

# Mrs. Smith Says Lomita Not Being 'Gobbled Up'

Resistor Edith Smith cited the history books to deny the incorporationists' claim that Lomita is "gobbling up Lomita, piece by piece," at the meeting of the Lomita Civic League Thursday.

A resident of Lomita since 1910, Mrs. Smith pointed out that the only annexation of Lomita by Torrance occurred in 1927 by vote of the people who lived in the northern part of the area.

**Boundary Told**  
The original Lomita subdi-

vision consisted of 1600 acres, bounded on the north by the old Sepulveda Blvd., she said. In 1927, in a move to block incorporation of Lomita, the northern section of Lomita, from 240th St. to Sepulveda Blvd., petitioned to join Torrance and voted to annex in an election.

"This was done in the hope that the remaining section of Lomita would be too small to incorporate, and thus prevent any future attempts at incorporation," she declared. The

north boundary of Lomita is exactly the same today as it was in 1927 after that section had been annexed to Torrance by their own choice.

**No Annexations**  
"No other annexation of Lomita have ever been made since, and the east, west, and south boundaries are identical with the original boundary which may be seen at any time in my office at 2209 Pacific Coast Hwy. The old Weston Ranch never had been included in the original Lomita

boundaries. It was county territory."

League officials expressed the opinion that many people are confused by the fact that Torrance recently posted boundary signs, which could give rise to a popular belief that Torrance is gradually annexing part of Lomita. A new law which recently went into effect protects Lomita with respect to being "gobbled up," they declared.

By George Sixta VIRGIL

By Lew Kleis



## SUPERMAN



By Fred Harman



# COURTESY PAYS OFF

Courteous drivers obey the law and help save lives, says the California Highway Patrol. "Courtesy in traffic and obedience to the traffic laws combined mean traffic accident prevention," declared Patrol Commissioner B. R. Caldwell. "The difference between motoring discourtesy and an outright violation is slight and either act can cause a traffic accident. "Most traffic laws are courtesy rules leading to cooperative driving and walking in traffic when heeded," Caldwell stated. "Our records indicate that lack of courtesy is quite prevalent on the highways. "This is evidenced by the growing number of violations of right-of-way, unsafe lane changes, failure to lower the headlight beam when approaching or following another car, and following too closely," he concluded. "Courtesy and cooperation with others plus conformity to the rules will help improve our traffic accident record and keep you out of accident trouble."

# Moose Express Thanks for Aid

The Torrance lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose and the Southern California Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society expressed their appreciation for the assistance offered by the residents of this area and the local businessmen during the recent fund drive conducted by the Moose, Fred Lydy, governor, announced this week. As soon as the remaining "Hope Chest" placards are returned to the Moose, James A. Evans, secretary, will turn over a check covering the many dimes collected through the use of the counter collection cards, he said. The counter collection method of obtaining donated funds to help fight MS was a substitute this year for the house-to-house "March" of previous years. BIRD SPECIES There are an estimated 25,000 distinct kinds of birds.



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