

COUNCIL ASKS ORDINANCE TO REPEAL PARKING METER MEASURE FOR TORRANCE

Responding to the protests residents against the proposed installation of parking meters on the streets of Torrance, the City Council Monday ordered the City Attorney to draft an ordinance repealing the parking meter ordinance, No. 378, previously adopted.

The vote was unanimous. The ordinance was adopted some time ago without notice to the community and it resulted in an immediate upheaval of protest which was followed by circulation of petitions calling for repeal of the ordinance or submission of the question to the vote of the people.

A Chamber of Commerce parking meter committee of merchants headed by Bob Haggard had recommended against the curb nicker grabbers and had threatened that if the Council ordered them installed, they would circulate the petitions.

The Council proceeded to order more than 200 meters for Torrance from the Pacific Union Marbleite Company. They were to be of the multiple coin type, to be paid for out of revenue.

The City Council admitted that they were not needed to ease any parking problems here, but rather they were desired as revenue raisers.

Protestants said that the automobile driver already is being taxed sufficiently for the privilege of owning and driving a car, and that this additional tax for use of the city streets is unfair and unjustified.

They further said that little revenue would be forthcoming from the meters, and that the funds so gathered would be of little or no aid in getting the present city administration out of the financial muddle in which it finds itself.

The parking meter committee of the Chamber has made many other recommendations for handling of any problems in the central business district which might exist, including one hour parking limits, off-street parking for shop owners and employees, creation of community parking lots and other features.

Parking committee members are Haggard, C. N. Emmett, Bernard Lee and Oscar H. Ross.

Mrs. Ramsey, Others, Held To Answer

Mrs. May "Ma" Ramsey, 58, former inmate of Tehachapi Women's prison for a conviction of abortion in recent years, and Miss Winifred Howard, 42, a nurse, were ordered by Judge Joseph Chambers of Division Three, Municipal Court to be held for a Superior Court arraignment on December 2 in Department 44.

Mrs. Ramsey is charged with two counts of abortion, while Miss Howard faces one count of illegal operating.

The two women were arrested at 1011 W. 223rd st., near Torrance, on Oct. 29.

An operating table, medical instruments, medicine and other medical equipment were presented at the preliminary hearing for evidence.

The duo and three other suspects are believed by police to be members of an alleged abortion ring operating throughout Southern California.

Ordered for Superior court arraignment, were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Enloe and Dr. Roy Buffum, who are believed to complete the ring.

The Enloes and Buffum face Superior Judge William R. McKay on Nov. 29 for conspiracy to commit illegal operations.

New County Park Purchased Near Torrance

The consummation of the purchase of approximately 7 acres of land from the Western Defense Housing Company to be used for park purposes, was effected by the Board of Supervisors at its Tuesday meeting on motion of Supervisor Raymond V. Darity.

This property is located in Avalon Village and is being purchased for consideration of \$12,353 on condition that the Western Defense Housing Co., deed another six acres to be used in conjunction with the present school parcel of six acres thus making available approximately 19 acres to be developed for school and recreational park purposes.

Auditorium Use In Future To Be Expensive

If you want to use the Civic auditorium in the future, you will have to "pay through the nose" and try and collect at the box office.

City Councilmen Monday afternoon adopted the following scale of rates for use of the auditorium:

- The hall, \$35 per performance.
- The kitchen, \$15.
- The public address system, \$10.
- The spot light, \$5.
- Banquets, in addition, 10 cents per plate.

Thus an organization which wants to put on a dinner and entertainment, say for 100 persons, will have to pay \$75 or \$75 cents a head before wanting to buy groceries or print tickets.

Of course, there is the 20 percent federal tax, too.

Already several events regularly scheduled for Torrance in the future are in the process of being cancelled in favor of other communities. It was said.

Thanksgiving Union Church Rites Thursday

Inaugurating the holiday season, the choir of the First Christian church under the direction of Burdette Brimley, will present a Thanksgiving musical on the evening before Thanksgiving, November 27 at 8 o'clock in the sanctuary of the church.

The concert, to which the public is cordially invited, will feature several guest artists, in addition to the choir and the popular male quartette of the Christian church.

Allen Hastings, tenor soloist at the Church of the Open Door in Los Angeles, will sing, accompanied by Mrs. Hastings, Chas. A. Cade, teacher at Pasadena Conservatory of Music and now instructing locally at the Three Arts Studio, will present a group of violin numbers, accompanied by Mrs. Martha Jane Rickard.

Torrance vocalists participating are Mrs. Nadine Nickol, soprano soloist at St. Andrew's church, and Lin Branum, baritone and director of the youth choir at the Christian church. Mrs. H. L. Wagner, Jr. will add a bit of spice to the evening of music with a group of readings.

Members of the quartette are Burdette L. Brimley, Leonard Babeock, Ralph Prime and Ben Prime. Mrs. Ben Prime is accompanist for the choir and quartette.

Weather Record

Official U. S. Weather Bureau TEMPERATURE		
Nov.	Maximum	Minimum
13	62	42
14	62	47
15	66	42
16	72	41
17	76	44
18	61	46
19	61	49

PRECIPITATION

Nov. 13	Storm Total (Year)
13	1.91
Nov. 14	.38
Nov. 19	.25
Nov. 20	4.67

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NEW LICENSE ORDINANCE INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL; MANY CHANGES PROPOSED

Protested out in its original form by an aroused citizenry, the license ordinance of the City of Torrance was adopted for the first reading Monday by the City Council, a comparatively conservative measure which the Council hopes will provoke no opposition.

Several new sources of license fees are included in the ordinance, but none of them of the nature which will bring the threats and appeals which were voiced in the Council chamber a few weeks ago when the original ordinance was offered as a revenue measure which was calculated to raise some \$30,000 a year.

On the average, business licenses for the year will be increased 100 percent, from \$12 to \$24, under the new law.

Several new classifications were introduced, with fees ranging from \$4 a year for apartment houses to \$50 a day for carnivals and advertising distributors.

The ordinance comes up for its final reading and publication on Tuesday, Nov. 26.

All licenses included in the ordinance except those of \$24 per year which includes all from attorneys to those not mentioned in the measure, are as follows:

- Apartment houses, rooming houses, auto and trailer courts, \$4 plus \$1 per year for each unit more than four.
- Astrology, augury, etc., \$250 a year.
- Auctioning, \$25 per year.
- Auto wrecking, \$100 per year.

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Sherfey Worries About Civil Service Laws

"Do we or do we not hire employees of the City of Torrance?"

That's what Mayor J. Hugh Sherfey Jr. would like to know.

He asked that question at the time the Civil Service Board ruling on the dismissal of John Waugh was read to the City Council Monday.

On Nov. 12 the Council was asked to give Waugh a leave of absence, and Councilman G. V. Powell said he thought that Waugh had been fired. It was brought out that the Council had not formally been informed of Waugh's reinstatement by the Civil Service Board.

When the letter of official notice of the reinstatement was read, Sherfey said that he would like to know how the Council stands on employment of city personnel.

Councilman C. M. Gilbert told Sherfey that the Council can hire any of the top three men who pass Civil Service examinations.

That did not satisfy Sherfey and he asked for time to study the Civil Service ordinance and regulations, holding up Waugh's request for leave of absence.

Babes Live In Tents Here As Army Barracks Pre-fab Homes Go Begging

With J. G. Caldwell, director of the Torrance Area Veterans Center, appealing to President Truman for assistance for families without homes as he houses two such groups with a total of 18 children in tents on his own property, 13 carloads of pre-fabricated buildings for housing arrived in Torrance for use of a Los Angeles education institution and are being re-shipped back to the Hobbs Army depot at the Pomona fair grounds because the institution has not been able to utilize them here.

The 13 carloads of homes were intended for the Los Angeles University of Applied Science, for use at Lomita flight strip, but its deal for acquisition of some 25 acres of the airport failed to materialize. Thus the housing was not needed.

While Caldwell's appeal to President Truman for emergency aid to homeless families brought a reply that the message of the Torrance man was being referred promptly to the appropriate officials of the government, Caldwell and others in Torrance were at a loss to understand how a Los Angeles university could acquire new government surplus housing for classrooms and living quarters at Lomita flight strip when veterans and their families were without places to lay blankets, save for the bare ground or within musty tents.

And while the Los Angeles university's 13 carloads of new prefabricated housing arrived in

Church notices will not be published unless received prior to 10 a.m. Monday. Cooperation of advertisers and those organizations and individuals desiring notices published is requested in submitting copy early to the Herald office.



"THE KID MAKES UP HIS MIND" . . . Tonight at 8 p.m. the above cast will be seen in the Senior play, "The Kid Makes Up His Mind," a one-act rollicking comedy presented by the Torrance High School dramatics class, coached by Mrs. Rodna Wisam. Pictured from left to right are: Dorothy Sanders, Jack Blackmon, Jean Tallow, Shirley Peterson, Shirley Vandevanter, Betty Boswell, Lee Ora Braswell, Anthony Wood, Jane Scott, James Pizer and Velda Larisey. The play will be given in the school auditorium. (Torrance Herald photo)

\$5232, Or 28.4 Percent Of Annual Community Chest Goal Is Reached

Good progress is reported in the Torrance Community Chest appeal, it is reported by Russell Lund, chairman, contributions here now amounting to \$5,232 from 669 donations, or 28.4 percent of the \$18,364 goal for the 152 Red Feather agencies.

Major portion of the funds brought in are the results of the work done by Frederick Cook, heading the Establishment Division; Rev. Mr. Paul Moore Wheeler, Special Gifts chairman and George L. Johnson, directing volunteer in the Business Division.

Work in the residential districts, which is headed by W. E. Bowen, is now expected to move steadily and quickly, thanks to the various ladies who have enlisted for this service, many of whom are now ready to take their teams into the field.

Latest enrollee in this unit is Mrs. Philomena McConlogue, who will have the assistance of the Catholic women in her territory.

Total contributions to the Chest from the 34 cities and towns joined in the annual appeal for funds to support dependent children, families in trouble, the needy sick in hospitals and clinics, and for youth character-building agencies, now amount to \$2,338,358, or 36.7 percent of the combined goals of \$6,493,200.

Torrance will be among the cities honored at the noon report rally on Tuesday, Nov. 26, in the Biltmore Bowl, Los Angeles.

Citizens are asked to help spread the campaign here by taking their Chest contributions to the District Welfare Center, which is supported by Chest funds, at 1839 Post ave.



W. E. Bowen is colonel of the residential division of the Community Chest drive for 152 Red Feather agencies, and he reports that his teams are ready to swing into action. Bowen asks all residents who are not giving through establishments of business divisions to be prepared for a knock on the door from one of his workers in this fund raising campaign for the 152 charity agencies.

North Torrance Voters Form New Water District By Five To One

By more than five to one, electors of North Torrance Tuesday voted to form Torrance Municipal Water District No. 2, and thus provide for a system which will bring to the area, Metropolitan Water District supply.

Residents cast 113 votes in favor of the formation of the district, and to float bonds amounting to \$174,000 to pay for water mains and lines to serve North Torrance. Only 21 votes were cast against the proposition, according to City Clerk A. H. Barrett.

Ballots will be canvassed by the City Council next Tuesday, and as soon as bonds are sold construction plans for the district will proceed, it was said. There were no absentee ballots.

Materials are reported to be available for necessary construction, and it is hoped that service can be started in the new district within a year.

Bonded by the new district is all the area within the city limits of Torrance west of Western ave. and north of 190th st., except that portion which is within Acquisition and Improvement District No. 124. In addition, a stretch of territory one-fourth mile wide south of 190th st. between Crenshaw Blvd. and the city line is included. This one-fourth mile stretch belongs to General Petroleum Corporation.

Residents of the new water district, long in need of an adequate supply for expansion as well as for immediate needs, were elated as results were announced. Considerable residential development is contemplated as a result of the election, several subdivisions already having been announced in the area.

Of the 169 qualified to vote, 134, or approximately 79 percent, went to the polls.

The vote was 113 "yes" to 21 "no."

Thus, if all the remaining electors who did not go to the polls, numbering 35, had voted "no," the \$174,000 water bond issue still would have carried by a little better than the necessary two-thirds majority.

As it was, the majority in favor of the bonds was more than four-fifths of those voting. Immediate steps are being taken to bring about sale of the bonds and construction of the water system, which will result in a big home development program in that area, it was said.

Torrance Map On File In Congress Library

Torrance is "officially on the map" in the Library of Congress once again, the new map published by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce for general distribution having been accepted there.

"The Library of Congress acknowledges with appreciation the material sent in response to our recent request and expresses the hope that the Library may be added to your mailing list to receive future publications of a similar nature," Luther H. Evans, librarian of Congress, told Blaine Walker, executive secretary of the Chamber.

REFERENDUM PETITIONS TO BLOCK SALES TAX MEASURE THREATENED BY MERCHANTS

Commercial, industrial and professional interests of Torrance do not want a sales tax levied by the City of Torrance on retail transactions, and referendum petitions will soon be on the street calling either for repeal of the sales tax ordinance to go into effect on Dec. 1 or submission of the measure to vote of the people.

Many Veterans' Pictures Still Held By Herald

Still uncalled for are original photographs of scores of Torrance area veterans, which were brought to the Torrance Herald in June for publication in the big 56-page "Veterans' Welcome Home" edition published in connection with the gigantic five-day Fourth of July celebration of Torrance dedicated to the men and women of the community who served during World War II.

These pictures are held at the business office, and if owners will please call for them as soon as possible, it will prevent possible loss or damage.

Hundreds of such pictures were received and published, and in the process they were left in the original condition. Those who may have thought that photographs would not be returnable are assured that if they will call for them, they will find them ready for that honored place on the mantle of that American home in Torrance.

While the ordinance will go into effect Dec. 1, under its terms the merchants plan to have referendum petitions on the street this weekend for the signatures of local electors.

Culver City To Vote Charter On January 7

The adoption of a new city charter requiring that Culver City maintain its own schools within the corporate limits of the city, will be voted on by the film city's residents Jan. 7.

The Culver City plan was decided upon after Torrance successfully adopted a charter, by nearly two to one, which provides among other things for the assumption of control of Torrance schools now in the Los Angeles system.

Culver City is using much of the type of campaign which was used in Torrance, her allegations against the Los Angeles school system including two principal points: That Los Angeles is taking money rightfully belonging to Culver City taxpayers and using it elsewhere in the gigantic and bulky Los Angeles system; that the pupils in Culver City attending the independent Culver City schools are getting a far superior education than those of the Los Angeles schools in Culver City.

Culver City now has jurisdiction over two schools, Washington Grammar school and Culver City grammar school. The other three, Barry Ross, La Ballona and Farragut drive elementary schools, are under the supervision of the Los Angeles school system, although they are in Culver City.

To Let Contract For Big New Local Pottery

The contract for construction of the gigantic \$2,500,000 American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corp. pottery in Torrance, will be awarded within 10 days, and construction will start within 60 days.

This was the announcement of Henry M. Reed Jr., vice president and general manager, who informed Blaine Walker, secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, that Walter Prack, engineer in charge, was to arrive in Torrance at once to supervise the application for building permits and details of construction.

The Pittsburgh, Pa., corporation purchased from the Pacific Electric Co., through Dave Porter, industrial agent, a 47-acre tract of land at Crenshaw Blvd. and 263rd st. as a site for the Torrance plant which will manufacture vitreous china plumbing fixtures for Southern States and Oriental markets.

More than 600 men will be employed initially by the company.

Armed Robbery Nets Thief \$350 At Bottle Shop

Torrance Bottle Shop was robbed of approximately \$350 last evening.

Fred H. Hansen, 25, of 2552 Sonoma ave., manager, told police that a young man in his early twenties entered the store at 7 p.m. and informed him: "Buddy, this is a stick up. Don't make a false move or I'll fill you full of 38 caliber holes!"

Hansen said that the robber then ordered him to lay flat on his face behind the counter while he took some \$350 from the cash register.

The bandit, according to Hansen, instructed him to remain quiet after taking the haul, then fled in a waiting automobile. The Bottle Shop, located at 2087 Torrance Blvd., is owned by the Isen interests.

STATE RAILROAD COMMISSION OKAYS QUANDT PLANT SALE

The Railroad Commission of the State of California Monday authorized the sale and transfer of the Quandt Pumping Station (Charles H. Quandt) to Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1.

The system was purchased for \$36,500 for use as a foundation for building the entire Walteria water system, Quandt having served several hundred customers there from his well for years.

DRUNK DRIVING

On her plea of guilty in City Court Friday to drunk driving, Mrs. Florence Wagner, 30, 912 W. 263rd st., received a 90-day suspended jail sentence from Judge John Shidler, who fined the woman \$100 and revoked her driver's license for the ensuing 30 days.