



BOYS' WEEK OFFICIALS . . . Boys of the Senior class of Torrance high school who took over the positions of city officials Monday, are pictured above as they conducted "city business" in the city court and council chamber. In the top photo, Sam Levy, local business man, is on "trial" for violating a "business law" by having dollar day signs in his windows after dollar day. Left to right: In the jury box, Ed King, Bill Spangler, Bill Spangler; standing, City Attorney Pat McGarry; Sam Levy in the witness chair; Judge Corky Northway on the bench. With backs to the camera are Gene Williams, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce; Bill Tolson, editor of the Torrance Herald; Ed Findley, chief of police; and Jay Stroh, fire chief. In the lower photo, a council meeting conducted by Mayor Merwin Jarrett is in session. Left to right are Bill Tolson, reporting; at the council table, Ed Findley; Bill Spangler, city engineer; Mayor Jarrett, Judge Northway and Fire Chief Stroh. At the clerk's table in front are City Clerk Ed King and Attorney McGarry. (Torrance Herald photos.)

SUPERVISORS DROP PRICE ON ALONDRA PARK LAND FOR EL CAMINO COLLEGE CAMPUS

Reinstatement of plans for establishment of El Camino College on Alondra park, at the intersection of Redondo Beach Blvd. and Crenshaw Blvd., was seen this week as the Board of Supervisors went on record offering the college 75 acres of land on a five year lease and option to buy at a price to be fixed next Tuesday.

The supervisors suggested price ranges of from \$500 per acre, from Chairman Ray V. Darby, to \$1200-\$1500 an acre, suggested by Supervisor Jessup Forrester-Murdock had suggested \$300 to \$400 an acre and it is expected that the deal will be consummated at about \$750 an acre. Murdock is president of the new college.

The supervisors also agreed to return the money paid by the Junior College district to the park in the way of paying for lights for a proposed stadium planned to seat some 20,000 persons.

Murdock and Darby were supported in the audience by representative citizens from throughout the vast Junior College district, including Edwin W. Dean, publisher of the Inglewood Daily News; F. S. Haynes, publisher of the Redondo Daily Breeze; Frank S. Selove, managing editor of the Torrance Herald; Blaine Walker, secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce; Carl G. Artwood, business manager, Centinela Valley Union high school district and others.

The trustees of El Camino College district, which embraces the cities of Torrance, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, Inglewood and Hawthorne, and other county territory, had arranged for the purchase of 75 acres of land at Aviation Blvd. and Center St., at \$2500 an acre, when the supervisors were reported to have put a price of \$3000 an acre.

On Wednesday Judge Ambrose denied a motion made by the defense to dismiss the case because of lack of evidence. Miss McKenzie stabbed Floyd in her apartment on the night of March 12, but claimed it was accidental. She was momentarily freed when City Judge John A. Shidler ruled evidence as submitted in her preliminary hearing in City Court was insufficient to hold her.

A new murder complaint was immediately issued by the District Attorney's office.

REDONDO DRIVER FINED \$300

Thomas LeRoy Patterson, of Redondo Beach, who was arrested April 18 on a charge of driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty in Torrance City court before Judge John A. Shidler Friday, and was fined \$300.

Staggering Need For Hospitals Told In Countywide Investigation Report

Los Angeles County Tuesday got the staggering news of just how much it lacks in available hospital service and facilities as the final report of the Los Angeles County-wide Hospital Survey was made.

More than 400 businessmen, civic leaders, hospital administrators and medical men attended an Ambassador Hotel luncheon where James A. Hamilton, survey director, gave a complete diagnosis of the county's hospital ills and prescribed a 20-year building program to bring the county up to required standards in available hospital services.

Although the present picture was dark, Hamilton declared that the county could greatly profit by the survey and, by following the recommended building program, could make every dollar spent for hospital building accomplish the utmost in giving medical service where medical service is most urgently needed.

Hamilton's recommendation for

Two New Buses Due City Under Lease Proposal

Expansion of local transportation, to serve outlying districts of Torrance, may be possible after two new buses being purchased by Commercial Traffic Councilors are delivered for use here, according to Bus Manager William Murphey.

He declared that the buses will be leased on a low mileage basis to serve local areas, and that if additional equipment is received under similar agreements, the proposed Long Beach to Inglewood line can be established.

He said that two Torrance drivers will leave May 15 for the Ford factory in Indiana, at no expense to the city, to bring the two new 29-passenger buses to Torrance, and that new schedules of local service are being prepared.

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PRINCIPALS OF TORRANCE AND FERN AVE. ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS PICKED BY BOARD

Selection of principals of Torrance elementary school and Fern avenue school, under Torrance City School District operation next year, has been announced by Dr. Howard A. Wood, president of the Board of Education, and J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools.

Named as principal of Torrance elementary school is Albert R. Bardsley, who was until recently a principal in the elementary schools of Portland, Ore. A graduate of the University of Oregon, where he received his B.S. and Master of Education degree, Bardsley now is attending University of Southern California studying for his doctorate in education.

He has been active in professional organizations and in all types of community activity. Prior to going to Portland as a principal, he was with the Vancouver public schools, also as a principal.

Age 39, married and the father of one child, he comes to Torrance highly recommended by educators both of Oregon and California, Dr. Wood said.

Albert N. Posner has been named as principal of Fern avenue school, according to Dr. Wood.

Posner received his B.S. in education at New Mexico State Teachers college and his degree of Master in Education at University of Southern California. Prior to coming to California, he served with the Army Air Corps at Luke Field, Arizona, and previously had been principal of the Central public school at Central, N. M. He had served as principal of other elementary schools in New Mexico from 1935 to 1940. At the present time he is principal in Garvey school district, Garvey, Calif., which district has highly

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CITY COUNCIL HIRES LEVY AND BOSTOCK TO DIRECT FIRE HOUSE REHABILITATION

Torrance City Council Tuesday night hired Sam Levy as a technical supervisor to direct emergency rehabilitation of the earthquake-damaged central fire station, and work on the structure was to start today.

Levy was hired at a rate of \$1 per month for the job, which City Engineer G. M. Jains said will take about one month. Levy had told the Council that the fire station can be put in shape for reoccupancy by the department at a cost to the city of \$2500 to \$3000. The Council looked with favor on the offer of Levy, local merchant and property owner, and made the deal Tuesday night.

Under the direction of Jain and William Bostock, structural engineer who had supervision over construction of many Torrance buildings, the city will, with Levy's supervision, perform the following work on the fire station:

1. Install bond beams.
2. Take down fire walls and rebuild with reinforced concrete or brick.
3. Take off all tile roof and reconstruct the front of roof.
4. Install reinforced concrete bond beam at the second floor level.
5. Install anchor bolts at the second floor level and roof level, bracing lateral bracing at roof level, (or tie bond beams together).
6. Remove the old vault.
7. Reconstruct front of the building and tie together the steel beams.

Levy told the City Council Tuesday night that his proposal does not involve the beautification of the building, but it will make it safe for occupancy by both equipment and men.

The Council allowed funds for purchase of necessary materials and for labor on the job, and city workers recently laid off in the economy move of the City Council will be used wherever possible. Some skilled workers will be needed, in addition, Jain said. The fees of the structural engineer will not exceed \$500, according to action of the Council.

The fire station was condemned by Jain and safety engineers, as well as the City Council, early in March. Bonds proposed for the approval of the people of Torrance on March 18 to build a new fire station, were rejected. Since the condemnation, the building which was damaged seriously in the earthquake of six years ago

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\$1,000 Reward Offered For Cable Cutters

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company last week offered a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who cut the telephone cable on the corner of Hawthorne Blvd. and 18th St. in Torrance last Wednesday.

The communication wires leading to radio station KNX were reported to have apparently been cut with a hack saw, the first sabotage act in this metropolitan area. Other acts of vandalism were reported in the San Diego area.

Sunday it was reported that two wires of a six-wire open lead were cut about 11 miles north of Newhall in Sulead Canyon, disrupting two telephone circuits serving the U. S. Naval Depot at Inyokern. According to the telephone company, U. S. Attorney James M. Carter has been notified of this act of sabotage involving a government-controlled communication circuit.

According to A. B. Smith, manager of the Torrance-Lomita area telephone exchange, the Pacific T. & T. unions are now asking \$6 to \$28 a week in wage increases, instead of \$12 to \$32 a week.

Paul Johnson, chairman of the company bargaining committee, issued a statement saying, "the demands are still so unreasonable that it is not feasible to reach an agreement on wage increases. Therefore we once again offered to arbitrate the wage issue before an impartial body and offered to agree that the arbitration decision would be final and binding."

SCHOOL FINANCE PROBLEMS FOR FIRST YEAR OUTLINED IN SUPERINTENDENT'S SURVEY

By J. HENRICH HULL
Superintendent of Schools

One of the basic principles of sound administration for democratic institutions has been stated over and over again by many leaders in democracy. That principle is stated here as follows: "Whenever an important issue which affects the lives of people is to be decided, it is best to give the people to be affected by the decision an opportunity to express themselves on the issue and, whenever possible, an opportunity to vote on the issue."

The Torrance Board of Education believes in this principle, and has some important decisions to make which do affect the lives of the children, and the taxpayers and parents of the children of this community.

San Pedro Man Held Responsible For Boyd's Death

An inquest into the accidental death of Jack O. Boyd, 63, of Torrance, who was killed when his car and one driven by Louis Castagnole, 26, of San Pedro, collided at Redondo Beach Blvd. and Prairie Ave., was conducted last week at the Stone and Myers mortuary, at which time a coroner's jury brought in a verdict of accidental death and recommended that from the evidence submitted Castagnole be held as criminally responsible for the death.

It was stated in testimony that Castagnole had failed to heed a boulevard stop sign and crashed into Boyd's car. The district attorney's office indicated that charges would be filed against Castagnole.

TEMPERATURE

Official U. S. Weather Bureau

April	Maximum	Minimum
22	67	46
23	66	50
24	65	50
25	65	50
26	73	52
27	68	49
28	68	49
29	63	61

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TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR CITY SUGGESTED, OPPOSED

Advisability of appointing a city administrative officer to supervise municipal affairs until such time as an amendment to the City Charter, setting up the office of City Manager, can be submitted at an election was discussed at length Tuesday evening at an informal conference between members of the City Council and directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Boys Arrested On Curfew Charges; Parents Fined!

Five Torrance parents were fined in City Court Monday morning after their juvenile sons were arrested Saturday night on charges of curfew violation.

City Judge John A. Shidler stated that it is his belief that the parents are responsible for the delinquency of their children and assessed each a fine of ten dollars.

Four other boys who were arrested at the same time for fighting and curfew violation were certified as juveniles. They and their parents will have to appear in the Los Angeles juvenile department in the near future.

It was stated that it will be the policy of the City Court to hold parents responsible for all cases of juvenile delinquency which come to the attention of the Torrance court.

Miss Bettie West Leading Contestant For 'Miss Torrance Of 1947', Report

In the lead of Miss Torrance 1947 contest is Bettie West, the cute little entry of the Lions club, who is employed at El Prado Furniture store.

In second place is lovely blond Pat Ream, Torrance high school student sponsored by Rotary club, and in third place is Carlotta Dean, brunette, personality Miss sponsored by the American Legion.

The 20-30 club went on record last Wednesday prior to their knowing that Carlotta's sponsorship had been snapped up by the American Legion as favoring the sponsorship. Until their

meeting last night it could not be determined whether the 20-30 will select another girl to run or be a second sponsor for Carlotta.

The Moose lodge, according to James Barker, will decide Thursday whether their sponsorship will be for a new entry or one already entered.

The V.F.W. entry to be selected by the Auxiliary will, according to Vern Coll, have a good send off after Tuesday of this week.

These three "Torrance lovelies," armed with Y.W.C.A. donation receipt books, invaded Torrance this week, each out to capture the major share of the \$500 merchandise prizes offered by local merchants. These girls have a sincere desire to be of service to the community by helping to enlarge the Y.W.C.A. building fund set up last year by the Torrance Junior Woman's club.

Would you like to have a part in seeing Torrance have a Y.W.C.A.? Then vote for your favorite contestant—today!



OPEN HOUSE . . . The group pictured above are among the many hundreds of visitors who attended the National Supply Company's "Open House," sponsored through the National Supply Management Club April 25. On the program was a complete tour of the plant which was in full operation. Refreshments were served during the festivities. The occasion afforded scores of employees' family members their first opportunity of a glimpse inside the big fence, not to mention seeing the huge plant in actual operation.

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