

CHOIR GIRL . . . Babs Hazzard, 12-year-old member, of the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Choir is one of thousands of Torrance residents who will attend one of the many services being conducted this week in observance of Easter—this Sunday.
Herald Photo.

Hurry-Up Gals, Queen Race Entry Deadline Monday

With the entry deadline just four days away, the Torrance Queen race now has a field of four local lovelies poised at the starters gate ready to vie for more than \$700 in prizes.

Most recent entrant in the race is Pat Clere, 17-year-old student at Torrance High School.

Three earlier entrants include Bunky Quaggin, a cheer leader at Torrance High School and Jerry Speck, 20-year-old telephone operator, both of whom were the first girl to enter the race.

Still another entry, the third to be turned into Mrs. Ethel Richardson, 2903 Cabrillo avenue, who is the contest chairman, was that of Della Cooper, a 16-year-old student at the local high school.

Sponsor of this contest, the fourth annual Queen contest, is the Junior Woman's Club. The contest is being staged by the women's organization as a means of raising funds for the YWCA building fund.

The Queen is named after a month-long campaign of vote-telling. Each ten cent vote purchased from a contestant or from any member of a sponsoring organization entitles the purchaser to ten votes and provides them with the opportunity of owning a new television set.

SEASIDE SCHOOL BIDS

Bids for the building of the Seaside Rancho School, plans for which have been approved by the State Division of Architecture, will be opened May 10, according to school board officials.

Twenty-one Get Postmaster Job Applications

Acting Postmaster Louis H. Deininger yesterday announced that the postoffice had given out 21 civil service application forms for the position of postmaster here.

However, Deininger stated that there was no indication of the number of applications filed.

The deadline at which time the applications must have been received by the civil service commission in Washington D.C. ended at 12 midnight Tuesday.

The postmastership was left vacant by the death of Postmaster C. Earl Conner on Feb. 3. Deininger was sworn in as acting postmaster on March 5.

HIT-AND-RUN AUTO ATTEMPTS 'RUN-DOWN' OF PUBLISHER

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EVIDENCE INDICATES LUBIN NOT MAN WHO SLUGGED CARR

D.A.'s Office Supports Carr's New Decision

Harry Carr, prominent harbor area civic leader, will take the stand in a San Pedro court at 10 a.m. this morning and tell the judge he is no longer "positive" that Eli Lubin, now under indictment by the Grand Jury, is the man who slugged him last May, according to a reliable news source.

Ted Sten, deputy district attorney, said yesterday that Carr no longer was sure of the identification of Lubin because of certain evidence presented in Lubin's favor.

The D.A.'s representative said he could not, in the interest of justice, divulge at this time the reasons that convinced Carr that Lubin was not one of the two things who beat him in San Pedro in May of 1948. He said, however:

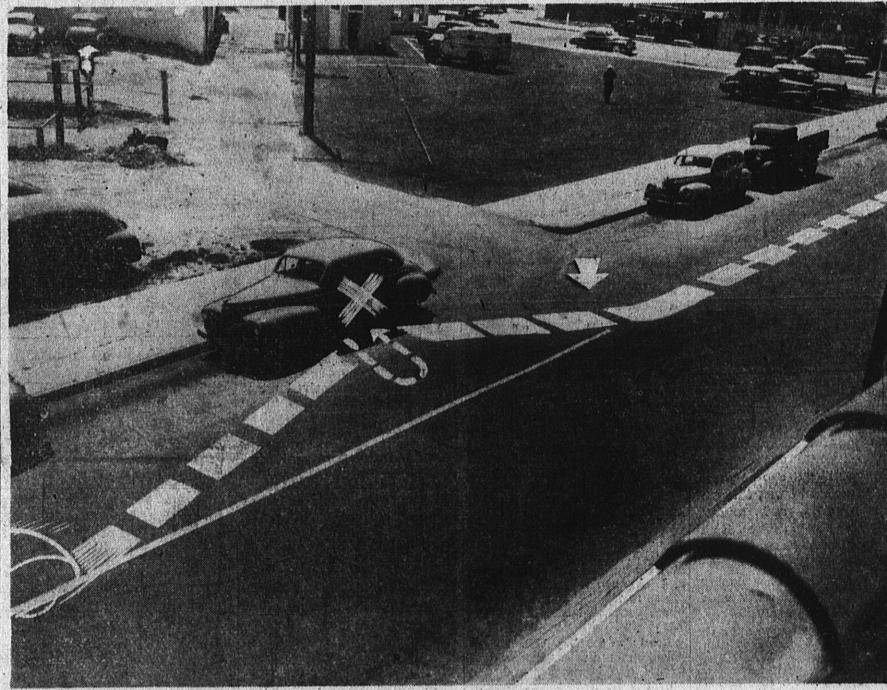
"Mr. Carr has not been coerced into this as some people may be tempted to believe. His position in the community is indication enough that he would refuse any 'offer' from Lubin or anyone else to withdraw his complaint if it were true.

"If we were to divulge all the reasons that indicate that Lubin was not the guilty party, it would make it difficult, if not impossible, to apprehend those who are really guilty," he said.

He pointed out two factors that tended to exonerate Lubin.

1. Lubin claims he was at Lake Arrowhead at the time of the beating and can produce 12 witnesses to prove the fact.
2. Lubin is extremely nearsighted and must wear extraordinarily thick lens glasses. Carr stated the men who beat him did not wear glasses.

Carr told Sten he could not proceed with the prosecution of Lubin as long as there remained



SCENE OF HIT-AND-RUN . . . Depicted in photo-diagram above is path of auto which attempted Saturday night to run down Grover C. Whyte, publisher of the Torrance Herald. Arrow indicates point where driver turned toward parked car in deliberate attempt to strike the publisher who darted back to his parked car (indicated by U-shaped arrow). Driver of the car struck Whyte's car door (cross) as he pulled the door close to his body to avoid being hit. An inch or two saved Whyte from being crushed to death. Car raced to left and through a stop sign at Cabrillo and Gramercy avenues. Photo was taken from roof of the Herald building, 1619 Gramercy avenue, scene of the accident.

No Clues to Guide Officers

Time—five days of it—have covered the trail of the hit-and-run drivers who attempted last Saturday night to "pick-off" Grover C. Whyte, publisher of the Torrance Herald.

With only meager clues to lead them, local police, headed by Chief John Stroh, and sheriff's deputies have practically abandoned hope of finding the driver and passenger in a blue coupe which tried unsuccessfully to run down the publisher as he crossed the street in front of the Herald Building, 1619 Gramercy avenue at 8:05 p.m. April 9.

Police pressed their man-hunt into a wide-spread area through-out the county in a concentrated effort to apprehend the driver of the car. They wanted to find out:

If the incident had any connection with a recent superior court injunction issued against the San Pedro Typographical Union, which is presently picketing the Torrance Herald.

Still another possible reason for the incident was volunteered by Edwin B. Brown, business manager of the Herald. He said:

"It is strange that four slugs, and now this incident, have taken place immediately after five different leaders in this area have spoken out against the management of the Harbor Area Retail Clerks Union."

His reference was to a picture, story, and editorial which appeared in the Herald last week.

About six hours before the hit-and-run accident, another incident with a possible bearing on the case was reported to police.

Mrs. Jack O. Baldwin, wife of the managing editor of the Herald, was getting into her car near the Herald Building. Her car was parked next to another car in which was seated one of the pickets. She reported the man as saying:

"That car sure would look good with the front end smashed in."

Later that same night, about the time of the accident in front

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FIREWORKS BANNED

Selling of fireworks within the city of Torrance became a violation of the law Tuesday night when the City Council passed an ordinance after its second and final reading banning the sale of the pyrotechnics.

YOUTH URGE ACTION

Councilman George Powell at a council meeting Tuesday night read a petition signed by 44 youngsters in the community urging the council to take action to prevent another Kathy tragedy.

EXTENSION GRANTED

Acting on the recommendations of William H. Stanger, water superintendent, the city council granted the water department another 90 days to prepare a "paper" on the proposed consolidation of the three water districts within the city.

'Be Judicial,' Joseph Scott Tells Council

Speaking before the Harbor Area Employer's Council last Thursday night, Joseph Scott, widely known attorney and civic leader, urged the 150 members gathered in the Civic Auditorium to apply the principles of Americanism and use a judicial mind to establish a lasting peace in the labor strife in this area.

"Labor is entitled to share in the profits of industry, but they also must bear the responsibility of industry," the 81-year-old pioneer told the group.

He said that understanding of one another's problems was the key to the solution to the Harbor Area labor trouble.

A. J. McCown, president of the council, led the floor discussion and answered questions from some of the employers present as to the purpose of the council, its problems, and projects.

He introduced James M. Nicolson, labor relations counsellor and legal advisor for the council, to the group. Nicolson told the audience that the council was not going to put the blame on anybody for the poor human relations that existed in the area today but that at the same time the council was proposing to do something about these old problems.

Frank S. Selover, executive secretary of the council read the by-laws to the assemblage and

City Official Acts to Prevent 'Kathy' Tragedy

To prevent any recurrence of the Kathy Fiscus tragedy City Manager George Stevens said yesterday he was asking the city attorney to draft an ordinance making it unlawful to leave abandoned water wells, cesspools, and septic tanks unattended.

The recently enacted oil ordinance would cover such conditions resulting from oil drilling activities but not for water wells and other types of excavations. The state already has statutes making it mandatory to cap abandoned oil wells, Stevens pointed out.

The city manager, realizing the need for inclusion in such laws the specific clause which would recognize cesspools and septic tanks as being possible death traps, anticipates that soon after the installation of the Walteria sewer several hundred cesspools and septic tanks will be abandoned.

He seeks a law which would make it unlawful to abandon such systems without filling them.

In Sacramento this week an emergency clause was inserted in a bill that already had cleared the Lower House. The measure included a clause seeking to enforce the covering of abandoned wells and septic tanks.

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Pilot Walks Away From Crash



UNEXPECTED VISITOR . . . While doctors treat a Wilmington pilot for slight injuries, Captain Frank Schumacher of the Torrance Police Department, keeps smokers away from spilled gasoline from this light plane which crash-landed in local resident's front yard Tuesday afternoon and bounced into vacant lot at Elliot avenue and East Road.—Herald Photo.

Shearing power lines carrying 4000 volts, a Wilmington pilot walked away from a light plane crash at Royal avenue and East Road Tuesday afternoon.

The pilot, Bert Charlie Clark, 36, told sheriff's deputies he was forced to make an emergency landing when his throttle became jammed. The plane, a Cub, snapped two sets of high voltage lines before crash-landing in the front yard of Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson, 20712 Royal boulevard.

Clark's injuries were described as minor in spite of the fact that the plane was a near wash-out. Harry Craig, of 20525 Elliot ave., rushed the pilot to a nearby doctor for treatment and returned him to the scene of the crash where he was questioned by sheriff's deputies, R. F. Friele and Ralph Larson.

He was then sent to the Harbor General Hospital in spite of his protests that he was not injured. Several hours after the crash newsmen attempting to contact Clark learned he had left his home to go to work.

The crash disrupted power facilities at exactly 4:25 p.m.