

City Dads Ready for Another Round of 'Button, Button'

The old game of "Button, Button, Who's Got the Button" turned up in the City Council meeting Tuesday night with two-and-a-half acres being the much sought after button.

Rudolph W. Mayer, brother of the famous movie-maker, Louis B. Mayer, informed the City Council through City Attorney C. Douglass Smith that he was ready to emerge from voluntary bankruptcy and could be ready to reopen negotiations with the city on the swapping of land along the Hollywood Palos Verdes Parkway for two-and-a-half acres located elsewhere in the tract.

He said that the financial arrangements he was making for the development of a large tract in the Hollywood Riviera section precluded the granting of ten acres for school and civic buildings.

The school board felt differently, however. They claim they have Mayer in a legal corner. School officials claim they can produce legal documents wherein Mayer unconditionally gives to the school district 10 acres of land.

The selected land, now known as the Ellinwood Site, is due to be transferred to the school district who purchased the 10 acres for \$25,000. The school officials feel that the courts will uphold their contention that Mayer is liable for the payment of the school site.

Mayer is once said to have given the city two-and-a-half acres of choice land to be held by the city as a hostage until the city selected 15 acres for a school site, post office, fire station and other municipal buildings. But a subsequent title chase of the land indicated that Mayer had given away somebody else's two-and-a-half acres.

In the meantime, the strip along the ocean front highway, which Mayer requested the city vacate, reverted to the city. "This time," said Mayor J. Hugh Sherroy Jr., "if Mr. Mayer wants to play games it will be 'Musical Chairs' with the city playing the music so that we will know when to stop the music and not be crowded out of a place to plant our official stamp."

Welfare Leader To Report On 1949 Activities

Suggestions for improving the functions of the First District Welfare Council during the Christmas giving season will be in order at the next meeting of the group, according to Warren W. Hamilton, chairman.

The luncheon meeting, to be held at the Methodist Church on January 17, will also consist of a report by Hamilton on the activities of the council during 1949.

Purpose of the group is to coordinate the giving of Christmas baskets and gifts in Torrance, Lomita, Shoestring Strip, Walteria, and Gardena.

No. Torrance Group Hears City Manager

Speaking before the North Torrance Improvement Association, City Manager George W. Stevens explained the use and disposition of city taxes at the organization's first meeting of 1950 held January 4 in Higgin's Brick Patio.

He told the gathering that the opening of the North Torrance Fire Station was expected within the very near future. Musical entertainment for the meeting was provided by Mrs. H. Berry and Mrs. Myrtle Dyer, according to Robert Chavez, publicity chairman.

The door prize, a permanent wave, was won by Tom Stebbe, of 17025 Crenshaw boulevard.

Betty Johnson was in charge of refreshments. Next regular meeting of the group was set for Wednesday, February 1. The meeting is open to all residents of North Torrance.

Former Governor To Install Chamber Leaders

Honorable Frank F. Merriam, former governor of the State of California, will install officers of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce at the general meeting to be held in the Lynwood High School, tonight.

The Lynwood Chamber of Commerce, host organization, announces the business meeting will commence at 5 p. m. with dinner slated for 7 p. m.

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REMEMBER? . . . It was a year ago Tuesday, January 10, 1949 that Torrance felt the effects of the "Big Snow." Scenes like the one above were not uncommon throughout the entire city as some residents who had never actually seen snow donned bathing suits to romp in the 125 inch of white stuff. Two of the many snowmen that dotted hundreds of local lawns were those above built by Brad Bradbury, Gail Cox, and Bill Spangler at 21325 South Harvard boulevard. —Herald photo.

December Postal Receipts Crack All Old Figures

Postal receipts during December broke all records for any one other month in the history of the Torrance Post Office. Acting Postmaster Louis H. Deininger revealed last week.

Records of the local office indicate \$26,243.02 went through the tills of the local office in the last month of 1949. This compares with \$21,236.37 for the same month in 1948.

Likewise the figure for the entire year, \$150,600.80, exceeded all previous years. Last year's figure was \$133,628.37.

Pointing the phenomenal growth of the city within the last 15 years, Deininger said the receipts in December of 1949 were greater than the receipts for any entire year prior to 1934.

MICHIGAN STATE PICNIC

Former residents of Michigan are invited to a state picnic to be held in Sycamore Grove Park in Los Angeles, on Saturday, January 14.

GAA SLATES ANNUAL BANQUET

Members of the Torrance High School Girls' Athletic Association and alumni will attend an installation of officers banquet to be held in the First Christian Church on January 18. It was announced this week by Barbara Jo Tillotson, publicity chairman.

Betty Branun, out-going president of the group, will preside. Theme of the banquet is built around Recorded Rhythm. Price of the dinner is 60 cents.

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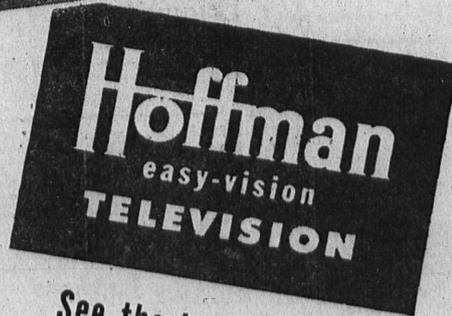


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