

# THE GAMBLING QUESTION

During recent months operators of public gambling halls have been endeavoring to secure passage of a city ordinance licensing public card games in Torrance. However, the present City Council has refused to consider such action.

It is reported that these poker parlor operators are hopeful of securing a license from the newly elected council after the April 9 election.

Thus public gambling becomes an issue in next Tuesday's election; and because The Herald feels it is a newspaper's responsibility to keep its readers informed, a poll of all candidates for seats on the City Council was made this week by The Herald. All councilmanic candidates were asked to state their stand on licensing public gambling halls in Torrance. Following are the results of this poll by the Editor:

ALBERT L. JACKSON—"unalterably opposed to public gambling halls."

J. HUGH SHERFEY, Jr.—"opposed to public gambling halls."

JAMES W. BARKER—"my campaign is financed by myself and I am against open gambling."

JOEL HAGBERG—"emphatically opposed to public gambling halls."

PAUL FINDLEY—"I am against any legalized gambling."

JAMES J. O'TOOLE—"being a conscientious family man, I do not gamble, nor use alcohol in any form or manner. Yet I feel I am not responsible for the moral conduct of the voters of Torrance, and I do not seek to tell the people how to live their lives."

CECIL W. SMITH—"I don't think any one man or any five men have the right to tell the people of Torrance what they can have or cannot have. Personally, I do not favor public card games, but I am willing to abide by the wishes of the majority."

ALVAN K. HILL—"I am opposed to public gambling halls."

WILLIAM J. B. HUGHES—"Did not reply to inquiry."

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DISCUSS HOUSING PROBLEMS . . . Shown meeting Thursday in the Chamber of Commerce are the above civic leaders and property owners as they discuss housing problems. Left to right, they are Charles T. Rippey, member of the Metropolitan Water District board; Dr. C. N. Ellinwood, owner of some 500 acres of land in Torrance due for development; George P. Thatcher, Walteria civic leader; President Reed H. Parkin of the Chamber of Commerce, who called the meeting; Ben Weston, owner of Weston ranch; Ben Haggott, Palos Verdes realtor and water company member; who is subdividing the Dolley Seaside Acres in Torrance, and William H. Stanger, manager of the Torrance water district. (Photo by Lee Weinstein.)

## WRA QUITS MAY 1; JAPANESE ON LOCAL AIRPORT WILL BE EVICTED BY APRIL 30, REPORT

Eddie Eckels, public relations officer of the War Relocation Authority, has announced to the Torrance Herald the dissolution of the WRA as of May 1. Eckels also revealed that eviction notices had been given the Japanese on the local flight strip and that the project there would be closed by April 30.

"This does not mean that those being housed there will be thrown into the streets," he explained, "nor will children attending school in the vicinity in every case be taken out. The Federal Public Housing Authority already is charged with the responsibility of housing these people and is leaving no stone unturned in securing adequate accommodations."

He praised the close cooperation the FPAA has met with the County Welfare Department in bringing about the heretofore undiscussed closing date of the Lomita Flight Strip center.

The better trailers located there will be moved to Winona Street. Project in Burbank and will be set up in an attractive housing project for all races, he said. Veterans on the strip will be given preference in trailer sections, it was disclosed.

The FPAA will continue to have charge of the Army barracks after they are vacated, although official confirmation as to their use was not revealed.

## Locations Of Polling Places Given By Clerk

Here are the locations of polling places for the Tuesday, April 9, city election. On page 4-C is printed a precinct map of Torrance as a whole and also an enlarged map of the central district, giving the numbers of various precincts. They were prepared for the Torrance Herald by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.

- | No. | Polling Place         |
|-----|-----------------------|
| 1   | 18002 Prairie Ave.    |
| 2   | 2563 El Dorado St.    |
| 3   | 718 Border Ave.       |
| 4   | 1723 Andros Ave.      |
| 5   | 1322 Engracia Ave.    |
| 6   | 2305 Torrance Blvd.   |
| 7   | 1817 Beech Ave.       |
| 8   | 1804 Arlington Ave.   |
| 9   | 2114 Arlington Ave.   |
| 10  | 23720 Narbonne Ave.   |
| 11  | 2717 W. Carson Ave.   |
| 12  | 22504 Ocean Ave.      |
| 13  | 908 Cota Ave.         |
| 14  | 1417 Cota Ave.        |
| 15  | 2003 Andros           |
| 16  | 24404 Hawthorne Blvd. |
| 17  | 1807 Portola Ave.     |

## CITY JUDGE GETS PAY RAISE; NOW RECEIVES \$265

Continuing the salary-raising policy, the City Council Tuesday night voted to increase the salary of City Judge John Shidler to \$265 per month.

This is the same salary as that being received by City Attorney John E. McCall under the recent adjustment by which all employees received an additional \$35 a month.

Both Judge Shidler and McCall are on a part-time basis with the city.

## Removal Of 'Old Swimming Hole' Menace To Health And Safety Asked

"The old swimming hole" of Torrance has been branded a menace to both health and safety, and demand for action from the city engineer's office in eliminating the problem is expected to be placed before the City Council at its next meeting.

The "swimming hole" is located along the Santa Fe tracks between the Navy Material Redistribution Center and Plaza del Amo, and it is created by failure to provide proper drainage of the Navy center.

Principal Raymond J. Casoy, of Torrance high school, is one person who has complained of the presence of the "old swimming hole," having personally caught one high school boy playing "hokey" and swimming nude in the pool of muddy water.

Principal B. J. Strand, of Torrance elementary school, likewise has complained of the presence of the pool of stagnant

## Bartlett Will Give Election Day Service

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett announced yesterday that his office will keep a deputy clerk on duty all day election day, Tuesday, April 9, to receive telephone calls as to polling places and other pertinent data.

The office will be closed, being a legal holiday except for the election, but will reopen at 7 p. m. for receipt of ballots and election material from the various polling places, and for tabulation of election returns.

Voters desiring information regarding voting may call the City Hall from 8 a. m. until 7 p. m., telephone 627.

The polls will be open from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m.

## 'Open House' To Mark Public Schools Week

Torrance high school will celebrate the 27th annual observance of Public Schools Week beginning Monday, April 8.

A committee, composed of representatives of the P. T. A., Masonic lodge No. 447 and high school representatives met February 25 and proceeded to make plans for a joint celebration.

In addition to an auditorium program, open to the public, on the night of Wednesday, April 10 at 7:30 o'clock, there will be exhibits which will include specimens of school work of every classification, "action exhibits," showing students engaged in the work carried on in the school and actual demonstrations of the many cultural, vocational and homemaking activities of the schools—including cabinet making, leather working projects and various demonstrations in the Home Economics Department.

An exceedingly interesting feature of "Open House Night" will be the program in the auditorium. On the stage, Mrs. Frank S. Selover will greet the school patrons in behalf of the Torrance High School Parent Teachers Association. On the same program, Gordon A. Mothersell, worshipful master of Torrance lodge No. 447 F. and A. M., will say a few words in behalf of that fraternal organization. Raymond J. Casoy, Principal of Torrance high school will speak briefly. A short talk by Leonard Green, Co-ordinator of Boys' Activities will follow.

The musical portion of the program will be in charge of Miss C. Storrs, Louis Sauter and Miss Roberta Fohl.

The second part of Open House Night will feature a 15-minute period "school day." Every teacher will be at his or her post at 8:45 p. m. Parents and visitors will be asked to sign a register in each room. A large attendance is anticipated.

## \$30,000 PIPE LINE WILL SOLVE SOUTHWEST WATER DISTRICT MONEY PROBLEM

Solution of finance problems of Municipal Water District No. 1 in Southwest Torrance loomed this week with the suggestion of William H. Stanger, who will manage the new district in addition to Municipal Improvement District No. 1, the central Torrance water company, that MID No. 1 pipe water from its plant at Torrance Blvd. and

reshrews Blvd. to Sepulveda Blvd. and Madrona ave., where it will be picked up by MWD No. 1.

The plan already has the nod of members of the City Council, and only the engineering details which must be worked out with Taylor and Taylor, consulting engineers retained by the city, remain to be solved.

MID No. 1 would sell water to the new district which would run a pipeline to connect with the MID No. 1 line at Sepulveda Blvd. and Madrona ave.

The water then would be transported to a reservoir to be built on the hillside above Walteria and, which would serve 70 percent of the new district which takes in all Southwest Torrance from Sepulveda Blvd. south and Crenshaw Blvd. west, except Hollywood Riviera.

Stanger's plan, which would be financed by approximately \$30,000 of MID No. 1 funds, would eliminate the need for construction of the pipe line from the Metropolitan Water District line at Oak street in Lomita, thus saving approximately \$50,000 in exp. in expanding the system in Walteria and nearby developments now planned.

The line from Madrona ave. and Sepulveda Blvd., the edge of the new district, would serve as a part of the new distribution system as well as a transport line, thus proving of double value to the new district.

Stanger said that MID No. 1 could furnish water to the new district without affecting the supply of the central Torrance water district. This would be accomplished, he said, by pumping the MWD No. 1 water at night.

His suggestion was made last

Thursday at a meeting of representatives of various property owners and civic leaders called by President Reed H. Parkin, of the Chamber of Commerce.

Present and endorsing the idea were Councilmen J. E. Hitchcock and G. V. Powell, City Engineer G. M. Jain, George P. Thatcher, Walteria civic leader, Ben Haggott, realtor who is subdividing the Dolley Seaside Acres consisting of 207 acres in southwest Torrance; Ben Weston, owner of some 400 acres to be developed; Dr. C. N. Ellinwood, owner of 500 acres ready for development; C. V. Jones; C. B. Bagnall, Grover C. Whyte, directors of the Chamber; Charles T. Rippey, member of the Metropolitan Water District board, and others.

Stanger brought out during this conference called to discuss housing needs that the water system in Walteria was headed for failure because the district did not vote enough money to finance the needs. He urged greater cooperation between the City Council, water superintendent's office, city engineer and the consulting engineer in working out the plan for the new district and said that the only solution to the problem is to build the MID No. 1 line to the border of MWD No. 1.

He said that the line he proposes would be only 7000 feet long whereas the line proposed to Oak street would be some 12,000 feet in length.

Discussed during the meeting were drainage and sewage problems of the areas involved.

Rippey, Weston, Jain and Stanger were named by Parkin as a committee to consult with the City Council regarding the solution to the problem.

## New Ambulance, Medical Care Plan For City

The problem of the City of Torrance involving care of emergency cases was near solution Tuesday night as a result of two actions which came before the City Council.

One was the cancellation by Stone and Myers of their contract with the city to provide ambulance service to the police department. J. Hugh Sherfey, of Stone and Myers informed the council that the firm had sold the Packard air-conditioned ambulance to Arthur C. Sullivan, operator of the Shell Super Service Station, Carson and Cabrillo.

The new operator, who will do business under the name of "Sullivan's Ambulance Service," will provide 24-hours-a-day service to Torrance police. Pending the installation of a new telephone, calls to Stone and Myers or the police department will be relayed to Sullivan. Stone and Myers initiated the ambulance when the Torrance Memorial hospital was opened in 1925 and have continued it ever since.

The other transaction was that of hiring Drs. W. I. Laughon and E. L. Cook to handle all emergency calls for a minimum fee of \$5 per call. The Torrance Memorial hospital will continue to accept cases, Chief of Police John H. Stroh told the council, but would not guarantee medical care. He said that Drs. Laughon and Cook will give the system a try before offering to go under contract for the service.

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## ELECTION TUESDAY TO SEE TWO COUNCILMEN, CLERK AND CITY TREASURER ELECTED

Tuesday is election day in Torrance. The polls open at 7 a. m. and close at 7 p. m. Torrance, with a registered strength of 5,236 persons, has 42 percent more voters eligible to go to the polls than were qualified two years ago.

Predictions are that the vote next Tuesday will not exceed 60 percent, and many estimates say that the Torrance city elections will not attract more than 50 percent of those qualified to cast their ballots.

There are seventeen precincts, with polling places listed elsewhere in this edition together with maps showing boundary lines.

Voters are cautioned to check the map and list of polling places, due to the many changes which have been made in the boundary lines and locations of polling places by the County Registrar of Voters. In case of any question, the office of City Clerk A. H. Bartlett will be open to receive telephone calls for directions to polling places throughout the day.

Many last minute changes have been made in locations of polling places, through no fault of any Torrance city office, and every effort is being made to see that voters have proper directions to the polls on Tuesday, Bartlett said.

Candidates for election as councilmen, with two vacancies to be filled, elected by the expiration of the terms of J. E. Hitchcock and N. H. Cucci.

Councilman Hitchcock, senior member of the council having served continuously for 14 years, is not a candidate for reelection. He is being transferred by his employer, the Standard Midway Oil Company to another post outside of Torrance.

Councilman Cucci is completing his first term and is not asking reelection.

Candidates for the City Council at the election on Tuesday are:

James W. Barker, secretary, Moosa Lodge.

Paul Findley, Columbia Steel Co., employee.

Joel Hagberg, city truck driver.

Alvan K. Hill, trucking contractor.

William J. B. Hughes, tool and die maker.

James J. O'Toole, dairyman.

Albert L. Jackson, plant manager at International District and Equipment Co.

J. Hugh Sherfey, of Stone and Myers.

Cecil W. Smith, manager of Thrifty Builders.

The office of City Clerk will be filled, the candidates being the incumbent in office for the past five terms, Albert H. Bartlett. City Clerk Bartlett is the only incumbent of the office Torrance ever has had save for the first year after incorporation.

Other candidates are:

Floyd W. (Pat) Boyle, lieutenant colonel in the U. S. Army reserve.

Carl Marsteller, who operates the Hill street depot of Torrance Municipal Bus lines.

Running for the office of City Treasurer, which has been held by Mrs. Harriet Leach, who is not a candidate, are four candidates. They are:

Vivian O. Callihan, teacher.

Margaret Fordice, owner of the Spotless Cleaners.

Tom F. McGuire, personnel man at National Supply Co. and former mayor.

Essie D. Stonecker, Walteria civic leader.

One proposition appears on the ballot, that being the question of whether or not the City Council shall receive compensation for its services of \$100 a month instead of the present \$50 a month.

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## No Liquor Sold On Tuesday, Election Day

Tuesday, April 9, is election day in Torrance.

Sec. 59 of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act forbids the sale of alcoholic beverages on election days as follows:

"Every on- or off-sale licensee who sells, gives away or furnishes any alcoholic beverage in any election district or precinct in any county in the State where an election is in progress, during the hours when by law the polls are required to be kept open for voting, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

Hours for voting on April 9 are from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m.

## 1500 Veterans On Local Labor Market of USES

More than 1600 returned veterans of World War II have been referred to jobs by the United States Employment Service, according to K. E. Bradley, manager. More than 1500 others are in the local labor market actively seeking jobs for which they are qualified. The month of March saw an increase of 300 applications for jobs from veterans, over February.

Bradley called attention to this situation in urging participation in the "Jobs for Veterans" meeting to be held Monday at 7:40 p. m. in the Civic Auditorium, Torrance.

"If employment for all these veterans is to be handled in an orderly fashion, all jobs in the community should be referred to the United States Employment Service office," Bradley said. "Returning veterans are registering for jobs daily. The only possible way to place these veterans in suitable employ is for every employer, large and small, to keep the USES informed daily of all job openings in their organization. These returning veterans are among the best qualified applicants in the labor market today, and providing suitable employment for them is a community responsibility. We must help them make good in civilian life."

"In many cases we are not able to place these workers simply because we do not have the kind of job openings that match their skills and experience."

"If there is an opening in your firm or if you expect to have one soon, please contact the United States Employment Service office, which is working with the Veterans organizations and other civic groups in helping all veterans find work."

The matter was referred to the City Engineer's office.

## Covington And Redlich Develop 36-Acre Tract

Ed Redlich and M. A. Covington have purchased 36 1/2 acres of land in 182nd st. and Hawthorne Blvd. and have asked the City Council if streets there will be surfaced as has been the practice in other parts of the city.

Covington said that the tract already is subdivided into one-half acre and 50-foot lots, and that curbs, gutters and water mains now are being installed.

He said that public utility companies are installing their facilities.

The matter was referred to the City Engineer's office.

## BARTLETT SAYS WATER PETITIONS ARE SUFFICIENT

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett Tuesday night certified to the City Council that the petitions calling for the formation of a new water district in North Torrance are sufficient.

The council ordered an ordinance of intention to call an election to form the district drawn.

## Torrance Weather Record

| Month | TEMPERATURE |           |             | Set Maximum |
|-------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
|       | Maxi- mum   | Mini- mum | Average     |             |
| Mar.  | 64          | 47        | 51          | 61          |
| 27    | 66          | 49        | 51          | 61          |
| 28    | 68          | 49        | 51          | 61          |
| 29    | 61          | 50        | 57          | 61          |
| 30    | 61          | 49        | 57          | 61          |
| 31    | 65          | 47        | 60          | 60          |
| April | Maxi- mum   | Mini- mum | Set Maximum |             |
| 1     | 66          | 44        | 60          | 60          |
| 2     | 66          | 40        | 60          | 60          |
| 3     | 66          | 40        | 60          | 60          |
| 4     | 66          | 40        | 60          | 60          |
| 5     | 66          | 40        | 60          | 60          |
| 6     | 66          | 40        | 60          | 60          |
| 7     | 66          | 40        | 60          | 60          |
| 8     | 66          | 40        | 60          | 60          |
| 9     | 66          | 40        | 60          | 60          |
| 10    | 66          | 40        | 60          | 60          |
| 11    | 66          | 40        | 60          | 60          |
| 12    | 66          | 40        | 60          | 60          |
| 13    | 66          | 40        | 60          | 60          |
| 14    | 66          | 40        | 60          | 60          |
| 15    | 66          | 40        | 60          | 60          |
| 16    | 66          | 40        |             |             |