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CITY MAKES SURPRISE MOVE TO ANNEX LOMITA, ROLLING HILLS

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Area Sought Contains Population of 11,000

Proceedings for the annexation of Lomita and a large part of the Rolling Hills area were started late yesterday by the city of Torrance.

The city filed maps with the County Boundary Commission proposing annexation of the areas in two sections. Both are now in county territory, but there has been talk of incorporation in both sections. Lomitans have been waging a verbal battle over the

issue and the matter has been discussed in the part of Rolling Hills included in the maps. The Lomita annexation would include all of Lomita, bounded on the south by Palos Verdes Dr. N., the city of Los Angeles on the east, and by Torrance on the north and west.

Boundaries Set
The Rolling Hills territory

Congress Asked

To Investigate

Postal Matters

A Congressional investigation

into the operations of the Torrance Post Office and the treatment of veterans on Civil Service and other employes has been called for in a resolution sent to Congressmen

and Washington officials by the Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion.

The resolution, drawn up by the executive committee of the post and signed by Commander Blane Staker and Adjutant Tom Kasterko is the result of requests for the investigation by representatives of Torrance Carriers Local 2207 and personnel from three other Post Offices in the Torrance area.

Complaints Made
"Various complaints have been made as to the treatment of U. S. military veterans on Civil Service and other employes working in it . . . also other matters affecting the efficiency in conducting the business of the Post Office," the resolution stated.

The resolution asks for an investigation of the complaints and "any necessary action to rectify and correct such existing complaints and restore a maximum efficiency in such Post Office."

Congressmen Alerted
Copies of the demands were sent to Congressman Cecil King, William Knowland, and to the House, Senate, and Post Office Department.

Action of the Legion Post follows charges made by Congressional Nominee Charles Franklin that some changes were due here.

is bounded by Rolling Hills Rd. on the west, Palos Dr. N. on the south, Torrance on the north, and an irregular drumstick-shaped piece of land east of Narbonne Ave.

Before the territory could be annexed, however, a majority of the voters would have to approve the proposal in a special election. About 10,000 persons are included in Lomita, while the Rolling Hills area, including the Dapplegray residential area, has more than 1000 residents.

A city spokesman indicated that opinion samplings in both areas indicated considerable sentiment for annexation to Torrance.

Filings Expire
In both areas, the third 90-day filings with the County Boundary Commission are due to expire at the end of the week. According to Torrance's City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier, the current incorporation status of the two areas will not form a legal block to the annexation proposals.

"We feel that the people of these areas are entitled to a choice between Torrance, incorporation, or retention of the status quo," City Manager George Stevens declared. "In the coming weeks, representatives of the city will be available to explain the many advantages which Torrance has to offer."

Project Included
Included in the Lomita area is the county's Harbor Hills project, but Torrance officials said that the map filed yesterday might be changed to leave this project out. Several schools now in the Los Angeles City system are located in the city.

In the Rolling Hills area are two plants of the Palos Verdes Elementary School District and the site of a proposed Catholic High School.

If the annexation proceedings are successful, these parcels would join the Victor and El Nido tracts in annexing to Torrance during the past year.

School Looted, Two Stores Hit

A school and two stores were ransacked by burglars who broke in over the week end, police reported Monday.

Nothing apparently was taken by a thief who smashed a window to gain entrance to the Perry School at 17831 Prairie Ave. A desk in the business office was rifled.

About \$200 hidden in a donut shop was missed by a burglar who broke into the establishment at 3128 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. An undetermined amount of coins and cigars was taken from a machine.

A cigar machine also was looted of money and smokes by a thief who broke into the Verberg Dairy at 182nd St. and Crenshaw Blvd.

Dad'll Have to Dig Deeper for Haircuts Soon

It's going to cost you 25 cents more to get your hair cut in the harbor area in a few days.

Members of the Barbers' Union, Local 881, voted Monday night to hike the prices for haircuts to \$1.75 — the first price raise since November, 1952. The hike was voted at a regular meeting of the 146-member union, according to G. J. Berger, secretary of the local.

Haircuts for children will be raised to \$1.50 from \$1.25 and the price of a shave will go to \$1.25 from the former \$1.

The union represents shops in San Pedro, Wilmington, Lomita, Harbor City, and Torrance.

While some shops posted the new price immediately, most will probably make the new schedule effective in about two weeks, Berger said.

Thompson Heads Chamber Board

A. E. "Tommy" Thompson, general manager of the General Petroleum Refinery here, has been elected president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce for 1957 and will take over the office on Jan. 1, it was announced yesterday by Dean L. Sears, chairman of the election committee. Thompson, a past director and immediate past vice president of the organization, will succeed John A. Ebberhouse, manager of the American Rock Wool Corp. Installation is being planned for February.

Elected to serve with Thompson as officers on the 15-man board of directors were Gerald M. Eastham, M.D., first vice president; O. R. Trueblood of McMahan's, second vice president, and Fred W.

Mill, National Supply Co., treasurer. Dick Fitzgerald, as manager of the Chamber of Commerce, serves the board as secretary.

Active in Area
The new Chamber president has been active in a number of civic organizations since his assignment here nearly 20 years ago. He is past president of the Torrance Rotary Club, member of the board of the Torrance Memorial Hospital, member of the board of the Palos Verdes Breakfast Club, on the South Bay District finance committee of Boy Scouts of America, and has held both area and city chairmanships for the Community Chest and the Red Cross.

He and his wife, Marion Ruth, and three children, Carl, 17; Richard, 14, and Carol, 11, live in Palos Verdes and are members of the Palos Verdes Neighborhood Church.

Here Since 1938
Thompson, a native of Fredricktown, Mo., was graduated from Cal Tech in 1934 as a chemical engineer and joined General Petroleum as a junior inspector at the company's Vernon laboratories. He began his employment at the Torrance refinery in 1938 as a chemical engineer and has advanced to his assignment as general manager. He is registered chemical engineer and member of the American Petroleum Institute and American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

Serving on the board of directors with Thompson during 1957, in addition to the other officers, will be:

Atty. Donald Armstrong, Henry W. Creger, Ebberhouse, Paul Loranger, Arthur O. Oteas, J. H. Paget, Darwin Parrish, R. S. Pyle, Eddie Raphael, Dean L. Sears, O. R. Trueblood, and King Williams.



A. E. THOMPSON
... New Chamber President

Winners Chosen For Herald's Letter Contest

Four Torrance area youngsters are going to have a bit of help with their Christmas shopping problems this week end. The four have been selected as winners of The HERALD'S "Letter to Santa" contest which was concluded last Saturday.

Winners selected by the judges are:

Clyde "Topper" Rankin, 7, of 2826 Brian Ave., Torrance. Topper is a first grader at Hillside Elementary School.

Robin Ann Hilborn, 7, 24229 Hawthorne Ave., who studies in a home class because she cannot attend school.

Alex Bender, 10, of 16910 Ainsworth Ave., Torrance, a fifth grader at St. Catherine Labouré School.

Georgiana Lechner, a sixth grader of 2441 W. 254th St., Lomita.

A certificate signed by HERALD Publisher King Williams was mailed to each of the four winners yesterday afternoon.

The certificates are redeemable at any downtown Torrance store by the winner in the amount of \$15 in merchandise.

That should make Christmas shopping lots of fun for the youngsters.

Three Hurt In Crash Here

Three persons were injured Monday night in a two-car crash at 174th St. and Ainsworth Ave.

Walter N. Wray, 32, of Hermosa Beach, suffered a fractured hip and possible internal injuries when his sports car was involved in a collision with an auto driven by Jerald Dow, 17, of Lawndale. Dow and a passenger, James Thomas, 17, both of 20841 Denker Ave., suffered cuts and bruises.

The trio was taken to Harbor General Hospital by Wright's Ambulance.

Another sports car, driven by Thomas Medicott, 48, of 404 Via Malaga, figured in a Tuesday mishap at Paseo de la Reyes and Via Malaga. It was involved in a collision with a bicycle ridden by Cremin Huxley, 12, of 702 Via Mesa Grande, who suffered slight hurts to his left foot.

A two-car crash at Carson and Flower Sts. injured three persons Tuesday night.

Treated for cuts and bruises were Alvin Fleming, 25, of 20414 Valerie Ave.; Beatrice Jans, 25, of 919 Acacia Ave., the drivers, and Carol Jans, 18, of the Acacia Ave. address.

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Eastham Chairman
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CHECK BURGLARY SCENE . . . C. A. Babbitt, vice president of Cal Metal Corp., and R. G. Jones (kneeling), pipe mill foreman of the plant, check scene of attempted safe burglary in the plant. The intruders brought in a cutting torch from the plant and tried unsuccessfully to enter the safe, which contained only papers and documents. G. A. Revell, company president, said deputies were able to obtain several good fingerprints on the safe.

County to Go Ahead With El Nido Park Improvement

Since the people of El Nido have voted to annex to Torrance, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn has had a conference with Mayor Albert Isen to discuss turning El Nido Park over to the City of Torrance to operate.

The county has just awarded a \$27,899 contract for improvements at the park and Supervisor Hahn stated that he believed that the work should go forward since the park will serve the entire community.

"The children who use the park never ask who runs it—they just want a good park," Hahn declared.

Improvements under the present contract include new comfort stations and grading for future improvements.

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