

# North Hollywood Resident New YMCA Secretary

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**YMCA MANAGER CHECKS IN . . .** Joe Wilcox (right), new executive secretary of the Torrance YMCA, checks city directory with Board President Ralph Morris after announcement that Wilcox had been hired as the new manager here. Newly associated with the North Hollywood YMCA, Wilcox will commute for the time being, he says. He expects to be here full time by July.

## Board Chooses YMCA Secretary

Selection of 30-year-old Joe Wilcox, program director of the North Hollywood YMCA for four years, as the new manager of the Torrance YMCA was announced here yesterday by Ralph Morris, president of the local board of managers.

## Supervisors Put Chace in Chair As Legg Resigns

Burton W. Chace Tuesday was elected chairman of the Board of Supervisors following the unexpected resignation of Supervisor Herbert C. Legg who had served as chairman of the board since December, 1954.

In offering his resignation from the chair, Legg explained that a large number of major improvement projects in his district will require close supervision between now and the close of the year and that the added activities of service as board chairman would detract from his service to his constituents.

The board elects a new chairman on the first Tuesday in the month of December of each even numbered year.

Following the acceptance of Legg's resignation, Chace was unanimously elected to serve as their new chairman.

"At this moment I feel very humble. In serving as your new chairman I will attempt to deal impartially with all matters coming to this board. I wish to commend Mr. Legg for the very excellent job he has done in serving as our chairman during the past year," Chace stated.

"At all times when I am called upon to represent this board, I will attempt to reflect the true feeling of my colleagues," Chace concluded.

## Southwest Park Civic Group to Hear Parks Man

Harry Van Bellechem, director of parks and recreation for the city, will address the Southwest Civic Association at its regular meeting next Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Carl Steele School.

He will speak on the recreation and development of the park in the Southwest area.

Mayor Albert Ien will be speaker at the May 1 meeting, according to Mrs. Marian Erving, program chairman. He will speak on the organization of the Torrance city government.

The following new officers were installed recently at a special meeting and will serve a one-year term: Jack Eckberg, chairman; Mrs. Mary K. Christian, vice chairman; Mrs. Kay Amable, recording secretary; Mrs. Sara Gagliano, corresponding secretary; C. B. Morrison, treasurer; Roger Appleby, master-at-arms, and Jack Erving, parliamentarian.

Wilcox, one of a large number of prospects interviewed for the job, will begin immediately on a part-time basis and will be on the job full time by July 1, Morris said.

The new Torrance YMCA manager, employed as a result of the successful current support campaign of the YMCA this year, has been associated with YMCA work for many years. In his North Hollywood job he has been responsible for more than 100 boys' clubs in that area and last year directed 21 sessions of camp for the boys of the community. These camps served about 4600 boys of the area.

**Outstanding Citizen**  
Wilcox was recently named the "outstanding citizen" of North Hollywood.

He is married and he and his wife Mary Lou have two children. He was graduated from Whittier College and has been taking graduate work at the University of Southern California.

During World War II he served with the Coast Guard, then returned to work in the Whittier and Los Angeles YMCA programs while attending college.

He is a lay minister, an officer of the North Hollywood Ministerial Assn., and a member of the Kiwanis Club of North Hollywood.

**Plan Full Program**  
"Wilcox has promised the people of Torrance a full YMCA program of boys' clubs, day camps, athletic leagues, mountain camps, High Sierra caravans, trips, movie nights, and other special events," Morris said.

Camp sessions already scheduled include campout here on Aug. 6 to 17; YMCA Camp Round Meadow from Aug. 28 to Sept. 4; High Sierras from July 24 to 31.

He also plans the formation of several new Y-Indian Guide Tribes for boys from 6 to 9 years of age, and many Gray-Y clubs for boys from 9 to 12, he said.

## Home Builders Plan \$8-Million Projects

An estimated \$8 million in new tract home building has been proposed for Torrance, according to minutes of a recent meeting of the Planning Commission.

More than 800 lots were submitted to the planners for study at the meeting. Largest single tract included 173 lots and was presented to the commission by Dartmouth Homes.

Almost without exception, the proposed home-building plans submitted to the group concerned land in the sprawling north Torrance area.

## NTCIA Meets

The regular board meeting of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn. was held last Wednesday, March 21, at the home of Mrs. Willa D. Throop, auditor.

Plans were discussed for a May Day dance.

## Several Items Challenged in Court Ruling

City Attorney James M. Hall received approval of the Council this week to enter an appeal to the court ruling that two discharged city employees were entitled to return to their jobs with back pay.

Hall told the Councilmen Tuesday that there were several points in the findings of the appellate court which could be challenged, one of them the conclusion that City Manager George Stevens was in effect, head of the city's building department.

**Wages Due**  
The ruling, handed down by the court last week, held that former Building Inspector James S. Dresser and his assistant, Cecil Smith (now deceased), were entitled to reinstatement and back wages in that the Council erred in discharging them after the Civil Service Board had handed down suspensions only.

Hall said a rehearing on the matter probably would be denied, but that the denial would permit appeal of the decision to the Supreme Court.

"There are several matters here which should be clarified for the city," Hall said.

**Pair Suspended**  
Dresser was given a 75-day suspension by the Civil Service Board in 1954 for alleged irregularities in inspection procedures and the Council overruled the board and discharged him.

Smith was handed a 90-day suspension by the board and the Council also discharged him.

In both cases, the court held that they should have been reinstated to their jobs at the end of the suspension and that they were entitled to pay from the ending date of the suspensions. The pay due them is subject to "legal deductions" which were not outlined in the ruling, Hall reported.

**Widow Substituted**  
In the case of Smith, his widow, Mimi H. Smith, has been substituted and will be eligible for any back pay up until the date of her husband's death on Feb. 8, 1956.

Both men had appealed their discharge from the city; their cases being handled by Attorney John McCall and James McCall.

City Attorney Hall and his assistant, Stanley E. Remmelmeyer, represented the city in the matter.

## Animal Rescued

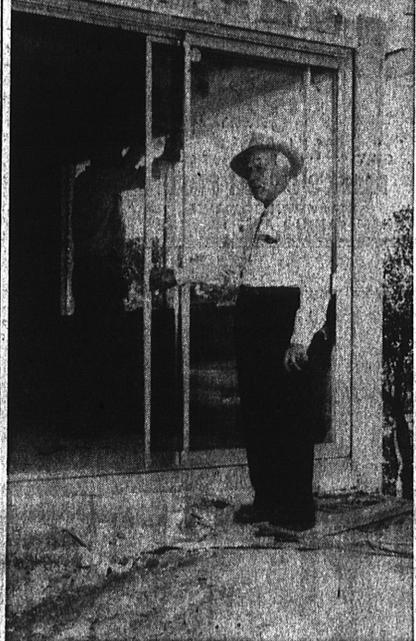
Two trucks from the South Bay Humane Society responded to a call this week from the Great Lakes Carbon Corp. on Madison Ave. in WALTERIA to rescue a dog trapped on a ledge.

The dog was removed unharmed. His owner is H. O. Chaney, 5040 Palos Verdes Drive N.

## Supervisor Hahn Demands Glenburn Project Checks

In a memorandum to Col. H. E. Hedger, chief engineer of the county flood control district, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn yesterday declared that he will "insist" that the contractor on the Glenburn Ave. storm drain in Torrance return the street to the condition in which it was found at the start of construction, and that all paving, curbs, gutters, parkways and trees be restored to their original condition before the work is accepted by the county.

Supervisor Hahn, who has made several personal inspections of the Glenburn project,



**THE NEW FRONT PORCH . . .** W. A. "Garry" Garrabrant checks the sliding doors to his new home at Camino De Las Colinas and Monte D'Oro while a workman inside puts up another sheet of paneling. Garrabrant has established his campaign headquarters at the corner.

## Garrabrant Stages Campaign on Porch

W. A. "Garry" Garrabrant, considered by many to be one of the stronger candidates for the City Council, may be setting new standards of municipal campaigning—he is doing much of his campaigning from his front porch.

A resident of Hollywood Riviera since 1947, Garrabrant has outlined his platform and his ideas on what he thinks a City Councilman should seek for the city's residents, and then says, "If you want that kind of representation, I'm your man."

At the present time, much of Garrabrant's time is taken up with the construction of his new home at the corner of Monte D'Oro and Camino De Las Colinas in the Riviera section. He talks to neighbors and friends on the building site, preferring to hand out his bumper stickers and campaign cards there than to making the rounds of the parties, teas, and klatches which are held in astonishing numbers this time of the year.

Garrabrant retired from a general contracting business in 1947 when he came to Torrance, but before he had completed his present home at 305 Camino De Las Colinas, he had agreed to build several new homes for neighboring lot owners in the sparsely settled Riviera section.

**Community Leader**  
In addition to this, he has served twice as president of the homeowners, and has still found time to head up his share of community projects such as the Red Cross fund campaign. He is now serving his second term as president of the homeowners.

## Burglars Get \$180 in Loot

A construction firm's storage building and a mail shop were burglarized over the week end, with the intruders carrying off nearly \$180 in loot, sheriff's deputies have reported.

Blasting caps and a large amount of wire were taken when burglars broke into a storage shed over the week end, with the intruders carrying off nearly \$180 in loot, sheriff's deputies have reported.

Raiders got away with cigarettes, candy, canned goods, cut meats and coffee at Bear's Mail Shop, 2418 Narbonne Ave., Lomita. Mrs. Beatrice Thompson, 50, proprietor of the shop, and deputies estimated the loss at about \$38.

## Tract Burglary Suspects Face Court Hearings

Three Los Angeles men, nabbed here recently on charges of participating in a huge housing tract burglary ring, have been held over for preliminary hearing in Los Angeles Superior Court. Capt. Ernie Ashton, chief of detectives, said yesterday.

Due for hearing on April 9 in Dept. 41, Superior Court, are Forrest Pollard, 31, Rufus Turner, 27, and A. D. Junius, 29. They are charged with two counts of burglary each.

Detectives said the three belonged to a gang of about a dozen Los Angeles men who raided various construction tracts in Los Angeles and Orange counties over the past year and a half. Total value of the gang's loot was set at \$100,000.

Authorities said the trio has been connected with burglaries at the Kaufman Tract, Hawthorne and Torrance Blvds., a tract at 181st St. and Crenshaw Blvd., and another at Madrona Ave. and Carson St.

Plumbing supplies, hardware, garbage disposals and other loot were taken in the raids.

Construction officials are scheduled to identify some of the loot today at the Firestone Station of the Sheriff's Office, Ashton stated.

## Theme Revealed For Newspaper Week in October

"Your Newspaper—Freedom's Key to Better Living" is the slogan for the 1956 observance of National Newspaper Week, Oct. 1 to 8.

Announcement of the selection of the official slogan was made today by Richard H. Miller, Los Angeles manager of the California Newspaper Publishers' Association and chairman of the National Newspaper Week Committee.

This will be the 17th annual celebration. The special week first observed in 1940 was founded by John B. Long, general manager of the California Newspaper Publishers' Association.

The observance is sponsored annually by Newspaper Association Managers, Inc., the national organization of newspaper state, regional and national press association managers. Ted Serrill, manager of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers' Association, is president.

Slogans used during the past 16 years followed the trend of national history—through the

## Good Friday Services Set At Several City Churches

Union Good Friday services have been scheduled from 12 noon until 1 p.m. tomorrow at the First Methodist Church, 1551 El Prado, under the sponsorship of the Ministerial Association.

Rev. John L. Taylor, pastor of the First Methodist Church, will speak on the subject, "The Cross in the Key." The senior college choir of the church will sing under the direction of Rev. Donald J. Shelby.

Torrance banks will be closed during the Good Friday services and many other firms will allow employees time off to attend the annual rites.



**DON'T LOOK NOW . . .** The Easter Bunny seems to be minding his business as he prepares for the third annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday at El Prado Park. Trying to sneak a peek at his wares are Kevin Andrews, 4, of 22815 Kathryn Ave., and Patricia Schell, 7, of 21180 LaSalle Ave. More than 2500 eggs and 72 prizes will be given to youngsters in three classes at the big hunt. The annual search will start at 11 a.m. for boys and girls 2-5 years, 6-8 and 9-10.

## Students Win Bank Awards

Twenty-three Torrance area high school seniors were named winners this week in the first round of the Bank of America's 1956 Achievement Awards program.

The program is designed to encourage outstanding scholarship, leadership and service to society. One hundred eighty seniors will receive \$22,100 in cash awards; 875 students will win gold cups, and 1700 will receive certificates of achievement.

Certificate award winners from Torrance High School are Robert Elston, Nancy Humphrey, Sally Bridgeman, Roger Cooke, Barbara Bielefeld, Harold S. Ternan, Linda Lane, Betty Jo Hope, Sharon Kirks, and Dan Richards.

Cup winners, Torrance High School, are Robert Elston, Sally

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Southwest Torrance residents may observe Good Friday at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection on Palos Verdes Blvd. where meditations based on the Seven Last Words of Christ will begin at 3 p.m. and will continue until 8 p.m. under the direction of Rev. Lyle Gangeel.

Catholic Rites  
Holy Thursday will be observed at the Nativity Catholic Church with evening masses at 6:15 and 8 p.m. today. Good Friday services at the church tomorrow will begin with solemn services commemorating the death of Christ at 3 p.m. and will be followed by the distribution of Holy Communion.