

Council Hears New Protests On License Tax

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by Harold A. Baker, operator of 10 juke boxes here, to a rate of \$24 per box yearly, plus a tax on the business of \$250. He maintained that after paying a federal tax of \$10 per location, turning half the proceeds (averaging \$10 weekly) to the location, and paying for records and other costs, he could not break even under the proposal.

Other fees protested during the special hearing included: General wholesalers' tax of \$36 per annum; bottled water tax of \$50 per truck per annum; milk routes, \$24 per route; wholesale cleaning, \$50 per route, and the proposed sales tax of one-half of one percent.

Justifying the increases, Mayor Sherkey pointed to gains in cost of government and to the fact that the tax ordinance, in its present form, has stood for the past 14 years.

Mrs. Michael New Principal Orange Street

Mrs. Ruby Michael has been assigned as substitute principal at Orange street school to relieve Miss Emma Anderson, who has been forced to take a leave of absence because of illness.

Mrs. Michael comes to Orange street from West Athens school in Los Angeles.

With the opening of school this week, Orange street school now has six half-day sessions. The newest division to make room for an overcrowded class is the first grade.

Mrs. Lilla Boyer, a member of the faculty here for several years, will have the morning class and Mrs. Isa Clark, a substitute teacher, will take over the afternoon class.

Two other classes, the second and third grades, have also been divided with the following teachers assigned: Mrs. Lottie Hill, A-2, for the morning class; Mrs. Alice Uiman, B-2 and A-2, afternoons; Mrs. Lila Bassett has the morning class of A-3 children and Mrs. Helen Shuler, the B-3 grade.

located in Torrance or \$36 for routes if no place of business is maintained in the city. Spice and tea routes will pay \$30 per year per vehicle, as proposed. Creameries will pay a flat \$24 plus \$24 per route.

Fortune in Silver Used At Alcoa Plant During War To Return East

A fortune in silver, which "migrated" to Los Angeles along with thousands of other war workers to help beat the Axis but which, for obvious reasons, remained in cognito throughout the war, is about to be returned to custody of the U. S. Treasury, the War Assets Administration disclosed today.

An amusing incident regarding the \$38,000,000 silver bullion "loaned" by the U. S. to the Alcoa plant here during the war can now be told since military secrecy is lifted.

Harry E. Keller, general superintendent of the Alcoa plant, was excusing some government bigwigs through the plant at the time the silver bars were being installed in the electrical process. With wide eyed amazement, one of the visiting officials exclaimed, "What's to prevent me or anyone else from carrying off a load of this precious sterling silver in our pockets?"

"Nothing," replied Keller, "excepting that you would have to take the lead that goes with it."

"I thought you said it was pure silver?" inquired the visitor.

"It is," said Keller, "the lead that goes with it is back of you if you look around."

When the lead was removed, the visitor turned to face a row of big pistols tucked under his belt.

The silver, 38 million dollars worth of it, was transformed from ingots into bars of various sizes and shapes to do a war job—the production of aluminum at the former Reconstruction Finance Corporation-owned Alcoa plant near Torrance.

Now, after four years during which few Torrance residents knew this official secret, the metal will soon be on its way east to be melted into ingots again and take up whatever peacetime duties the Treasury assigns to it.

In aluminum plants, copper ordinarily is used to conduct the electricity used to reduce aluminum from its ore. But, during the war, copper was needed for shell cases and other vital warfare materials. Ingenious Uncle Sam investigated. Found silver has only slightly less conductivity. Decided he could spare a few millions' worth from his coffers. The treasury "loaned" 38 millions' worth for the Torrance plant. Twenty-nine carloads, totaling 1,474 tons, arrived at the Alcoa plant in five shipments between November, 1942, and June, 1943. Silver replaced copper on 266 pots—and the aluminum flowed to war.

Extra guards were added to the plant force. But the silver soon became discolored and few people guessed what it was.

Handicapped Have Many Talents, Bradley

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suit of the war, USES Manager Bradley said it is the obligation of everyone to help handicapped persons to obtain employment for which they are qualified.

"Few handicapped persons," he said, "will accept work which they are not qualified to perform. Some are qualified for certain types of work but are not aware of their abilities. It is the job of the USES to advise and counsel such workers, and when the skill or ability is found, to refer the worker to an employer who is in need of the particular skill or ability."

Bradley said that more than 70 handicapped workers had been placed in jobs in the Torrance area during the past nine months. Approximately 40 others are waiting for referral to the right jobs, he said. Many employers so far have been most cooperative in hiring these workers, but more jobs for the handicapped are needed to aid applicants at USES offices, Bradley said.

PROCLAMATION To the Citizens of Torrance, greetings:

Whereas, the United States Congress has passed a resolution providing for a week to be known as "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week," and

Whereas, now that we are welcoming home thousands of our men who have fought for us, and our hospitals that are filled with young men who have made great sacrifices cause us to realize anew that the debt we owe to every man who has served in our armed forces is of primary importance in our plans for building a postwar world, and

Whereas, it is estimated that ninety percent of our wounded veterans are employable and are deeply desirous of having a right to work and a means of returning to useful citizenship.

Now, therefore, as Mayor of the City of Torrance I do hereby proclaim this week of October 6 to 12, 1946, to be known as National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, in and for the city, and I recommend that all citizens, industries, employers, labor unions, churches and civic groups join together in the effort to promote the full, suitable and gainful employment of all employable veterans and other handicapped citizens.

J. HUGH SHERKEY JR. Mayor
October 1946

Tenth District PTA Attended By Local Women

"Most parents expect too much, too soon, of their children," stated Dr. Ralph G. Eckert, chief of the Bureau of Parent Education, State of California, and main speaker at Tenth District PTA's first meeting of the year, at North Hollywood high school on Thursday, Oct. 3. A child needs his full twenty years to prepare for complete independence. He is faced with serious problems, particularly during adolescence, when he must make the choice of a vocation and of a mate. In order to offset the depression that is almost certain to come with these problems, nature provides the youth with much energy, much need for activity.

"Yes, 'Understanding' is the 'First Principle.' Try to understand your child. Learn to 'look' at him, to study him, then to know him, to truly interpret and understand him.

"Most emotional problems of child or adult root in lack of affection," continued Dr. Eckert, "so give the child affection. Love him.

"Life is full of frustrations. The child must learn to face these frustrations and home is the place to learn—in the warmth of love."

Over a thousand women attended this, the first Tenth District meeting presided over by Mrs. Joseph S. Hook, the new president, who presented, in a brief two hours and thirty minutes, speakers on half a dozen subjects vital to the well-being of children and youth, and, as well, handled, like the perfect parliamentarian she is, several revisions of the district's by-laws and standing rules.



Chapman, Columbia state selected this white, green and red checked suit to be included in her fall wardrobe. Something new in this season's styles is the fullness in front of the skirt. Note green simulated emerald buttons and accessories in brown calf. Gloves are ever popular white string.

Harbor Authority Topic Of Hearing By Shelley Group

Proposals to develop Southern California harbors through the creation of a State harbor authority will be considered at hearings during the next two weeks of the State Senate Special Committee on Harbors, Senator John F. Shelley, Chairman of the Harbor Committee has announced.

The committee, created at the last session of the legislature to determine ways of improving California port facilities, will make tours of Southern California harbors at San Pedro, Wilmington, Newport, San Diego, Ventura and Santa Barbara, and hold public hearings in these cities.

Shelley explained that at present California must depend solely on the United States Army Engineers or local communities to make needed improvements in harbor facilities. The state itself has no agency which can step in and make California harbors adequate to meet new industrial needs.



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- SUNDAY, OCT. 13 Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Rigg, 2065 Carson St.
- MONDAY, OCT. 14 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schmidt, 1918 Cabrillo Ave.
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