

### BUS HEARING IS VITAL TO COMMUNITY

(Continued from Page 1) Railroad Commission, the Asbury system proposes to charge 30 cents for one way trips from Torrance to Los Angeles and 55 cents for round trips. Fares between Torrance and Lomita will be 10 cents each way.

Special commutations tickets of twelve rides for \$2.70 will be given between Torrance and Los Angeles.

The fare from Gardena to Los Angeles is to be 20 cents each way, with no reduction for round trips.

While no provisions for transfers in Los Angeles can be made in the present application, D. L. Campbell, manager of the Asbury system, states that his company stands willing and able to exchange transfers with any rail or motor bus line in Los Angeles whenever such transfer can be arranged on a fair and equitable basis.

The present schedule on which the free buses are operating will be the minimum service, and if traffic demands, trips will be made more frequently, Mayor William H. Tolson said. F. H. Asbury, president of the Asbury Rapid Transit System, told him yesterday.

Route Outlined The route asked for in the application is the same as the present route followed by the free buses, starting in Lomita at Narbonne and U. S. Highway 101, thence on Narbonne and Arlington to Carson, Carson to Cabrillo, Cabrillo to the Pacific Electric station on Border, Torrance boulevard to Western, Western to Gardena boulevard, Gardena boulevard past the Gardena high school where a jog to the left is made to 164th street, 164th to Vermont, Vermont to Rosecrans, Rosecrans to Figueroa, Figueroa to Imperial, Imperial to Hoover, Hoover to Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara to Hill, Hill to the Asbury terminal at 945 South Hill street. The return trip follows the same route. The route leaves Figueroa and takes Hoover at Imperial in order to avoid a prohibited left turn on the return trip at Santa Barbara and Figueroa.

Because any route into downtown Los Angeles would be competitive and in some respects parallel transportation services of both the Pacific Electric and Los Angeles Railways as well as certain motor coach lines beyond Manchester avenue, it is expected that all these companies will make vigorous protests at the hearing tomorrow against granting the Asbury franchise.

The Gardena city council also voted unanimously yesterday to instruct its city attorney to prepare a protest against operation of Asbury system buses thru Gardena. When the Pacific Electric railway discontinued service last Sunday, the City of Gardena instituted a municipal bus line between that city and 116th street to connect with the yellow car lines at Broadway and Vermont avenues.

Because Asbury buses will pick up and drop passengers all along its route including points within the City of Gardena, it would thus compete with that city's own municipal line, and for this reason a protest against granting the permit will be made, supporters of the Gardena line claim.

Much Depends on Hearing However, Gardena city officials have made it clear that they do not wish to disturb the long standing friendly relations that have existed between Torrance and Gardena. They have suggested that if Torrance so desires, Gardena would extend its bus line to include whatever territory Torrance may wish to serve on a cost plus basis. They further state that if Torrance can so route its line

## Entry of Buses Brings Many Angles To This Problem of Transportation

The past week, since the Pacific Electric railway quit carrying passengers on its Torrance line, has been a most hectic one for city officials and civic leaders, as well as commuters trying to get to work aboard buses loaded with joy-riding passengers. Some of the interesting highlights, sidelights, and satellites of the bus problem that were aired during the past week are given below.

**ANOTHER BUS OFFER**—Expressing their confidence that the Asbury application will be rejected, F. P. Landler, head of the Landler Bus Corporation which is leasing buses to the City of Gardena for its municipal line, this morning called City Clerk A. H. Bartlett and requested that a conference with Torrance city officials be arranged for this afternoon. Landler stated that he had a proposition to make which would take care of transportation needs between Torrance and Los Angeles "when the Asbury buses are discontinued."

**WHY WERE RIDES GIVEN FREE?**—because it would have been unlawful for any privately owned line to charge fares without first securing a permit from the State Railroad Commission. Hence, free rides was the only way to provide emergency service.

**WHY DIDN'T THE BUSES GO TO WALTERIA?**—because the attorney for the

Asbury system, who formerly was president of the R. R. Commission, advised the bus company it was "out of bounds" in attempting to justify a request for an emergency permit to supplant the suspended P. E. service when the latter company never served Walteria. The attorney stated that emergency service could only be requested as far as Highway 101 and Narbonne. However, F. H. Asbury, president of the bus company, stated that at a latter date an amended application could be filed to extend the service to Walteria, and connect with a Palos Verdes shuttle bus there.

**FRANTIC MEETINGS ALMOST HOURLY**—R. R. Smith, chamber president; Sherwood McIntyre, chairman, and other members of the chamber's transportation committee; Mayor William H. Tolson; and Chamber Secretary L. J. Gilmeister were called together several times a day, and long into the night to solve bus problems as they arose during the emergency.

**ALTERNATE SERVICES DISCUSSED**—When obstacle after obstacle piled up to retard, and almost halt operation of the Asbury plan, the committee discussed other methods. Among them was a shuttle service, either municipally operated or otherwise, to connect with the Pacific Electric Long Beach and Wilmington rail service at Dominguez Junction. Sherwood McIntyre even made a check in his own car to ascertain the mileage and estimated time a bus would require to go from Torrance to Dominguez Junction, which he figured at about 18 minutes. The P. E. time from Dominguez in Los Angeles is 31 minutes, Junction to Sixth & Main and 20 minute service is maintained. The fare from Dominguez Junction to Los Angeles is 25 cents, one way.

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**ON TRIP** L. J. Gilmeister, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, left early this morning for Santa Barbara. He is expected to return Monday.

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**ASBURY SYSTEM STANDS EXPENSE**—The entire cost of operating the free buses, — estimated at \$120 per day, — is being borne by the Asbury Rapid Transit System as a friendly gesture to meet the emergency.

**HOW TO COMPETE WITH FREE RIDES**—Gardena municipal bus line supporters complained that they "couldn't compete with free rides," to which J. G. Koch, jovial Torrance and Gardena furniture dealer, remarked: "Yes you can,—you can offer them a free ride and serve sandwiches!"

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### Church Holds Annual Meet

Ninety members of St. Andrew's Episcopal church assembled in the Guild hall Tuesday night for the annual dinner that preceded the parish meeting. Outstanding among the reports made by heads of various units in the church was the announcement that the church debt had been reduced from \$3,000 to \$2,500 during the past year. The Auxiliary also donated \$50 to apply on the principal.

At the election of officers, three were returned to their positions. They were Herbert J. Bishop, warden; R. Theodore

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### Episcopal Diocese Convention Will Be Held Jan. 21-26

The Diocese of Los Angeles of the Episcopal church will hold its 45th annual convention from Jan. 21 to 26. Of particular interest to the local congregation are: Wallace Post, Louis Deiminger, Charles Stewart, Nicholas Cucci, Herman Mitchell, Edward Rhone, Fred Quaggin and Hugh Sherfy.

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### Torrance Police, Fire Tests Set

Civil service examinations to create an eligibility list for future vacancies in the Torrance police and fire departments will be held Feb. 17. J. O. Bishop, chairman of the local civil service board, announced this week.

Candidates for appointment as captain, sergeant and patrolman on the police department and for captain and engineer on the fire department will be examined. Examination grades will be based on a written test, 40 per cent; agility tests and target practice, 10 per cent, and general qualifications, oral tests, seniority, efficiency tests, character and conduct, 50 per cent, Bishop said.

Vacant municipal positions under civil service must be filled with one of the three candidates receiving highest examination grades for that position.

Applicants must be between 21 and 32 years of age and have a minimum height of five feet, seven inches. Residence in Torrance for at least one year and registration as a voter are other requirements. The deadline for filing of applications at the city hall is Feb. 13.

so that it will not compete with the Gardena municipal line, they will not object. Asbury system officials, on the contrary, state that unless they are permitted to pick up passengers in Gardena and other populous points enroute that it will be impossible to put the bus line on a paying basis.

All of which, and much more is expected to be aired at the Railroad Commission hearing in Torrance tomorrow morning. Much depends upon this meeting as the points brought out at this hearing will govern the action of the entire commission at its regular meeting next Tuesday.

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