



**POLICEMEN-VETERANS LEAD PARADE** . . . Feature of the Memorial Day parade Thursday in Torrance were the veterans of the last World War, who are members of the Torrance Police Department. They are pictured above following the Memorial Day parade. Back row, left to right: Adrian Thornberry, S 1/c; D. C. Cook, diver 1/c; Curtis Tolson, chief; Percy Bennett, S 2/c. Kneeling, left to right: Larry Benton, M 1/c; Swayne Johnson, M 2/c; Corporal Fred Graham and 1st Lt. Roy Sullivan. (Torrance Herald photo.)

## OPENING OF CABRILLO AVE. SOUTH OF SEPULVEDA BLVD. WILL FOLLOW DEDICATION

In order to provide a new through street to Lomita and 101 Highway, the Kettler estate has offered to dedicate to the City of Torrance an 80-foot right of way for the extension of Cabrillo avenue to join Eshelman avenue at 231st st. It was announced following a City Council meeting Monday night.

## McCallum At Rotary Parley In Atlantic City

With an attendance of 16,000 Rotarians and members of their families from 50 different countries, the 37th annual convention of Rotary International convened in Atlantic City, N. J., June 2. Opening the convention program, Dr. Walter H. Judd, member of Congress from Minnesota and former medical missionary in China, declared that if an enduring peace is to be achieved, ethical and moral progress must keep pace with economic and scientific development.

Robert T. McCallum, secretary for many years and president-elect of Torrance Rotary club, and Mrs. McCallum, are in attendance there.

Keynote of this 5-day gathering of business and professional executives, representing 5,800 Rotary clubs in 72 countries, is the internationality of the Rotary organization. Emphasis is being given throughout the convention to the opportunities which Rotarians have in all parts of the world to assist in the achievement of the goals of the United Nations, which are strikingly similar to one of the principal objectives of the Rotary International—the advancement of international understanding, good will and peace.

Rotary's internationality has been depicted in a pageant narrated by Quentin Reynolds, radio commentator, author and war correspondent. Special tribute was paid in this presentation to the Rotary Club in those former Axis-occupied countries which have been readmitted to membership in Rotary International since the end of the war—Belgium, Burma, Czechoslovakia, France, Greece, Hong Kong, Luxembourg, Norway, the Marianas, the Netherlands, the

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## Central Manufacturing District Developer Consultant On Tract

Leroy D. Owen, who was secretary and treasurer of the Central Manufacturing District during its development into one of the leading centers of industry of the west, has been associated with the Ivan A. Thorson Organization as a consultant on the Harbor Industrial Tract, comprising 236 acres at Western ave. and 190th st. It was announced yesterday by A. J. Rainey, of the Thorson organization.

The big tract, which extends from the Santa Fe right of way at 204th st. to 190th st., between Western ave. and Arlington ave., was purchased recently by Merlyn Teskey and associates, of Los Angeles. The change of ownership was the first since the land was granted by the king of Spain to Don Jose Dominguez 100 years ago. H. H. Cotton, of the Dominguez Estate Co., was the seller.

Owen remained with the Central Manufacturing District for some 10 years, during which

## Hospital Payroll \$750,000

Harbor general hospital, the U.S. Army installation in Torrance recently taken over by the County of Los Angeles, will have a payroll of \$749,832 per year, according to budget estimates of the county now being considered by the Board of Supervisors.

The hospital will have a budget of \$919,832, with maintenance figured at \$170,000.

J. E. Smits, director of the hospital, said that hiring of personnel is the principal problem of the institution, and that technical and professional help is the most needed. Hiring is being done through the U.S.E.S. in Torrance.

More than 500 persons will be employed at the institution, serving the 480-bed hospital.

Legal matters pertaining to the assumption of ownership of the hospital are being completed and the institution will be in full operation within a few weeks.

Some 350 patients will be moved to the Harbor general hospital from the General Hospital in Los Angeles.

Facilities for handling emergency cases are being completed.

## Plans For New Church Building Here Are Told

H. H. Holmes, architect, will explain the proposed \$100,000 edifice for the First Baptist church of Torrance Sunday night at the congregational meeting of the church here, it was announced yesterday.

The structure, which is planned for Marina ave. and Carson st., will be a cement construction with a seating capacity of nearly 700.

Other features of the new building will be ample Sunday school class rooms, nursery and offices. Announcements will be made soon, it was learned, as to when the building will start.

## Rancho Palos Verdes Celebrates 100th Anniversary Of Existence

Jose and his sons by viewing the coastal havens that now comprise the great harbors of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

Don Jose Dolores Sepulveda, a native of Spain and a former officer in the Royal Spanish Army, moved his cattle into the peninsula's rolling knolls and lowlands in 1822, a year after a Spanish king was proclaimed over the Spanish crown. He had gotten permission to do so from Manuel Gutierrez, executor of the will of Don Juan Jose Dominguez, royal grantee and founder, in 1784, of Rancho San Pedro.

In the 24 years that followed, Jose Sepulveda's children made repeated pleas to California's Mexican governors for title to the ranch. Finally, recognition of their claim was Governor Figueroa, who in 1827 issued a provisional or temporary grant.

But the feud that prevailed between the Sepulveda family and the descendants of old Don Juan Jose Dominguez continued to smolder until the late spring of 1846. On June 3 of that year Governor Pico gave formal title to the 33,000-acre rancho to Juan and Jose Sepulveda, and the rift between the two pioneer families was ended.

The Harbor Industrial Tract is a similar development, and it has been divided into parcels as small as 150 feet by 288 feet, and as large as 6 1/2 acres. Each of the larger tracts will be served by an 80-foot street and railroad spur. Each smaller tract will have frontage on an 80-foot street.

The Ivan H. Thorson Organization is opening an office at 190th st. and Western avenue at once. William H. Tolson, former mayor, real estate broker, will represent the firm in Torrance and surrounding area.

## BOYS CLUB BAND INCREASING IN MEMBERSHIP

The Boys Club band under the direction of James Van Dyck is growing in size and interest, with new boys joining the band as fast as instruments can be supplied. Two new boys and two instruments were added to the band last week. The band meets every Wednesday at the Men's Bible class building at three thirty in the afternoon for the beginners and at seven in the evening for the advanced class.

The public is invited to these rehearsals. The band will play for the Fourth of July celebration in Torrance.

# 'NO' IS TORRANCE BOND PLEA REPLY

## New Torrance Airport In Operation

Torrance Field, of Community Airports, Inc., located at Prairie ave. and Redondo Beach Blvd. is in operation and already many planes are stationed at the new airport.

As scheduled, the airport, first of a chain to be built by the company headed by Col. William J. Fox, opened for operation on June 1.

Many small planes were using the 2700-foot runway for landings and take-offs, and to the amazement of the nearby residents who had attempted to block the construction of the airport, there was no objectionable noise.

The airport is reserved for use of privately owned planes of the 100-horsepower class, Colonel Fox pointed out, and is capable of handling 200 when fully developed.

Airmen praised the field as one of the finest small airports in the west, and when fully developed the half-million dollar project will be complete to handle every need of the airplane owner and operator.

## A. E. Cook Wins Chance For NRA Finals In Ohio

A. E. "Doc" Cook, secretary of the Narbonne Ranch Water Co., who is no novice on a rifle trigger, as recent shooting meets will show, won a berth on the 1946 California Rifle Team with a score of 458 at the Camp Matthews rifle shoot held May 30-31 and June 1 and 2.

Cook, who does double duty with rifle and revolver, wins a chance with the National Rifle Association meet at Camp Perry, Ohio. He has won several medals on the range during the past year, but modestly declines to reveal just how many. A .30 caliber rifle was used at the recent State Rifle Championship meet at La Jolla where five match shots were held. Courses ranged from 300 yards in the Colton Trophy to 1000 yards in the Sausch and Lomb Match.

Cook is a familiar figure to every man, woman and child who plays a water bill in Lomita.

## Cecil Smith, O'Toole Get Votes Tuesday

Adding a bit of mirth to the seriousness of the election Tuesday, several local citizens received votes for high offices, by way of the privilege of "writing in."

Cecil Smith, candidate for City Council in the last election, and George Thatcher, Walters' civic leader, each received one write-in vote for Superior Court Judge.

Nicolai Cucchi and City Judge John Shidder were accorded one vote each for Justice of the Peace.

James J. O'Toole received one vote for Assemblyman. He was an unsuccessful candidate for City Council in the last city election.

## CASEY ELECTED HEAD OF LOCAL WELFARE COUNCIL

Raymond J. Casey, principal of Torrance high school, was elected chairman of Torrance Area Welfare Council, succeeding the Rev. Paul Wheeler. The election took place during the annual meeting held in St. Andrew's parish hall, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Frank P. Church was elected first vice president, and a second vice president will be chosen later.

Reports of activities of Torrance Area Welfare Center were given by the various chairmen involved.

## SENTIMENT OF PEOPLE TOWARD WITHDRAWAL OF SCHOOLS FROM L.A. SEEN

Torrance voters, seizing an opportunity to make known their sentiments on the subject of separation of the schools of Torrance from the Los Angeles City school districts, Tuesday overwhelmingly rejected the \$75,000,000 bond issue proposals of the Los Angeles system.

While the rest of the district, Los Angeles proper, Lomita, San Pedro, Wilmington and other communities whose schools are under control of Los Angeles were accepting the bonds by a ratio of as high as five to one "yes," Torrance registered the following result:

Junior college bonds—Yes, 789  
Junior college bonds—No, 938

High school bonds—Yes, 744  
High school bonds—No, 938

Elementary bonds—Yes, 746  
Elementary bonds—No, 975

The bonds required a two-thirds majority, but the rejection by Torrance voters of the school issue was so decisive that it is accepted as an ultimatum to the City Council to lose no time in presenting the City Charter issue which will bring about withdrawal of Torrance schools from Los Angeles to the people of Torrance.

City Attorney J. E. McCall informed the City Council Monday night that a draft of the charter will be prepared probably by next Tuesday's regular meeting.

An effort will be made to have the charter proposition on the August ballot, it was said.

School authorities prior to the election said that they would interpret Torrance's decision on the bond issue as a reflection of the sentiment of the people on the charter vote. Torrance was promised practically nothing in the way of improvements from the \$75,000,000 bond issue and the result shows that.

## Draft Of Proposed City Charter May Be Ready For Council At Next Meet

City Attorney J. E. McCall Monday night informed the City Council that he would have a draft of a proposed City Charter for Torrance ready for its consideration at the next regular meeting.

The announcement was made upon inquiry of Councilman C. Merion Gilbert, following the reading of a letter from the directors of Torrance Chamber of Commerce, who urged "immediate action on the pending request of long standing for the preparation of a new City Charter" for Torrance.

The request for the writing of the City Charter was made by a group of leading citizens of Torrance who asked that the people be given the opportunity of expressing themselves on the question of the control of the schools of Torrance.

They pointed out that only through the writing of a charter to provide for the present municipal government setup plus the assumption of control of the schools of the city can the people be given the opportunity of deciding whether or not Torrance shall withdraw from the Los Angeles City school district.

The charter would be presented to the voters of the city at an early election for consideration, and if adopted, would go before the State Legislature in January for ratification.

Provision for maintenance of the present governmental setup for Torrance was suggested in order to eliminate possible opposition to the City Charter which might arise from those not wishing to have the status of municipal departments changed at this time. Once the charter is adopted, it is pointed out, it can be amended from time to time to suit the needs of the growing community, amendment being made possible only by vote of the people and ratification of the legislature.

Meanwhile, however, the people of Torrance, upon adoption of

## School Vote Canvass Brings Warning Here

Following the receipt of reports from residents of this area that high school students were canvassing residents of Torrance and Lomita to determine how they voted on the \$75,000,000 school bond proposals in Tuesday's elections, officials have warned residents of the communities to immediately report such incidents.

The American ballot is a secret; and any effort to determine as to how a voter cast his ballot is not in keeping with the rights of citizens nor the law.

Principal Raymond J. Casey, of Torrance high school, said that no such canvass has come to his attention, and that the school had kept "hands off" the recent campaign.

The municipal government of Torrance, the City Council and its officials, would have no control over the schools, and their only function in the matter is to write and submit the City Charter to the voters.

It must be ratified by the State Legislature, which will meet in January, and then the people would set about to nominate and elect a Board of Education to operate the schools of Torrance.

Present facilities would be taken over by the Torrance school board.

Four precincts of the 17 in Torrance voted in favor of the school bonds. They are: No. 1, 18002 Prairie ave. (North Torrance); No. 3, 716 Border avenue; No. 10, 23720 Narbonne ave. (near Lomita); and No. 18, 24404 Hawthorne ave. (Walteria).

Another Walteria precinct, No. 12, at 22504 Ocean ave., however, went substantially against the bonds.

Precinct No. 16 failed to give the bonds the necessary two-thirds majority. Likewise, No. 10

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The request for the several concessions on the part of the City Council was addressed to the city's legislative body by Torrance Area Projects, Inc., the agency formed of local civic leaders to handle the big program from July 3 to 7.

Elimination of the license fees for concessions was asked in order to attract a wide variety of exhibits, games and amusements which will be sponsored for the most part by local organizations for charity benefit.

In addition to the midway, the Fourth of July program will include the annual Torrance rodeo, an air circus and exhibition, fashion show, commercial exposition, veterans' dinner, stage show, several dances, carnival attractions and other events.

Veterans who register at headquarters will be admitted free to all events.

## Torrance Weather Record

Official U. S. Weather Bureau

May	TEMPERATURE	
	Max.	Min.
29	71	51
30	75	54
31	77	54
June	74	50
1	74	55
2	74	51
3	70	56

PRECIPITATION Total (Year) 5.39

## HOW TORRANCE VOTED ON THE \$75,000,000 SCHOOL BOND ISSUE

Precinct	Jr. College		High School		Elementary	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1-18002 Prairie	55	32	51	30	56	33
2-2563 El Dorado	55	56	45	59	48	58
3-716 Border	52	29	52	31	54	32
4-1723 Andrew	44	70	44	71	47	69
5-1322 Engracia	35	60	30	64	34	62
6-2305 Torrance Blvd.	38	49	37	48	37	48
7-1317 Beech	33	76	34	72	33	63
8-1804 Arlington	59	74	57	72	57	73
9-2417 Andrew	31	63	32	61	31	62
10-23720 Narbonne	69	44	67	43	70	42
11-2717 W. Carson	34	54	30	56	31	56
12-22504 Ocean	40	74	42	72	41	68
13-908 Cota	44	52	41	55	42	53
14-1417 Cota	61	81	54	87	56	85
15-1913 Cabrillo	42	61	39	63	39	64
16-24404 Hawthorne	69	40	63	43	44	29
17-1307 Portola	28	67	26	65	26	68
Totals	789	982	744	938	746	975

## Torrance Follows Trend

Following the trend of the districts and county in most cases, Torrance and Lomita voters asked re-election of Ceel King as Representative in Congress and Vincent Thomas as a member of the Assembly, in the primary election Tuesday.

As approximately 35 percent of the voters went to the polls they favored Robert W. Kenny attorney general, as Democratic candidate for governor, and Earl W. Warren as Republican candidate.

In both communities, John F. Shelley was favorite for the Democratic nomination as lieutenant governor and Goodwin J. Knight for Republican nominee.

Frank M. Jordan was the favored candidate of both parties for secretary of state, and Thomas H. Kuchel for confederator.

Fred N. Howser, district attorney, was running ahead in Torrance on the Democratic ticket for attorney general, but Edmund G. Brown was leading in Lomita. Howser safely led on the Republican ticket in both communities.

In Torrance, Will Rogers, Jr., was favored for United States Senator on the Democratic ticket, but Lomita wanted Ellet Patterson. Senator Knowland showed strength, but not enough to figure.

The Republicans went for Kennedy by a substantial majority in both communities.

State Senator Jack Tenney was ahead on the Democratic ticket for re-election in Torrance, but Lomita gave the lead to Claude L. Welch. The Republicans went for Tenney.

Rep. King and Assemblyman Thomas safely walked away with the election, each leading nearest opponents by heavy margins.

While Torrance was rejecting the school bonds of \$75,000,000, submitted by the Los Angeles Board of Education, Lomita was following the lead of the rest of the district by giving a large

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## Ninety Seniors To Graduate In June 20 Rites

Using "Music" as the theme, the class of Summer '46 of Torrance high school will present its commencement exercises on Thursday, June 20 at 8 p.m. in the high school assembly hall.

Various short speeches by members of the class will bring out the relationship of music as it affects American life in the home, in religious life, at work, at play and in the arts.

The entire class will present the commencement program, using "The Lord's Prayer" as a response following the invocation by the Rev. Wesley Reioff of the Evangelical church. An octet will sing Kipling's Recessional as the class marches in the traditional style. The climax of the exercises will be the presentation by the class of "Let All My Life Be Music." Before the coveted diplomas are handed out, "Alma Mater" will be the concluding number, as such a part of the tradition of Torrance high school as the graduation itself.

Colorful flower-covered arches will be carried by flower girls from the Senior B class. All decorations will be in pastel shades of spring flowers.

Presentation of diplomas will be made by Raymond J. Casey, principal, and Miss Elizabeth Parks, vice principal. Ninety seniors will receive diplomas.

## LOCAL MAN NAMED FIRST PILOT FOR CARGO AIRLINE

Captain George Batchelor, who served in the Army Air Forces overseas and returned to take up residence in Torrance last February, has been appointed first pilot for the National Air Cargo Lines, operating out of Mines Field.

Batchelor was cited for outstanding service in the Army transport service and was decorated with the Air Medal for meritorious service. He is a member of the Torrance Lions club.