

Torrance Passes 90,000 Mark, But Can't Elect Its Own Mayor

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Our great city of Torrance has now passed the 90,000 mark in population. So reports the County Regional Planning Commission who sets actual Torrance population at 90,101, up 5000 since January.

Know how much population that is? It's just about equal to the combined populations of Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, and Manhattan Beach. And we still can't elect our own mayor.

How big does Torrance have to get?

Most citizens if questioned, will readily respond that they want to elect their mayor. They see no percentage in having him appointed from the ranks of councilmen by the councilmen themselves. They clearly see that such a mayor cannot at all times be his own man; that he must perform play to the whims of those who hold his office within their immediate control.

For if, in his own good opinion, the mayor feels that

for the good of the people, a certain move should be made, and the council believes the opposite, the mayor must pause and reconsider. He must remember that the council can toss him out any time and appoint another mayor from their ranks. And Torrance citizens know that for their own good, the mayors office should be freed from this "sword of Damocles" that hangs over it.

Mr. and Mrs. Torrance want to elect their mayor. They want their rightful heritage of saying who Mr. Big will be in our town. Let's get this on the ballot, Council. How big does Torrance have to be before they have an elected mayor or like grown up cities do?

A sharp increase to \$4400 was voted by Riviera's Business Assn., last week to be spent for Christmas decorations and doing this year. The meeting of the group was held last week under the gavel of Prexy Truitt Berryman.

They'll channel the money into street lighting and decorations in Riviera Village, a children's ride program and toward prizes for Christmas house lighting. This latter program awards prizes to the best decorated homes in this area, with judges patrolling Riviera and judging those homes that have entered the annual contest.

Bill Beckman, longtime Rivieran and for the past year president of South Bay Exchange Club, stepped down from his office with the club at its last meeting, held last week at the Bks club. He'll take over the functions of the publicity office for the coming year.

A rather wonderful idea was given to this columnist to pass along to the Little Leagues of our area. Each year hundreds of our Riviera boys trot forth to the baseball diamonds. They bat, they throw, they strike. They run the bases, they stretch out. What about our children who can't bat, can't throw, can't run the bases? What about those kids who struck out in another league—the big league of health.

We suggest that Little Leagues seek out these boys and offer to them the Little League jobs they can handle. They'd make swell scorekeepers, fine base coaches. There's plenty of jobs they could handle beautifully. Any they'd be in the thick of things again—right there where they rightfully belong, growing up with

the other boys of Riviera, working on joint projects and plans, taking an active part in the community of living.

We urge Little League to put this at the top of the agenda for next year. You have it within your grasp to make a lot of kids happy as no other group can make them happy; you can give them back their boyhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hole and family, longtime Rivierans, have moved. But not far. They just exchanged one Riviera address for another from 816 Calle de Arboles, down to 365 Calle Mayor.

Count John and Helen Cary of Via Alameda are among the more fortunate vacationers. True, their car's wiring burned up, but it did so just five minutes after they parked in their driveway following a two week auto cruise to Colorado's famed vacationland. It could have happened in Winnemucca, Nevada, and then see where they'd be—probably still in Winnemucca.

Welcome, Neighbor! Moving into their new home at 816 Calle de Arboles are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rink who hailed formerly from Hermosa Beach. They are both with North American Aviation.

Holding their first meeting of the 1957-58 year, officers and board members of Riviera school's PTA met at the home of Mrs. Carl Whistler, 425 Camino de las Colinas. Mrs. Gene Voorhees, newly installed president, presiding over the meeting, introducing the officers and chairmen and outlining the organization's plans for the coming year.

Officers include Mmes. Max Ogburn, 1st vice pres.; Markie Sparks, 2nd vice pres.; Leo Levantas, 3rd vice pres.; Edward Davis, 4th vice pres.; Carl Whistler, recording secretary; Jay Madden, corresponding secretary; James Cassell, historian; Lester Oswald, parliamentarian; and Messrs. Richard Miller, auditor and Richard Dodge, treasurer. Committee chairmen include Mmes. Art Stevenson, Donald Melstrom, Leo Bereda, Frances Tymstra, William Loftus, Robert Atha, Raymond Hedstrom, Charles John, Ernest Weller, Gas Tanza, Mel Heflinger, Harold Putsey, Rod Freeman, A. H. Noeth, Marvin Bandoli, Robert Dwight, Robert MacMahon, Richard O'Hare, John MacKenzie, William Peterson, Harry Simons, James Cooley and Forrest Sedgewick. Five men have been assigned to Riviera PTA projects. They are Forrest Sedgewick and Gene Voorhees, community projects; Richard O'Hare, men's membership; Robert Atha and Charles John, recreation.

Funeral services were conducted last Sunday for Marie Rebillard Schneider, 337 Via Pasqual, who died in her home Friday, July 12. Burial was held Monday at Pacific Crest Cemetery. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Anna Sanderson, who resided with her in Hollywood Riviera.

A daily vacation Bible school will be commenced August 5 at Lutheran Church in Hollywood Riviera. It was announced this week. Mrs. Robert Haak will direct the studies of the group during the two week school period. Three teachers will assist her: Mmes. Lyle Heck, Donald Nopp and G. M. Belcher. Assisting the teachers will be Mmes. Kenneth Atchinson, Clyde Stelling and Jack Harris.

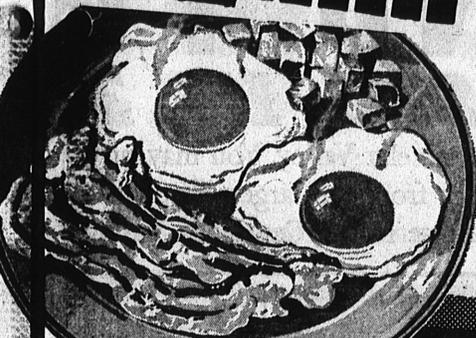
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