



WARM WELCOME . . . Lt. Commander Paul W. Frazier, executive officer of the icebreaker U.S.S. Burton Island, receives a family welcome upon his arrival at his Seaside Ranchos home after completing a record breaking mid-winter cruise to the frozen north. "Daddy" Frazier holding daughter, Paula, gets a smooch from year-and-a-half old son Johnny being held by Mrs. Frazier. —Herald Photo.

## Executive Officer of Navy Ship Welcomed Home from Record Voyage to Alaska

Lt. Comm. Paul W. Frazier, 28-year-old executive officer of the "ship that leans against the ice" is back at his Sea-

side Ranchos home this week with tales of the far north gathered on a trip that took icebreaker U.S.S. Burton Island

within 20 miles of the Bering Straits in the dead of winter. Waiting at the door of 5406 Sharynne Lane to greet the seafarer was the commander's petite wife, Marty, and the couple's two children, Paula, two-and-a-half years, and little Johnny, one-and-a-half years. Commander Frazier was second in command of the first ship to break a trail through the ice to reach Ukivok Village, 600 miles north of the Aleutian Islands, in mid-winter.

The event was heralded in Nome, Alaska, as the "biggest thing since the gold rush."

Some of the yarns he was spinning included one about the dance the natives held in the school house for the crew of the Navy vessel. The commander claims he prefers the American way of dancing in place of the Eskimos' "jitterbug" sessions. The men dance alone and the women dance sitting down.

He gathered several interesting facts about the northern natives and points out that:

Eskimos do not live in dome-shaped ice houses as indicated on ice cream wrappers.

All Eskimo houses are called "igloos" regardless of construction.

Most of the natives live in driftwood houses.

They all like and chew American made bubble gum.

Because there is no soil on Ukivok Island the natives can not bury their dead. They place the bodies at the top of the hill and let the raw weather do the rest.

In Nome, Alaska butchers ar-

## County Planning Improvement of Torrance Beach

Creation of a bathing beach along Torrance's mile-long shore line came a step nearer reality this week as the result of action taken by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

The board agreed to purchase 792 feet of beach frontage if the state would purchase an equal amount.

Under the plan the county would purchase the frontage, providing the state matches that amount, then deed it to the state. The state would then lease the property back to the county on a 50 year lease.

Plans call for removing 3,000,000 cubic yards of sand from the bluffs at Torrance beach to make the area suitable for bathing according to Arthur H. Adams, director of regional planning.

The development would provide a beach 250-foot wide extending from south of the Palos Verdes-Torrance city line to the Redondo Beach pier.

Ample parking and picnic areas are provided for in the original master plan for the Shoreline Development plan as proposed by the County of Los Angeles in 1945.

Removal of the bluff which has been given a first priority acquisition would enhance the beauty of the area, county planners claim, as a better view of the imposing cliffs would be afforded the visiting public.

At one time it was suggested that the Hollywood-Riviera country club be converted into a public recreation center similar to the Bel Air Bay Club but the



SPEAKS AT "ROUND-UP" . . . Chamber of Commerce President Charles V. Jones, wielded the gavel in the Civic Auditorium Monday night to "round-up" the audience's attention for the introduction of Dr. Elmer S. Nelson, who warned the 400 banqueters "not to sell Torrance short" nor look into history to find signs of a recession.—Herald Photo.

## Top Economist Sounds 'Bright' Note for Future

Warning the business and civic-minded people of the community "not to sell Torrance short," Dr. Elmer S. Nelson, chief speaker at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce's Annual Roundup Banquet, told the audience which packed the Civic Auditorium Monday night, that the United States was not heading for a serious recession.

The former University of California professor and business specialist with the Department of Commerce, told the capacity audience that a definite movement was developing as an aftermath of World War II that would see more and more industries coming to the Greater Los Angeles area. He said that the Torrance and the Harbor area could well become the hub of future industrial growth on the West Coast.

He called upon the people of the community not to base their thinking too strongly on past occurrences—the present being unparalleled in history, he claimed. He said that the needs of the world made more acute by the war would not be a major depression develop—not at least in industrial centers such as Torrance.

Charles V. Jones, Chamber president, recalled his own experiences in outlining the growth of Torrance in the past "34 Achieving Years"—theme of this year's affair.

Tom Hoxie served as guest announcer.

Arrangements for the annual affair were in charge of Elaine Walker, chamber secretary.

Reviewing Torrance's 34 Achieving Years President Jones said: "When I first came to Torrance the business district con-

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## 'Hap' Tillotson Elected Rotary Club President

W. T. Tillotson, familiarly known as "Hap" because of his infectious smile and happy personality, was chosen president of the Torrance Rotary Club this week. Tillotson is manager of the American Rock Wool Corporation's Pacific Coast operations with headquarters at the Torrance plant, 401 Arlington avenue.

Other Rotary Club officers elected for the year beginning July 1, are: Harvel Guttenfelder, proprietor of Harvel's Service, vice-president; and Russell A. Lund, insurance broker; O. A. Kresse, general superintendent of Columbia Steel's Torrance works; and A. L. Jackson, superintendent of Ideco, directors.

President-elect Tillotson, who succeeds Dr. John W. Beeman as head of Torrance club, has been in Rotary for 12 years. Before coming to Torrance five years ago, Tillotson was vice-president of the Wabash, Inc. club and prior to that a member of the Oakmont, Fr. club. He joined Torrance Rotary in September.

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## SIXTY ATTEND WALTERIA FETE

About 60 members and guests of the WALTERIA Business Men's Club were on hand last Thursday for a sons and daughters night at the Fish Shanty.

Program for the evening included dinner, movies, and favors for the children.

J. A. Beasley, president of the organization, presided at the affair.

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## Increase In Bus Service Promised Within 30 Days

Increase in the bus service to Hollywood-Riviera, Seaside Ranchos, Torrance Manor, and the El Camino College district was promised yesterday by M. A. Chamberlain, manager of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines.

He said that approval for the increase in service to the western section of the city must come from the Los Angeles City Board of Public Utilities since some of the Torrance lines pass through Los Angeles territory. He stated that a request to shorten the time between buses had been sent to the Los Angeles board and that the jump in service probably would take place within 30 days.

Service to Hollywood-Riviera and Seaside Ranchos would be increased from three trips per day to one bus every hour and ten minutes. The line would pass through WALTERIA.

Service to Torrance Manor and El Camino College in the north will increase with a rerouting of lines to bring the interval between buses down from two

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ACCEPTS TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT . . . Louis H. Deininger is administered the oath of office for the Acting Postmastership of Torrance by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett (with paper) during ceremonies held at the postoffice last Saturday.—Herald Photo.

## L. H. Deininger Takes Oath for Postal Office

Louis H. Deininger was sworn in as Acting Postmaster of Torrance in ceremonies conducted Saturday afternoon in the postoffice during which City Clerk A. H. Bartlett administered the oath of office.

Deininger served as assistant postmaster to Postmaster C. Earl Conner, whose death Feb. 3 left the office vacant. Deininger joined the Torrance postoffice as a clerk in January, 1924.

The announcement of Deininger's appointment stated that he would serve until the position can be filled after an open competitive civil service examination.

Long active in civic affairs, Deininger is a World War I veteran and past commander of the American Legion. He commanded the post in 1922 and 1923. He and his wife Maude, an auditor in the office clerk's office, reside at 1337 Engracia avenue.

Bartlett also officiated when Conner became postmaster 14 years ago.



DOLLARS FOR DIMES . . . Mrs. Clara Conner, successor to her late husband, Postmaster C. Earl Conner, as chairman of the March of Dimes campaign, accepts \$700.40 check from Frank W. Smith, representing the employees of Columbia Steel, and a

check for \$111.56 (profits from the recent March of Dimes dance) from Fireman Bob Lucas, dance committee chairman. Walter E. West, president of the Torrance Firemen's Association witnessed the transaction.—Herald Photo.

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