

# TORRANCE HERALD

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## Street Improvement Plans Filed For King, Thomas To Be Guests At Port Dinner

Street improvement plans on the Homer Bales tract at the northeast corner of 174th st. and Crenshaw blvd. have been filed with the office of City Engineer G. M. Jain, and the tract map already having been tentatively approved, Bales is preparing to proceed with a large scale construction program.

## Rep. Ceell R. King (D) of the 17th congressional district which includes Torrance and Lomita will be guest of honor or next Friday at a reception and dinner at the Oslo cafe.

The dinner also honors Assemblyman Vincent Thomas of the 68th district.

The 68th assembly district Democratic clubs, sponsors, announced the event is open to republicans as well as democrats.

"This will be a friendly get-together prior to Mr. King's departure for Washington," said Mrs. Clara Golden, a democratic party leader here. A reception and entertainment will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 when a smorgasbord dinner will be served. Mrs. Golden said 150 tickets already have been sold.

## More Funds Voted For Study Of Saline Inroads

The Board of Supervisors has directed a letter to the United States Geological Survey agreeing to contribute an additional \$1,500 toward completion of the study of pollution through salt water intrusion and industrial wastes of the domestic and industrial water supply of the West Coastal Basin located shoreward of the Inglewood Fault and between the Palos Verdes Hills and the Santa Monica mountains.

In June of 1943, the Board authorized the Los Angeles Flood Control District to enter into an agreement for such a survey, which would also determine the potential yield of this area relative to the sufficiency of the existing ground water supply or need of importation.

Increased costs and other factors beyond the control of the U. S. Geological Survey make necessary this additional allocation of funds and since it is of so much importance to this area the West Basin Water Association has agreed to return \$1,000 of this amount to the Los Angeles Flood Control District.

According to the engineer's office, 190 homes will be constructed on the tract.

Meanwhile, Metro Construction Company's effort to have 186th street relocated west of Crenshaw boulevard has been denied by the City Planning Commission due to the fact that it would result in a "jog" in the street and make it necessary for plans for two other subdivisions on Crenshaw blvd. to be changed. The company desired to have the street pass through the center of its property, whereas the original map filed provided for frontage of lots on both 186th st. and 185th st. The planning body ruled that the original plan would have to be followed. Sixty-six houses will be built there.

It was revealed that the Federal Housing Administration had rejected another North Torrance tract for mutual mortgage insurance. The latest rejection is that of Truman Brown's property, consisting of 93 lots adjoining the Edison Co. right of way on Hawthorne blvd. near 180th st.

Previously, the Thomas A. Johnson tract at 182nd and Hawthorne blvd. had been rejected, but Johnson has about completed his plans to proceed without benefit of F.H.A. insurance. The Kettler tract at Narbonne ave. and Sepulveda blvd. also had been rejected, but later was approved. However, the Kettler interests are attempting to get approval for a better house than was allowed by the F.H.A. it is said.

## YWCA Program Hingeing On Chest Drive

Whether or not Torrance will have a Young Women's Christian Association worker depends upon the response to the present Community Chest campaign for this area. Lynn D. Mowat, general manager of the Los Angeles Area Community Welfare Federation, has told Mrs. Ronald J. Memmuis, representing the Junior Woman's club in its effort to get the assignment of a worker to Torrance.

The Junior women have raised a considerable fund for Y.W.C.A. operations here, and have been seeking the assignment of a regular secretary to the community. Otherwise, the group must become a part of the San Pedro Y.W.C.A., it was said.

Mowat told Mrs. Memmuis, in part: "I must tell you quite frankly that whether or not it will be possible for an agency to have additional staff people added this fall, is a matter which depends upon the response made to the current campaign.

"Unless the goal is exceeded the amount available is going to be insufficient to maintain the present going program because of rising costs.

"The campaign is slow but we hope that with the help of everybody interested it will finally struggle through to a good conclusion. I want you to understand clearly, however, that I can make no commitments at all on this matter. It is a recognized need for an expansion of program among other recognized needs. Whether or not it can be met will depend upon the budget committee's decision and upon the decision of the San Pedro Y.W.C.A. when the total amount which will be available to them for the coming budget year is known.

"In any event, I am sure that the San Pedro Y.W.C.A. will give you all possible service, and I do want to compliment your group on laying the ground work for what we know some day we will be able to fully accomplish."

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