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## PLAN FINE INSTALLATION HERE FOR HARBOR GROUP

### Annual Meeting In Torrance Will Be Held January 14 by Harbor Chambers; Program Is Announced

One of the finest programs ever scheduled for the entertainment and instruction of delegates and visitors to Harbor District Chamber of Commerce meetings will be presented here Thursday evening, January 14, when that important organization gathers here again for its regular installation meeting.

Burr McIntosh, widely known radio philosopher, Supervisor John R. Quinn, Charles A. Gungorer, prominent in educational, business and civic circles; Tom Ubbels orchestra; presentation of the Richards Martin School of Dancing—these are all on this first program of 1932.

**Business Meeting First**  
The business session will be held at the First Christian church, corner of Engracia and Arlington avenues. The regular committee meetings and the regular delegate council session will convene jointly at 4 p. m., January 14, in order to permit ample time for the further presentation of subject matter dealing with the San Gabriel program for flood control and water conservation. Executive representatives, legal and technical, will be present to represent both sides of this controversy. Every delegate is urged to be present and to bring others who may be interested in this vital subject.

The general meeting and dinner will be held at 8:30 p. m. at the Torrance Women's clubhouse, opposite the First Christian church. A tasty menu has been arranged by the members of the club who have also promised expedition service.

**Quinn to Serve**  
Entertainment features have been arranged for this session which promise to provide a happy memory of the meeting in the "Modern Industrial City." Orchestra numbers will be provided by Tom Ubbels and his boys. The Richards Martin School of Dancing of Wilmington will provide entertainment of the evening.

The address of welcome will be given dually by DeKalb Spalding, president of the local chamber, and John Dennis, mayor of the city. The response will be made by Lieutenant Governor Frank E. Merriam.

Installation of officers for the ensuing year will be a feature of the evening. Supervisor John Quinn will serve as master of ceremonies for this event. W. Rufus Fagge, local civic leader, will be installed as president of the Harbor Chambers association.

**Make Reservations Early**  
Burr McIntosh, radio speaker, will share the honors as "speaker of the evening" with Charles Gungorer, who will give a summary of events under the subject "Opportunities and Responsibilities." Gungorer is field secretary of the Los Angeles Motor Car Dealers' Association.

As the accommodations at the Woman's club are limited to 300, it will be necessary to reserve places according to the reservations received, according to Carl Hyde, secretary of the association. Reservations may be made at the local Chamber of Commerce headquarters.

**You Must "Sign Up" Now To Vote**  
Local Deputy Registrars Making House-to-House Canvass For Convenience of District Electors

Have you registered yet? If not, be sure to sign up when a local deputy registrar calls at your home and offers to complete a permanent registration. All citizens of legal age must register if they wish the privilege of voting at the coming elections. When once registered under the new law, their registration becomes permanent under the following regulations:

(1) If a person moves, he or she must re-register, giving the new address, and (2) in case an R. I. aged elector fails to vote at a general election, he loses his registration privilege and must re-register in order to vote at the next election.

**Deputies Listed**  
Mrs. Laura Anderson, 1510 Engracia avenue, has been appointed registrar in charge of all Torrance and Lomita deputies. Ed Clark, 1315 29th street, and H. Christopherson, 2315 Carson street, are the only deputies qualified to take registrations in the city of Torrance until after the first of February.

Lomita has the following deputies working in that community: Mrs. Mabel Erickson, 1101 Cypress street, precinct 2; Mrs. Edna K.

## Three Lomita, One Waleria Boys Arrested

### Suspected of Robbing Store On Western Avenue New Year's Eve

A quartet of assorted youthful burglars were surprised early New Year's morning by Officers Schumacher and Ashton on the Santa Fe tract a few hours after they were reported to have entered a store near the Airport Inn on Western avenue.

Three of the suspects were Lomita boys and one was from Waleria. They were John Watt, 19, Lomita; Mickey Warfield, 25, Lomita; Bernard McLeand, 19, Lomita; and Elgin Johers, 17, of Waleria, according to police reports.

Local officers turned the four over to deputy sheriffs as the alleged crime occurred in Los Angeles county territory and they were taken to the county jail. Johers was certified to the Juvenile court on a burglary charge and the other three were arraigned Monday in Los Angeles on the same count. The date of their preliminary hearing has not been set, according to the sheriff's office. A quantity of gum, cigarettes and money was found in their possession, the local arresting officers declared.

**City Dads' Meet Brief**

Tuesday night's council meeting—the first in the new year—was the shortest session held here in recent months. Only 45 minutes elapsed from the opening to the adjournment of the meeting.

City Dads' Association's final motion that "all bills, proper to the faces of the city dads as they remembered many past sessions when that closing motion was worded, "that warrants be drawn for all bills." The 1931-32 tax money, received here recently, made possible the "drawing" of checks for all municipal bills.

**EXAMINATIONS COMING**  
First semester examinations will be held in all schools in the city beginning next week. The semester will end January 22 and the second term will start Monday, January 25.

Reports that the deep test Higgins well on Palm street in South Torrance flowed at the rate of about 25 barrels an hour for several hours early this week were not confirmed by R. N. Higgins.

"We put our well on the pump at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon but we cannot report any startling developments yet," he told a Herald representative yesterday. "No tests to determine the gravity of the oil coming up have been made as yet. We expect to keep the well on the pump for the next three days."

Observers at the well noted that there is a quantity of gas emanating from the deep hole and that spurts of oil come up at intervals. Many predictions are being made as to the success of the deeper sands venture but the Higgins brothers remain non-committal about their work.

**Ask City To Cancel Past Due Vet Taxes**

A petition for cancellation of delinquent city taxes on property owned by the Veterans' Welfare Board was taken under advisement by the city council this week. A board asked that the city notify the county tax collector that all holdings of the veterans' agency in Torrance be exempted from paying past-due taxes as the board is acting as intermediary for the state. Such cancellation has received the endorsement of the attorney general of the state, City Attorney Don Finley reported. Further study of the matter will be given an action day at the next council meeting.

**MEETING IS ADVANCED**  
The January meeting of the Torrance Elementary Parent Teachers association will be held one week earlier than usual, the program being held on Tuesday, January 12. A full report on the meeting will be published next week.

## "Mattress Music" Charms Sick Man

The tedium of a protracted illness wouldn't be so bad, according to J. S. King of 815 Costa avenue, if you could always get music from your mattress.

Late last week, King, who has been confined to his bed for the past nine weeks, happened to move his pillow and immediately heard the strains from a symphony orchestra, apparently coming from his mattress. He called a neighbor to "listen in" with him and the sounds continued.

Mrs. King was then called to hear the phenomenon—but she sat on the bed and the music was abruptly halted. King believes the wave length that carries the music from some broadcasting station to his bed-spring was disrupted by the movement.

The sick man was taken to a Los Angeles hospital Saturday morning, his condition believed serious.

## FOUR JAILED FOR DAMPLY GREETING '32

One Torrance and one Waleria resident celebrated a little too damply New Year's Eve and as a result found themselves booked along with two Los Angeles residents, for drunk and possession of liquor charges, police reports revealed this week.

E. R. Crandell, 46-year-old steel worker, who gave his address as 710 Border avenue, was released on his own recognizance to appear for trial tomorrow (Friday) after he had been arrested early January 1 and charged with possession of liquor by Officers Ashton and Schumacher. A. R. Kean, 23, who said he was from Waleria, was found asleep and intoxicated in a car parked on Western avenue near 190th street. He was charged with liquor and in possession of liquor by Officers Ashton and Schumacher.

Marshall Ruff, 33, Los Angeles, was found in possession of alleged liquor New Year's eve on Western avenue by Officer Schumacher. He paid a fine of \$25. F. J. North, 40, Los Angeles, was found drunk on the street early New Year's eve. He was released on bail to appear for trial tomorrow.

Police reported that they did not have a single accident call over the holiday and that the observance locally was very quiet.

## Deep Test Well On Pump; Flow Is Unconfirmed

### No Tests Made Yet To Find Out Gravity, Higgins Tells Herald

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**Chamber Votes To  
Relinquish \$5500 of  
Fund For City Work**

Chamber of Commerce directors by unanimous action Monday afternoon voluntarily relinquished \$5500 of the so-called "Chamber of Commerce tax" money and addressed a resolution to the city council suggesting that this money be used by that body for appropriate municipal purposes. This will cut the Chamber of Commerce budget to approximately \$19,000 for the present fiscal year.

The communication, which was read at the city council meeting Tuesday evening, pointed out that the \$5500 deduction included a \$4000 item which was agreed upon at a joint meeting of the two bodies last July and an additional \$1500 voted this week.

The Chamber of Commerce offer was accepted with thanks by the city council. Mayor Dennis pointed out that the money must be spent by the city council for the purposes for which the tax-cent tax was voted; that is, parks, music and advertising.

## THEY'RE ON SALE HERE



## GEORGE WASHINGTON COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

Above are 12 of the most noted portraits of George Washington which are used on the new postage stamps issued to commemorate the bicentennial observance of his birth. The local postoffice placed the stamps, one-half cent up to 10 cents, on sale Monday. These stamps show Washington as he was painted at different times in his life by different artists.

The one-half cent stamp is dark brown in color, bearing the likeness of the first president painted by Charles Wilson Peale, the original of which is now in the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The one-cent stamp, printed in green, is a reproduction of the profile bust by Houdon made in 1785 and now among the treasures at Mount Vernon. The one and one-half cent stamp is light brown featuring another Peale portrait of Washington known as the Virginia Colonel, now in possession of Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Virginia.

**Valley Forge Portrait**  
The stamp which the public will become most familiar with, because of its use on most mail, is the two-cent bearing the likeness of George Washington already best known, the Gilbert-Stuart Athenaeum portrait done at Germantown in 1796. Already this portrait has become generally known among Americans because of its use on the one-dollar bill.

The color of the three-cent stamp is purple and it bears a reproduction of the Peale portrait painted at Valley Forge in 1777 showing Washington in the uniform of a general with a cocked hat. Another Peale portrait, done the same year, will appear on the four-cent stamp in warm brown. The five-cent stamp in blue features the Washington portrait now owned by the New York Historical Society.

**16 To Graduate  
Here January 21**

### Mid-Year Class Will Have Charge of Own Program

Mid-year commencement exercises will be held for 16 students who will graduate from the Torrance High school on Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock, January 21, according to Principal Herbert S. Wood.

William E. Beaudry, member of the Los Angeles board of education, will present diplomas to the graduates. There will be no formal address, as the program will be in charge of members of the class.

**WASHINGTON COMMITTEE  
NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT**

A meeting of the local committee in charge of the Torrance observance of the bicentennial of Washington's birth, a national event which will be observed this year, was held Tuesday evening, January 5, at Principal Herbert S. Wood's office at the High school.

The request of the Planners that the local city council adopt such a setback line through Torrance was adopted here Tuesday night.

## \$800,000 WILL BE SPENT ON FLOOD WORK

### \$44,900 For First Unit Of Nigger Slough Reservoir Is Made Available

That the site of the temporary reservoir for the Nigger Slough water conservation district will be located near Harbor boulevard about two and one-half miles south of Gardena was indicated late last week when County Counsel Mattson handed down an opinion releasing \$44,900 for the construction of the first unit in the Slough conservation district. Flood Control Engineer E. C. Eaton is planning on a reservoir of at least 15,000 acre feet capacity. Its entire cost will be approximately \$800,000. The fund to be made immediately available will be used in preliminary work including construction of the first section.

Eventually the reservoir will be enlarged to conserve most of the water that comes through Gardena Valley from West Compton creek. Besides its conservation value, the reservoir will afford protection from heavy run-offs to approximately 7000 acres of land in and around the heavily developed oil refinery and oil tank farms district between Wilmington and Dominguez Hill.

Engineer Eaton claims that soil ground surveys show that soil conditions will result in a percolation of all this water into the ground. He contemplates the use of shafts which will permit the spread of water so as to serve underground gravel basins furnishing water to Torrance, Wilmington, Gardena, Long Beach and Compton.

**Can Register  
Anytime For  
Night School**

Persons interested in taking up some form of study at the Torrance Evening High school do not have to wait until the second semester begins, February 1, but can enroll at any time, according to Principal Guy L. Mowry. A number of classes need more students, he said, and all residents of this city and vicinity are cordially invited to call and get full information about the many subjects offered.

**Old-Fashioned Spelling Bee  
To Be Held Monday Night;  
Plan Economics Class**

All are welcome to attend the old-fashioned "spelling bee" which will be held in Mrs. Young's English class next Monday evening beginning at 7 o'clock. After an hour's spelling, the instructor will give a short talk on "Words to Increase Your Vocabulary."

Plans are being made to start a class in economics in the near future. Those interested should write, phone or call at the High school for information about this or any other subject. There are also several openings in the sewing and typing classes, Principal Mowry said.

**Appeal Is Filed In  
Water Suit Jan. 5**

Word was received this morning by City Attorney Don Findley that notice of appeal to the Supreme Court of the State of California was given January 5 by the stockholder in the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company who is attempting to stop the city from selling the \$400,000 water bond issue for the construction or acquisition of a publicly-owned water system. No date has been set as yet for the hearing of the case.

**More Wild Flower Planting Urged**

### Councilman Bell Writes of How City Is Doing Its Part To Beautify Roadways; Offers Suggestions

Carlton B. Bell, city councilman, whose avocation is the raising of choice flowers, addressed a communication to the Herald this week regarding the planting of wild flowers by the city and what individual residents can do to broaden this meritorious project of civic beauty.

"Considerable publicity has been given through the larger Los Angeles papers and various news-papers published in the smaller cities of Los Angeles county to the Olympic beautification program of planting wild flowers along the highways and on vacant property throughout the county and what the various communities are doing to carry this program out," Bell writes. "This worthy movement originated with Mr. Williamson of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and is being fostered in every way possible by that organization."

**City Plants Roadside**  
"A committee was called together comprised of representatives from each interested community in the county. I have attended the meetings of this committee as Torrance's representative. The program was presented to this committee and each member urged to have as much planting of wild flowers along roadways and on vacant lots in his home town as possible. It was suggested that this might best be done by working through the different service clubs, the Legion, Parent Teachers association and similar organizations; also by urging individual persons to plant the vacant lots next to them."

"Much has been accomplished in many places by these methods, they are good methods if more better are available," the councilman's letter continues. "Torrance is fortunate in having a much better method available. It was my belief that this was advertising and promotion of the highest order. The matter was presented to the directors of our Chamber of Commerce and the necessary funds gladly appropriated. The results were shown by our city park department as opportunity presented during the last two months until now Torrance has almost four miles of roadside planted to wild flowers besides about 20 vacant lots in prominent locations."

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## PURCHASE OF SMALL PARK WITHOUT BONDS PROPOSED

### Recreational Center Would Be Great Aid To Civic Spirit, C. of C. Leaders Tell Council Informally

As result of a general discussion Monday afternoon on the important subject of "What Torrance Needs Most," the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce placed the acquisition of a small public park and playground, without resorting to a bond issue, first on their list of civic improvements planned for 1932.

**Aged Man  
Victim Of  
Accident**

### Father of Ed Schwartz Dies Early This Morning From Injuries

Joseph Schwartzbach, 82, father of Ed A. Schwartz, local merchant, died early this morning as result of injuries sustained about 5 o'clock last night when he was reported to have stepped from a curb directly into the path of an automobile near the intersection of Border and Western avenues.

The elderly man, who lived with his son at 1721 Marline avenue, was rushed to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital by William Shawger of the Rubber-craft Corporation, who happened to be driving by at the time of the accident. The hospital reports Mr. Schwartzbach was unconscious when received at 6:30 p. m., suffering from shock, a deep cut on the left side of his head and a compound fracture of his right leg. It is believed that he probably succumbed from a fracture of the skull.

**Inquest Tomorrow**  
An inquest will be held at the Stone and Myers' chapel tomorrow, Friday, morning, at 9:30 o'clock, according to local police.

Officers Edwards who investigated reported that the car which struck the victim was driven by Swayne Johnson, 18, 617 Portola on Torrance boulevard and after he had crossed the Border avenue intersection.

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