



## Bolas Resigns Post On Planning Board

H. B. Bolas, member of the City Planning Commission here since 1948, resigned his position effective the first of the year because of "the pressure of private business," it was learned this week.

In a letter addressed to the mayor and the chairman of the planning commission, Bolas asked to be relieved of his duties with the Commission so he could devote more time to his private business.

Bolas heads the H. B. Bolas Company, a construction firm now engaged in building in Tular, Visalia and Ventura, and has an investment firm and a manufacturing firm in addition to his association here in the Home Loan Realty Company with Dick Miller.

He told the Herald this week

that the construction which his company was now doing in the various California cities required him to be out of town for extended periods of time and that he felt that he "could not give ample attention to his duties as a member of the planning commission."

Bolas and his wife, Shirley and four daughters, Sandy 8, Leslie 5, Shirianne 4 and Kimm 2½, live at 845 Calle de Arboles in Hollywood Riviera. Sandy and Leslie attend Seaside Elementary School.

Bolas wrote the rules and regulations of procedure for the planning commission and he drafted the subdivision report form which the commission is now using. He was instrumental in getting a full-time planning consultant for the city.

During his tenure with the commission, Bolas estimated that he had helped review about 3000 homes for the city.

At the time he came to Torrance, Bolas was a deputy commissioner of real estate with the California Division of Real Estate.

## Lomita Home Burglarized

A \$20 bill was taken from a dresser drawer in a burglary last week at the home of Mary C. Kimbell, 2135 Pacific Coast highway, deputies reported.

A neighbor, Leo Taylor, said that he had seen someone leave the house.

Nothing else in the house was disturbed, officers said.

## Walker's Final Report To Board of Directors

"For your information, and particularly for the information of some of the newly elected Board members, I wish to briefly present a run-down on my stewardship, of our Chamber of Commerce affairs from my first meeting with the Board on July 9, 1945, to the present date.

"I was invited to help in the reorganization of this Chamber in 1945 by Mr. Reed H. Parkin, President. I told Mr. Parkin at that time that I could not, under any circumstances, put in more than ten months out of any year on the job. Time off, of course, would be on a no-salary basis.

"The membership then consisted of about sixty members, as nearly as the records revealed, with questionable income, due to the previous promises made to encourage payment of dues. This condition, however, was promptly overcome. A schedule of membership dues was adopted on August 21st, 1945, and has served very well in keeping our Chamber in a liquid condition and at the same time promoted the increase of our membership to close to the 250 mark.

With the adoption of new by-laws on September 18, 1945, the Board was brought up to its legal quota of nine members and we went to work. We worked without fanfare or committees, believing that first things should be done first. This happened:

"In 1945, 365 building permits (totaling \$3,924,575—population 12,595) and then Torrance started to grow after breaking the FHA bottleneck; 776 permits in 1946; 1335 in 1947; 1675 in 1948; 1353 in 1949, with an all-time high of 3320 in 1950; total for the year 1950, alone—\$16,009,783. Our assessed valuation jumped from \$26,000,000 in 1945 to better than \$50,000,000 in 1950. Today's population as of November 1, 1951 is 31,158.

"Your Chamber of Commerce sponsored and put over the city manager form of government and our own school system. Your Chamber of Commerce put over the elimination of the ten-foot rear-line set back restrictions in the central business area that had denied property owners and merchants full use of their property. The Chamber of Commerce is responsible for modern lighting in the central retail area, entire cost paid by property owners. Your Chamber of Commerce has successfully encouraged many new industries to locate here, with others on the way.

"Your Chamber has maintained contact with every member of the Society of Industrial Realtors throughout the United States. Your Chamber has been responsible for the appointment of a parking authority and has worked very closely with them. Your Chamber was responsible for the organization of a retail merchants group who adopted by-laws designed to fit their own needs, had their own president and their own Board of Directors. This group has always had the fullest support of the Chamber. Your Chamber of Commerce persuaded the Santa Fe to release property for home development.

"The City of Torrance has for the past three years supported the publicity and promotion activities of our Chamber with a \$5,000 annual allocation in quarterly payments. It is interesting, however, to note that as far back as the years 1932 to 1939, when our assessed valuation was only in the neighborhood of \$21 million, sums ranging from \$6000 to \$7500 were made available.

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FINE PRINT . . . Eddie Palmer, Torrance High student, uses a magnifying glass to read a letter sent to him by a young Chinese student in Hong Kong thanking him for candy he contributed. The candy was collected at Torrance High, then sent to Hong Kong. The writing was so small that Eddie had to use magnifying glass to decipher it. (Herald photo).

## Baby Dies After Lengthy Illness

LeRoy Crockett Culley Jr., 11-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy C. Culley, died Tuesday at Children's Hospital in Hollywood after a lingering illness. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday in Stone and Myers Chapel. Interment will be at Inglewood Park cemetery.

The boy is survived by his parents, who live at 1331 Torrance boulevard, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Culley of Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nicoletti, 1527 Torrance boulevard.

## Tentative School Calendar Set Up For Next Year

School will open next Sept. 15 for the 1952-53 year, according to the tentative school calendar adopted by the Board of Education.

The second semester will start Feb. 2 and school will close on June 19. There is a total of 180 school days in the year.

Holidays would include Armistice Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving, Nov. 28; Christmas Day, Dec. 22 to Jan. 2, inclusive; Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12; Washington's birthday, observed Mon. Feb. 23; Easter vacation, March 30 to April 3, inclusive.

## HAEC Elects On Jan. 17

New directors of the Harbor Area Employers' Council will be elected at the annual membership meeting which is scheduled for Jan. 17 at the council's Torrance offices.

Those elected to the board will serve for two years. Reports from John T. Binkley, counsel and Frank S. Selover, executive secretary, also will be heard.

GIANT TREE  
The Grizzly Giant, a tree in Yosemite national park is 274 feet in diameter and is 209 feet tall. It is believed more than 3000 years old.

## Tragic Events On Holidays Hit Family

W. T. "Hap" Tillotson, former manager of the American Rock Wool Co. plant here and now a vice president of the firm in Chicago, has been visiting here for the past few days, following a series of tragic incidents that overtook him and his wife shortly before Christmas.

The Tillotsons started from Chicago by car to Albuquerque to attend the marriage of their son Doug on December 24. Shortly after leaving St. Louis the Tillotson car was involved in a head-on collision with another car, demolishing both vehicles.

While undergoing examination for slight injuries in the crash, Tillotson received word of the death of his mother in Chicago. He bought a new car, then continued the journey to Albuquerque for the wedding.

After the ceremony he returned to Chicago for the funeral, then flew to Torrance for a few days.

Young Tillotson, now in the Army, is stationed at Ft. McClelland, Ala. His bride is the former Maria Disque of Albuquerque.

The Tillotsons plan to leave for Chicago Friday.

## Postal Receipts Reach New High

All existing postal receipt records were broken during the past year at the Torrance post office, Mrs. Clara A. Conner, postmaster, revealed yesterday.

The year's total of \$216,894.91 surpassed the 1950 total, previous record high, by \$47,986.59. December was a record-breaking month, as Christmas mail helped swell the total to \$37,869.33. This was more than \$11,000, ahead of the December 1950 total.

The fourth quarter of the year, including October, November and December, produced a volume of \$75,564.77—another all-time high. This surpassed the 1950 fourth quarter by nearly \$20,000.

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