

TO HEAD ROTARY

Chosen to head the Rotary club for the coming year was A. E. Thompson, general manager of the General Petroleum refinery in Torrance, at an election held last week.

Elected to the vice presidency was Dr. Raymond Larson, local chiropractor.

Newly elected officers will be installed July 1.

Named to serve on the board of directors were: Dr. Joseph Bay, optometrist; Harry C.

Harper, Don H. Hyde, George W. Post, John A. Tweedy and William Zoeller.

ADULT CLUB VISITS GLENDALE CLUB

Forty-two members of the Torrance Adult Club went by chartered city bus to Glendale last Saturday, February 26. The group left at 9 a.m. and returned at 5 p.m., spending the entire day with the Glendale Adult Club.

'TORTOISE AND THE HARE'



MEMBERSHIP RACE... As a means of "encouraging" the membership drive, JayCees have been split up into two teams. Each member will get either the rabbit or the turtle which he must take with him everywhere he goes until he has signed up a new member. Starting off the race here are the two team captains Harry Klinger (left) and Elliott Nohr.

Police Sgt. Bill Evans Retires After 20 Years

By RALPH R. GOMPERTZ

Sgt. G. W. "Bill" Evans of the Torrance Police Department retired this week after 20 years of service to this city.

He is the second person to retire from the Torrance Police Department on a full pension (Chief John Stroh was the first). Evans stumbled into police work after first working for the Automobile Club of Southern California.

As is so frequently the case, Evans "visited," but came to stay. Looking back on it, he feels that nothing better could have happened to him than becoming a policeman.

When you see the seamy side of life and still feel, as Evans does, that regardless of how bad a guy is he's still a human being, you've also learned something that's pretty important.

Evans has been active in the Torrance Toastmasters club; he is the vice-president of the Pioneer Society in Downing and a director of the Peace Officers Car Club associations devoted to youth activities.

He lives at 1229 Beech avenue with his wife and will continue to work as a special police officer in charge of the downtown parking meters.

DeFrance Promoted To Corporal

Larry H. DeFrance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh H. DeFrance, 2473 W. 255th st., Lomita, recently was promoted to corporal while a member of the 288th Armored Field Artillery Battalion in Hanau, Germany. Corporal DeFrance, a driver in Battery A, entered the Army in July 1953 and arrived overseas the following January. He is a 1952 graduate of Narbonne High School.

Heart Attack Takes Lomita Optometrist, 36

Funeral services were conducted Monday for Dr. Robert E. Welch, 36, optometrist, who died suddenly of a heart attack at his Rolling Hills home, 26236 Rolling Hills road, last Friday. Dr. Welch had practiced in Lomita for several years. He just opened a new office at 24423 Narbonne avenue.

Surviving him are his wife, Isabella; four daughters, Robin, Sue, Joyce and Pat; his father, Morton G. Welch, MD, of San Diego; and a mother, Mrs. Blanche Welch, of Los Angeles.

Welch had experienced heart trouble for some time, according to his wife. County firemen and lifeguards tried for more than half an hour to revive him by means of a resuscitator.

Delpian Society Announces Topic

"How We Learn" will be the subject for discussion when members of the Kappa Chapter of Delpian Society meet at Torrance Library on March 10. Chairman for the day will be Mrs. Glenn Walker, with Mesdames F. W. H. Van Oppen, Gordon Walker and H. A. Muldoon assisting as opening speakers.

Porter To Speak

D. E. Porter, industrial agent for Southern Pacific and Pacific Electric in Torrance, will speak at the March 8 community breakfast sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Porter will speak on the "Industrial Development in Southern California," with emphasis on Torrance and the railroad's role in encouraging that development.

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Construction Resumes On New Mortuary

Construction on the new Halverson mortuary, corner Engracia and Cravens, can resume once more following the dismissal of a temporary restraining order last Friday.

Nothing further can now be done to hamper construction until the question of a permanent injunction comes to trial. Trial date has not been set as yet.

Dissolution of the temporary restraining order was ruled by Superior Court Judge Eugene P. Fay of Inglewood.

Owners of the mortuary have been hampered in their construction plans all along because of protests from a nearby resident.

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