



NEW PRESIDENT of the Torrance Lomita Board of Realtors Delmare Wright (right) receives the gavel from outgoing president Kenneth Peters. The gavel passing ceremony took place last week at the realtors' annual installation dinner held at the board offices.

Annual Float Fund Drive Gets Started This Week

The annual fund-raising drive to pay for the Torrance float entry in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses parade got underway this week when 5,000 letters were mailed to Torrance business firms requesting financial support. It was announced by Robert H. Vroman, drive chairman.

This year's float, the largest ever entered by the citizens of Torrance in the famed pageant, will cost in excess of \$8,000. It will be entitled "Freedom From Want" and will feature another first in that three Torrance girls will ride on the float. It will be 40 feet long, 18 feet wide and 17 feet

high. The decorating of the float will be done entirely by volunteer workers, thereby reducing the usual overall cost by approximately \$3,000.

The letters were prepared and addressed by members of the Torrance Jayettes, Torrance Pilot Club and the Newman Club of El Camino College.

The Torrance Tournament of Roses Association sponsors this annual effort to not only gain the city national attention, but world-wide recognition as well. The Jan. 1 event is sched-

uled to be televised internationally through the telstar system.

Co-sponsors of the Torrance float are the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Those making contributions to the float construction fund are requested to make checks payable to the Torrance Tournament of Roses Assn., P.O. Box 479, Torrance.

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During the past 75 years about 150,000,000 pounds of nickel have been used for coinage.

GOVERNMENT

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—Theodore Roosevelt

State Beverage Fees Paid to City of Torrance

The city of Torrance has received \$22,270 as its six-month share of the fees paid by holders of alcoholic beverage licenses.

The payment was made by the state department of alcoholic beverage control, which allocates ninety per cent of all license fee money back to individual cities and counties to be used for the many branches of service offered by local governments. The remaining 10 per cent goes into the state general fund.

The most recent payment was for the six-month period ending Aug. 31, 1963. Los Angeles County as a whole, including unincorporated areas, received \$1,574,043 for the period.

A package store beer and wine license costs the owner \$37, with a yearly renewal fee of \$12. A general on-sale tavern license costs \$6,580 originally, with an annual renewal fee of \$580, while a beer and wine only tavern license costs \$234, renewable yearly for \$84.

According to the California Brewers Association, local governments throughout the state as a whole received \$4,168,445 for the latest period which, coupled with the \$6,478,029 received for the period ending Feb. 28, 1963, makes an annual total of \$10,646,474.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

(Continued from page 1) council of their willingness to cooperate.

Councilman Ross Sciarrotta asked that during this time of national mourning, would be a good time to reaffirm our dedication to our country and make a sincere pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America." Junior Councilwomen Robin Rector ordered a letter expressing the grief of the city and offering condolences to the family of the late President Kennedy. The senior council followed with similar action.

Mayor Albert Isen suggested that the name of Torrance Municipal Airport be changed to John Fitzgerald Kennedy Municipal Airport in memory of the assassinated chief executive. The matter was referred to the Airport Committee.

To do less is irresponsible.

Mrs. Raymond Liles

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LETTERS

Dear Sir:

It appears that a clean government reform movement is overdue in Torrance. Our mayor has been arrested for drunk driving, our police chief and other city officials are being investigated by the state attorney general's office.

But good government can not come without informed citizens. We need complete and objective reporting of the news. Why ARE OUR NEWSPAPERS NOT REPORTING THE MOST IMPORTANT LOCAL NEWS?

I have re-read the letter of Oct. 16, written by David Lyman, reporting accusations voiced at our Torrance city council. Certainly it is important news when a city councilman talks about "favoritism and gratuities" in regard to variances and zone changes.

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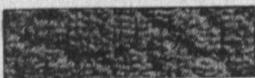
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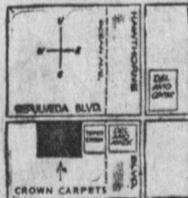
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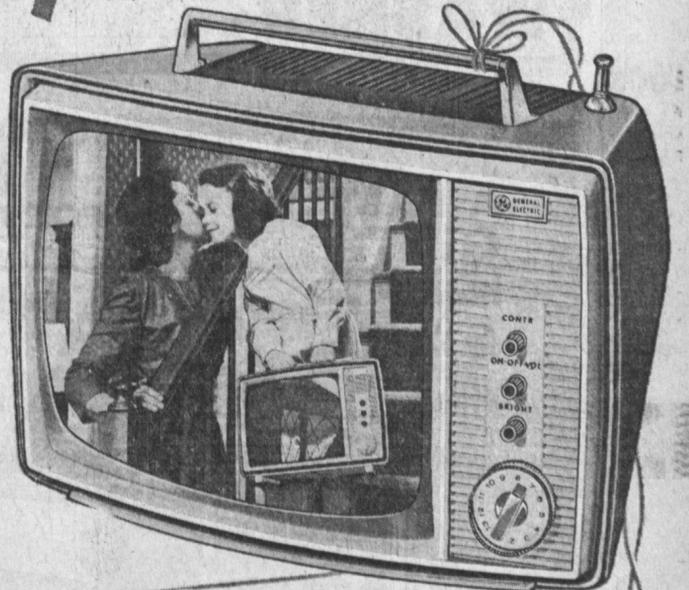


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