

State Senator To Address Local Realtors

State Senator Jack B. Tenny will address realtors of the area on "Subversive Activities Existing in Southern California" at a special 21st District meeting of the California Real Estate Association next Monday, it was announced yesterday.

The meeting will be held beginning at noon at the Western Avenue Club Cafe at 15516 S. Western Ave.

The 21st District includes realtors and salesmen from Torrance, Inglewood, South Bay, San Pedro, Lomita, and Hawthorne Realty Boards and from the Gardena Real Estate Assn.

Industrialist Advocates Tax Reduction, Raise in Assessment

People living in subdivisions of small homes aren't "paying their own way" in taxes, Fred W. Mill, division controller of The National Supply Co., gave that testimony before the closing sessions of the two-day hearing of the State Senate Interim Committee on State and Local Taxation in Los Angeles Tuesday.

Mill, who was appearing before the committee as a representative of the California Manufacturers' Association, is also a member of the Torrance Industries Tax Committee.

These families, he said, have large numbers of children to educate and a high percentage also enjoy veterans' exemptions as well, with the result that they are not paying enough taxes to cover the costs of educating their children and supplying adequate police and fire protection. Mill's group is concerned, he said, because members pay 60 per cent of Torrance city taxes.

He told the legislators he was not necessarily recommending that the veterans' exemption—\$1000 of assessed valuation—be reduced or eliminated, but added that "somebody must pay."

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Chamber Denies Coupon Book Sales in Area

Complaints from residents that coupon books are being sold in the area with the purported support of Torrance merchants have been poured into the Chamber of Commerce office, Secretary Dale Isenberg said yesterday.

Isenberg said the Chamber and the Retail Merchants of Torrance were not engaged in coupon sales at this time.

Oklahoma Picnic

Oklahoma State Society will hold an all-day picnic May 30 at Bycomore Grove, Los Angeles.

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EXPLOSIVE Starlet Karen Thorpe, "Miss Firecracker of 1954," stands by while Governor Goodwin J. Knight takes a reservation for the 22nd annual American Legion Fourth of July Fireworks Show in the Memorial Coliseum. County Council Commander Charles L. Lillywhite looks on.

Gift Expert Moves to PV Marineland

After 16 years of guiding her own California Accessories business to the heights of success, Frances Campbell is closing out her place in Los Angeles and moving to the Palos Verdes peninsula to direct gift shop operations at Marineland of the Pacific.

Named to the post by Ray W. Smith, vice president and general manager of Oceanarium, Inc., Mrs. Campbell will commence her buying and planning operations this week in preparations for the shop's opening in July.

A versatile designer as well as manufacturers' representative, Mrs. Campbell is known nationally as coordinator of California accessories such as her famous "Pennies and Peanuts" chapeau, now appearing on the cover of a national magazine.

Located at the entrance of the huge Oceanarium, the gift shop will share its picturesque square with a snack bar, film shop and flower stall, designed by Pereira & Luckman, architects and engineers, the Oceanarium will feature two four-story tanks, which will house 5,000 live sea animals and fish. The \$3,000,000 project, owned and operated by Oceanarium, Inc., will include a Marineland restaurant, Marineland Inn, a large picnic area and parking lot for 1000 cars.

Plan Fourth of July Fireworks

Los Angeles' traditional Fourth of July Fireworks Show will be presented again this year in the Memorial Coliseum by the Los Angeles County Council of the American Legion, according to an announcement by Commander Charles L. Lillywhite.

Governor Goodwin J. Knight has accepted an invitation to open the 1954 pyrotechnic spectacle, Commander Lillywhite said. In accepting, Gov. Knight stated, "It will be my extreme pleasure to participate again in this most patriotic of all observances and as a member of the American Legion, I am proud that the Los Angeles County Council has continued to present this spectacular event each Fourth of July since 1933."

Mother, Child On TV Program

Mrs. Virgil Nielsen and her two-year-old son, of 22120 Denker Ave., will appear on the June 7 telecast of KHJ-TV's "Crosbys Calling" program at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Nielsen and her youngster are the Monday contestants in Linda and Lou Crosby's weekly "Proud Mothers" contest.

Each day, Monday thru Friday, a different "Proud Mother" is invited to the telecast to show off her youngster. The KHJ-TV viewers are asked to vote for whichever child they believe to be the most outstanding youngster of the week with the winner receiving valuable prizes.

The viewers' choice is announced the following week.

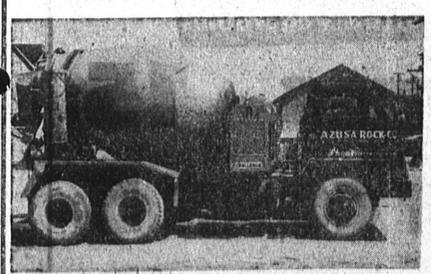
"The Crosbys Calling" can be seen each week-day afternoon from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. over KHJ-TV, Channel 9.

Nine Caltech Grads Here

The new Alumni Directory of the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, lists nine of its 6400 living former students as residents of Torrance. More than 3700 of the total live in California.

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