

WILSON WYATT PROMISES TORRANCE ASSISTANCE IN VETERANS' HOME PROGRAM

Instructions have been sent to the regional national housing expediter in San Francisco to give Torrance every possible assistance in working out a solution to the housing problem here, according to a letter received from Wilson W. Wyatt, housing expediter and administrator of the National Housing Agency by Mayor J. Hugh Sherfy, Jr.

The letter from Wyatt was in response to a communication sent to President Truman which contained a resolution of the City Council seeking to end the difficulty which Torrance tracts have been experiencing in having subdivisions for home building approved for mutual mortgage insurance by the Federal Housing Administration.

Two tracts were rejected recently, one the Ketter tract on Narbonne ave. and Sepulveda blvd., and the other the Thomas Johnson tract at 182nd st. and Hawthorne blvd.

The resolution of the City Council said that housing in Torrance for veterans has reached a critical stage, and urged action of high government officials to secure approval of all local home building projects for the F.H.A. insurance.

President Truman referred the letter of Mayor Sherfy to Wilson W. Wyatt, and he told the mayor:

"I sincerely appreciate the genuine concern for the welfare of the veterans of your community which I am sure, prompted the adoption of your resolution.

"I have taken the liberty of referring this matter to my regional expediter, Mr. Preston L. Wright, 785 Market st., Humboldt building, San Francisco. I have asked Mr. Wright to communicate directly with you and to give you every possible assistance in working out a solution to the problem which is facing your community.

A copy of the letter was sent to Chamber of Commerce Secretary Blaine Walker.

Johnson has decided to proceed with his GI home-building program without the mutual mortgage insurance provisions of the F.H.A., and is due to start construction of some 150 homes on the North Torrance tract in the near future.

Butchers Here Declare Meat To Continue Scarce

"The meat situation will get worse before it gets better," some of the local butchers lamented yesterday, while others say: "the ranchers are trying to freeze out the OPA—let them hold on to their stock for a while—they can't eat it all and sooner or later they'll sell at OPA ceilings."

Still some of the butchers declared, "Take the OPA ceilings off and there will be plenty meat within a very short while—competition will eventually right the so-called high prices."

One butcher here charged the ranchers were selling beef right from their door to black-market operators. Another asserted that black market beef was not at all plentiful and pointed out that few ranchers now are dealing with the black market operators because the \$3 or so a hundred pounds was not sufficient to warrant the chances involved.

The scarcity of meat in local markets started in most cases a week ago and all contacted yesterday had little or none to offer their customers. Chickens and turkey seem to be plentiful in the markets, also fish—but little beef or pork will be on your home menus, butchers believe.

Youthful Couple Receive Injuries In Car Mishap

Two youthful pedestrians, Josephine Bustillos, 15, Santa Fe section house at Madrid ave. and Carson st., and Ernest Montoya, 16, 203rd st., were struck by an auto driven by Delmas E. Sheets, Redondo Beach, late last night while crossing Torrance boulevard at Arlington ave., police report.

They were taken to the Torrance Memorial hospital, where Miss Bustillos was said to have sustained a concussion and bruises. Young Montoya, doctors said, suffered a broken leg. He later was removed to General hospital.

Charity Inquiry Reaches Into Torrance Area

The investigation of excessive charity costs reached into Torrance this week, where it was reported one indigent case was "erased" by a woman in an effort to prevent eviction from a house she was occupying.

Called to the attention of the charities department, it was found that the woman declared that she had been deserted while her husband was serving in the Merchant Marine and sending her allotment checks. She drew county aid for a period of several months to prove that she could not find another place to move, it was said.

In reporting to the Board of Supervisors, County Manager Wayne Allen declared that indigent cases now are receiving as high as \$125.56 a month (pauper man, wife and four children) and \$100.63 a month in 1942. This income is not taxable.

The charities investigation was instigated by Supervisor Jessup, who said that Los Angeles county charity costs are out of line in comparison with other counties.

Torrance Beach To Be Included In Erosion Study

On motion of Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, the Board of Supervisors at its Tuesday meeting authorized its chairman to execute a beach erosion contract between the State of California and the County of Los Angeles agreeing to participate in the cooperative beach erosion study with the United States Beach Erosion Board for that part of the coast line located within the County of Los Angeles, particularly that portion extending from Point Mugu to the San Pedro breakwater.

Under this agreement, the state and county each agree to contribute \$10,000 as their share of the cost of this study.

All of the monies are to be expended by the State Park Commission or paid by it to the Beach Erosion Board of the United States.

The study contemplated will cover littoral drift, wave action, and effect of existing and proposed structures on beach erosion.

Torrance beach is included in the study.

Civil War! North Against The South Here For Baseball Title

Batter up, for another semi-pro baseball tilt! This time it is for the California state championship, to be played between Art Swartz' high flying Signal Oilers of Santa Monica, who downed the powerful Iron Workers here to win the Southern California tournament pennant, and San Francisco's champion Moffat-Manteca nine.

The northern club swept through a field of 32 entries with eight straight wins to become the northern California champs Monday night and will arrive in Los Angeles aboard a United Airlines plane Saturday for their first game with the Oilers Saturday night at 8 p.m. in the Torrance city park.

The outcome of the series will determine an undisputed semi-pro champion for the State of California.

Many ex-major leaguers are reported to be in the San Francisco lineup. Signal Oil officials report that the northern tournament, which was sponsored by the Oakland Tribune, drew thousands nightly during the 30 days of play there.

A double-header may be played Sunday night to complete

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Torrance Granted Perpetual Lease For Operation of Flight Strip; Permit for Surrounding Area Due



PASSES AWAY . . . Leonard J. Young, former Torrance city engineer, died at his home here Tuesday following an illness of nearly five years. Mr. Young was a native of Ventura and came here from Pasadena in 1936 to become the assistant city engineer Frank Leonard. Mrs. Young, his widow, is a teacher at the Extended Day Care Center here.

Torrance has been granted a perpetual lease for use of the 89.9 acres comprising the Lomita Flight Strip, and upon approval by the City Council will be given a perpetual lease for the surrounding 400 acres making up the mammoth airport developed by the Army Air Forces, during World War II.

Voters Urged To Check On Status September 26

If you want to vote in the November 5 general election, check up on your status as a registered voter.

So warned City Clerk A. H. Bartlett yesterday. Voters who did not cast their ballots in the general election of 1944, or who have moved since last voting, must re-register to qualify for the right of franchise by Sept. 26, next Thursday.

Deputies are on hand in the office of the city clerk each week day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mrs. Fan Wilkes will register voters at 2717 Carson st. days or evenings.

Walterians may register at the home of Mrs. Roy Palmer, 24433 Los Codona ave., or of George P. Thatcher, 3908 Newton st.

This was revealed yesterday by Mayor J. Hugh Sherfy, Jr. and President Reed H. Parkin of Torrance Chamber of Commerce, who reported that the details which have prevented the City of Torrance from assuming control of the airport have been worked out and that the city will at once undertake an ambitious plan for development of the municipal airport.

Approval of the lease from the Federal Public Roads Administration for the 89.9 acres will be given Tuesday night, it was said. When it reaches Washington, according to Parkin, who is chairman of the City Aviation Commission, the War Assets Administration has promised to mail an identical lease for the balance of the property making up the \$1,000,000 airport.

The lease is revocable only if the city fails to live up to its terms, calling for a fully developed municipal airport, or in event of war. The armed forces are given right to unhampered use of the flight strip.

It was reported that when the city's development plans are completed and ready for execution, and materials are available



RECEIVES AWARD . . . Col. Roger Q. Williams, famed aviator and veteran of both wars, Sunday received the Legion of Merit award for outstanding services in World War II. The medal before some 30,000 spectators at the Long Beach air show. Author of several books on aviation, the colonel's latest, "To the Moon and Half Way Back," which covers aviation almost from its inception, is soon to be published. Col. Williams plans to create an aviation foundation from the proceeds of the book's sales. (Photo by Torrance Herald.)

SCHOOL DISTRICT PLANS TO BE SUBJECT OF CONFERENCE WITH COUNTY LEADERS TODAY

Torrance citizens who have been at the helm of the good ship Torrance on her voyage to independent Torrance schools, will hold their first official conference with county school and legal authorities this afternoon at 2 o'clock, relative to steps necessary to complete formation of Torrance city school district.

Members of the committee headed by Howard A. Wood, M. D., will meet with Dr. C. C. Carpenter, assistant county superintendent of schools, and George W. Wakefield, deputy county counsel, at the county school offices.

Steps necessary in the formation of the new school district include:

1. Ratification of the City Charter adopted by the people of Torrance Aug. 20 by a vote of 1,386 "yess" to 770 "nos." Vincent Thomas, member of the State Assembly, said that the bill for ratification of the Torrance City Charter will be one of the first which he will introduce to the California Legislature when it convenes in January.

2. Fixing by the school district boundaries by the Board of Supervisors. They will be the same as the city boundaries.

3. Calling an election of members of the Board of Education and to select the high school district to which the Torrance school district will become affiliated when it begins its official functions in charge of Torrance schools on the first Monday of July, 1947.

4. Election to form the Torrance Unified school district, to be held late in 1947, effective the first Monday of July, 1948.

Members of the Torrance Charter Committee which drafted the charter and conducted the campaign for its successful adoption by the people, are carrying on their efforts in behalf of the charter and school district.

Palos Verdes to be known as Palos Verdes college, is proposed by a group of Los Angeles and San Francisco folk, it was disclosed as articles of incorporation were filed with state authorities in Los Angeles.

Wayne H. Knight, an attorney in Los Angeles, named as one of the directors, confirmed the plans of the group as indicated in the filing of the articles. Other directors listed were Dr. R. R. Saunders, Bertie Cline and George W. Prince Jr., all of Los Angeles, and Dorothy O. Saunders of San Francisco.

Knight indicated that as soon as materials for construction are available further activities in the establishment of the college will develop.

CITY LICENSE ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR HEAD TAX ON WORKERS FACES ACTION

All businesses in Torrance will be charged a minimum fee of \$24 a year, and in most cases extra charges will be assessed on the basis of number of employees, units of equipment and like features, under a proposed city ordinance which is due to be adopted by the City Council as an emergency measure next Tuesday night.

Culver City Asks Advice On Own School Problem

Culver City, having watched Torrance successfully maneuver itself out of Los Angeles city school district by adoption of the City Charter on Aug. 20, now is seeking assistance and advice from Torrance as to how to withdraw the portions of Culver City with the Los Angeles districts.

Part of Culver City is within the Culver City school district and part is within Los Angeles school district, and the people of the film community want all City schools to be under Los Angeles jurisdiction.

Asked to attend a meeting in Culver City Monday night were Mrs. Evelyn Carr, chairman of the Torrance Parents Association, and Mrs. Mark Wright, treasurer of the Torrance Charter Committee.

That the withdrawal of Torrance from Los Angeles city schools is the first of several "expected secessions" from the Los Angeles school district is pointed out by James O. Stevenson, publisher of "Tax Talk," United Taxpayers, Inc., publication of Los Angeles.

"The industrial city of Torrance has just voted out of the Los Angeles City School district. It is the first of several expected secessions from the Los Angeles school district, due to the growing tax burden of the system and the greater taxes in prospect by reason of the recently voted \$75,000,000 of school bonds. Beverly Hills se-

cessions are expected to include Culver City, Van Nuys, Encino, and Burbank.

Car Turns Over; Seven Youths Escape Injury

Injured last Thursday night when a car in which she was riding as passenger turned over, Barbara Bartholow, 16, 828 Sartori ave., was taken to Torrance Memorial hospital where she was treated for bruises and a sprained neck.

Eight teenagers were riding in the car driven by Marine Tommy Kefalos, 17, who is visiting his brother here, John H. Kefalos, 2016 Andree ave., owner of the vehicle. Police, called to the scene following the mishap, reported the car turned over when the youthful driver failed to negotiate the turn at Park and 242nd st. No other injured were reported.

Principal Casey Promises Help Of L.A. In Making Transfer Of Schools

Los Angeles administrators of Torrance high school will do everything possible to facilitate the orderly transfer of the high school to the Torrance school system, Principal Raymond J. Casey told students and faculty members at the first assembly of the new school term on Monday.

Casey said: "During the summer by an overwhelming decision the City of Torrance has voted the Charter which will eventually result in the schools being transferred to the Torrance school system."

"This action presents a real challenge to the students and faculty of the Torrance high school. We must make every attempt to build up our school and conduct ourselves in such a manner that, at the end of two years, we may be genuinely proud of the high school that we turn over to the Torrance Board of Education. We are the pioneers of the new Torrance school. Let us bequeath the new system the finest school that students and teachers can make Torrance high. Let us work cooperatively in meeting our problems of adjustment in the last two years with genuine regard for the welfare of those who are to follow us."

The people of Torrance adopted the City Charter on Aug. 20 by a vote of almost two to one, and it provides for the formation of the Torrance school district machinery for which will be set up within 30 days after ratification of the charter by the legislature, and the ultimate formation of the Torrance Unified school district late next year. Torrance school district will have charge of the elementary schools, while the Torrance Unified school district will have charge of all schools from kindergarten through high school. Early next year, the people will vote to decide whether Torrance high school students shall be under jurisdiction of Redondo Beach Union high school district for the period between formation of the elementary district and the unified district, or shall remain under Los Angeles high school district control in that period of approximately one year.

While scores of new fees will be collected under its terms, the new ordinance provides for taxing of marble games and juke boxes in addition to providing for operators fees of \$1,000 per year for the pin ball games and \$250 for music boxes.

Where the head tax applies on a "per employee" basis, it was explained, the employers or owners of a business are excused from the additional fee as well as employees up to and including two.

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce committee, hearing of the fact that the ordinance will be finally adopted at the meeting Tuesday night, Sept. 24, to be effective Oct. 1, is calling attention to local retailers, wholesalers and manufacturers of the extent of the proposed license law, urging them to enter their protests before the final meeting for consideration of protests, next Tuesday.

Producing oil wells will come in for a \$12 per well per year, while manufacturers will be required to pay \$10 per annum plus \$1.00 per year for each employee up to and including 100; 75 cents per year for each employee between 100 and 200; 50 cents each from 200 to 500 and 25 cents each for more than 500 employees. Thus, it would cost a factory of 1000 workers to pay a city license tax of \$460 per year.

Fortune tellers, astrologers, circuses, carnivals, boxing arenas, massage parlors and every type of business from attorneys and doctors to highway lunch stands must pay a license, and there is a fee provided even for the business which is not mentioned in the ordinance.

Being proposed to become effective Oct. 1, the new ordinance provides for penalties for non-payment of the fees, and charges the police department with the duty of seeing that the licenses are secured.

Some of the new fees proposed are:

Apartments, \$24 plus \$2 per unit more than two; appliances, \$24 plus \$5 for each employee, more than two.

Astrology, augury, etc., \$250 per year; attorneys, \$24 year; auctioneers, \$25 a day; auto and trailer camps, \$24 plus \$12 per chair over two; barber supplies, \$24 a year; auto agencies, sales and service, \$100 a year; auto wrecking, \$100 a year; aviation, \$50 a year;

Bail bond brokers, \$50 a year; bakeries, stores, \$24 a year plus \$5 per employee over two; non-resident bakery routes, \$50 per year, retail and \$36 wholesale; barber shops, \$24 plus \$12 per chair over two; barber supplies, \$24 a year; auto agencies, sales and service, \$100 a year; auto wrecking, \$100 a year; aviation, \$50 a year;

Bull bond brokers, \$50 a year; bakeries, stores, \$24 a year plus \$5 per employee over two; non-resident bakery routes, \$50 per year, retail and \$36 wholesale; barber shops, \$24 plus \$12 per chair over two; barber supplies, \$24 a year; auto agencies, sales and service, \$100 a year; auto wrecking, \$100 a year; aviation, \$50 a year;

Billiard parlors, \$50 plus \$5 for each table; non-resident billies, posters, dodgers, cards, samples, etc., \$50 per day; blacksmiths, \$24 per year; book agents, \$10 per year per agent; bowling academy, \$50 per year plus \$6 for each alley; boxing, wrestling, etc., \$25 per day; brick yards, \$100 per year plus \$1 per employee; butane tanks, installation, \$100 per year.

Carpenters, \$12 per year; caterers, \$24 per year; chiropractors, osteopaths, \$24 per year; circuses, carnivals, \$50 per day; cleaners, dyers, \$24 per year and non-resident routes \$50 per year per vehicle; clothing, dry goods, general merchandise, \$24 a year plus \$5 for each employee over two; coal yards, \$24 per year; coffee, tea and spice

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Torrance Weather Record		
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TEMPERATURE		
Sept. 1	Maxi.	Mini.
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