

**BOYS' CLUB KEEPS LADS 9 TO 15 ACTIVE IN SPORTS**

Boys aged from 9 to 15 years still have time to take advantage of the activities offered by the new Boy's Club being formed by Billie Anderson of Lomita Park. Meeting times for the group are Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 3 p.m. Last Saturday the club competed with the Avalon Gardens Boy's Club in a rousing game of softball and after lunch 35 of them went swimming in the Hermosa Biltmore Plunge.

**WANT TO PLAY CHESS? YOU CAN AT LOMITA PARK**

All chess players, whether beginners or old-timers, are invited to the meetings of the Lomita Chess Club at Lomita Park. The second meeting of the new organization will be held Wednesday evening, July 28. The club is being backed by "Pete" Peterson, current chess champion of the San Pedro Chess Club.

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**LETTERS to the EDITOR**

Editor Torrance Herald: There was a matter brought to the attention of the City Council last evening which I think should be given more publicity. As it in a way concerns the general public, I think the matter should be given publicity which is not ordinarily accorded matters of this kind. If there is available space in your newspaper, I will be very pleased to have you use the enclosed matter and in the event it is not good "copy" I am willing to pay your regular advertising space rates for its publication.

Very respectfully,  
C. Douglass Smith  
City Attorney

Editor Torrance Herald: There was read at the meeting of the city council last night a letter from an individual who evidently is an aspirant for the office of city attorney of the City of Torrance. The article was quite lengthy and too much so for limited space; I do, however, desire to touch on some of the highlights of the letter.

The letter was addressed to the Civil Service Board and the city council of the City of Torrance and referred to the change made in the original bulletin issued by the Los Angeles County Civil Service Commission who handle Civil Service examinations for Torrance.

In the first bulletin issued advertising for legal talent to take the civil service examination for city attorney, there was omitted matter which is contained in ordinance No. 326 of the City of Torrance, which ordinance established and created the civil service system of said city. Subdivision "b" of Section 3 of said ordinance is the matter referred to, which was omitted and which I quote:

"(b). The city attorney must be admitted to practice law in all the courts of the State of California. He must have practiced law at least five (5) years and must have had at least two (2) years practice in municipal law prior to his appointment."

The language of the said section using the word "must" becomes mandatory and "must" be strictly adhered to. The said bulletin, as I have heretofore stated, did not contain this matter.

Subsequent to said bulletin being published, and being posted, the County Civil Service Commission of Los Angeles county advised as to this omission promptly issued a "substitute" bulletin containing the above quoted provisions.

The said gentleman protested this matter being included in said last mentioned bulletin, but in his letter to the Civil Service Board and city council admitted that if such quoted matter was to prevail, it made him ineligible to take the examination for city attorney.

The people of the City of Torrance at an election held on August 20, 1946, adopted the present city charter of the City of Torrance. The Senate on the 6th day of January, 1947, and the Assembly on the 7th day of January, 1947, approved the adoption of the present charter,

and the same was thereafter on said 7th day of January, 1947, duly filed in the office of the Secretary of State of California. This charter under Section 2 of Article 3 provides:

"Sec. 2 Ordinance. Continued in force all ordinances, resolutions, and other regulations or portions thereof, in force at the date this Charter takes effect and not inconsistent with this charter, shall be and remain in force after this charter takes effect until changed or repealed by the proper authority."

This office has held on numerous occasions that it requires a vote of the people, and approval of the Legislature, to repeal this above quoted section. Chapter 7 of the charter adopts the civil service system of the city and contains among other matters, the following:

"The civil service system heretofore adopted by ordinance of the city council shall continue in force and effect unless amended, modified, enlarged, or extended by ordinance adopted by the city council.

"The city council shall not have the authority to withdraw any departments, appointive officers, or employees from the operation of such system either by outright repeal of the civil service ordinance or otherwise, unless and until the withdrawal thereof shall have been submitted to the qualified electors of said city at a regular or special municipal election held in said city and shall have been approved by not less than a two-third vote of the electors voting at such election."

The Constitution of California, which is the organic law of this state and which takes precedence over any and all charters, ordinances, resolutions or

other laws passed by the Legislature or by any city provides as follows and I quote:

"Art. XI, Sec. 8. Amendment of Charter.

The charter of any city or city and county may be amended by proposals therefor submitted by the legislative body thereof on its own motion and on petition signed by 15 percent of the registered electors, or both. Such proposals shall be submitted to the electors at either a special election called for that purpose or at any general or special election. . . . amendments proposed by the legislative body and amendments proposed by petition of the electors may be submitted at the same election. The amendments so submitted shall be advertised in the same manner as herein provided for the advertisement of a proposed charter, and the election thereon held at a date to be fixed by the legislative body of such city or city and county not less than forty (40) nor more than sixty (60) days after the completion of the advertising in the city paper."

The usual procedure whenever a freeholder charter city, which the City of Torrance happens to be, decides to amend their charter in any respect, is to pass an ordinance to be voted on by the people and the City Council does not have the power or the right to amend the charter unless there is full compliance with the provisions of the Constitution. The people of the city having adopted said ordinance and the Legislature having approved same, it is still in force and effect. There is no "inconsistency" existing by reason of the ab-

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The charter of the two-year clause contained in the ordinance. To have inconsistency, there must be something to be inconsistent with.

The gentleman who wrote this letter suggests that the matter be submitted to an impartial legal authority. Why spend the money of the people of the city of Torrance to obtain legal advice upon a matter which the applicant himself says he is not qualified to meet?

Respectfully submitted,  
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**Carl W. Stacy Now in Japan**

Now serving as a civilian employee with the Far East Air Force in Japan is Carl W. Stacy, son of Mrs. F. M. Stacy of Torrance. He is assigned as a foreman with the maintenance division at JAMA (Japan Air Materiel Area) Air Force base at Tachikawa.

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