

## RESERVATIONS COMING IN FOR CONCERT DINNER

More than 70 reservations have been made already, with more expected over the weekend, for the opening dinner meeting of the Torrance Community Concert Association's membership campaign, it was announced today by Mrs. John T. Oursler, dinner chairman for the affair, which will be held at the Woman's clubhouse at 7:30 p.m.

On Jan. 12, Mrs. Dean Sears and Mrs. W. I. Laughon are assistant dinner chairmen.

The dinner will launch the intensive campaign of one week, closing Saturday Jan. 17, during which a large corps of volunteer workers will enroll members for the recently formed association, according to James L. Lynch, president.

Only those members whose applications are received at the campaign headquarters, at the Chamber of Commerce office by the end of the week, will be able to attend the series of at least three top-ranking concerts by some of the world's most famous artists to be presented here this coming season, Lynch pointed out.

The workers will be special guests at the dinner, where instructions and materials for the campaign will be received.

Headquarters for the membership campaign of the Community Concert Association will be open at the Chamber office during the entire week of Jan. 12 to Jan. 17, Mrs. Robert G. Sleeth, secretary of the organization, reported. The telephone number is 574.

Every day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. a staff of volunteers will be on hand at the headquarters to receive reports from the corps of workers to enroll members in the association.

Dues received from members of the association, Mrs. Sleeth said, will be pooled at the close of the campaign on Saturday Jan. 17 for the purpose of engaging artists for the brilliant all-star series of concerts to be presented by the organization during the coming months.

President Lynch stressed that the membership is open to every resident of Torrance and the surrounding area. He added, however, that applications must be made on a seasonal basis during the campaign week, either through one of the membership committee or at the headquarters.

No more memberships for the season can be accepted after the drive ends, nor can single tickets be sold for any of the individual concerts, Lynch said, explaining that the artist budget must be based on the number of members enrolled in the campaign week.

The artists for the minimum of three concerts promised by

the association will be selected by the officers and board of directors from a comprehensive list embracing virtually all of the world's well-known opera, radio and concert singers, instrumental virtuosi and orchestral, vocal and dance ensembles.

## Kiwanis Praise Brown As New Officers Seated

Acclaimed by the 122 members and guests present as one of the most enjoyable parties of the holiday season, Torrance Kiwanis Club held its annual dinner-dance and installation of newly elected officers at the Palos Verdes Country Club Saturday evening, Jan. 3.

Dr. Walter C. Heineman, retiring Lieutenant Governor of the California-Nevada district, Kiwanis International, was master of ceremonies and paid high tribute to retiring President Edwin B. Brown of the Torrance club. Through Brown's splendid leadership, the Torrance Kiwanis Club has enjoyed a substantial growth and has won wide recognition throughout the entire district for its work, Governor Heineman stated. "And your retiring President Ed Brown has become widely recognized for the fine job in club organization which he did," Governor Heineman added, "so much so that he is in demand as a club speaker on the subject."

Incumbent Lieutenant Governor Joe Mullen installed the following new officers: David Colville, president; Dr. Howard A. Wood and Bob Haggard, vice-presidents; R. J. Deininger, secretary; Harry Greenwood, treasurer; and Brown, Robert L. Jerald, J. Heinrich Hull, J. Park Montague, Keith W. Jones, Park McVicar, Chas. T. Rippy and J. R. Klink Jr., directors.

President Colville, who is resident representative of the Union Oil Company in this district, outlined briefly his plans for the coming year.

Patricia Valley

To Address S. P. Club Tomorrow Morning

"Pacific Panorama and Prospects" will be the subject of Patricia Valley's talk before Friday Morning Study Club at YWCA, San Pedro, tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Miss Valley has returned to the California lecture platform after six months' stay in England. Prior to that time she had seen many months of service with the armed forces as a member of the Red Cross in the Pacific theatre of operations. Mrs. Elmer L. Higgs, president, will conduct a brief business session prior to the presentation of the speaker.

ELEMENTARY P. T. A. TO HOLD BOARD MEET

The January board meeting of Torrance Elementary P.T.A. officers and chairmen will be held Monday, Jan. 12 at 1:00 p.m. at the school, Mrs. Elmer S. Moon, president, announced.

DELANO VISITOR

Mr. and Mrs. Earl A. Miles left Tuesday for Delano for a few days visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Einer Daum.

AT BADER HOME

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Silligo New Year's eve joined a group of friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle W. Bader, in Lomita.

## The Weather--Foggy and Brrr!

As we walked in on the Torrance Weather Man, we found him huddled around a stove, overcoat collar turned up around his ears, and reading a New York newspaper's account of the snow storm that hit the east coast. We asked him for the weather in Torrance during the last week. He rolled down his collar, opened his coat, (but did not take it off) as he gave out the following figures:

Dec.	Maximum	Minimum
30	62	37
31	62	37
Jan. 1	61	56
2	58	55
3	64	58
4	63	59
5	65	55
6	60	53

We asked him if he had started his New Year's eve celebrating early and forgot to take a reading.

"Nope," he said, "They were repairing the roof and had to move the gadget . . . now git!"

He rolled up his collar and went back to reading about the snow storm in the east.

## Arrests Here Light During New Year's Eve

With only one arrest for drunkenness being made by the Torrance police during the New Year's eve celebration, the city heeded pre-holiday warnings and spent a reasonably quiet New Year's, the police blotter indicated.

First arrest in 1948, coincidentally, was for drunk driving against Clare Ederson Robertson, who was arrested by Sgt. Willard Haslam and Patrolman Swayne Johnson on Cabrillo and Marceina avenues for violation of the California Vehicle Code Section 502. Robertson was arrested at 12:10 a.m. on Jan. 1, the police records showed.

Other reports of crime included a call from Henry Berkowitz, 1631 Date avenue, who reported that he found two holes in the windows of his store, Burke's Bargain Spot, 2113 Torrance boulevard. Although the holes were presumably made by bullets, mystery shrouded that incident when Berkowitz and the police were unable to locate any slugs inside the store.

Berkowitz reported that he found nothing missing from the store and that it did not appear that any attempt was made to enter the building and therefore precluded the possibility that the shots might have been fired from within the building.

The local police were asked by the San Francisco police to notify James McDermott, 22623 Dolores street, that his brother George had suddenly died in San Francisco.

In a similar request the police were asked by the Police Department of Northampton, Mass., to notify Joseph Condon, 815 Border avenue, that his father had had a stroke and was not expected to live.

The police were attempting to identify the owner of a safe found by sheriff's deputies on Lomita boulevard just west of Hawthorne. The safe, about 30 by 30 by 24 inches, had no door, nor manufacturer's name, nor owner's name that could aid the police in attempting to identify the owner. Bits of moulding clinging to the safe indicated that it might have come from a brick building, offered the only apparent clue, an investigation revealed.

WATER COLORS, OIL PAINTINGS TO BE EXHIBITED

The Community Arts Association and the public library and art gallery of Palos Verdes Estates announce an exhibition of water colors and oil paintings by Women Painters of the West through Jan. 31.

Mrs. W. E. Bowen, Council President, Calls PTA Meeting

Mrs. William E. Bowen opened her home last night for a called meeting of Torrance Council P.T.A. Officers and association presidents were present to outline the year's plans and assist with the formation of committees.

HALLDALE P.T.A. SLATES PAPER DRIVE

Haldale Elementary P.T.A. will hold its second paper drive Saturday, Jan. 10 at Haldale school. Those who have papers to be picked up, please call 2277-R.

UNDER TREATMENT

Howard E. McDonald, of 1626 Beech ave., resident here for many years, is critically ill at Queen of Angels hospital, Los Angeles, where he is being treated for a heart ailment.

## Cooperation Needed To Aid Growth--Rippy

(Continued from 1-A)

search of many city charters prior to the adoption of the present basic law of the municipality. He likewise drafted the proposed new amendment to the city charter providing for a city manager, and which the City Council has agreed to submit to the electors for adoption at the coming municipal elections in April.

Secretary Walker announced that the annual meeting of the Chamber has been fixed for Feb. 16 in the Civic auditorium, when a mammoth dinner of some 300 local civic and industrial leaders will gather in a "Salute to Community Builders." The secretary said that reservations already are being made at \$25 a table of eight.

In his statement upon assumption of office of president of the Chamber, Rippy said that "1948 will witness the greatest opportunity for industrial and residential development that Torrance has ever known. Unprecedented strides have been made in this direction during the past three years, and in accepting the office of president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce I realize that it entails heavy responsibilities and duties, and that it is a high honor to be chosen for the office at this time."

"Our continued growth and development will depend upon a sincere understanding and close cooperation between the Chamber of Commerce, the City Council, the Board of Education and all civic leaders, and the opportunity facing us should be seized now."

"The city is confronted with many problems in which all have a vital interest, either financially or otherwise, and therefore all should have a voice in solving them, and all should work together in harmony to this end."

"The sudden expansion of our housing and industrial facilities, and the certainty of their continued growth, require prompt and efficient methods of handling the attendant problems."

"The population of Torrance is growing at a tremendous rate and it will continue to grow much faster in the future."

"As a result, the city should have a full-time City Manager to conduct its financial affairs and varied operations."

"Our school facilities will require an enormous expansion. Our transportation system and airport must be placed upon a paying basis."

"The school and city recreational facilities must be increased and in some cases consolidated in order that the boys and girls of Torrance may come to use them more and more and take a great pride in their ownership."

"Taxes and bond issues must be carefully considered and explained before they are adopted. Thoroughfares must be opened to the harbor, and there are many housing, zoning and building problems which will require careful study, planning and correction."

"The Torrance Chamber of Commerce solicits the wholehearted support of the City Council, the industries, business men and all labor and civic leaders to the end that the Chamber may devote its full time and efforts to promote the best interests of the city."

## Schools Raise Un-Certificated Salary Schedule

After a survey of the budget the Torrance City Board of Education voted that the non-certificated personnel now receiving less than \$199.00 per month be granted a \$20.00 per month increase in pay and that those employees receiving \$200.00 or more per month be granted a \$10.00 per month increase in pay, said adjustment retroactive to Jan. 1. The increase was termed a "cost of living salary adjustment."

The old and new rates of pay are as follows:

Secretaries to superintendent and assistant superintendent	\$300 to \$310
Business secretary	190 to 210
Clerks	165 to 185
Maintenance foreman	260 to 270
Carpenter and painter	220 to 230
Head custodian	190 to 210
Custodian and bus driver	180 to 200
utility man	170 to 180
Groundsman-gardener	170 to 180

The above adjustments in pay increase the monthly payroll approximately \$420.00 per month or a total of \$2,520 for the remaining six months of the school year 1947-48.

## PIONEER TEACHER DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Mrs. Laura Combs, 64, who has taught two generations of Torrance students at the Perry Street Elementary School, died of pneumonia in the Queen of Angels Hospital in Los Angeles on Jan. 5. She had served as a teacher continuously for the last twenty years.

The fifth grade teacher had been ill for about two weeks before her death.

Services were conducted at the Pierce Bros. Mortuary in Inglewood by the Rev. R. Boden. Following the services for the well known educator, the remains were entrained for shipment to the Roe and Kaiser Mortuary in Fallon, Nev. Mrs. Combs was a former resident of Fallon.

She is survived by her widow, Robert L. Combs, of Lawndale, and a son, Charles.

## POT LUCK DINNER

A pot luck dinner will be held at 6:30 o'clock on Jan. 9 by the Torrance Townsend Club No. 1 at the Woman's clubhouse at 1422 Engracia street, it was announced recently.

## C. E. GUILD MEET SET FOR WEDNESDAY

The January meeting of Central Evangelical Guild will be held in the guild hall at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 14.

Mrs. Grace Harper will preside and hostesses for the afternoon will be Mines, Tena Frauhiger, Christine Ferguson and Edith Hudson. A large attendance is anticipated.

## "Public Notices"

NOTICE OF ELECTION For The Formation of A HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified electors of the Torrance City Elementary School District of Los Angeles County, California, that an election will be held on January 23, 1948, at the Torrance Elementary School of said Elementary School District, for the purpose of voting upon the question of the formation of a City High School District, to consist of the following Elementary School Districts:

1. TORRANCE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
The polls will be open between the hours of SEVEN o'clock A.M. and SEVEN o'clock P.M. The officers appointed to conduct the election are: JULIA B. NEELANDS, Inspector; KATHERINE B. CURTIS, Judge; MARGARET GUTTENFELDER, Clerk.  
Date Jan. 9, 1948.  
(Signed) C. C. TRILLINGHAM, County Superintendent of Schools.  
January 9-16.

## WILL ADDRESS EDUCATION GROUP

John A. Sexon, who will retire this year as Superintendent of Schools of Pasadena, will address the meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee on Jan. 15, according to J. Henrich Hull, Torrance superintendent. Sexon has submitted his resignation from the Pasadena post.



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