

CHAMBER, NUMEROUS LOCAL GROUPS DEMAND IMMEDIATE EXPANSION OF BUS LINES

Torrance Chamber of Commerce joined the numerous civic and commercial groups of Torrance in a vigorous demand to the City Council to acquire new equipment and expand local municipal bus service or to take immediate steps to meet the rising transportation emergency.

Termining the problem one which involves public health, convenience and necessity, the Chamber of Commerce directors adopted a resolution declaring that such means as are at hand should be taken to acquire new transportation equipment to serve each section of the rapidly expanding community.

New subdivisions are springing up in each section of the 19 square mile area which is Torrance, and efforts must be inaugurated at once to serve the people with an adequate transportation system, it was said.

The Chamber's resolution has been added to demands of the following organizations for immediate purchase of equipment to enlarge the transportation service of the city: Torrance Educational council; Torrance Welfare council; Torrance City School district; El Camino Junior college district; Harbor General hospital; Torrance Lions club; North American Aviation Co.; Retail Merchants division of the Chamber of Commerce; Seaside Ranchos; California-Nevada tract; Torrance Manor; California State Employment service and others.

It was revealed recently that the City of Torrance now is paying a profit of approximately \$1,600 a month on two new buses recently put in service.

The payments can be cut to \$1,400 a month on a five-year lease purchase plan and four more new buses can be acquired, making a total of six, it is said. On this plan, unless the city moves to acquire additional equipment, which will pay for itself, the schools must buy several new buses. The school buses will be a complete drain on the taxpayers since no charge can be made for carrying students in school buses.

Bids For New Nativity School Being Checked

Bids from six contractors on the construction of the new Catholic School of the Nativity were opened Tuesday and the contract will be awarded next week, the Rev. P. J. McGuinness, pastor of the Church of the Nativity, has announced.

Following the awarding of the construction contract, ground breaking ceremonies will be held at the school site, Carson st., and Acacia ave.

To aid in the fund raising for the school, a three-day bazaar will be held beginning Friday, Oct. 17.

Cecil W. Smith Mentioned For City Council

Cecil W. Smith, runner-up in the last councilmanic election, was being mentioned prominently this week as a possible candidate for the Council vacancy created by the resignation of George V. Powell.

Smith is among a half dozen candidates for appointment who have been named. Councilman C. Merton Gilbert said that he is backing Smith because he does not want a deadlock to develop between members of the Council over the appointment, and because he does not want the issue to be forced to an expensive election. He said that Smith is the logical candidate, since he was given a high vote of acceptance by the people at the last municipal election.

The deadlock referred to probably would develop with Mayor J. Hugh Sherfy Jr. and Councilman A. L. Jackson on one side, and Councilmen W. H. Tolson and Gilbert on the other.

"All I am interested in is harmony and economy," Gilbert said in explaining his stand. Other prospective candidates for the office which will expire in May are Bob Haggard, realtor; B. T. Whitney, loan agency owner; Sam Levy, merchant; I. J. Hallanger, realtor and former city accountant, and D. A. "Spud" Murphy, American Legion post commander.

Bleachers At Torrance High Are Condemned

Torrance high school will lose three sections of bleachers on the north side of the athletic field, according to L. W. Waller, principal of the school. The decision to remove the bleachers came after insurance engineers had ordered the bleachers completely rebuilt and re-enforced or demolished. All underpinning has decayed to such proportions that the risk of using the bleachers would be great, according to a safety committee representative from the Redondo Union high school district.

Since arrangements have been made to play all football games away from Torrance and only the "B" football games will be played on the local field, it is felt that the bleachers on the south side of the field will accommodate all attendance for the present time. Many improvements are needed on the athletic field and the new bleachers will have to be considered as one of these at the present time.

Did Not Intend To Harm Dog, Gotts Declares

"Blackie," mixed male spaniel, was well on the road to complete recovery yesterday as Charles Gotts, well-known Torrance restaurant operator, was preparing to go into City court tomorrow to answer charges that he kicked the dog after he had ejected the animal several times from the cafe.

Dr. Rollin R. Smith, veterinarian whom Gotts called after he learned that he had injured the animal, said he had viewed the dog and found it approaching normalcy.

According to Gotts, the dog, unlicensed, had entered Vurpas cafe early in the evening of Sept. 20 and had made a mess on the floor. Gotts said he coaxed the animal out the front door, and it later returned through the side bar door and repeated the offense. He closed both doors after again coaxing the animal out, and it reentered through the third door on the north side of the cafe. Again, Gotts said, he took the animal out.

After returning from a party with his family and some friends early Sunday morning, Sept. 21, he found the animal in Daniels cafe, and that it had messed the floor of the newly-decorated "Green Room" banquet hall in the rear. Gotts declared he picked up the animal and carried it out the back door and tried to make it leave. When it refused,

OLD FASHIONED NEIGHBORLY DUTY

"The Community Chest is nothing in God's world but the ancient American spirit which built our land. It is the voice of American people assembling us to do first hand and of our own volition, quite beyond laws, our old-fashioned neighborly duty. The sense of neighborly duty is the steel in the structure that we know as the United States." From a talk of the late William Allen White, editor of Emporia (Kansas) Gazette.

The responsible citizens of the metropolitan area have now immediately before them the common work of organizing for their annual Community Chest campaign to provide funds for the services of their self-created veterans, health, welfare and youth agencies, each giving a neighborhood to tens of thousands of people in one of the greatest metropolitan areas in the world, without distinction as to racial extraction or religion.

Due to tremendous expansion of population, which is still growing; to high costs of food, medical supplies and operation, the community has been asked to provide \$7,322,240, to finance its 159 hospitals, clinics, children's homes, youth citizenship training groups, family and veteran's services, which otherwise would be obliged to conduct 159 separate fund-raising appeals each year. These agencies give service throughout 17 cities which have joined for federated financing of their shared social services.

Already leaders have come forward to organize volunteers in more than seventy separate communities. Now men and women are asked to come forward and donate a few days, half-days or evenings in common service for the community good. The campaign will extend from October 15th to November 15th, and citizens may work when and where they wish, and for such portion of their time as is convenient.

Neighborhoodness was never more important to America than it is today, for our strength and our security.

Please take your place with the representative citizens of our community. Sign up now for service later, that you may have full information as to the work of our Community Chest. Our chairman is Sam Levy. He may be reached at 1503 El Prado or by phoning 121-W. He is being assisted by George H. Johnson and B. T. Whitney, as division chairmen. Information also is available through the Campaign Headquarters at 1514 Cravens St., telephone 1601 or 1602.

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SONG QUEENS . . . Leading the crowd in song at the Torrance High football opener last week were the school's "Song Queens," (left to right) Dorothy DeWitt, Beverly Crook, Ginger Shu, Peggy Crook, and Joanne Thienhaus. The girls, elected by the THS students, are holding their red pom-poms used in directing the singing, and were dressed in the Torrance red and white. (Torrance Herald photo).

SCHOOLS BUY QUONSETS TO AID IN HANDLING OF EXTRA STUDENTS; 1916 ENROLLED

Enrollment in Torrance City School District reached 1,916 students this week, and school officials were arranging the shifting of certain students to compensate for the fact that some classes had more students than anticipated, and others less.

The principal shift will be the promotion of certain students from sixth grade to seventh grade, classes for this and the eighth grade being held in Torrance high school.

The enrollment for the week is: Torrance elementary . . . 644 Fern avenue . . . 492 Perry . . . 234 Walteria . . . 172 7th and 8th grades (Jr. Hl.) 374 High school enrollment this week reached 704 students, nearly 200 more than anticipated, and 93 more than the school had provided for in books and equipment.

The total elementary and high school enrollment for Torrance is 2,626, according to figures released yesterday.

Purchases for caring for additional students have been authorized by the boards involved. In a report to the people on school enrollment and capacity, in the "Open Door," official Torrance City Board of Education publication, Superintendent of Schools J. Henrich Hill describes the housing situation as follows: "Torrance Elementary Schools have 52 classrooms, or a capacity of 1,820 pupils. There are 3 additional classrooms which are now being used for warehouse space on the Torrance Elementary School grounds.

"Torrance Elementary School has 22 classrooms, Fern Avenue has 14 classrooms, Walteria School has 8 classrooms, if we count the two rooms that can be made out of the auditorium, and Perry School has 8 classrooms, including the 3 bungalows, which have been moved to that site.

"The Board of Education has succeeded in purchasing three quonset huts at \$535.00 per building, which are 20' x 40' buildings. These buildings were purchased

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Boy, 5, Killed In Attempt To Jump On Truck

Paul Gomez, 5 years old, was killed instantly when he fell under the wheels of a truck driven by Fred D. Alderete, 23750 Pennsylvania ave., at the intersection of 239th st. and Pennsylvania ave., Monday afternoon.

The other children stated that the boy had attempted to jump on the side of the truck and fell under the wheels. The body was taken to Gandy's mortuary, Lomita. Alderete was not held.

BULLDOZER BOUGHT FOR USE AT CITY AIRPORT

The City of Torrance has purchased a light bulldozer for Torrance Municipal airport.

The tractor will be used in leveling operations and was bought from war surplus equipment.

HUNDREDS IN TRIBUTE TO LATE JUDGE CARRELL

Hundreds of friends and associates from throughout Southern California gathered in the Baptist church, Gardena, Tuesday morning at 11 a. m., to pay their last respects to Frank Robert Carrell, justice of the peace in the local township since 1929, who died Saturday at 2 a. m., in Torrance Memorial hospital, after a short illness. Heart failure was the cause of death, it was said.



JUDGE FRANK R. CARRELL His Passing Here Is Mourned

New Addresses Needed On Rural Route 1

Patrons along the new Torrance Rural Route in North Torrance have been asked by Postmaster C. Earl Conner to notify their correspondents, publishers and places doing business through the mail, of their new postoffice addresses.

Where mail of patrons on the route formerly had to be addressed as "Gardena, Calif." or "Redondo Beach, Calif.," it now should be addressed "Torrance, Calif.," in order to avoid delay in service.

Gardena and Redondo postoffices will send the mail involved to the Torrance postoffice, but it will necessitate a day's delay in delivery. Postmaster Conner pointed out.

The new Rural Route No. 1 is as follows: From 190th and Western ave. west to Arlington ave.; north to 182nd st.; west to Crenshaw blvd.; north to 174th st.; west to Yukon ave.; south to 177th st. and return to 174th st.; west to Prairie ave.; south to Hickman drive; west to Bailey drive; south to 182nd st.; east to Costa Dairy and return on 182nd to Prairie; south to 190th st.; west to Hawthorne blvd.; south to Huntington st.

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CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY WILL LAUNCH MANAGER PLAN

What this town needs is a good City Manager! With this goal as their No. 1 project representatives of many civic-minded organizations will meet next Monday evening, Oct. 6, in the Chamber offices to discuss a broad program for streamlining the operations of Torrance municipal government.

Sherfy May Quit Council Due To Brawl

That Mayor J. Hugh Sherfy Jr. may resign his office as a member of the City Council of Torrance, as an aftermath of a barroom fracas in which his clothes were reported badly tattered and his face beaten, and in which Councilman C. M. Gilbert was hurt, was an unconfirmed rumor being circulated in Torrance yesterday.

Mayor Sherfy was out of town at Sun Valley, and could not be reached for a statement, but it was reported that he was considerably "embarrassed" by the incident, which took place early Friday, Sept. 15, in and outside the Sports Club bar.

"It was all in fun," was Councilman Gilbert's explanation of the affair.

Councilman Gilbert, reached this week after returning from a week spent at his Antelope Valley ranch, denied widely circulated reports that a fight took place between himself and Mayor Sherfy. "We were just wrestling," Gilbert said, mentioning that several others were involved in the affair.

Gilbert suffered a bad leg injury, and said he felt hitting his head over the right eye. He has been seen about town on crutches since the affair.

233 More New Homes Proposed In Two Tracts

Two new tract maps, calling for 233 new homes in Torrance, will be placed before the City Planning Commission at its meeting on Tuesday night.

One is the map for the second phase of Kettler Knolls, at Cabrillo and Sepulveda blvd. This will be tract No. 14833, and involve 96 homes.

The other is the Riviera Housing Corp. tract in Hollywood Riviera section of Torrance, involving 137 new homes. It is tract No. 14898. The development of the new Kettler tract will mean the opening of Cabrillo ave. from Sepulveda blvd. south to connect with Eshelman ave., providing a new traffic outlet from Torrance to the south.

Weather Report

TEMPERATURE		
24	78	61
25	79	59
26	78	58
27	74	58
28	70	60
29	72	58

Realizing that to be successful, such an extensive program of modernization must have the support of every segment of the electorate, more than thirty organizations representing every phase of community activities have been invited to participate in the discussion and to perfect the plan.

So far, 18 organizations have named their representatives to the conferences.

They are: V.F.W. Auxiliary Post No. 3251, represented by Mrs. Frankie Brown, secretary; American Legion Post No. 170, J. R. Wilkes, adjutant; Torrance Camera club, Homer B. Morgan; Torrance Industries committee, R. I. Plomer Jr.; Loyal Order of Moose No. 785, Morris T. Nicholson; Torrance Breakfast club, Fred Bever, president; To-La-Ha club, Mary Fowler; Elvans club, Tommy Thompson; Lions club, Albert Isen; St. Andrew's church, Mrs. Grace Stewart, secretary; Rotary club, James Lynch, president; Torrance-Lomita Realty board, W. E. Bowen; St. Cecilia guild, Mrs. Elsie Huber; Torrance Area Youth band, band member; Women of the Moose No. 44, Ida Mae Ambach; Torrance Junior Woman's club, Mrs. H. F. Jensen; Veteran's Service center, J. Caldwell; Woman's club, Mrs. W. I. Laughon, president, and Western Civic organization, B. J. Michels.

Organizations which have been invited to attend, but who have not yet designated their representatives include: United Steel Workers of America No. 1414 C.I.O. Business and Professional Women, Catholic Daughters, Central Church, Eastern Star, Lutheran church.

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Bus Service, Parking For Friday's Game

Redondo Bowl promises to be crowded to a point beyond its capacity tomorrow night when Torrance High School Tartans open the Bay league grid season with the Redondo Seahawks.

Principal Lloyd Waller said that there is ample parking for football fans at the north end of the Bowl. This will eliminate the necessity of parking on the streets above the bowl.

Those who do not have cars can get transportation to the entrance of the Bowl by Torrance Municipal Bus lines, the buses leaving Torrance high school tomorrow night at 7 o'clock and the Beacon Drug terminal at 7:10 p.m., following Torrance blvd. to Redondo Beach.

Sherfy Seeks Administrative Officer Here

Circumventing the aims of the Citizens' Committee seeking a City Manager form of government for Torrance, Mayor J. Hugh Sherfy, Jr. has inserted an advertisement in "Western City" inviting applications for the "new position" of administrative officer of the City of Torrance.

The advertisement appeared in the current issue of "Western City," although city officials had expressed their support of the program to bring about an amendment to the City Charter to provide for a City Manager form of government. Chamber of Commerce officials have opposed the "Administrative Officer" appointment because he would be subject to the whims of the Council, and because it would result in frustration and perhaps abandonment of City Managers plans.

The advertisement apparently was inserted by Sherfy without formal action of the City Council, and it reads:

"ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. City of Torrance (population 12,200) invites applications from qualified persons for the new position of Administrative Officer, Under Council supervision, the position will include responsibility for budgeting, purchasing, personnel and general direction and co-ordination of all city departments. Apply by letter or in person to Mayor J. Hugh Sherfy, Jr., City Hall, Torrance, Calif."

First Helicopter Mail Route Is Inaugurated

The world's first helicopter mail route was inaugurated yesterday with John J. Gillen, acting second assistant postmaster general, representing Postmaster General Hannegan at the opening ceremonies.

The first plane flew from Los Angeles airport to the terminal annex roof.

Apart from the airport shuttle flight, a route covering the cities of Pasadena, Alhambra, Monrovia, Glendale, Burbank, North Hollywood, Van Nuys and Santa Monica was opened.

Torrance and other harbor cities will be on a route to be established as soon as helicopters arrive.

Los Angeles Airways, Inc., is the government contractor on the helicopter mail project.



TIMBER . . . A modern lumberjack, wielding a bull dozer instead of the usual axe, clears a tree from the vacant lot on the west side of El Prado Ave. in the 1300 block to make way for the parking lot to be located there. This is the third downtown lot to be utilized for parking. The city has the owner's consent and is leveling and surfacing the properties to provide more parking space in the Torrance business district. (Torrance Herald photo).