and the resolution was ordered prepared providing for installation of the signs.

At present, motorists on Carson st. are required to make a series of stops at Vermont ave., Figueroa Blvd., Main st., Avalon Blvd., Wilmington Blvd. and Alameda st.

# Harbor Costs Repaid, Group Here Is Told

Money contributed in the building and operation of a harbor is substantially repaid by the attraction of industries and commercial developments to the area concerned, R. E. Shoemaker, harbor engineer for the City of Long Beach, Thursday told representatives of chambers of commerce, improvement associations and public service groups of the harbor district.

The occasion was the monthly meeting of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce, which convened for dinner in the Civic Auditorium under the guidance of Dr. E. C. Wildman, Long Beach president.

Shoemaker opined that the need of navigable waters to serve metropolitan areas will continue for many years, due to higher costs of other means of transportation. To insure healthy growth of existing harbors, it is vital that administrators keep the future need in view, Shoemaker said, and related how Long Beach authorities are planning for every possible requirement of the future, even to the handling of seaplane traffic.

Mayor W. H. Tolson greeted the assemblage and Al Spiers, secretary-manager of the Hynes Chamber of Commerce, acknowledged the welcome on behalf of the group. Mayor Tolson presented Mr. and Mrs. William Gallienne of Huntington Beach as his guests.

Gallienne, a secretary of the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce, is one of California's most prominent promoters of civic affairs, fairs, rodeos and similar celebrations, and expressed extreme interest in the county-wide importance of the proposed five-day Fourth of July welcome-home for veterans proposed by the people of Torrance.

# Veteran Gets House Following Eviction Article

Adrian Thornberry, the Torrance police officer who served in the last war, and who sent out a plea in last week's edition of the Torrance Herald for a house to rent, has announced that a deal has been made.

Thornberry, who was to have been evicted from his present house because the owner wants it for his own use, is married and has three children. He and his family will move into their new quarters today.

Upon reading Thornberry's plight, J. C. Caldwell, director of the Veterans Service Center, said that no veterans would be put out on the streets, because, the Service Center would secure them a place to live until other arrangements can be made.

This is a good thing for all vets to know—also reporters who write eviction stories—although the veteran in this case stated that he was unaware of such aid.

# TOTAL VOTE OF 2437 IN ELECTION

Total vote cast in the City's General election of April 9 was 2437, with the 23 absent voter ballots added to the total as read by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett Tuesday night.

The 23 ballots cast a scattering selection on councilmanic candidates, Mayor J. Hugh Sherfey Jr. receiving 20; Councilman Albert L. Jackson, 11; Paul Findley and James J. O'Toole, five each, and Cecil W. Smith, 3.

City Clerk Bartlett received 19 votes to Colonel Floyd B. Boyle's four.

For City Treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Fordice, who was elected, received 11 votes from the 23 absentee ballots; Tom F. McGuire, 9; Vivian C. Callihan, 2, and Bessie Stonecker, 1.

On Proposition No. 1, asking for councilmanic pay raises, the yes votes carried, with 12 against 10.

The total vote cast shown in the canvass of returns made by the retiring city council is as follows:

CITY COUNCIL		
J. Hugh Sherfey Jr.	1217	
Albert L. Jackson	730	
Cecil W. Smith	629	
Paul Findley	585	
James J. O'Toole	514	
James W. Barker	388	
William J. B. Hughes	264	
Joel Hagberg	127	
Alvan K. Hill	43	
CITY CLERK		
Albert H. Bartlett	1420	
Floyd B. Boyle	674	
Clay E. Marsteller	236	
CITY TREASURER		
Margaret Fordice	1082	
Tom F. McGuire	668	
Bessie D. Stonecker	313	
Vivian C. Callihan	288	
PROPOSITION NO. 1		
Yes	852	
No	1284	

# Harbor Costs Repaid, Group Here Is Told

Money contributed in the building and operation of a harbor is substantially repaid by the attraction of industries and commercial developments to the area concerned, R. E. Shoemaker, harbor engineer for the City of Long Beach, Thursday told representatives of chambers of commerce, improvement associations and public service groups of the harbor district.

The occasion was the monthly meeting of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce, which convened for dinner in the Civic Auditorium under the guidance of Dr. E. C. Wildman, Long Beach president.

Shoemaker opined that the need of navigable waters to serve metropolitan areas will continue for many years, due to higher costs of other means of transportation. To insure healthy growth of existing harbors, it is vital that administrators keep the future need in view, Shoemaker said, and related how Long Beach authorities are planning for every possible requirement of the future, even to the handling of seaplane traffic.

Mayor W. H. Tolson greeted the assemblage and Al Spiers, secretary-manager of the Hynes Chamber of Commerce, acknowledged the welcome on behalf of the group. Mayor Tolson presented Mr. and Mrs. William Gallienne of Huntington Beach as his guests.

Gallienne, a secretary of the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce, is one of California's most prominent promoters of civic affairs, fairs, rodeos and similar celebrations, and expressed extreme interest in the county-wide importance of the proposed five-day Fourth of July welcome-home for veterans proposed by the people of Torrance.

# Torrance Weather Record

Official U. S. Weather Bureau

TEMPERATURE	Max		Min		Set
	mum	imum	mum	imum	
April	76	45	69	59	
11	90	61	74	65	
12	74	51	67	54	
13	67	51	68	40	
14	47	40	62	40	
15	67	51	68	58	
16	64	47	67	51	
PRECIPITATION					Total (Year)
					6.39