



TO EACH HIS OWN . . . "And my own are the Iron Workers," declared Rosemary De Camp, lovely actress wife of Torrance City Judge John Shidler, as she presented the Southern California Baseball second-place trophy to L. E. "Blackie" Leslie, manager of the Ironmen. Miss De Camp, during the awarding ceremonies following the Signal Oil-Iron Worker game, told some 3500 baseball fans: "Although the Oilers were deserving of the first-place trophy, my heart throughout the tournament has been with the Iron Workers—they're my favorite team." Many of the players were heard to say that Miss De Camp was their favorite, too. She is currently seen in the Warner Bros pictures, "From This Day Forward" and "Two Guys From Milwaukee." She is also heard each Wednesday night over the air as "Judy" in the Dr. Christian show. (Photo by Torrance Herald.)

NORTH TORRANCE HOUSING PROJECT MAY PROCEED IN SPITE OF F.H.A. REJECTION

Indications that Thomas A. Johnson will proceed with the development of his tract of land at the southeast corner of 182nd st. and Hawthorne blvd. despite the frown of the F.H.A. on the land for mutual mortgage insurance, was indicated Tuesday night at the City Planning Commission meeting.

Recommendation that the City Council approve a record in survey map of the tract was voted by the Planning Commission on condition that Johnson install curbs, gutters, 2-inch asphalt streets and a suitable water system on the tract. Johnson has requested the permission to file a record in survey map in lieu of resubdivision of the tract which now is divided into 76 half-acre lots. The new map would divide the tract into 60-foot lots of about 7,200 square feet in area.

The owner would dedicate and pave two new streets under his present plans to be known as Frances and Diane streets.

Johnson, with materials on hand to complete some 150 homes, is anxious to get started with the new tract, and the attitude of the Planning Commission Tuesday night was one of full cooperation in the development.

It is felt by local civic leaders that the attitude of the F.H.A. probably will change to favor the tract when the type of development and home construction proposed actually is brought into being.

The owner plans to construct three-bedroom homes on the tract which recently was purchased from the Covington interests through William E. Tolson, realty broker.

Civic leaders of Torrance have protested to President Truman the fact that the F.H.A. has declined to consider for mutual mortgage insurance the Johnson tract and also the Kettler tract at Sepulveda blvd. and Normandie ave. The Kettler tract was turned down due to the presence of oil wells in the neighborhood.

Another subdivision is contemplated in North Torrance, it was said, on Hawthorne blvd. just south of the Southern California Edison Co. right-of-way.

Observances are being held in many communities, sponsored by the Native Sons of the Golden West, an organization which for 70 years has been devoted to advancement of California and the perpetuation of its memories, histories and traditions.

PLANNING COMMISSION HANDS QUONSET HUT PROBLEM BACK TO COUNCIL FOR ACTION

Torrance City Planning Commission handed the quonset hut problem back to the City Council Tuesday night with the suggestion that there is room for the city fathers to ordain to deal with the war-born type of construction which is finding its way into Torrance.

Big All-Star Benefit Ball Game Sept. 7

A Southern California Baseball Association all-star benefit game will be played in Torrance park Saturday night at 8 p.m. for the purpose of providing compensation for players injured during games, Charlie Barnett, president of the organization, has announced.

The ball game will feature 38 top performers picked from the 16 teams which competed in the recent tournament here. All proceeds from the all-star game will go into the benefit fund, Barnett said.

Fifteen first string professionals are on the pro lineup with 17 rostered for the simon-pures. The professional team, with L. E. "Blackie" Leslie of the Iron Workers as honorary manager, will consist of Neil Montan, Rosabell; Al DeHoag, Arcadia; Tille Schaffer, and Irving Couts, Iron Workers, on the mound with Glenn Gibson, Iron Workers, Bill Goodman, Arcadia and Ernest McCabe of Standard Oil at the back-stop. At first base, Wayne McCue, Iron Workers; second base, Bill Cox, Iron Workers; third base, Carl Fairly, Rosabell; short stop, Ed Marshall, Arcadia; utility, Dick Board, Iron Workers; outfield, Steve Casarant, Standard Oil, Rossy Gilhouse, Rosabell and Bob Williams of Signal Oil.

On the amateur roster, Bob Hughes of the Long Beach Rockets serving as honorary manager, will be Jack Widner, Burke's Giants, Carl Johnson, T.A.L. and Junior Nowels, Pacific Clay Products hurling for the non-pros. Herb Wilson, Burke's Giants; Kenny White, Long Beach Rockets, and D. Agler, Arcadia, are slated to catch. Bill Reinke, Rose Bowl Midgets, will be at first base; second base Doug Hansen, Southwest Dodgers; third base Leo Wallis, Dedeaux Trojans, short stop Myrl Saxelby, Dedeaux Trojans, utility, Leo Coleman, San Pedro Merchants, Duane Stevens, Standard Oil, San Pedro Merchants; Dick Blenhoover, San Pedro Merchants; Bus Bachtele, Long Beach Rockets; B. Schuelke, Arcadia and Dave Pullens, Southwest Dodgers.

CIO To Build New Labor Temple, Planners Hear

Local No. 1414, United Steelworkers of America, is planning to build a new, modern labor temple, it was revealed Tuesday night at the City Planning Commission meeting when the union protested against granting of a permit to conduct a salvage business at 1338 Border ave. to Sol Burns.

The present labor temple, headquarters of Local 1414 and other CIO unions, is located at 1316 Border ave. Some 28 property owners in the vicinity protested opening of the salvage yard by Burns at the Border ave. location, and the request for a zoning variance to permit its establishment was denied by the Planning Commission.

Charter Committee Members Agree To Carry On Work in Schools' Behalf

Responding to popular demand, crystallized by a resolution of the City Council last week, the Torrance Charter Committee has agreed to carry on its work in connection with the formation of the Torrance school district following the reaching of the first milestone in the effort Tuesday, Aug. 20, with the adoption by the people of the City Charter which provides for formation of the Torrance Board of Education to assume control of the schools of this community.

Dr. Howard A. Wood, chairman of the committee, said that all members of the Charter Committee had agreed to carry on the effort, guiding the interests of the community through the various steps which will lead to the election of the first Board of Education early next spring. Other members of the committee are James L. Lynch, vice-chairman; Mrs. Mina Shidler, secretary; Carl Steele and Mrs. Mark Wright, co-treasurers.

Steps to be taken include the ratification by the California Legislature of the City Charter, fixing of the boundaries of the school district by the Board of Supervisors, election of the Board of Education and the election to determine which of two high school districts will be selected for the education of secondary students, Redondo Beach Union high school district and the new Centinela Valley-Bay District Junior college, or Los Angeles city high school district. Dr. Wood said that conferences are in the process of being arranged with the office of the County Counsel, the County Superintendent of Schools, and Assemblyman Vincent Thomas and

John Salm had protested to the City Council against the moving in of two quonset huts to his neighborhood in North Torrance, and the council referred the matter to the Planning Commission.

Chairman Tom McGuire, of the Planning Commission, questioned City Engineer G. M. Jain at length on whether or not the commission has power to do anything with respect to the quonset buildings.

Jain declared that the city now is powerless to refuse a permit to move in a quonset hut as long as the building complies with the building code.

Jain pointed out, however, that Los Angeles is granting three-year permits for quonset huts, requiring that the owner move the quonset to the rear of his lot and agree to build a standard home on the front. Los Angeles also requires that the hut be removed or converted at the completion of the standard home.

The city engineer also said that another way of dealing with the quonset problem is by passing a house-moving ordinance under which houses and buildings to be moved in must pass inspection of the commission.

The Waleria Civic association also requested action by the planning body to prevent quonset huts and street cars from being moved to Torrance sites.

The City Council's attitude on the question of quonset huts in Torrance probably will be influenced by the attitude of other cities, it was pointed out.

Idaho Car Mishap Brings Death To John Reynolds

Killed as the result of an auto accident Monday night near Burley, Idaho, was 35-year-old John Reynolds, World War II veteran and employee of Columbia Steel Co. in Torrance. He was discharged from the Army last year after serving 22 months in the Aleutians during 1942 and 1943.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Reynolds, 1959 Plaza del Arroyo, who said that their son was enroute to visit a friend, Dick Pullman, a former resident here who is in business in the Idaho city. No details were given as to the cause of the accident.

A native of Halifax, Canada, Reynolds graduated from Torrance high school where he lettered in sports. He enlisted in the Army early in 1942. A brother, Fred Reynolds, of Los Angeles, and his parents survive. The remains are to be shipped to the Stone and Myers mortuary, where services will be conducted Saturday at 2 p.m.

Quandt Refuses \$35,000 Offer; Negotiating

C. H. Quandt has declined the latest offer of \$35,000 for his Waleria water system, but is negotiating with the City Council through his attorneys to arrive at what he considers a reasonable price for his plant and pipe lines, it was reported yesterday.

The \$35,000 offer was made by the City Council on Aug. 27, after Quandt had turned down \$20,000 by replying that the system at present valuations is worth nearer \$75,000.

Appraisers Taylor & Taylor, water engineering firm which made the survey for the new Southwest Torrance water district known as Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1, had said that the plant was worth \$40,000 to \$45,000. It is anticipated that the final settlement probably will be in that neighborhood, officials realizing that if condemnation proceedings are undertaken, the court might award Quandt as high as \$60,000 for the plant.

Two Homes, Rifle Range Razed By Gusty Flames Raging Over Hills

Aided by a 40 to 45-mile-an-hour surface wind Tuesday afternoon, a brush fire raged through more than 1500 acres in the Palos Verdes hills, seriously threatening South Lomita and Rolling Hills homes. It was brought under control late Tuesday night.

A \$20,000 home, recently completed by Dr. Floyd H. Ross, professor at the University of Southern California, was completely destroyed by the raging blaze. The home was located in the Rolling Hills sector.

The doctor's wife and baby were reported to have been in the home at the time it caught fire, but managed to escape.

Other large homes in the vicinity narrowly missed destruction by the fire, which sent black billows of smoke 3,000 feet into the air to resemble an atomic blast.

An abandoned house, situated on a cliff near the Great Lakes Carbon Co., caught fire and in less than five minutes was destroyed by the wind-swept flames. Several quarries of the Great Lakes Company were burned, it was said. Damage, however, was slight, an official announced.

Lomita and Torrance firemen, aided by citizens and servicemen stationed nearby, were

preventing the fire from spreading to Pacific Coast highway. An oil sump hole and a pile of old tire beads, located south of the Ben Weston ranch, created a partial black-out over the stricken area giving residents a feeling of an impending storm.

Many experienced and inexperienced firefighters desperately fought to save the Harbor Rifle range south of Pacific Coast highway and east of Crenshaw blvd., but the structure was soon engulfed by the roaring flames.

An estate owned by Lynn Chandler and located at the south end of Pennsylvania ave. was said to have been saved by the fast work of William Brewster, 26221 Oak st., who drove his big bulldozer into the inferno to cut a fire break. The homes of Ben Weston and L. L. Bigelow, north of the eastern part of the fire, although blacked out by the thick smoke, suffered only smoke damage due to the unceasing efforts of local firemen.

Fire departments from Torrance, Lomita, Waleria, Miralente, Rolling Hills and the county forestry department, fought the vast fire for more than nine hours before it was brought under control.

Cause of the inferno had not been determined late last night.

New School Bus To Serve Perry District Pupils

Pupils of the Perry school on Prairie ave. no longer will have to walk to school in the rain, nor at any time for most of them, for the Perry school district has just taken delivery of a new 49-passenger school bus, Gordon Mann, president of the Perry School District Board of Trustees, announced.

The bus is a Superior body on a Chevrolet chassis, and cost the district \$4,500.

Mann said that each winter the school district has lost considerably in average daily attendance because of the distances some children have had to walk to school on wet and muddy streets.

When school starts in the Perry District on Tuesday, Sept. 10, the bus will start operations, making two eight-mile round trips in the district, Mann said.

The first trip will be made south on Prairie ave. to 190th st., west to Hawthorne blvd., north to El Nido (182nd st.), east to Prairie and north to the school.

The second trip will be north on Prairie to Redondo Beach blvd., east to Crenshaw blvd. and Yukon, west on 182nd st. and back to the school.

The school has an average daily attendance of 140.6, and will become a part of the new Torrance School District when it is formed next year as a result of the adoption recently of the City Charter for Torrance.

FLIGHT STRIP SLIPPING FROM GRASP OF TORRANCE, REPORT; RAPID, DYNAMIC ACTION ASKED

Lomita flight strip is slipping from the grasp of the City of Torrance and the municipality will lose its opportunity to secure the 480-acre field unless something concrete is done to signify intense interest of the community in securing the port, according to word reaching the Torrance Herald from Washington, D. C.

County Band To Present Concert Here Sept. 25

The Los Angeles County Band will conduct a concert in Torrance on Sept. 25, under the joint auspices of the Boys' Club bands of Torrance and Tartar Town.

This was the announcement of James Van Dyke, director of the Boys' Club bands.

He said that the concert is to create interest in music among the young people of the community and to bring the county band to Torrance for the first time in many years.

Van Dyke is building three boys' bands, honors intermediate and seniors.

City Court Gets \$1657 Fines In Month Of July

From July 1 to and including July 31, 1946, the City Court of the City of Torrance received \$1657 net from fines and fees. Of this sum \$546 are General Fund monies, while \$1111 came from vehicle violations and thus are Road Fund monies.

General fund monies were collected from the following cases: drunkenness, \$295; buy levard stops, \$70; parking, \$41 and miscellaneous criminal violations, \$140.

Road fund monies were derived from the following cases: drunk driving, \$775; speeding, \$163 and miscellaneous traffic violations, \$173.

Appearing below is the number of criminal and traffic cases actually handled and the disposition thereof:

Violation	Total	Guilt	Dismissed
Drunkenness	21	20	0
Drunk driving	4	6	0
Speeding	28	27	1
Boulevard stop	13	13	0
Parking	22	22	0
Misc. Traffic	63	49	13
Misc. Criminal	9	7	2
	162	144	16

Certain angles are being developed in aviation which will exclude Torrance and this airport from the general program of cargo and passenger carrying as well as major private flying unless the apathy indicated by the community is shaken and a solid front, dynamic effort is made to obtain the field at once, it was said.

A meeting of the Civil Aeronautics Administration has been called by Ted Wright, administrator, for Washington D. C., in the very near future, to allocate the \$500,000,000 federal fund set up for airports, it is reported, and unless Torrance has a qualified representative there, a person thoroughly versed in aviation and airport management, the community probably will miss the chance to secure the Army developed field as a Municipal airport, according to the information received.

The airport was established on the Weston ranch, 101 highway, in South Torrance, at an expense of \$100,000.

Immediately after the airport was placed on the surplus list, Ben Weston indicated that he did not desire to repurchase the land and urged that the City of Torrance take steps to secure the field.

Torrance filed an application for the airport and received a three-year revocable permit to use the 89 acres involved in the landing strip itself, but no permit was received to use the some 400 acres surrounding the strip.

City Attorney John E. McCall made a trip to Washington to attempt to secure a settlement of the controversy said to exist between the War Assets Administration, controlling the 400 acres, and the Public Road Bureau controlling the flight strip of 89 acres, and said that a deed was forthcoming by July for the entire 480-acre port.

The permit has not yet been received, and no definite information as to its progress has been reported.

Correspondence between the city and Washington is continuing, however, it was reported.

Advice from Washington indicates that a full-rounded plan of operation of the airport, showing the city is willing and able to spend some \$25,000 a year on the field, must be presented by a person who knows the answers to questions which will be asked by aviation authorities. This brief should be in Washington at the time of the forthcoming meeting, or Torrance not only will miss out on a share of the \$500,000 federal subsidy funds for airports but on the airport as well, it is said.

City License Ordinance Gets Public Hearing

Torrance City Council, conducting a public hearing on the proposed license ordinance, last night heard numerous protests against the tax on oil wells, fixed a \$12 a well per year, the "head tax" which provides that employers pay revenue in accordance with the number of persons on the payroll, and other features.

Robert I. Plomer Jr., tax counselor for General Petroleum Corp., urged that the head tax, instead of being based on an approximate rate of \$1.00 per employee per year, be made comparable to that of Long Beach, \$1.00 each for the first 25 employees, 50 cents for the second 25 and 25 cents each for additional employees. He urged that the council cut expenses to balance the budget, and was told that the administration still is endeavoring to accomplish that end.

Richard Fenton, Fred Miller, Albert Isen and other said that proposed license fees are too high and urged economy in government. Fenton declared that the income from average independent wells in this area is comparable to the pay of a street sweeper, approximately \$8.00 a day.



DIES IN CRASH . . . Richard Thayer, 19-year-old seaman and former resident of Torrance, died Monday night from injuries received when the car in which he was riding struck a telegraph pole near Camarillo, reports reveal. Thayer was on leave from the Long Beach Naval hospital where he was undergoing treatment for a shoulder injury suffered in the Pacific.

Auto Accident Near Camarillo Fatal To Thayer

Military services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in Oxnard for Richard M. Thayer, who died here Monday night following an auto accident which seriously injured three others.

The youth, well known in Torrance where he attended high school prior to enlisting in the service, was on a visit with his mother in Camarillo during his weekend leave from the Long Beach Naval hospital when killed.

Mrs. E. O. Marker, foster grandmother of Richard and with whom he made his home here for many years, said that no details of the fatal accident were known at this time. Mrs. Marker revealed that the driver of the car is not expected to live and two other youths, also riding as passengers, were suffering serious injuries from the mishap.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. John Marker, former resident of Torrance and now living in Camarillo; his father, Maxwell Thayer, Los Angeles; a brother, George Thayer, recently discharged from the Army and now residing in Camarillo, and an infant sister, Judy Gay Marker, of Camarillo. Burial will be in Oxnard.

Tax Rate Of \$6.23 In Torrance Seen As County, Schools Make Big Hikes

Torrance taxpayers, in most instances, must foot a bill of \$6.2349 per \$100 assessed valuation this year, as a result of the fixing of greatly increased rates by the County of Los Angeles and Los Angeles School Districts.

The tax rate for Los Angeles County is \$1.8841, a gain of \$4.957 over last year's rate. That of the Los Angeles schools which Torrance must pay again this year is \$2.0214, a gain of \$1.1988 over the rate of last year.

The Board of Supervisors adopted a budget of \$122,178,273, of which \$55,631,380 must be raised by the tax levy. This is a gain of \$18,620,171 over last year's budget.

Here is the way residents of downtown Torrance, within Municipal Improvement District No. 1, will find their tax bills:

Agency	1945	1946
Torrance City	\$1,100	\$1,1700
L.A. Schools	1,8216	2,0214
L.A. County	1,3884	1,8841
Flood Control	2,238	2,282
Metro. Water	5,000	4,800
Torrance Water	2,500	2,500
Co. Sanitation 5.	2,012	2,012

TOTALS . . . \$5,5101 \$6,2349

Twenty-four cents of the county increase is in the Charities Department; seven cents for

Torrance Weather Record

Aug.	Maxi.	Mini.	mm.
28	77	58	
29	76	55	
30	79	54	
31	78	57	
Sept. 1	76	60	
2	78	54	
3	80	54	
PRECIPITATION	Total	Year	
	5.39		