

# WALTERIA LAKE DRAIN ORDERED

## County Board Approves Plan

Early construction of the \$338,700 Walteria Sump Storm Drain in Torrance was seen today following approval of plans and specifications for the project by the Board of Supervisors. Chairman Burton W. Chace said that bids will be opened in the office of H. E. Hedger, Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District on Friday, Jan. 10. The successful bidder will have about seven months to complete all work on the drain.

Plans call for the drain to join the previously completed Lomita Blvd. Storm Drain at the intersection of 247th St. and Crenshaw Blvd. It runs west of 247th for about 2,000 feet, continues west in an easement to Madison St. where it turns north to 236th St. The drain follows 236th St. west for about 65 feet to its termination, Chace said.

The entire project lies within the city limits of Torrance, Chace declared.

Nearly 7,065 feet of concrete pipe, 54 inches in diameter together with the necessary auxiliary fixtures will be installed in the drain, it was pointed out.

Suitable plans have been worked out for the orderly flow of traffic through the construction zone. Chace said that every effort will be made to minimize inconvenience to motorists and residents in the area.

The drain, expected to afford considerable relief from flooding conditions prevalent in the area for many years, was designed by Torrance City Engineer Ronald W. Bishop and his staff. Construction will be supervised by the Flood Control District.

### Rivets Reports

It wouldn't hurt a bit to keep your raincoat handy, Rivets, HERALD weather-dog, warned local residents. The chances are pretty good that it will rain, or at least be cloudy most of the day, he said. Temperatures should be about the same.

High and low temperatures this week included Sunday (67-53); Monday (66-61); Tuesday (66-52); and Wednesday (64-42). Rainfall totaled 1.54 inches.



## Hearing Sought On Phone Hike

Torrance city councilmen have expressed their disappointment in the Public Utilities Commission's recent decision to hike Pacific Telephone and Telegraph rates in the county area.

The council Tuesday night adopted a resolution supporting Los Angeles City's petition requesting a rehearing on the rate increase which amounts to an estimated \$15,000,000 a year.

New rates go into effect Jan. 6, 1958. Petitions for rehearing must be filed before Dec. 31.

In other business, the city officials approved an agreement with the State on the route of the proposed San Diego Freeway. J. M. Reynolds, State highway engineer, was present to explain the agreement, and the path of the freeway through Torrance.

R. E. Zabar of Torrance was awarded the contract for a beacon tower and other facilities at the Torrance Municipal Airport. The firm submitted the low bid of \$4900.

The group also approved the installation of a stop sign at Cypress Ave. and Sepulveda upon the request of Percy Bennett, police chief.

Mrs. Pat K. McManus, 3510 W. 228th St., appeared before the council to request action to control the meanderings of cats.

She maintained her neighborhood was overrun by the felines and requested legislation of some sort to keep the animals in their owners' yards. Councilmen instructed the city attorney to investigate possible controls.

The services of James M. Hall, former city attorney, were retained by the Council on a part-time basis. The group authorized payment of \$100 a month for Hall's counseling.

## Legion Head Quits Post

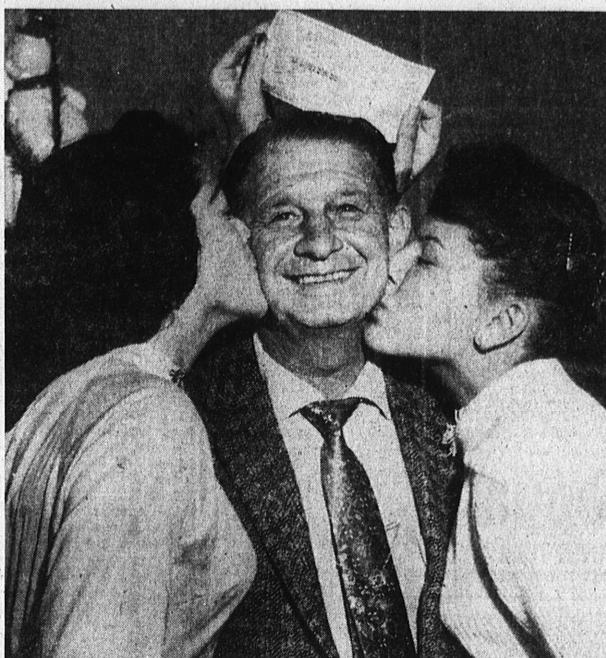
Albert Z. England, commander of the Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion, submitted his resignation to the post Tuesday night.

England, who has filled the top post since his election earlier this year, charged that the lack of cooperation from members of the club forced him to the decision to resign.

He indicated that he did not care to neglect his business further with club interest so low.



GROUND BREAKING SET . . . With groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Little Company of Mary Hospital set this afternoon, the hospital got a boost from the Torrance Soroptimist Club which presented a check to swell the hospital funds. Mother Lucy, assistant superior, and Mother Magdalen, superior, accept the check from Mrs. Margaret J. Neff and Mrs. Mary Pagac of the Soroptimists. (Herald Photo)



WHO NEEDS MISTLETOE? . . . It's a check for \$1000, not mistletoe, which prompts Sharon Starns and Sharon Smith to give Police Chief Percy Bennett two big kisses. The check was donated toward Torrance's entry in the 1958 Rose Parade by the Torrance Police Officers' Club. Since the group's president, Robert Hartel, wasn't present, Chief Bennett eagerly agreed to substitute. The two young misses, dressed in space suits, will ride Torrance's "Rocket Ship to the Moon" in the parade. (Herald Photo)

## Do Junior Colleges Babysit Area's Young Delinquent?

This is the first of a series of articles exploring the place of the junior college in today's educational system. Others will be published in subsequent issues of the HERALD.

Is a junior college a "farm school" for athletes? Is it a place to make up high school deficiencies? Is it a daytime babysitter for teenage delinquents who don't want to go to work? Is it a place to learn what high schools aren't teaching?

Or is a junior college a credit to the community and a useful necessity in our present environment?

To find the answers to these and many more questions the Torrance HERALD sent a reporter out to El Camino College to probe the purpose and accomplishments of this institution which is partially supported by Torrance taxpayers.

"El Camino is a community college. It provides a greater number of families with the opportunity to send their children on to college," declared Merl F. Sloan, director of student personnel.

The nearly 10,000 full-time and part-time enrollment is ample proof that a greater number of families are taking advantage of that opportunity.

The fund-raising campaign will be discussed at the luncheon meeting. Plomert praised cooperation of local drive leaders and donors in raising funds to match those appropriated under the Hill-Burton Act.

El Camino College offers to the people of the Centinela Valley, the cities of the South Bay are, El Segundo, Inglewood and Torrance, those educational experiences necessary for the realization of personal goals, the promotion of a democratic society in America, and the achievement of a better understanding between men of all nations.

Any person over the age of 18 or those under 18 who have high school diplomas can enroll at a junior college.

Three Categories

Students at El Camino find themselves enrolling in one of three categories.

1—professionally (those who plan to continue their studies at a four-year institution).

2—semi-professional (secretarial, nursing and semi-skilled workers)

3—vocational (those who need only two years of schooling for their profession)

Students are about evenly distributed between the three

categories, Sloan said. Many of the 6629 part-time students are taking refresher courses and many are enrolled in vocational classes.

Families who suddenly find themselves with two or more college-age youngsters are eyeing open enrollment at junior colleges with more and more favor.

The cost is low. The cost is comparatively cheap . . . books, fees, incidental expenses are nothing compared with the expenses encountered at most four-year colleges.

Tuition, room and board, fees, books and other expenses run as high as \$2000 a year at many colleges.

At a junior college, students can live at home, and they pay no tuition costs. This two years gives parents as well as their youngsters time to determine

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## A Penny for your Thoughts

With local small fry currently spending their Christmas pennies, nickels, and dimes, the HERALD's inquiring photographer asked:

"Should children receive a free allowance or should they get their money for work done around the house?"

F. D. Fields, 165 W. 223rd St., Navy recruiter.

"I give my kids an allowance, but they work for it. They have chores to do around the house. If they don't do the work, I cut it down. That's better than just a gift."

Mrs. James P. Lowen, 2750 Sepulveda Blvd., assistant pastor, Torrance Four Square Church.

"I think children should be required to do some chores. That develops a sense of responsibility and teaches them the value of money. Free hand-outs on the part of adults may be part of the trouble in the world today."

Jim Sena, 17, 332 Calle de Andalucia, Torrance High student.

"They should be paid for working around the house. If they don't, they do not get a sense of responsibility. It kids learn how to do a job, they'll gain a lot for later life."

Mrs. Shirley Klaesges, 2713 Monterey St., housewife.

"I think children should get a straight allowance. They need experience in handling money. My children do work around the house, but I don't feel that they have to be paid for work at their own home."

Walt Schepmahn, 1547 Neptune Ave., Wilmington, president, Retail Clerks Union No. 905.

"They should get money for doing work around the house. That makes them more business-minded and doesn't make them think they're getting something for nothing."

Mrs. Maxine Hahn, 320 Via Linda Vista, police patron.

"I think working is the first step toward maturity. By making them work, parents start them on that road. If children make their own money, they can spend it as they want and learn to budget it. The best way to learn the value of money is through labor."

## Deadlines Moved Ahead Because Of Christmas

Because of the Christmas and New Year's holidays, the HERALD deadlines for the next two Thursday editions will be moved up one day.

The paper will be delivered after 9 a.m. on Thursday morning, since the papers will not be printed on Christmas Day.

Persons wishing to insert want ads are asked to call by 5 p.m. Monday and display ads by 2 p.m. Monday. Society news items should be brought in by 10 a.m. Monday, while general news items should arrive before 5 p.m. Monday.

## New Lions Club Formed

A new service club—the South Torrance Lions Club—will be officially chartered on Feb. 1 in ceremonies at the Western Club, according to the newly-elected president, David Tanner.

The club, which has been organizing for the past few weeks, meets on Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. at Thompson's Restaurant. The group started off its activities yesterday by donating \$15 to the Torrance Rose Parade fund.

Other officers of the newly-formed club include Dr. Max Appleby, first vice president; Bert Levy, second vice president; Jack Lucas, third vice president; Douglas J. Horlander, secretary; Grover Hatcher, treasurer; Warren Post, Lion Tamer; Ronald Bishop, tail twister; and Herbert Farris, bulletin editor.

Members of the board of directors are Dr. Thomas Halsey, Herb Jackson, Thomas Abrams, and Richard Landauer.

Helping the new club to get organized are members of the Torrance, North Torrance, and Harbor City-Lomita Lions Clubs, assisted by Warren Hamilton, Richard Hubert, and Ray Ferrin.

The new president, manager of the Torrance Lawson's Jewelers store, lives at 4256 Newton St.



NEW CLUB CONTRIBUTES . . . As its first civic donation, the newly formed South Torrance Lions Club yesterday presented a check for \$15 to the Torrance entry in the Rose Parade. Here (front), Chamber Secretary Dick Fitzgerald receives the check from President David Tanner. In the rear are other officers of the new club—Douglas Horlander, secretary; Dr. Max Appleby, first vice president; Ronald Bishop, Lion tamer, and Grover Hatcher, treasurer. (Herald Photo)