

### Jury Okays Local Jail

Torrance city jail has been the type of jails and the manner in which they were operated and maintained. Jails in the following nearby cities were also commended: Compton, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach.

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### Government Reclaims Alcoa Copper Supply

The government's metal stockpile will be heavier by 750 tons of copper in the next few days, War Assets Administration said today.

Bus bars, plates and "dead-heads" used in the Alcoa plant, 190th st. and Normandie ave. to conduct heavy currents of electricity, were reclaimed by Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and taken off sale. RFC is the agency which originally declared the surplus to WAA.

Advertised for sale Friday, the metal, some of it in one-ton chunks, has aroused considerable interest in local and national markets. Copper was held at a ceiling of 12 cents during the war, when the Alcoa equipment was acquired, but now is quoted at around 21 cents.

Columbia Steel Co. assumes control of the Alcoa plant on Feb. 1, having purchased the property from the government for new operations here. All electrical equipment is being disposed of separately.



**SCHOOLS GIVEN AUDIOMETER . . .** Nearly a score of Torrance service clubs and organizations responded to a drive of the American Legion Auxiliary of Torrance to provide funds for the purchase of an audiometer to test the hearing of Torrance school children. With representatives of many of the organizations present in Guild Hall Monday night, the Auxiliary presented the audiometer to Dr. Howard A. Wood, president of the Board of Education, left. Also shown are Mrs. Ethelyn Sears, president of the Auxiliary; Mrs. Gertrude Boyle, chairman of the Auxiliary child welfare committee; and J. Henrich Hull, superintendent of schools. (Torrance Herald photo)

#### IN NEW HOME

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Scholl and their three sons, Wayne, David and Phillip, this week moved to their new home at 815 Beech ave.

#### NBPW CLUB REPORTS ENJOYABLE DINNER MONDAY EVENING; MANY PROJECTS TOLD

Torrance Club, National Business and Professional Women, met Monday evening for a monthly dinner party at the home of Mrs. Addie Parks, 2530 Eldorado avenue.

Hostesses for the occasion were Lillian Faulkner and Muriel Clements.

Bowls of white stock, red candles and Valentine place cards were attractive notes for the tables set in the cozy enclosed patio of the Parks' home.

A brief business session was conducted by President Helen Williams, who announced that the next meeting, a business session set for Monday evening, Feb. 2, will be in St. Andrew's Guild hall.

Named as hostesses for the social hour to follow the business meeting were Julia Manus and Ayleene Moore.

A beautiful hand-crocheted tablecloth, given away during the evening, was presented to Miss Mollie Marshall, teacher at Perry Avenue School.

Addie Parks, ways and means chairman, announced that \$26 cleared on this project would be added to the biennial fund to defray expenses for a delegate to Fort Worth in July.

The clubwomen voted unanimously to support the unification of Torrance schools.

Announcement was made of a song contest to boost California Federation with the intention of bringing the national convention to San Francisco in 1950 during the centennial.

### COUNTY TO FOOT HALF OF WESTERN AVE. COST

Half the cost of opening, widening and paving Western avenue from Torrance boulevard southerly to Pacific Coast highway will be footed by Los Angeles County, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Raymond V. Darby said today.

He said that the \$450,000 to \$500,000 construction job will start sometime this summer. The three and one-half mile stretch will be improved as a four-lane highway by the city of Los Angeles and 50 percent of the expense will be charged to the county, he stated.

Los Angeles City has been acquiring rights-of-way both in Torrance and Harbor City over the route where no streets exist at present. From Torrance boulevard north to Los Angeles, Western varies between two, three and four lanes, and Darby said he hoped that the highway might in the future be made into a uniform four-lane route.

#### AT KNEISELER HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kneiseler are entertaining as their house guest Mrs. Claude Straley, of Kansas City, Mo.

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