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City Adopts One-Cent Tax Law

Use, Sales Tax Laws Enacted

Both a 1-cent use tax and a 1-cent sales tax (replacing the 1/2-cent retail sales tax) were enacted into law Tuesday by the City Council.

The four councilmen present, (with Willys Blount on vacation) voted unanimously to approve each of the ordinances on second reading. Their effective date is Aug. 12.

Army Officers Brief Chamber On Air Attacks

A defense against air attacks consists primarily in adequate early warning and detection systems, civic and industrial leaders were told at the July breakfast meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday morning.

Col. Willis T. Lyman, commanding officer of the 234th AAA Group, and Major Gervies Simmons, of the 47th AAA Battalion, told the group and the breakfast how a defense ring was set up around an area to be protected, and each weapon—ranging from small calibre guns mounted on trucks to the new NIKE—was fitted in the overall defense program.

An 18-minute motion picture portraying the weapons in action and the firing and control arrangements for the NIKE was shown.

The role of the National Guard in any defense program was emphasized by both officers.

Plans to install two 90mm anti-aircraft batteries in the Torrance area were revealed by Major Simmons. The batteries would be part of the defense system of the Los Angeles basin, he said.

The speakers were introduced by HERALD publisher King Williams, chairman of the meeting.

Disease-Free Week Noted

The week ending July 2 was a perfect one as far as the city of Torrance was concerned—healthwise, that is. It was the first time in many months, not a single new case of disease of any kind was reported in the city. According to the County Health Department, the rest of the Torrance Health area was not as fortunate, but only 38 cases of disease were reported.

HERALD AD MAN, FRIEND HAVE SAILING TROUBLES

Bernard "Barney" Browne, with the display advertising department of the HERALD, was "lost at sea" for a short time Sunday when the sloop in which he and Robert Maslin were sailing ran into difficulty on a trip from Catalina to the mainland.

Browne and Maslin sailed from San Pedro to Catalina on Saturday in Maslin's 23-foot sloop. They set out Sunday morning on the return trip and then the trouble began.

The two week end sailors drifted more than 30 miles off course when their outboard-powered craft developed rudder trouble. Off Dana Point, beachcombers assumed their craft might be having trouble and called the Coast Guard.

Meanwhile, back at the Browne's bungalow, Mrs. Browne called the CG also, when the voyagers failed to return on schedule.

A Coast Guard vessel picked them up and towed their sloop to shore after dark.

Both men have been ardent sailing enthusiasts and "Barney" comes by his love of the sea by choice. He is a graduate of the U.S. Maritime Academy.

It was 3 a.m. before "Barney" reported in at his residence, 218 8th St., Hermosa.

Latest estimate of the income to be derived from the use tax for the current fiscal year is \$86,000. After this fiscal year, when the uniform state sales tax will be in effect, the use tax will be collected only on goods brought in from outside the state. There is no past experience on which to base an estimate of what the income will be for the city from that source.

Passage of the use tax ordinance went contrary to a request of the Chamber of Commerce board of directors as voted Monday at the board's meeting. The Chamber had requested deferring action until the effect of Assembly Bill 3111 "can be determined."

Councilmen have expressed a desire to lower property taxes as a result of the increased income from the use and sales tax. However, action to that effect will await determination of assessed valuations this fall.

NIKE Site Lease Approved by City Council

A lease for the NIKE site at Torrance Municipal Airport was approved Tuesday night by the City Council.

The lease had previously been approved by the legal department of the Civil Aeronautics Authority.

The city's approval was given, subject to three other leases affected.

One of these, it was explained by City Manager George Stevens, is the lease of Torrance Fairways driving range, which will have to be removed to make way for the NIKE installation. However, farming at the area will be able to continue.

"Time is of the essence to the Army in this matter," Stevens said, indicating that the government will get the job under construction as soon as possible.

A barracks, mess hall, recreation building, and, finally, an administration building will be erected, according to military officers who met with the Council.



THE FAIR BEGINS . . . Checking over their shooting irons in preparation for the 1955 Community Fair, which began last night are, Bill Bickar, Charley 'Gotts', and Ed Alken. Festivities at the five-day fair got under way with the crowning of Gotts' daughter, Virginia, as Queen of the Fair. Tonight will be Rosemary DeCamp Night, honoring the Torrance movie and TV star, and her husband, Judge John Shidler.

Jibes Fly at Hearing on Compulsory Rabies Shots

Jeers, laughter and venom were mingled Tuesday night at City Hall when a public hearing was held to sound out public opinion on proposed compulsory anti-rabies vaccination of dogs.

The stormy session was attended by a crowd that filled the Council chamber. The rabies ordinance, now being prepared by the legal department, will appear on the Council agenda at the July 26 meeting, which will start at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Estelle Taylor of Hollywood, who attracted considerable attention when Los Angeles debated the anti-rabies proposal, was principal spokesman here for the opponents of the ordinance.

Object to Time Limit Bickering developed at several points in the hearing when spokesmen for the faction opposed to the law objected to having their speaking time limited.

Attempting to conduct the discussion in a manner comparable to a formal debate, Mayor Albert Isen ran into difficulties when speakers exceeded set time limits.

Harshest words were spoken when Albert Fredrickson, of 1965 Reynosa Dr., called out-of-town opponents of the measure "bushbodies," and asked them to "mind their own business."

Mrs. Charles B. Turner of Torrance rose to object to the Fredrickson statements, and called for more courteous treatment of the visitors.

Dr. Clinton Thienes of San Marino, director of Huntington Memorial Hospital, Pasadena, was present to back up the side advocating the anti-rabies law.

It was announced at the outset of the hearing that 447 signatures to petitions favoring the ordinance had been received by the Council, with 10 against. Other petitions were turned in at the Tuesday meeting.

Floor Discussion Ed Price, 4214 W. 178th St., was the first to take the microphone in support of the measure. He said that the shots are "medically proven," that they will not hurt animals, but are "very painful" to humans.

Norma Avalon, 22506 Ladeene St., who said she is a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, declared the law would not be a violation of liberties.

Mrs. Ruth Vaughn, 1724 Juniper St., sounded a theme that was often heard during the meeting, declaring "It all boils down to a choice between dogs and children." She advised those present to "Take your ounce of prevention, as we do with other diseases."

Dick Wallace, 22443 Aldeena Ave., said "Our dog lived through the shots, and is very healthy."

Virginia Gotts 'Queen' of Fair

In one of the most colorful ceremonies ever seen in Torrance, Miss Virginia Gotts was crowned as "Miss Community Fair" by NBC-TV star Jack Owens last night, highlighting the opening of Torrance Community Fair and Rodeo, to run Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week at Western Ave. and 220th St.

Tonight, Mayor Albert Isen and other dignitaries will officiate in giving Miss Rosemary DeCamp and her husband, Judge John Shidler, a tribute to their activities in the Torrance civic and cultural history.

Virginia Gotts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gotts of Torrance, was sponsored by the Torrance Lion's club. Some of the prizes she will receive are a trip for two to Mexico City, a make-up kit and an evening at Hollywood's famous "Moulin Rouge."

Friday night will be Western Jamboree night on the stage, starring the NBC-TV star, Douglas Kennedy, star in the role of Steve Donovan, in the "Western Marshal" adventure epic.

Kid Show Saturday with the Fair opening at 12 noon, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the Fair, will host a "Kiddie's Matinee" starting off with a thousand free rides and presenting a special stage show featuring TV star Buck Sureshot, and winding up a happy day by awarding two bicycles to kids in the audience.

The Saturday night show will be sparked by the appearance of one of the Southland's most famous magicians, "Ken" Bickford, who deftly fools you and makes you like it, followed by "Johnson & Diehl" in a show "guaranteed to give a barrel full of belly laughs."

Home Town Talent Sunday, the final day of the Fair, gates will open at 12 noon. A day of fun and thrills will feature a 1 p.m. stage show with juvenile talent of Torrance and the surrounding area.

Rodeo matinees are set for Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m., sponsored by the Mounted Police and the Torrance Scout center. Tickets for the Rodeo may be purchased at the Fair Grounds.

The Torrance Community Fair is sponsored annually by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the service clubs of this area, with a distribution of profits being used by the service clubs for charitable projects.



A QUEEN IS CROWNED . . . Mayor Albert "Howdy, Podner" Isen places crown on head of Queen Virginia Gotts following announcement of her selection Monday night. On the right is Norma Prange, runner up to the queen, and on the left is Mitzi Trimble, who placed third in the ballots by tickets. Miss Gotts was officially crowned in coronation ceremonies of the Fair last night.

Community Fair Highlights Told

THURSDAY—6 p.m., gates open. 9 p.m., Rosemary DeCamp Night, honoring the Torrance TV star, and her husband, Judge John Shidler.

FRIDAY—6 p.m., gates open. 9 p.m., Western Jamboree Night, featuring Steven Donovan, star of "Western Marshal." Square dance exhibition.

SATURDAY—12 noon, gates open for Kiddie's Matinee. 1:15 p.m., "Ol' Buck Sure Shot" in Children's Day program and presentation of bicycles. 2 p.m., Rodeo Matinee, with roughriders. 9 p.m., Johnson and Diehl in slapstick comedy act and Ken Bickford, "Maestro of the Mysteries," in magic act.

SUNDAY—12 noon, gates open. 1:30 p.m., Stage Show, with local talent. 2 p.m., Rodeo Matinee.

VICTOR TRACT SOUGHT BY TORRANCE, REDONDO

Residents of the Victor tract found themselves being courted by two suitors this week—the cities of Torrance and Redondo Beach.

Each city were apparently willing to propose marriage of the tract to their respective domains.

VISIT HERALD EXHIBIT WHILE ATTENDING FAIR

Going to the fair? We hope so, and we hope you will stop by the TORRANCE HERALD booth in the main exhibitors' tent while you are there.

Displays at the HERALD booth will explain some of the steps involved in "putting the newspaper to bed." HERALD representatives will be on hand during fair hours to answer any questions about the processes.

See you at the fair.