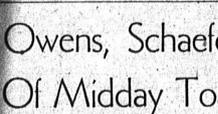


### Ranchos Get Street Lights, Sewers, Park Through Work Of Home Owners Assoc.

With mutual benefits and the securing of improvements in the area as their aims, home owners in Seaside Ranchos formed an association in 1948 and elected Byron Johnson as the first president.



A. Arndt

The following year, the group was incorporated under California state laws, taking the name of Seaside Ranchos Home Owners Association.



B. Owens

Under the leadership of Harvey Spelman that year, a drive was started to raise funds for needed street lights. A series of parties and a large Fourth of July outing brought

in the necessary funds for the lights. Another problem, what was to be done with the settling basin in that area, presented itself during Paul Murray's term as president in 1950. Under his leadership, the basin was developed into a park and playground, equipment for which was purchased with funds raised at the 1950 Labor Day Soap Box Derby.

The need for sewers was the main problem during the administration of Warren Schenz in 1951. Proceedings were started that year and resulted in installation of sewers in 1952, when Bub Mewborn was president. Officers of the association this year are Arthur A. Arndt, president; Bill Schmitz, vice-president; Bob Harlin, treasurer; Helen English, recording secretary; Stan Briggs, corresponding secretary; and Nick Mikas, sergeant-at-arms.

As Walter Schaefer and Robert Owens had previously belonged to Toastmasters International of Torrance, they conceived the idea that a Midday Toastmasters Club might be an interesting project and so solicited the cooperation of their friends, Fred Mill and Roy Peterson.

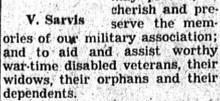
This foursome asked International Toastmasters if there was any objection and were given clear sailing ahead so recruited an additional eighteen members. The club therefore now has 22 members

and is limited to 24. They meet Monday noons at Vurp's Cafe. The object of the club is to improve the public speaking of all members. Each one does research on some subject in which he is interested and which can give an informative talk to the other luncheon guests. Members have recently spoken during the Red Cross drive, have helped to arouse interest during Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, and given talks at other service clubs.

Robert Owens is president of Midday Toastmasters and William Sells, vice president. W. R. Inman is secretary, F. A. Young, treasurer and Sam Van Wagener, sergeant-at-arms.

### Any Man or Woman Disabled in War Service Eligible to Join Local Disabled American Vets

The Disabled American Veterans organization is national in scope and is chartered by an Act of Congress of the United States.



V. Sarvis

The broad principles and purposes of the organization are to uphold and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States; to hold aloft the torch of true patriotism; to strive for a better understanding between nations that peace and good will may prevail; to cherish and preserve the memories of our military association; and to aid and assist worthy war-time disabled veterans, their widows, their orphans and their dependents.

Membership in the Disabled American Veterans is open to any man or woman who was wounded, injured or disabled in line of duty during time of war, while in the service of either the military or naval forces of this country. Others who were disabled while serving with any of the armed forces of any nation associated with the United States as an ally during time of war, who now are American citizens, who were honorably discharged are also eligible.

Because of the fact that only those who were wounded, injured or disabled in line of duty during time of war are eligible for membership, the Disabled American Veterans organization is not a large one in comparison to other veteran groups whose eligibility for membership is not so restricted. Since its inception the Disabled American Veterans has placed special emphasis on that phase of its work which pertains to helping those veterans and their dependents. They maintain full-time, highly trained service officers in every Veterans Administration office and facility which provides care for veterans or which processes claims for compensation or treatment for disabilities. These services are free of charge to any veteran whether he is a member of the organization or not.

When authorized by the veteran, these service officers are allowed to examine all records of the Veterans Administration to obtain information which will assist a veteran in getting help. They appear before the Veterans' boards in the capacity of attorneys when claims for compensation are considered and call to the attention of the board all evidence, laws, and information of aid to the veteran. They advise the veteran as to the type of evidence required and help him to secure it.

In addition to these full-time service officers, each local chapter appoints a volunteer service officer who acts as liaison between the veteran and the full-time officer, thereby saving the veteran time and expense of traveling to the nearest V. A. office. These men, also are specially trained to advise the veteran and assist in completing the many complicated forms required. They are helpful, if a veteran dies, in arranging military funerals and preparing the claims for death benefits, widows pensions and aid to surviving dependents.

The Disabled American Veterans also have a hospital program unequalled by any other veteran organization. Within twenty-four hours of admission to a hospital, a member of the chapter is contacted by a hospital contact man who offers any assistance the veteran may need. Perhaps he would solicit the aid of a lawyer to clear family or business problems. Part time or light employment jobs may be sought. Many doctors, summoned in an emergency, offer their services gratis.

The local chapter maintains a revolving fund at the Long Beach hospital to help members in an emergency, when the weekly pay check stops because of hospitalization and several weeks lapse before disability payments are received. The local chapter has financed the physical therapy workshop at the Torrance branch of the County General Hospital and

the auxiliary, composed of wives and close relatives of members, has "adopted" the aged and infirm women's ward at the County Hospital to provide patients with needed clothing and comfort items.

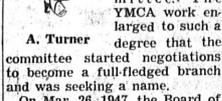
The finances needed for all this work have come from two major sources. During Armistice week all chapters of the Disabled American Veterans throughout the United States sell a little blue Forget-me-Not flower on the streets of every city. The local chapter also shares in the proceeds from the sale of fireworks in Torrance during Fourth of July week.

If any reader is a disabled veteran, or wife, widow or dependent of a disabled veteran and would like to help others in this work, he is invited to contact a representative of the local chapter at Terminal 4-2961 of Fairfax 8-2123.

Verion Sarvis is commander of the local Disabled American Veterans Chapter. John Ratterre is senior vice-commander; Tim Romero, junior vice-commander; R. G. Ross, adjutant; Raymond O. Tucker, treasurer and James J. Meagher, chaplain. Jim Caldwell, known as "Dad" is service officer who contacts the hospitals.

### Judge Willett, Police Chief Stroh on First YM Committee Here

The YMCA in Torrance was first formed Nov. 22, 1944, by a committee appointed by the San Pedro YMCA. These committee men were Gil Deroun, Rev. Paul Wheeler, W. E. Bowen, Don Hyde, H. R. Lee, H. B. Lewis, Harold Percy, Bert Smith, Bernard Strand, John Stroh, William H. Tiltonson and Otto B. Willett. Ted Meier was the executive secretary.



A. Turner

The next year, the very heart of the YMCA movement, Hap Tiltonson was the YMCA Campaign Chairman in 1949. The free "Learn to Swim" program for boys was started during the Easter vacation period. The Good Neighbor Breakfast was held for the first time.

In 1950, with Tiltonson as Chairman of the Board, the following men were added to the management group: John Almond, Rev. Cecil England, Bob Peckham, Bob Golden, and Warren Hamilton. The boys of Torrance YMCA camped at Little Green Valley that year with the San Pedro YMCA. Torrance Booster Club was active and presented V. T. Vanderpool with a watch in recognition of his service to boys through the YMCA program. By October, negotiations were started to use the VFW building for a YMCA center.

Dr. Rollin Smith headed the finance campaign in 1951 and John Steinbaugh was elevated to Chairmanship of Board through the resignation of Tiltonson. By Mar. 29, 1951, the VFW property had cleared through escrow, and the YMCA was in a position, through the generosity of many firms and individuals, to purchase the property at 2080 Washington Ave.

The YMCA Board of Managers received a severe blow in January, 1952 with the resignation of Mill Isbell, the executive secretary, in order that he could enter private business. Dick Brown came in to help out on a part-time basis, but it was July before the new executive, Stan Roberts of Grand Island, Neb., was on the job.

Charles Mullen, Rev. Homer Miller and Dale Isenberg were added to the Board. That fall brought the variety show in which many participated. R. I. Plomert, Jr. was chairman of the Good Neighbor Breakfast held in November, the Saturday of the unusually heavy rain.

This year started with W. E. Bowen heading the Finance Campaign. A. C. Turner was elected Chairman of the Board of Managers, and 118 boys from Tor-

### Crenshaw PTA Wins Council Program Award

Social and beneficial activities of Crenshaw Elementary PTA, considering that the group only received its charter in March 1952, are a little short of phenomenal. Despite its short existence, the Association won the program award of the year at the Torrance Council PTA breakfast last June.



Mrs. Skiles

In this short time, 100 more names have been added to the original membership roster of 82. This number includes 122 mothers, 50 fathers, and 10 teachers. The Association has a fund and has adopted itself to Dental Health Clinic, Brownie Troop, and a dancing group at the school are also included in its activities.

During the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons the group collected clothing and food to distribute to needy families in the district. In May, 1953, members staged the first school carnival to raise money for the coming year's events. Other funds were raised by rag and paper drives, teachers' luncheons, and baked good sales.

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### Social Welfare Main Work Of Over 100 Las Vecinas

Growing through the efforts of a few women in the Hollywood-Rivera-Seaside area, Las Vecinas Woman's Club now has developed a membership of over 100 women who work toward civic betterment, community welfare, and improved youth activities.

The club celebrated its fifth anniversary this year in October, holding its second annual breakfast, one of the primary fund-raisers of the season, at the clubhouse.

With proceeds of the 1952 benefit breakfast, Las Vecinas purchased leather craft tools for Brownie and Girl Scout troops.

Although sponsorship of the Girl Scouts is limited to the immediate area, the club participates in projects for Harbor General Hospital and last year raised funds to purchase a Croupette oxygen tent for small children. Benefit proceeds also supply a monthly financial contribution to the Pediatric Occupational Therapy division of the hospital. Club members make slippers for the young patients.

Highlighting an active social season of two annual dinner dances and a fashion show is the newly-inaugurated "Husbands Party." Last year's successful affair which carried a Hawaiian theme, offered an opportunity for the husbands to meet each other and become better acquainted.

Las Vecinas is eagerly awaiting the 1953-54 club calendar, which will closely correlate the philanthropic and social activities. These will be directed by Mesdames David Hurley, president; Robert Pinkney, first vice-president; Phillip Downing,

second vice-president; Glen Grimley, recording secretary; Harry Walker, corresponding secretary; Robert Presley, treasurer; Max Webber, parliamentarian; John Diehl, welfare; Thomas O'Malley, membership; Louis Regan, publicity; L. M. Nash, tea; W. E. Wanko, hospitality; George Smith, community projects; R. C. Stout, telephone; and Clayton Geiger, ways and means.

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**Republican Ladies Study Government, Party Aims**

The Peninsula Club of Republican Women began its first year with a meeting Sept. 16, when the legislative chairman, Nedra Robb, gave an outline of what is going on in government and told the members which legislation needed support and which was unfavorable. Many questions and lively discussions followed so members could be well informed. A review of the Republican Party platform was given, the Constitution of the United States was read, and legislation recently introduced in the California State Legislature was reviewed.

The Peninsula Club gave a dancing party and midnight supper at the Hollywood-Rivera Club on Sept. 25, raising funds to augment the treasury. The annual dues were raised to \$9 a year for printing, mailing and other costs. A rummage sale will be given in February or March, 1954.

On Nov. 18, a precinct organization program will be presented, and a dinner meeting on Jan. 20, 1954, will feature prominent speakers and installation of officers.

Mrs. George Wing of Palos Verdes is president of the club. She is assisted by Mesdames Richard Pribil, first vice-president; Lloyd Prothers, recording secretary; George Penn, corresponding secretary; Richard Key, treasurer.

Directors of this South Bay Club are Marjorie Thompson, representing Torrance and Lomita; Mrs. John Hales, Hermosa; Redondo and Manhattan Beaches; and Ruby Beck, Rolling Hills and Portuguese Bend.

**Unemployment Deadline Set**

Monday, Nov. 2, is the deadline for filing California Unemployment Insurance wage reports and contribution returns covering the third calendar quarter of 1953. T. D. Weld, Auditor in Charge for the State Department of Employment in Long Beach, reminded employers this week.

"Normally, reports and returns would be delinquent if not filed and paid by October 31," Weld said, "but inasmuch as October 31 falls on Saturday, state law permits an extension of the period until the next working day, which is Monday, November 2."

Penalty and interest will be added to the amount of contributions if the report is filed after the deadline.

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