

### BEATING

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was booked at the local police station. He is able to identify several of the officers involved, according to his attorney, Paul Major.

**Strikes First**

Acting Chief Willard Haslam declared that Beckel was first to strike one of the officers in the ear as he was being booked and that the officer thereupon retaliated in self-defense. The blow received by the officer required medical attention. Chief Haslam denied that any beatings had taken place, saying that he checked Beckel the following day for bruises of any sort but did not find any.

The original fight in which Beckel beat up Officer Hamilton, who was guarding the Ellinwood tract in his off-duty hours, resulted from Hamilton striking Beckel's sister in the chest and then slapping her in the face, according to Beckel.

The police department maintains, however, that Hamilton struck Mrs. Alvarado in the shoulder while scuffling with Beckel over identification papers.

**No Rock**

Mrs. Alvarado denies ever lifting a rock in her hand during the whole time in a threatening manner as claimed by the officer.

### Chinchilla Show

The CAH chinchilla show will be held in the Civic Auditorium in Long Beach, January 16-17, starting at 10 a.m. Banquet to be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, January 16, in the LaFayette Hotel.

### WATER

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from the underground supply, while 55% is brought in from the Metropolitan District.

As the West Basin water supply diminishes, it becomes necessary to obtain Metropolitan water which is three times as expensive, according to McVicar.

**An appropriation of \$9000 as the county's share of the cost for investigational work for the prevention and control of sea water intrusion in the West Basin was approved Tuesday by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.**

In establishing the Water Conservation Zone II, the West Basin Water Association seeks to combat the dwindling of the water supply by injecting fresh water into the ground which will also stop the intrusion of salt water.

An indication of what has already happened to the water supply was given by McVicar. Three years ago the Torrance wells drilled 150 feet for water. Since then the level has dropped to such an extent that the wells must go down 187 feet.

The superintendent did not know yet what the cost of this plan would be for Torrance. Carl Fossette of the West Basin Association spoke of a direct charge on the West Basin in the form of a 5-cents-per-\$100 valuation on property. The tax is not a standing tax but has a definite life to it.

Dominguez Estates has indicated that it will try to lead its oil fields out of the proposed zone since they are located in part in the Central Basin and part in the West Basin.

### ANNEXATION

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dispute in which the County Board of Supervisors voted against the home-owners and in favor of the diatomaceous mine permit, Draie stated.

The councilman feels that the Rolling Hills home-owners lacked the proper strength in their campaign which would have been assured they had been a part of Torrance. The annexation move would also be of advantage to them in providing them with better police protection and other community services, including the desperately needed school facilities.

Mayor Mervin M. Schwab and Councilman Harvey B. Spelman voted against extending the invitation to meet with the home-owners. The mayor asked for time to investigate the matter first.

### HOSPITAL

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Ewens, Manhattan Beach, and Dr. Charles T. LaFrance, Redondo Beach, surgery; Dr. Clifford E. Easley, Torrance, orthopedics; Dr. Ralph W. McNeil, Torrance, credentials; Dr. Robert C. Shaeffer, anesthesia; Dr. George C. Andersen, Hermosa Beach, tissue; Dr. W. E. Grubbs, Torrance, program; Dr. Ernest Butt, Redondo Beach, grievance; Dr. John Wilson, Manhattan Beach, medical; Dr. Arthur Olson, Redondo Beach, public relations; Dr. Howard A. Wood, Torrance, elected by the General staff to the Executive Committee and will continue to serve as building program coordinator.

### POLIO

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be featured, together with other guest callers.

**Moose Dance**

The third dance, sponsored by the Torrance lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose, has been scheduled for Saturday, January 30, at 8:30 p.m. at the lodge hall, 1744 Carson St., according to Daniel Desmond, governor, and Charles Shiffer, dance chairman.

## OES Holds P-TA To See 'A Criminal Is Born'

Last Thursday evening Torrance Chapter No. 380, O.E.S. added six new members to its roster when the impressive rites of initiation were put on by the 1954 officers for the first time. A large group of members and visitors were present to witness the ceremonies. Worthy Patron Vincent Viellenave called the meeting to order, and Worthy Matron Florence Viellenave presided. During escort Deputy Grand Matron Frances Weston was escorted and presented, as were Matrons and Past Matrons from the District and Past Matrons from this and other Grand Jurisdictions. The Deputy Grand Matron gave a very impressive talk, again stressing the changes in the work this year, and complimenting the officers for their very fine work. Dorothy Hollibaugh, Worthy Matron of Playa Linda, and James Nash, Worthy Patron of Point Firmin, were called upon to speak and they, too, complimented the officers for fine work.

### Woman's Club Members Visit Bachelorettes

Mrs. Grover C. Van Deventer, president, together with members of the Woman's Club, attended a meeting of the Bachelorettes in San Pedro at the Assistant League building, January 11.

Club members attending with her were: Mrs. Victor Benard, Mrs. H. J. Osborne, Mrs. Hugh Bowman, Miss Frances Dimitri, Mrs. F. P. Foley, and the Junior Woman's Club advisors, Mrs. B. W. Roberts and Mrs. R. Bingham.

Those attending from the Junior Woman's club were Mrs. J. E. Barrington Jr., president; Mrs. Joseph Helphand, Mrs. George Post, and Mrs. Robert Tolson.

The informal pot-luck luncheon will be held January 20 at 12:30 at the Woman's Club.

will be the topic of the regular P-TA meeting held today January 14. Principal speaker for the evening will be Sergeant Cook of the Torrance Police Department, who will show the film "A Criminal Is Born." The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. with child care provided in the kindergarten room.

### LICENSES

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must be handled through the Motor Vehicle Departments located in Long Beach, Compton, Los Angeles, or Hawthorne.

New and renewed driver's licenses must also be obtained through these offices inasmuch

as the periodic examination days have been discontinued in Torrance because of the anticipated Motor Vehicle Department.

Addresses of the other offices are: Alameda and Palmer avenue, Compton; 700 East Broadway, Long Beach; Thirty-fifth and Hope, Los Angeles; 226 Plaza Square, Hawthorne.

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