

Mailbox

Some Free Worms

Editor, Torrance Herald,
The Lomita Civic League has had many inquiries from Lomita residents who were confused about this incorporation-annexation attempt. In the interest of clarifying the situation, I would like to point out the following facts:

1. Torrance cannot forcibly annex Lomita. This Torrance scare was started by a few "would be politicians" who would saddle us with more taxes in order to satisfy their dream of making Lomita another city.

2. Torrance has never forcibly taken any part of what has long been recognized as Lomita territory. The owners of the oil fields to the north voluntarily asked to join Torrance in order to escape the inevitable high taxes the last time Mr. Mosher and his crowd attempted to incorporate Lomita. Walteria has never been considered as a part of Lomita.

3. We can stay as we are. There is now law compelling us to form a city and there is no law compelling us to join a city. We in Lomita enjoy a lower tax rate than any city in L. A. County and that includes Lakewood.

4. You won't get free sidewalks. If any one offers you free sidewalks, if you vote to make Lomita a city, they are insulting your intelligence. You get nothing for nothing. Remember a fish thinks he is getting a free worm!

5. You won't get better municipal service. We would still have the same County road department, sheriff's department, and fire department, etc. Only then they would be on a strict contract basis with a specified limited amount of services.

6. Torrance is not a threat. Torrance is not circulating a petition as they would have to do to annex us, but a huge amount of money has been spent to circulate a petition to incorporate. Professional incorporation promoters who are not residents of Lomita are trying to confuse the issue with false financial reports. They try to compare us with Lakewood which has a huge shopping center that pays a tremendous property tax plus a huge sales tax to that city. Lomita has no such tax source.

7. The Lomita Civic League members are property owners in Lomita. We have banded together to combat this vicious propaganda that is being thrown at us. For information on joining the League, call Mrs. David Fay. HERBERT B. BRISBIN President

Deeply Grateful

Editor, Torrance Herald,
I would like to express my deep gratitude and sincere appreciation to all the fellow employees of my late husband, Harry Drake, for their wonderful cooperation, their understanding, and help in my recent loss.

I particularly want to extend my thanks to Battalion Chief Gene Walker, who, in the absence of Chief Benner from the city at the time of the death of my husband, very graciously and completely unassuming, attended to the many details involved in the funeral services.

It is difficult to put into words the reassurance and relief he provided our family with his nobleness, but such assistance and understanding

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I cannot keep to myself. I feel his humanitarianism should be made known to the people of Torrance and to the city of Torrance. We are deeply grateful.
KATHRYN DRAKE

Koolade Buyer Sought For Exposing Himself

Sheriff's deputies yesterday were seeking an overzealous patron of two small girls' koolade stand who exposed himself. Two small girls, 6 and 8 years old, were selling koolade in front of their Lucille Ave. homes in Lomita. They reported that a dark man about 25 years old kept buying koolade from them and finally forced one into his car, where he indecently exposed himself to her. The girl fled and the man sped off.

DMV Seeks Examiners

State Employment for men in newly authorized positions as driver's license examiners in the Department of Motor Vehicles will become available this fall in branch offices spread all over the state. Paul Mason, Director of Motor Vehicles, pointed out that "the examiner's position is the entering level in a career service in which opportunities for promotion are good. The work is interesting and challenging." Appointments will be made after a civil service examination to be held in August. "Applications for the examination must be filed on or before July 26, 1957," Mason stated. Information about the jobs, requirements for applicants, and the necessary forms to be filed are no available from all offices of the Department of Motor Vehicles. Local office of the Department is located at 1907, Border Ave., Torrance. Mason said the Department has been under a constantly increasing workload in processing driver tests, and that a substantial increase in the examining staff has been authorized in the 1957-1958 budget. As a necessary step in implementing California's traffic safety program. Carlos S. Caldwell, Motor Vehicle Representative in charge of the Torrance office, said the announcement of the

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examination sets forth educational requirements as "equivalent to graduation from college. Substitution of business, professional or military experience in place of the educational requirement is authorized. Salary range for the positions is from \$376 to \$458 per month."

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