

# PARKING METER ISSUE REVIVED HERE

## Harriett V. Leech Appointed Treasurer

### Council Elects Treasurer

Predictions by the Torrance Press a week ago that Mrs. Margaret Fordyce, city treasurer would be removed from office by City Council action became a reality this week.

At the regular meeting Tuesday evening, the Council vacated the office of treasurer and then appointed Harriett V. Leech for the remainder of the unexpired term. She is a former city treasurer of Torrance.

#### OVERRIDE BARTLETT

First the Council overrode the recommendation of city clerk A. H. Bartlett to appoint Jack Hallenger to the position. A motion by Councilman Nick Draie to support Bartlett's candidate failed for lack of a second.

Then Ed Karlow made a motion to appoint Miss Leech which was seconded by Harvey Spelman. As if the matter had been discussed before, the ruling three pushed through the appointment. Councilman Willys Blount is out of the city.

Mrs. Fordyce was removed by Councilman resolution 2,232. City Attorney James Hall, explained that she was declared incompetent by Superior Court order 121750.

#### HALL SPEAKS

"Unfortunately as it is," said Hall, "Mrs. Fordyce is in a Sierra Lodge rest home in Baldwin Park. I notified her guardian that action was contemplated." (Continued on Page 10)

### Charity Plan Launched by Oil Refinery

Double the total dollars for charity from 50 per cent more people.

Paul Narveson, 1323 Date avenue, Torrance, revealed this achievement of the charity plan launched last month by his fellow employees in the General Petroleum Corporation's Manufacturing department.

Narveson and six other employees were in charge of the "one-request" charity drive at General Petroleum's Torrance refinery, where 94 per cent of the manufacturing employees participated in the fund.

Better than \$20,000 was raised by the plan, key idea of which was a single annual solicitation. The committee in charge of the drive was chosen to represent all organized labor groups, unorganized employees, and management.

Other members of the Torrance refinery committee are: D. R. Anderson, committee chairman, J. G. Lemak, Gordon Lewis, Miles Headley, Robert Evans, and Damon Jacobson.

### Hi-Ho Club To Reopen

The Hi-Ho Club at 1778 West Carson street is staging a grand reopening Friday, December 14. The club has undergone extensive remodeling. Among the new features is Carlos' Spanish Kitchen, which specializes in delicious Spanish dinners at reasonable prices.

Another new feature is private dining facilities for families.

Dancing is on the agenda for Friday and Saturday nights. There will be a live orchestra to provide dance music.

Draught beer served in pitchers is another attraction of the new Hi-Ho Club. The club is open from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. every day including Sunday.

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Editor, Torrance Press: A note of thanks is due you for your splendid cooperation with the Symphony Concert Committee when we recently sponsored Miliza Korjus in concert with the Inglewood Symphony Orchestra at El Segundo High School Auditorium. The residents of Torrance and many of its environs highly praised your informative reporting on the events leading to the concert and were in rapport with your cover story of it.

When a newspaper so supports unselfishly the cultural projects of the local citizens, it is to be recognized not only as a free press but as a supporting and non-biased one of which its readers can be proud.

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. Angus Smith,  
Miss Eleanor Howell,  
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SLEEK SWEEP-BACK WINGS mark the F-86 Sabre jet fighter plane. On a trial run last year, a Sabre clocked the fastest flight between Los Angeles and San Francisco. The 341 mile distance was covered in 32 minutes and 56 seconds. Wings used on this craft are manufactured at North American's Torrance plant where production has reached a new high because of increased demands of the Nation's defense program. Plans are under way to expand facilities producing Sabres. William B. Pott, is general foreman at the Torrance plant.

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### SABRE WINGS PUT ON HERE

This month marks the first anniversary of the appearance of F-86 Sabre Jet Fighter planes in Korea. Torrance residents can be proud of the part this community has played in the production of this jet plane. The swept-back wings used are made in the Torrance factory. In battle against similar enemy craft this product of North American Aviation, Inc. has proved itself time and again as best in its class.

In keeping with defense program needs production of Sabres has been stepped up to an all-time high. North American's Torrance plant is working day and night to keep up with the military demands.

"We're turning out finished products faster than we're getting in raw material," said one employee of the local factory.

The Torrance plant is located at Plaza del Amo and Abalone streets. This large facility of North American Aviation, Inc., concentrates on the production of wings for the Sabre Jet. Here endless sheets of aluminum, quantities of assorted nuts and bolts, and miles of tubes and wires are assembled in readiness for shipment to the main plant in Inglewood where they are affixed to completed fuselages.

Approximately 500 people from Torrance and surrounding towns are employed in the factory.

### Plastic Unit Plans Made

North American Aviation's plastic center will be located at the aircraft company's Torrance plant within the near future, a corporation spokesman revealed today.

Known as Department 26, the plastic unit now occupies facilities at Downey. Approximately 400 persons will be employed in this operation at the Abalone and Plaza del Amo location.

Currently, the Torrance plant houses the wing assembly for the F-86, it was disclosed.

A company official said that on January 14, department 21—now the wing assembly group, will be cut into two divisions. Part of 21 will be reconstituted. (Continued on Page 11)

### APPROVAL GIVEN TWO SUBDIVISIONS

A busy session of the City Council this Tuesday was greeted with many unsolved problems. Among business taken up at the meeting were the following items:

Insurance bids were accepted. The Recreation Commission 15 year plan for the development of recreation facilities was referred to a closed meeting by Mayor Bob Haggard with the approval of the Council.

A request to operate a hamburger license by R. A. Miller at the corner of Carson and Border was granted.

Recommendations by assistant to the city engineer John R. Patrick to approve Truman Browne's subdivision with the 60 foot instead of 50 foot lots and the approval of the January 129 tract location near Pacific Hills were given a green light by the Council.

Although the Council would not give Councilman Nick Draie a second week to appoint City Manager George Stevens as engineer, the legislative group reversed their position this week. Stevens was unanimously appointed as acting engineer at the Tuesday meeting.

A central fire station to cost \$30,000 as recommended by Fire Chief J. J. Benner was held over for the City Council's secret meeting next Wednesday evening. It was pointed out that half of this money—\$15,000 is already in the current budget. Ways and means will have to be worked out for acquiring the rest of it.

Judges already selected will be unknown, and will travel the area from Lomita boulevard to 190th street, and Wilmington street to Western, several nights the week before Christmas. Instead of announcing winners, the contest sponsors will deliver. (Continued on Page 10)

### Chamber Acts As St. Nick

KEYSTONE—Keystone-Avalon Chamber of Commerce will play Santa Claus to six residents of Avalon Village, Keystone, Wilmington Manor, Lomita Square, Southridge, and nearby areas. It was announced today by Ben Cluff, chairman of the chamber's second annual residence Christmas decorating contest.

A host of useful prizes will be awarded to residents of the six most beautifully decorated homes Christmas Eve. Cluff and Keystone-Avalon Chamber President Henry Blythe said.

Proprietor Louis Arbetter was equal to the occasion. He convinced the young lady it was really true, and she soon regained a part of her composure. More than 400 people filled the store and mushroomed into the street.

Other prizes given away at the drawing included a three piece cutlery set and a cake service set.

"We couldn't find out who won the cutlery set," said Arbetter. "Whoever it was disappeared as soon as he scooped up his prize."

William Nolan won the cake service set.

Allen Jewelers which has been a part of the Torrance community since 1922 is known as the "Store of Friendly Credit."

Arbetter said that this is the first time his store has had a (Continued on Page 10)

### B. Cluff Named Lights Chairman

KEYSTONE—Ben Cluff has been named chairman of the Keystone-Avalon Chamber of Commerce Christmas decorations contest, which will run concurrently with the Wilmington Junior Chamber of Commerce lighting contest.

Prizes will be awarded to the contest winners before Christmas. (Continued on Page 10)

### El Nido Asks for X-Guard

Request by the California Congress of Parents and Teachers for a guard at 182nd and Hawthorne seemed to fall on deaf ears as far as the ruling three councilmen were concerned. Willys Blount was absent. He is on extended tour.

A motion by Councilman Nick Draie to put a guard at this dangerous intersection died for lack of a second.

"There were two people hurt in accidents," declared Draie.

"I still feel it's not our responsibility," said Mayor Bob Haggard. "The cost to the City of Torrance is unfair since most of the children involved are in county territory."

STEVENS VOLUNTEERS

City Manager George Stevens volunteered that it would cost approximately \$150 a month to place a guard at this intersection.

"I move that we refer this matter to Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull," declared Councilman Ed Karlow.

"We've already done that," said Stevens. "There's no hope for respectably, although I feel the County should place the guard there. If we are to protect the children from the El Nido district, we'll have to take care of the situation."

DRALIE REQUESTS

"If you gentlemen won't put a guard there," declared Draie, "how about a caution signal to protect the children?"

Ed Karlow made a motion that the matter be repealed to whoever it concerns. It was passed unanimously.

### KOREAN JUMP TOLD BY GI IN LETTER

Here is a letter Corp. Joseph La Porte sent to his parents from Beppu, Japan. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. La Porte, live at 1562 213th St., Torrance. Dear Mom and Dad:

I just received the shoes, and I don't think I could have found anything more perfect. I'm glad you sent size eight because they fit me just right. It sure feels good to get my feet back in something more comfortable than the boots I wear all the time.

Dorsey and I both received a very nice box from Aunt Peres. The box was filled with candy and nuts.

I'm taking it pretty easy right now. I have blisters on my feet from the march we made in Korea.

Yep, on the 13th day of this month at 8:00 in the morning I was standing in the door of a C-46. As I looked down I could see Korea below me.

JUMP PREPARATIONS

The C-119's were just starting to pull back up into the sky, for they had just dropped their load of troops. I could see the green silk of these chutes below (Continued on Page 11)

### PARKING METERS ISSUE REVIVED

The parking meter bug-a-boo appeared to be raising its ugly head in Torrance again this week as questionnaires were being circulated among merchants asking their views on the parking "problems" of the City.

One of the questions asked dealt with parking meters, and their attitude regarding these taxing devices.

Only a few months ago, merchants who oppose parking meters, joined by residents of similar attitude, circulated petitions which resulted in the rescinding of an Ordinance to install parking meters and set up a "central traffic district" already adopted by the City Council.

Nearly 1400 names were attached to the petitions opposing the parking meters, according to Albert Isen, attorney, who was chairman of the "No Parking Meters in Torrance" committee opposing the ordinance. Councilman Nick Draie was the sole opponent on the City Council to the parking meter ordinance at the time it was adopted.

REVIVAL

However, the questionnaires being circulated this week gave indication that the "ruling four" on the City Council want to revive the parking meter question.

Naturally, opponents of parking meters in Torrance again have gone into action.

"We have the money to provide off-street parking in Torrance in the City Treasury," said one merchant. "Why resort to uncertain revenue from parking (Continued on Page 11)

INTO ACTION

While engineers denied that the present \$500,000 contract which extends from 174th street in Torrance to 154th street, has anything to do with the freeway program, they admitted that rights-of-way being cleared at this time at the intersection of Hawthorne boulevard and Redondo Beach boulevard are 310 feet in width.

DRAWINGS

Preliminary drawings of the Highway Department call for a wide sweep of Sepulveda Freeway from Hawthorne boulevard (now a state highway) to 174th street (also a state highway) at a point where Redondo Beach boulevard and Hawthorne boulevard intersect.

Plans for Sepulveda Freeway (Continued on Page 10)

Notice Sent To Haggard By Mistake

Residents of the area between Arlington and Western avenues, lying north and south of 203rd street came to the Planning Commission meeting last week to complain. The homeowners were unhappy over the Planning Commission edict to rezone the area for heavy manufacturing.

Cards by the Commission and word of mouth had gotten word around to the residents who were present.

George Chikinis, 15522 Atkinson Ave., told the Planners that heavy industry keeps people from sleeping at night in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Alvarez of 2063 203rd were also there to find out what it was all about.

"Didn't you get a card from us?" asked Earl Lloyd, secretary of the Planning Commission?

"No, I didn't," replied Alvarez. "We sent you one," insisted Lloyd.

"Where did you send it?" asked (Continued on Page 10)

### Slough Solution Sought

DOMINGUEZ — The Dominguez Slough, located at Victoria and Figueroa streets was back in the news today for two reasons:

Reason number one: Attorney General Edmund "Pat" Brown's office was trying to find out why it was necessary for the County Sheriff to guard private property. The sheriff was asked to station an emergency reserve there after four children drowned several months ago. It is the contention of government officials that taxpayers should not have to pay for the supervision of a private "danger" area.

The second reason for the Slough's newsworthiness concerned the interference with private enterprise.

Conley Church, 16403 Chenera, Torrance, representing ten or fifteen tropical fish store dealers came into the Press office yesterday.

"Where do I get a permit to scoop up water fleas for my business?" he asked. "The sheriff's office won't allow me to wade into the Dominguez Slough," complained Church.

He said that during the rainy season he made between \$50 to \$60 a week scooping up the water flea which is technically known as daphnia, and is used commercially as fish food.

Conley said that he gets two dollars a quart for the water flea. It is about the size of a pin. He pointed out that there are 10,000,000 water fleas to a quart.

A check with County officials showed that Conley could not get a permit from any public body since the slough is considered a hazard.

"I'd just like to see them keep out all the little businessmen with their nets when the rainy season starts," declared Conley.

### Another Week Of Rain Due

For the third week end in succession Torrance can grimly anticipate rain and overcast skies. Winter is here, and it's here to stay, for a while at least.

Wednesday of last week ended a two day storm which left .11 inches of rain on Torrance's streets, to make the season's total 1.11 inches. Maximum temperatures for the rest of the week were: Thursday, 59; Friday, 59; Saturday, 60; Sunday, 60.

Monday of this week the temperature hit 71. Intermittent rain fell all day Tuesday and the temperature rose to 76.

### TORRANCE LOMITA REALTY BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS



GERALD ALTER —Bob Roberts Studio.



C. J. (PADDY) RYAN. —Dixie Lee Studio



PERRY CONNETT (Story on Page 12)



PROPRIETOR LOUIS ARBETTER of Allen Jewelers presents Mrs. Betty Hatfield, 18, with a \$150 diamond set which she won at a drawing conducted by the store last Friday evening. She almost fainted when her name was called but regained her composure rapidly. "I'll always wear it," she declared jubilantly as this picture was snapped. —Pressfoto.