



JUDGE SHIDLER TAKES OFFICE . . . In the presence of some 200 civic and political leaders of Los Angeles County, Judge John A. Shidler was sworn in Monday at noon as Justice of the Peace of the Southwest township, with courtrooms at 166th and Western Ave. The upper photo shows, left to right, County Clerk Earl Lippold, Superior Judge Leslie Still and Judge Shidler as Judge Still, who administered the oath to Shidler, was recording his action. Lower photo shows Chairman Raymond V. Darby, of the Board of Supervisors, Mrs. Shidler (Rosemary DeCamp), Judge Still, Judge Shidler and Supervisor Leonard Roach, as Mrs. Shidler admires the gavel given to the new Justice of the Peace by Mayor J. Hugh Sherfy, Jr., of Torrance. (Both photos by Torrance Herald).

JOHN A. SHIDLER INSTALLED AS JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

In the presence of some 200 civic leaders, friends and associates, John A. Shidler, Torrance, was sworn into office as Justice of the Peace of the Southwest township Monday at noon. The oath was administered by Superior Judge Leslie Still, witnessed officially by County Clerk Earl Lippold. Complimenting Judge Shidler after the ceremony which took place in the courtroom at 166th St. and Western ave., Judge Still declared that as an attorney and City Judge of Torrance, Judge Shidler has been a thorough lawyer who has done a good job. "His training will place him in good stead here."

Supervisor Chairman Raymond V. Darby, in whose district the township which in-

CHEST DRIVE FOR WEEK BRINGS TOTAL OF \$4093

First official reports of contributions in the Torrance Community Chest campaign amount to \$4,093 or 28.3 percent of the goal of \$14,525 established as this city's share of the over-all Red Feather goal of \$7,322,240. Chairman Sam Levy announced yesterday.

Levy said that contributions to date represent in the main the work of the Special Gifts Committee under Vice-President B. T. Whitney and the Establishments division headed by George L. Johnson. Both groups have been at work for several weeks.

Residential volunteers who had their final "kick-off" meeting last Tuesday are expected to turn in reports within the next few days.

Residents throughout Torrance who will be called upon by volunteers are asked to cooperate in the campaign in order to put this community, "over the top in the shortest possible time."

Levy pointed out that a "pledge" to the Chest over a period of time is as valuable as an outright cash donation since Red Feather agencies work for people around the clock, throughout the year and there is constant demand upon them for services.

"We must remember," he said, "that we are not giving to one of two agencies, but 159 which join together each year in a federated campaign, thereby reducing fund-raising expenses and a constant stream of appeals on the public from many individual causes. We must give enough to enable them all to carry on their work."

The campaign is scheduled to end on Nov. 15th and citizens are urged to help volunteers in their work by making pledges or donations promptly in order to avoid "call-backs" and have all assignments complete by that time.

BUXTON ELECTED TO CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of Torrance Chamber of Commerce elected Bronson C. Buxton to the Board, taking the place of the Rev. Paul M. Wheeler, at its meeting Monday night.

Buxton is president of Torrance-Lomita Realty Board and a city councilman.

\$1,327 PAID OPERATOR OF AIRPORT IN TWO MONTHS

E. Y. Tarkington, airport manager for the City of Torrance on the newly acquired Army-developed field on 101 Highway in South Torrance, has received \$1,327.50 in the past two months as his 85 percent share of the income from the airport, according to records of City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, the city's finance officer.

During the month of September the City of Torrance received \$148.11 net from the airport operation and Tarkington got \$765.00. In the month of October the City of Torrance received \$248.66 net and Tarkington got \$562.50. The City also paid \$56.18 in expenses for that period, although it was understood that the airport manager was to pay all expenses from his 85 percent of the income.

Since the City of Torrance started operations in June, the net income of the city has been \$1,749.79, according to City Clerk Bartlett. This figure includes the month of October.

Pay-Less Will Reopen Struck Torrance Store

Answering the challenge of the Torrance Herald in a recent editorial addressed jointly to the operators of closed stores here and Haskell Tidwell, secretary of the Retail Clerks Union, that they either "get together or get out of town," a top-flight official of the Owl-Sonlag Co. admitted to a Herald representative yesterday that his company had decided to withdraw from Torrance, San Pedro and Wilmington.

Stores in all three cities have been sold to Pay-Less Drug Co., a large chain of drug stores operating throughout the Pacific Coast. Reopening of the closed stores by the new owners may take place as soon as next weekend, it was announced. Nathan Sontag and David Albert, Jr. will direct the operations of Pay-Less in this area, it was learned.

Nathan Sontag, while founder of the original Sontag group, is no longer connected with its operation. The Sontag store name was sold several years ago to United-Rexall.

Haskell Tidwell, secretary of the Retail Clerks Union, it is understood is under contract with Pay-Less at a small San Pedro store already. He is reported to have received a call to supply clerks beginning next week for the former Sontag-Owl stores.

Chamber Ballots Must Be In By Monday, Nov. 17

Ballots for the election of two members to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce must be marked and returned by noon Monday, Nov. 17, according to Bernard Lee, chairman of the election committee.

Two men are elected yearly from the membership to serve a three-year term of office on the board. The terms of Reed H. Parkin, I. Washer and Grover C. Whyte are expiring. Charles Jones, B. C. Buxton, C. T. Rippey, Deana L. Sears and E. I. Ploniet, Jr., will continue in office.

Lee is assisted as chairman of the election committee by William Zoeller and Bob Haggard.

Torrance Owner Of Beached Boat Called Negligent

John Slappy of Torrance, whose fishing boat, The Tab, went aground Saturday during the high wind, was one of two boat owners criticized for negligence by Gordon McRae, operator of the Monstad pier of Redondo Beach Monday.

Slappy and Fred Fisher of Redondo Beach both found their boats total losses. The craft had been valued at \$5000 apiece. McRae said, "this unnecessary loss is an example of what happens when a skipper fails to exercise proper precautions."

The Sabe was found to have been tied by the anchor rope to the stern of another craft contrary to the fundamental laws of seamanship, according to McRae. This left no way to secure an anchor to save the boat.

DR. WOOD NAMED TO BOARD OF COUNTY TRUSTEES GROUP

Dr. Howard A. Wood, president of the Torrance Board of Education, has been named to the board of directors of the County Trustees' Association by C. C. Carpenter, assistant county superintendent of schools.

The group is an advisory council which meets several times yearly to discuss problems and policies in connection with schools throughout Los Angeles County.

SOUND SCRIBER OK'D
Torrance City Board of Education approved the purchase of a sound scriber at \$632.35 on the recommendation of the administration Tuesday night.

G. M. Jain Leaves Stormy Engineer Job for New Post



LEAVES 'STORMY' DESK . . . Glenn M. Jain, Torrance City Engineer for nine years, whose career here was a stormy one, resigned this week to take a similar position in Redwood City, at much better pay. He is shown at his desk in the City Hall here as he was preparing to "pack up" to take over his Northern job on Nov. 17. (Torrance Herald photo).

CITY MANAGER PLAN SENT TO COUNCIL FOR VOTE OF PEOPLE AT APRIL ELECTION

The completed draft of the proposed amendment to the City Charter providing for a City Manager form of government in Torrance was unanimously approved by members of the Citizens Committee Tuesday evening. It will be transmitted immediately to the City Council with the recommendation that arrangements be made for submitting the amendment to the electorate at the April, 1948, municipal election.

Reception For Teachers To Be Held Tonight

Teachers and administrators of the Torrance City School District will be honored at a reception at 8 this evening in the auditorium of Torrance Elementary school, according to Mrs. George A. Bradford, chairman of the affair.

Sponsored by the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee, made up of representatives of some 25 organizations in Torrance, the reception will be open to the public as well as to members of organizations in the educational council.

"We want the community to welcome our new teachers, and to know and meet all members of the school staff," Mrs. Bradford said. "There won't be any 'shop-talk' about our children's problems, for this is just an opportunity to build friendships with educators of this district."

Tri-Hi-Y girls will serve, she announced. Teaching staff members will wear white name cards, while the Educational Committee will be identified with colored name plates.

A musical program will be arranged by Abe Milstein. Mrs. Bradford will be assisted by Mrs. D. A. Murphy, Mrs. W. E. Bowen, and L. Milton Isbell.

Banks, Schools Close Tuesday, Armistice Day

Armistice Day will be observed as a holiday in Torrance City schools Tuesday, Nov. 11.

Appropriate programs will be presented in the classrooms on Monday.

Banks, public offices and most food stores will close Tuesday, but other stores will remain open.

The regular meeting of Torrance City Council will be held Wednesday night, Nov. 12 instead of Tuesday.

No special programs are being planned for Armistice Day by veterans' organizations

City Engineer Glenn M. Jain, whose office has been a storm center in the City Hall for years but who always comes out "right" according to the letter of the law, has resigned to take a better-paying position as City Engineer of Redwood City, above Palo Alto.

57 New Homes To Start In Torrance Tract

Fifty-seven homes will be built in the near future on Tract 8202 in the Walteria section of Torrance by Alfred M. Shinn, 5158 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, bringing actual and potential private housing in this area up to 1,376 homes on five tracts.

To be located on Walnut, Ocean, Newton, and Bluff sts., the new homes will face on 34-foot streets. Shinn has put up \$7,107.88 to cover cost of installation of water mains by the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1, and says that a sewer will be installed soon for the area.

Developers of private housing now underway in other parts of the city are:

Ben Haggott, building 600 homes at Seaside Ranchos; California-Nevada Properties, Inc., putting up 519 residences; Torrance Manor, building 200 homes, and John Kettler, constructing 200 homes at Kettler-Knolls.

'Hot' Wire Drops In School Yard

A letter of complaint has been addressed to the Southern California Edison Co. by the Torrance Board of Education about the recent incident when a high-tension power line broke and dropped into the yard at the Perry school.

Luckily there were no children in the yard at the time and no one was hurt, but the "hot" wire burned the grass and fence in several places.

The board letter demands installation of a circuit breaker in the line that would turn off the current immediately if another break were to occur.

CITY MAIL DELIVERY FOR SEASIDE RANCHOS STARTS THROUGH TORRANCE OFFICE

City mail delivery, door to door, through the Torrance post office was started in Seaside Ranchos yesterday, according to Postmaster C. Earl Conner.

Long sought by residents of the new home tract being developed by Ben Haggott in Southwest Torrance, the order for city mail delivery through the Torrance office came from First Assistant Postmaster General after a thorough survey of the area.

Resistance to the Torrance delivery had been offered by Redondo Beach interests, whose postoffice now serves a portion of North, West and Southwest Torrance.

Institution of the Torrance city mail service at Seaside Ranchos was hailed by the postal patrons, and it completed a second step in a long-range program to unify all Torrance mail under one (Torrance) postoffice.

Recently, at the request of residents and promoted by civic interests, a rural route was established to serve a great area in North Torrance which previously had been served by Redondo Beach and Gardena postoffice rural routes.

Since the residents of the outlying districts of Torrance are served by Torrance municipal water departments, license departments, Torrance City schools, Police and Fire departments, considerable loss of time and important mail has resulted from service through the Redondo, Gardena and Lomita postoffices. The drive to unify mail will continue until completed, local interests said.

Postmaster Conner said that he placed a collection box in the tract, and that mail delivery will be daily starting at 10 a.m.

Torrance Municipal Bus Lin. will institute bus service to and through the tract as soon as newly ordered equipment arrives.

Jain will receive \$550 a month as City Engineer of Redwood City, in charge of all streets, water department, construction of a sewage disposal plant and other new buildings, contemplated in the Northern California city.

His resignation is the third in the Torrance City Hall in recent weeks, the first being that of G. V. Powell, from the City Council, and Justice of the Peace John A. Shidler, from his City Court judgeship.

The City Council received Jain's resignation, effective November 15, Tuesday afternoon, and no selection of a successor has been made.

It has been known that Jain contemplated accepting the Redwood City post and several candidates for the job are reported to have made approaches to members of the City Council.

Jain turned down the Redwood City offer last week, when only \$500 a month was offered. Redwood City then jumped the offer to \$550 a month, in a telegram from City Manager E. A. Rollison, and Jain accepted. He will report for duty in the north on November 17.

In his letter of resignation, Jain told the City Council:

"I wish to present my resignation as City Engineer and Director of Public Works, effective November 15th, 1947. I have accepted the position of City Engineer at Redwood City, at a salary of \$115 more per month than I now receive from the City of Torrance. I feel that the broad experience offered in their immediate \$1,000,000 construction program, in addition to the appreciable increase in salary, is well worth the change."

"I wish to sincerely thank all the members of the City Council and all department heads and other employees for their cooperation and friendship. It has been an enjoyable 9 1/2 years which I have spent in the City family and

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FRIDAY OR SATURDAY NIGHT SHOPPING, ISSUE

Tomorrow night marks the fourth Friday evening that Torrance merchants have remained open to serve the people of this city and surrounding areas.

The Merchants Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce announced Tuesday following its meeting that its members had not been able to determine whether or not the Friday night opening plan has met with approval of the majority of local shoppers. Reports at the Tuesday meeting by various retailers indicated that the community was somewhat divided in opinion on the matter.

Irving Wieder, acting president of the Merchants' group, said, "We wish to serve the shoppers of this community with opening and closing store hours which will be of most convenience. For this reason, we feel that this question should be decided by the citizens of this community."

"We therefore request the Torrance Herald to publish a straw vote ballot on the question, the results of which our group will use as a deciding factor on this issue. The ballot follows:

Mail or bring to any Torrance merchant or the Merchants Division, Torrance Chamber of Commerce Torrance, Calif.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
SHALL TORRANCE STORES CLOSE ON SATURDAY NIGHTS AND REMAIN OPEN ON FRIDAY NIGHTS	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Only those votes received prior to Monday, Nov. 10, will be counted.	