

CHIEF STROH AND FAMILY RETURN FROM EAST TRIP

Chief of Police John Stroh returned to Torrance this week from a 14-week course at the Federal Bureau of Investigation school in Washington, D. C., with many new ideas on law enforcement and police work.

Stroh was accompanied on the return trip from their former Loveland, Colo., home by Mrs. Stroh, their daughter Lucille and their son Jay R. Captain Frank Schumacher was acting chief during Stroh's absence.

VINCENT THOMAS SPEAKER TONIGHT AT ROTARY CLUB

Vincent Thomas, member of the Assembly from the 68th district, will speak at Torrance Rotary club tonight on the subject of "World Trade."

Thomas, nominated at the primary elections on both the Democratic and Republican tickets, is a resident of San Pedro who has dealt with international trade problems over a period of many years.

ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION OF CHARTER-SCHOOL MOVEMENT VOICED THROUGHOUT DISTRICT

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to the end that our children will have the best schools in the state.

The committee has opened offices in the Red Cross Chamber of Commerce building at 1345 El Prado, to be open daily in charge of Mrs. James L. Wilkes, as office secretary. The telephone number is 1084, and Vice Chairman Lynch urged that persons willing to do precinct work and perform other tasks, contact the office as soon as possible.

Carl Steele, co-treasurer of the committee, told the meeting Monday night that there are no grounds for the rumor that there will be a shortage of teachers to hamper operation by Torrance people of the Torrance schools. "If a steel mill in Seattle offered me more money than I am getting at Columbia Steel, where I would go to Seattle," Steele said. "That is the same with the teachers. If we offer them more money, and we certainly can afford to, we will get the best teachers."

Bond Issue For Swimming Pool, Buildings Asked

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Vicious rumors instigated by Los Angeles controlled opposition to the charter plan has it that the child care centers in Torrance will close if Torrance votes to form its own school district. Vice Chairman Lynch said these are being spread and he declared that as the child care centers are operating with state funds, not Los Angeles city school funds, they will continue to operate as long as they are needed.

Other members of the charter committee are Mrs. Mina Shidler, secretary, and Mrs. Mark Wright, co-treasurer. Meetings are being held each Monday night in the City Hall, at which time progress reports are to be made, questions answered and plans for the wind-up campaign discussed.

Los Angeles schools are taking nearly \$2 for each \$1 spent in Torrance, Lynch said, and the voting of this charter Aug. 20 will result in the early elimination of this "grab," which is costing Torrance more than \$300,000 a year and depriving the children of Torrance of the schools to which they are entitled.

Councilman G. V. Powell, answering Plomert's criticism on the recreation buildings said, "we will have recreation or jails, and we certainly are going to have to pay for either of them."

Councilman C. M. Gilbert, answering the charge that the bond issue proposals have not had sufficient study by the people and tax experts, said that they have been the subject of consideration and full publicity over a period of many months.

Plomert, in a letter to the council, asked for thorough review of the California Taxpayers Association data on the bond issue.

Beach Gear This Summer Will Include Four-Person Life Raft

Many a beach going family this year will toss an extra bag into the car, but instead of the usual gear, it will contain a rubber boat big enough to hold the entire family. Within five to ten minutes after reaching the seashore it will be ready for the over-water adventure, according to an announcement made today.

This pleasant prospect has become a reality as a natural outgrowth of the wartime life raft, but with important variations. The boat, designed by United States Rubber Company engineers, is made of heavy duck, coated on both sides with a Torrance made synthetic rubber impervious to gasoline, and oil, and highly resistant to sunlight, aging and abrasion.

Large valves are placed so that the air can be pumped in quickly or rolled out easily after use. One man can set up and inflate the boat in less than ten minutes and take it down in the same length of time.

The boat is eight feet long and four feet two inches wide when inflated, large enough to seat comfortably four people. The 32-inch by 14-inch carrying case, containing the deflated boat, weighs only 37 pounds. It is divided into two airtight chambers, arranged so that if one should be punctured, occupants can row to shore without getting their feet wet.

A special feature of the boat is a bracket to which an outboard motor, up to 3 horsepower, can be attached. Other equipment includes two rigid, easily removable seats, collapsible aluminum oars, a large hand pump, handling lines and the carrying case.

Hunters and fishermen will find ready use for the novel boat when packing in to remote lakes and hunting grounds. As a dinghy on yachts and as life boat on commercial boats, it will save valuable space, the designers asserted.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

About Your Schools

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the shoeing strip of Los Angeles, and attends Torrance high school, where will he attend school after the Torrance schools come under jurisdiction of the Torrance Board of Education?

ANSWER: Through contract with the Los Angeles Board of Education, as provided by the school code, this student may continue to attend Torrance high school, providing he lives nearer Torrance High than one of the Los Angeles city schools.

QUESTION: If the voters should approve the constitutional amendment on the Nov. 5 ballot to raise the state school support from \$80 per elementary average daily attendance and \$90 per high school a.d.a. to \$120 per a.d.a., how much would that raise in Torrance?

ANSWER: Based on our approximate present average daily attendance, and not including the Perry, Palos Verdes and Narbonne students who reside in Torrance, it would raise approximately \$300,000 per year—almost as much as Los Angeles spends in Torrance per year at this time. The estimated \$410,000 in tax funds would be in addition to this amount, making a total of \$710,000 which would be raised for schools of Torrance, and twice as much as is being spent for the schools now.

QUESTION: Would a bond issue be required to equip our schools after they are taken over by the Torrance Board of Education?

ANSWER: Absolutely not. While state school support for the first year might be lost, we would gain additional assessed valuation now belonging in Perry and Palos Verdes districts which total nearly \$6,000,000. If Torrance for the first year levied a \$2.00 tax rate such as is contemplated by Los Angeles, this would raise \$540,000, enough to run our schools and leave a surplus to be used in an immediate modernization program on a cash and carry basis. We will have better schools, a modern education program, the shops, athletic equipment and other facilities, and still out the tax rate.

QUESTION: From the time the child care centers are an emergency setup and financed at present by state funds, the same funds will be available to the Torrance Board of Education that are available to Los Angeles to run the child care centers here.

QUESTION: What would happen to the students living in Torrance who now attend schools outside of Torrance?

ANSWER: They would be able to continue to attend schools where they are attending now, on a contract basis, if they so desire.

Cruel Hoax Robs Young Widow Of Wallet And \$335

A thief late Sunday afternoon played a cruel hoax on Mrs. Ann Maloney, who recently arrived here from Portland, Ore., following her husband's death there. The young widow explained that she was shopping in Sontag drug store in Torrance, and after making a purchase she neglected to return a wallet to her purse. The wallet contained \$335 in currency and papers, which are valuable only to herself, Mrs. Maloney said. "This money was all I had," she said sadly at her mother's home in Lomita.

R. L. Brooks, manager of Sontag, revealed that shortly after Mrs. Maloney left the store, the wallet was found by an unidentified man who looked it over carefully, then gave it to a store clerk saying, "Someone must have lost a billfold."

The man apparently had a change of heart after leaving the store, Brooks explained, because a few minutes later a woman appeared in the store and announced that she was Mrs. Maloney and that she had lost her wallet.

"She described the wallet and some of its contents," Brooks said, "and of course had no trouble in obtaining it."

Early Monday morning the real Mrs. Maloney was at Sontag's to ask for her purse. She said she had not missed the wallet until late Sunday night.

"The money is a great loss to me," the widow said, "but if I could get the return of the papers and other items which were my husband's, then I would be satisfied."

She suggested the party responsible for her plight would be doing her a great service if

MARIE FROHMAN HUET
Marie Frohman, operator of the Yellow Cab Co. of Torrance, was injured last night when she lost control of her cab, apparently due to mechanical reasons, while returning from a trip to North Torrance. She was confined to Torrance Memorial hospital suffering from shock.

LEGION POST MEETING

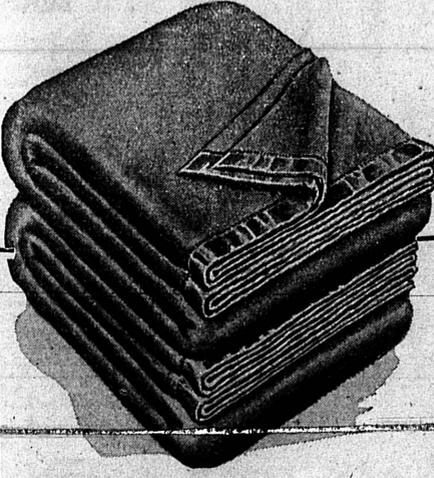
The regular meeting of the Best S. Crossland post No. 170, of the American Legion, will be held July 16 in the Civic Auditorium. The installation of officers will be July 30. James Brodie, commander, will preside.

They complied with her wishes and would turn the wallet over to the Torrance Church of the Nativity or mail it to her parents' home at 2314 W. 233rd st. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marcoux.



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