



STRICTLY INSTRUMENTAL . . . in benefiting the uniform and instrument campaign of the Torrance Area Youth Band is Jacob C. "Jack" Koch, local merchant, shown at left, presenting a \$100 check to John Melville, Rotary Club service chairman who will turn the check over to the campaign committee. (Staff photo.)

## COOPERATION, HARMONY PLEDGED BY THREE NEW MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

Torrance embarked on a new era Tuesday night as City Clerk A. H. Bartlett administered the oath of office to three new members of the City Council, three re-elected members of the Board of Education, and certified to the results of the vote April 13 on five propositions on the ballot.

Installed as members of the Council are George C. Powell, Bob L. Haggard and Nickolas O. Draie.

Members of the Board of Education sworn by Bartlett, for the last time in view of the adoption of the Charter amendment separating municipal elections from the school elections, are George P. Thatcher, Grace Wright and Carl D. Steele.

Propositions declared adopted are:

One permitting the removal of members of the police and fire departments for cause, approved by a vote of 1515 to 1255; the one approving the elimination of salaries of city councilmen, approved by a vote of 1439 to 1318; the one separating the school elections from the city elections, approved by a vote of 1578 to 1110; one providing for the City Manager form of government permanently, approved by a vote of 1422 to 1318, and one barring permanently the licensing of draw poker parlors in Torrance, approved by a vote of 2034 to 802.

The first two are involving ordinances, effective immediately, it is said, except as to provisions of the code involving the elimination of the salary of an official during his tenure in office, and the three other propositions are amendments to the City Charter effective only upon ratification by the California Legislature when it convenes in January.

The vote for candidates for the Council, as certified by resolution of the retiring City Council was:

George C. Powell, 1040; Bob L. Haggard, 1008; Nickolas O. Draie, 990; Bronson C. Buxton, 933; W. H. Tolson, 721; James A. Evans, 709; C. Merton Gilbert, 634; James Wayt, 582; Franklin Krekow, 422; Jonathan Dummyer, 422; William King, 307; George Downing, 276; Todd V. Long, 222; Ralph Watson, 170.

The final vote on the Board of Education was: George P. Thatcher, 1923; Grace Wright, 1860; Carl D. Steele, 1706; Albert

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## North Torrance Water Well Is Condemned

Torrance acted under emergency provisions of the law just in time to provide water for North Torrance, it was revealed this week when it became known that the city-owned well at Bailey and Hickman drives which has supplied a score of homes for years has been condemned.

Notice has been given by the Health department that the residents in the area must connect with the new Torrance Municipal Water District No. 2 line within 30 days due to contamination of the well.

Mains have been provided the residents of the two streets, as well as most of the other North Torrance residents on major streets, and they will be connected with city lines fed with Metropolitan Water District water within a few weeks.

## TIDWELL LOSES ON THREE FRONTS AS DISPUTE OVER CLERKS CONTRACT FLARES

Chief development during the past week in connection with the labor strife in the Harbor area was a refusal by the National Labor Relations Board to grant a three-weeks' continuance to Haskell Tidwell and Retail Clerks' Union Local 905 in the matter of an unfair practice complaint against the union and its leader.

The NLRB turned down this request for a continuance on the basis of arguments by attorney John Binkley for the A-1 Photo Service that further delay in hearing the charges against the clerks' union would result in further irreparable damage to the A-1 Photo Service and other employers involved.

Binkley pointed out to the NLRB at the Los Angeles hearings that Tidwell's union had committed still another unfair labor practice against the A-1 Photo Service since the filing of the original complaint. Since that time Tidwell induced the Central Labor Council in the Harbor area to place the photo store on an "unfair" do not patronize" list, Binkley stated. This set up a secondary boycott, which in itself is another violation of the law.

### BULLETIN

At a late hour yesterday, the NLRB examiner, Isadore Greenberg, sent here from Washington, D. C., granted a one week continuance until May 3, upon stipulation of attorneys for the petitioners and respondents following an agreement with Tidwell's counsel that no further continuances would be requested. In the course of the argument on the continuance asked by Tidwell, additional evidence was submitted by the petitioners regarding the "stink-bombing" of the Grace candy factory and beating of Bill Grace, proprietor and a director of San Pedro Business Men, Associated, and alleged offenses against the A-1 Photo Shop. The NLRB examiner took cognizance of this evidence, it was said.

On another front, in the Gardena Justice Court, an appearance was made for Tidwell in answer to a criminal complaint filed there recently charging malicious libel. Tidwell was brought into court on a bench arrest warrant. Tidwell asked today that the complaint be dismissed. Judge Shidler ruled immediately that the case must proceed to trial on May 26th as originally planned, however.

Employers also laid plans today for a public meeting at the San Pedro High School on April 28th at 8:00 p.m. At this time the public will hear the full background of the current strife that has resulted from the acts of the clerks' union. J. Stuart Neary, attorney to the retail employers, has been asked to speak at this meeting.

In discussing this situation today, Neary stated that "Employers wish to make it clear that they are doing everything they can to bring industrial and labor peace back to this region. We do not want to lie down and accept complacently conditions that have made this business

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## ROME CABLE CORP. BUYS INTO LOCAL FIRM

On April 15 the stockholders of Andersen-Carlson Manufacturing Company held a meeting at their plant in Torrance and unanimously approved an agreement with Rome Cable Corporation, Rome, New York, whereby the Rome corporation will become interested in the local company, Arthur A. Andersen, president, announced.

Gilbert Woodill, executive secretary of the A.C. company, stated that plans were progressing to get the plant into production on electric metallic tubing early this summer. Sales of this product will be handled through Rome Cable sales outlets. Rome wire and cable products are distributed on a nationwide basis. Pacific Electric Sales, Inc., with offices and warehouses in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle, act as agents for Rome on the West Coast.

Anderson also stated that upon arrival and installation of the \$250,000 electroplating unit, which machine is 27 feet long, the Torrance plant will be one of the most modern plants in the country for the production of welded electroplated thin wall conduit. The plant is the only one of its character west of Chicago.

Rome Cable Corporation has one plant located in Rome, New York, producing a complete line

## Rookie Vico, Torrance Lad Sets Record

George Vico, rookie first baseman for the Detroit Tigers, and a resident of Torrance, established some kind of a new record Tuesday when he hit a home run on the first pitch thrown to him in his first game in the big leagues in the first game of the Major League season against the Chicago White Sox.

Vico and his wife, the former Helen Militch, a graduate of Torrance High in 1941, live at 1408 West 218th street.

## Thatcher New Vice President Of School Board

Dr. Howard A. Wood was re-elected president of the Torrance Board of Education at its reorganization meeting Tuesday night.

Nominated by Mrs. Grace Wright, vice president during the original term of office of the board, George P. Thatcher was elected as the new vice president.

Thatcher, Mrs. Wright and Carl D. Steele were re-elected to office at the municipal election April 13 and sworn in for new four-year terms by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett in the Council chambers following the adoption of the resolution declaring the results of the election.

Future Board of Education elections will be held separately from city elections as a result of the adoption of a Charter amendment at the city election of April 13.

Mrs. Evelyn Carr is the fifth member of the Board, holding over until 1950 with Dr. Wood.

## Auto Loses To Train

Arguing a law of physics which says that no two bodies can occupy the same space at the same time, Lee Betts, Torrance Hotel, escaped serious injury when his car was demolished as he struck a Santa Fe train at the Arlington avenue crossing at 7 a.m. on Monday, the police records showed.

According to the police, Betts was unable to state if the wig-wag was in operation or if the engineer sounded the whistle.

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## 'CANDLES' FOR NIGHT FOOTBALL HELD ONLY HOPE FOR TORRANCE

By JOB

If the students at Torrance High School are going to have a lighted football field next year it will be with candles.

This gloomy forecast for lights and bleachers for the local school was made by Ray Rogers, chairman of a citizens committee, who reported to the Board of Education Tuesday night on the results of an investigation by the three-man committee.

Main obstacle to the plan was \$40,000, or rather the lack of it. This figure was the estimated cost of installing poles, lights, seats, moving the field westward, building a new track and planting the turf. Local banks who were approached indicated that they might go \$15,000 but that \$40,000 was out of the question, Rogers reported.

Rogers suggested that the night football facilities might be provided for by funds from the school district or by a bond issue.

However, Emmett W. Ingram, business manager of the school district, estimated that there would be no funds available for such an undertaking for at least two years, and J. Heinrich Hull, superintendent, stated that he felt the people would put educational needs above the athletic project.

Mrs. Grace Wright, board member, suggested that a lo-

cation away from the high school plant might be considered as more desirable than the present location. One of the reasons given for such a plan was the lack of parking areas near the high school.

George Thatcher, newly elected vice-president of the board, voiced his disapproval of any move that would tend to delay the proceedings and stated that he is not in favor of the Student Body spending its own funds for lights and bleachers.

"The supplying of lights and seats for the high school is a responsibility of the school district," Thatcher said.

Thatcher later in the meeting cast the lone dissenting vote against the \$1,445,000 bond issue on the grounds that funds for the lighting of the field should be included in the issue.

"What the kids need right now is a fairy God father who will come up with a few acres for a stadium site," Rogers said.

## C. V. JONES CANDIDATE IN EL CAMINO ELECTION

Charles Ver Jones, proprietor of Torrance Hardware Co., and chairman of the Retail Merchants division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, is a candidate for the one vacancy on the Board of Trustees of El Camino Junior College district, it was revealed this week.

Election of the trustee to fill the office now held by Robert Kuhn, Manhattan Beach lumberman, will be held on May 21, and yesterday was the last day for filing of nomination declarations. All of the other trustees are holding over.

When the college district was formed, Torrance was not a part thereof and had no representation on the board when it joined the district on Jan. 24, 1947. By agreement, Torrance is entitled to one trustee, Redondo Beach one; El Segundo one and the balance of the district including Inglewood and the Centinella valley, two. Holdover trustees are Robert Russell, Redondo Beach, president; Melvin Allen, Inglewood; Jordan Dunaway, Hawthorne; Dr. Ernest Lyder, El Segundo.

Jones has been active in Torrance since 1917, and prior to coming here resided in Long Beach where he graduated from Polytechnic High School and Healds Business College. Except for 18 months spent overseas in the Army during World War I, he was manager for Consolidated Lumber Co. in Torrance for 21 years.

In 1937, he left Consolidated and established the Torrance Lumber Co. with A. H. Silligo. He sold out to Silligo a few years ago. Jones founded the Torrance Hardware Co. in 1942, and now is operating that firm. He resides with Mrs. Jones at 1552 Post avenue. Their son, Gray Ver Jones, is a civilian radio engineer with the U. S. Navy in Long Beach.

Jones agreed to become a candidate for El Camino College board of trustees at the request of friends in Torrance, and will be the sole candidate in the district-wide election, according to the office of the County Superintendent of Schools.

At the start of the first semester this year, the enrollment was 1115 students.

President Murdock declared that the prospective enrollment for the fall semester, on El Camino's new campus on Alondra park, will be in excess of 2000.

He said that classes will be conducted from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m., with a staff of some 10 instructors on the faculty. The faculty at this time totals 37.

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM HERE TAKING SHAPE

Memorial Day services were the object of discussion at a meeting of the Gold Star Mothers, Ladies of the Moose, YWCA, American Legion VFW and Lions Club representatives on Friday, April 16.

Interested persons are invited to meet with the group tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at 1339 Post avenue when additional plans will be discussed.

Weather Report

"Oh, what a wonderful day." At least last Thursday and Friday were, for on those days the mercury rose to 89 degrees to record the warmest days of the year so far.

The temperature on other days last week were:

Day	Maximum	Minimum
April 14	89	77
15	89	77
16	89	77
17	89	77
18	89	77
19	89	77

## HOUSE-TO-HOUSE DELIVERY OF MAIL FOR WALTERIA AREA GRANTED BY POSTOFFICE DEPT.

Completing another phase of the community-wide effort to have all Torrance mail for Torrance destinations routed through the Torrance postoffice, city delivery service to residents of the Walteria section of the community will start on May 1, according to instructions received by Postmaster C. Earl Conner from the office of the First Assistant Postmaster General.

Conner said that residents of the area had petitioned for city delivery service, and that a survey by postal inspectors had found that the daily delivery to homes of all mail is warranted in the growing community. Mail to Walteria has been routed in the past through

Los Angeles and Torrance. This, has required unnecessary walking of postal patrons and delay in delivery of the mails.

The new service will be to homes, by car, with curb delivery on the following streets, Conner said:

Madison, between 238th and 240th.  
Ward, between 238th and 240th.  
Park, between 238th and 240th.  
Hawthorne, between 238th and 101 highway.

Neece, between 240th and 242nd.  
Los Codonas, between 242nd and Newton.

Ocean, between 101 highway and Newton.  
242nd between Newton and Hawthorne.

Adolph, between 242nd and Neece.  
Newton between 242nd and Neece.

101 highway between Ocean and Hawthorne.  
Mail boxes on the curb will be needed to receive this delivery, according to the postmaster. They should be of the type known as "small rural" and should have the house number plainly painted thereon.

A representative of the post office soon will visit patrons in the district to supply additional information on the new service. This is the sixth distinct improvement in mail service to Torrance patrons in recent months, it was pointed out.

They include: Establishment of a new rural route through North Torrance, formerly served by Redondo Beach and Gardena; establishment of city delivery service in Seaside Ranchos, formerly served by Redondo Beach; establishment of city delivery in Torrance Manor area formerly served by Gardena; establishment of city delivery service in Kettler Knolls, formerly in South Torrance.

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Other projects for unification of all mail service are pending, including sections in South, Southwest and North Torrance now served by Long Beach and Redondo Beach. They are being sought by the patrons themselves, due to inconvenience caused by out-of-town postoffices serving Torrance patrons.

Swift protest to this first proposal was forthcoming from the Lomita Business Association, other organizations and individuals who wished to preserve the name of Narbonne for its historical significance.

The county planning body then recommended that Arlington from 190th north be changed to Van Ness and that Arlington from 203rd street south be called Narbonne.

## Bad Check Case Closed By Police In Three Hours

Less than three hours after a woman was reported to have purchased a \$55 suit of clothes with a bad check Torrance police had the accused woman in custody and the suit returned to the local merchant, from whom she had made the purchase last Saturday, the police reports showed.

The woman, Cynthia Davis, 43, of Los Angeles, is said to have bought a suit of clothes from a local merchant, giving him a check for the amount and leaving her old clothes in the store. A quick check at the bank by Paul Diamond, owner of the store, revealed that the check was bogus, reports indicated. Police were notified and shortly thereafter, Patrolman Douglas Cook, off duty and in civilian clothes, noticed the woman walking past the window of the store in which he was having coffee. He stepped outside and brought her to the station for booking, the records of the account showed.

The woman also used an allegedly fictitious check to buy some \$15 worth of clothing from Ellwoods.

Police Matron Lucille Stroh made the woman put on her old clothes, brought from the store and returned the new suit to Diamond. She is being held by the sheriff pending disposition of charges.

Petition of Joseph F. Gorman to construct a hotel on the northwest quarter of Lot 15, Meadow Park Tract, lying south of Pacific Coast Highway and north of the Walteria Park, having a frontage of 500 feet on Pacific Coast Highway. Revised plan was submitted and approved.

Petition of Arthur C. King to permit the construction and operation of a Trailer Camp located on 233rd street between Eschman and Narbonne avenue.

Petition of R. B. Ball to permit the construction and operation of a service station on the southwest corner of Crenshaw and Redondo Beach Boulevards.

SMITH NAMED AS PLANNING BODY MEMBER

City Attorney C. Douglas Smith has been appointed as ex-officio member of the Planning Commission, effective April 15 by the City Council.