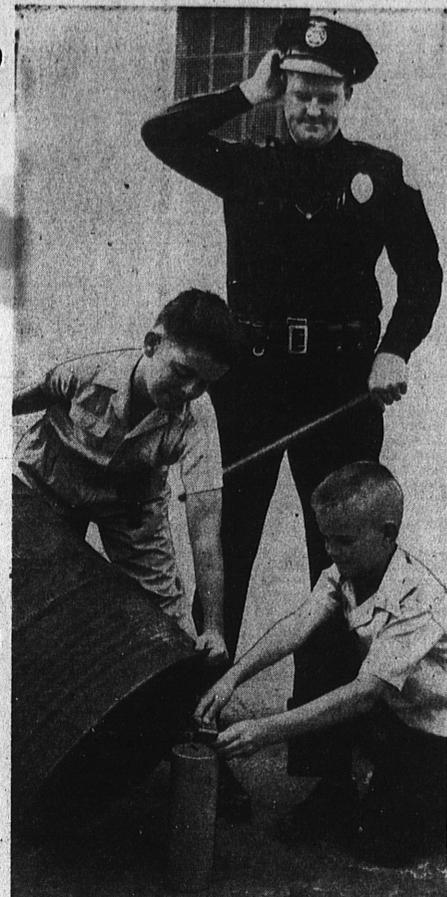


Fireworks Ban Insures 'Quiet' Fourth



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COPSI . . . Patrolman Harold "Zek" Treise seems perplexed as to how to tell Bob Hopkins, 12, and Tommy Quaggin, 10, that it is against the law to shoot firecrackers or any other type fireworks within the City of Torrance. New law makes selling, firing, or possessing fireworks illegal.—Herald photo.

It'll Be A Quiet 4th Here--Or Else

Torrance is quite likely to have a quiet Fourth—by law. A recently enacted city ordinance (April 1949) makes it illegal to shoot, sell, or even possess fireworks within the city limits.

Youngsters and oldsters, too, who get a bang out of shooting fireworks will have to be content with watching professional displays of pyrotechnics at one of several fireworks shows planned throughout Southern California.

The new city law states that only patriotic, civic, and similar organizations may celebrate the Independence of the U.S. by setting off fireworks displays and then only in the city park and under the guidance of a pyrotechnic expert.

A grandiose fireworks and circus, sponsored by the Los Angeles Council of the American Legion, is set for July 4 in the Los Angeles Coliseum.

Another show climaxing a two-day celebration, will be staged from the Portuguese Bend Club pier beginning at 8:15 on July 4.

City Attorney Wants 'Teeth' in Anti-Stench Law

Torrance's industrial plants will not be affected by a law giving the city attorney's office the power to prosecute violators of the city's "anti-stench" law, asserted City Attorney C. Douglass Smith.

Smith rendered his opinion at the City Council meeting Tuesday evening in answer to an inquiry by Councilman Nick Draie, Columbia Steel employee, who said that his firm feared the law might curtail the company's activities here.

Smith pointed out to the Council that he was not asking for a new "anti-stench" law to protect this community from bad odors. He said that the city already has that law but that it does not give the city attorney the right to prosecute violators.

The ordinance which he is asking for merely "puts some teeth into the law," said the city attorney.

"There is nothing in this ordinance that will bother any industry located in the proper zone," Smith said in pointing out that the statute was aimed at hog ranches, manure piles and similar establishments. The city is prohibited by state law from

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GOODYEAR SHUTDOWN EXPECTED

Closing of the Goodyear plant on Normandie avenue was described as "expected" by a high official of the company in Akron this week.

Just when the huge synthetic plant would close remained largely a matter of conjecture—at least publicly. Plant officials failed to comment on the exact date that the 225 persons presently employed there would face a lay off. However, it was stated that the local plant had a large quota to supply to July.

Commenting upon the shutdown of the \$17,000,000 plant, G. R. Lyon, production manager of the Goodyear Synthetic Rubber Corporation in Akron, said in a letter to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce:

"With the return to more nearly a normal supply, it was inevitable that the synthetic rubber program would suffer a re-trenchment and eventually approach an economic balance in competition with natural rubber. . . . for some time the operation of the (local) plant has satisfied west coast consumption but as this consumption fell off, the cost of producing the necessary raw materials went up," Lyon's letter stated.

Pair Nominated For Commander Of Legion Post

Nominations of officers for the coming year and the initiation of 13 new candidates were held last week at a meeting of the Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170, the American Legion at the Legion clubhouse on Border avenue.

Nominations for new officers included John Strickland and Tom Watson, commander; Lyle Madsen, first vice-commander; Victor Froberg, second vice-commander; Lyle O'Hara, finance officer; Paddy Ryan, chaplain; and Bea Bundy, historian.

The 13 candidates initiated last week include James C. Anderson, Warren L. Barton, Michael A. Catena, Edward M. Chamberlain, Pat Cunningham, Ken Cunningham, Vic Froberg, Berton L. Lamb, Lyle Madsen, Kenneth S. Munyer, Jack R. Stephens, John A. Waite and Rudy Zagala.

Nominations will be re-opened and officers will be elected at Tuesday evening's meeting. A large membership turnout is expected for the election.

Commission Holds Bus Deal Fate

This week's two-day Public Utilities Commission hearing of El Camino Transit Lines' application to expand its services into Hollywood Riviera ended Tuesday putting a temporary halt to the transportation firm's off-again-on-again battle to serve the area.

The month-long period which P.U.C. Examiner John Roe will take to render his decision began yesterday following Roe's request for the filing of briefs. A candid ballot of the audience, many of whom were residents of Hollywood Riviera including Commander William A. Mason, president of the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association, revealed strong sentiment in favor of the El Camino application.

Many of the residents presented their views on the subject, as did Arnold Milton, president of El Camino Lines and Clifford Maurice Sr., of Sunset Stages, who opposes the granting of the application.

The Public Utilities Commission decision is slated to be handed down sometime in early August.



WIDENING OPERATIONS . . . Civic leaders, engineers, and kibitzers watch giant bulldozer clear the first bit of brush from the Western avenue roadbed as construction work on the highway actually started Tuesday morning at Carson Street.—Herald photo.

Western Avenue Construction Being Rushed

A hulking yellow caterpillar bulldozer bit the first chunks from the uncleared roadway Tuesday morning to mark the start of the long awaited improvement of Western avenue from Torrance boulevard to Anaheim street in Wilmington.

Construction of a classy concrete thoroughfare stretching three-and-a-half miles through the Shoestring Strip, Lomita, and Harbor City is being rushed to completion (before next Christmas) ahead of the rains. While civic dignitaries beamed their approval, clearing of right-of-way started at the north end of the job just two days before the July 1st deadline given the city by one of the property owners along the line who had presented a large hunk of necessary land on that condition.

J. D. Mauler, Superintendent for Warren Southwest Inc. which is doing the job on a \$381,039 contract, said that construction should be in full swing next Tuesday after preliminary paper work is completed.

Guy D. Donald, Harbor District engineer who was on hand for the king-size ground breaking, said that it still will be necessary to condemn some absentee-owned property along the right-of-way.

When the highway is completed it will consist of two 29-foot roadways separated by a 12-foot "safety strip" in the center as far as Pacific Coast highway. Shoulders of the present road from the highway to Anaheim street will be surfaced.

Entailed in the project, which includes the removal of some 2500 trees, is the laying of an entirely new roadbed between 28th street and Lomita boulevard.

Although the contract was awarded by the city of Los Angeles, a portion of the cost will be shouldered by allocations from the county and the city of Torrance. The fulfillment of a 20-year harbor area dream will be paid for out of gas tax revenues.

Autoist's Death Brings Charge Of Manslaughter

Fred H. Frank, 65, of 1023 Maple avenue, will appear for a preliminary hearing tomorrow in the San Pedro Municipal courtroom of Judge David Coleman on charges of manslaughter and drunk driving—a felony.

Frank was arrested last Friday evening following a traffic collision at East Road and Normandie avenue in which Paul Lawrence Kokott, 23, of San Pedro was killed.

Police reported that Frank had stopped his car at a boulevard stop and then pulled directly into the path of Kokott's vehicle. Kokott apparently was killed instantly in the crash, which occurred at 11:20 p.m.

None of the impact caused Frank's car to jump a curb and come to rest in a vacant lot. Kokott's car, with the dead man's foot pressed against the accelerator, continued on, hit a directional sign, turned, crossed the street and again hit Frank's car.

He was pronounced dead on arrival at Wilmington Receiving Hospital. The body was taken to Stone & Myers Mortuary here pending action by the coroner.

The inquest was held Monday.

Bill Stanger Tops List of 'Small Fries'

With nightly rehearsals still being held by the cast of "Oil is Where," the V.F.W. sponsored play to be presented in the high school auditorium July 13 and 14, the popularity contest being held in conjunction with the play was becoming very popular.

Bill Stanger led the field of 25 contestants in the "Small Fry Popularity Contest of Yesterday" with 1754 votes. Somewhat behind him are the other 25 former "small fry" headed by Sam Levy with 828 votes and Mike Michaels with 737 votes.

The following is a run-down of the standings and ballot box location of the contestants.

Bill Stanger, Water Department, 1754; Sam Levy, Levy's Department Store, 828; Mike Michaels, Scooty's Sport Shop, 737; Frank Jakubowski, Ralph's Liquor Store, 688; Jess Dean, V.F.W., 560; Al Ewalt, Daniel's Cafe, 498; Dr. R. Bailey, Helen's Cafe, 463; and Dick Miller, Vurp's Cafe, 550.

John Ott, Robert's Liquor, 316; Paul Loranger, Home Liquor, 271; Howard Perry, Fish Shanty, 270; C. Smith, Moose Club, 210; Louis Briganti, Briganti Liquor, 190; John E. McMaster, Sport Club Cafe, 116; A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk's Office, 88; George Paltridge, Beverly Ann, 88; Wink Winklebauer, Bank of America, 83; and Mike Fenwick, Fenwick Shoe Repair, 75.

Wally Post, Torrance National Bank, 73; John Burton, Rendovino Club, 70; Gene Turner, Curries, 50; Dr. Rollin Smith, Five Points Liquor Store, 50; and George Kessler, Dees Cafe, 24.

Clues In Reuther Attack Lead Here

The shotgun used in the near fatal shooting of Victor Reuther, high official in the United Auto Workers Union, in Detroit early this month may have been sold from a local hardware store, police learned this week.

Charles V. Jones, owner of the Torrance Hardware Company, was told by Detective Captain Ernie Ashton that the local store had received one of twenty guns all bearing the same serial number as that gun which was used in the Reuther shooting.

Jones with the help of Mrs. Esther Swigart, bookkeeper, have been wearing their thumbs thin leafing through 66,000 sales slips in an attempt to locate the purchaser of the gun.

The gun, a 12 gauge double barreled shotgun manufactured by the Stevens Arms Co., was one of three clues—the gun, two shells and a heel print found outside the window of the high C.I.O. Union official's home following the attempted killing in the early part of June.

The shooting of Reuther, almost parallels the shooting of his brother, Walter Reuther, president of the U.A.W., 13 months ago.

Victor Reuther was blasted by an unknown gunman who shoved the gun through the window and fired two shots at him as he sat in his living room. Doctors dug six pieces of lead from Victor's body, removed his right eye and pumped four pints of blood into him while his brother Walter stood by.

A year ago in May, Walter also was blasted by a shotgun-wielding gunman who fired through the window of Walter's home. The U.A.W.'s red-headed leader is still crippled from the blast.

Identity of the gunman or gunmen, as the case may be, has remained a mystery to Detroit police. Also the motive for the shooting has been largely a matter of conjecture. It was hoped that the sales slip used in the sale of the "Victor gun" would shed some light as to the identity of the would-be assassins and the reason for the shooting.

Though vigorously denied by the party, the Reuthers believe the shootings were communist inspired.

Arnold G. Moore, 37, alleged partner of slain gunman, James T. Manley, 30, was ordered bound over for preliminary hearing in Superior Court, Tuesday morning.

Moore is a strong suspect, as was his partner, as being the young man who burglarized the Torrance High School safe in May. Moore was captured on the El Segundo High School grounds by officers after policeman Alex Haddock shot and killed Manley in an exchange of gunfire in which the officer was wounded in the leg. Justifiable homicide was the verdict of a coroner's jury.

Municipal Judge Bernard Lawler ordered Moore held for trial in the higher court, set bail at \$50,000 and had him transferred to Los Angeles County Jail.

YMCA Directors to be Installed at Special Meet

Five members of the YMCA Board of Directors, elected at the July 17 meeting, are scheduled to be installed today at a special meeting of the board, revealed L. Milton Isbell, executive secretary.

The new board members include Joe Arnold, Dave Colville, Herbert Cohn, James Hall, and William Walmshart.

William H. Tolson, new chairman, will preside at the meeting at which R. I. Plomert Jr., finance chairman, will comment on the \$2,000 which is needed to complete the annual budget for "y" activities in Torrance.

Tolson said that the agenda also includes a consideration of a proposal to assist high school youths in operating the mail shop recently leased by the student body.

CLAIMING THAT under present conditions there is inadequate protection for school children, the Dominguez Area Community Council has asked the County Road Department for a traffic signal at Main and Carson streets to replace the four-way stop signs now installed there.

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CHAMPION CAPTAINS . . . Sgt. Swayne Johnson, a member of the Torrance Police Officer's Association, presents two trophies provided by the association to YMCA team Captains Tony Ordaz (Gra-Y champions) and David Molinar, (U-Y champs) at brief ceremonies last Monday night in the Fern ave. recreation hall.—Herald photo.

Publishers Sign Pact Increasing News, Ad Sweep

Broadening the trading area served by the combined circulations of the Torrance Herald and the Lomita News, Grover C. Whyte and Edwin B. Brown, publishers of the Torrance Herald, announce the affiliation of the Dominguez Area Bulletin, effective July 1.

The three newspapers completely cover a trading area of 75,500 population, of which Torrance is the logical shopping center, according to recent census figures.

A substantial financial interest in the Dominguez Area Bulletin has been acquired by Whyte and Brown, who also are co-owners with Publisher Ray H. Reed of the Lomita News.

Beginning with next week's issue, July 7, all typesetting on the Dominguez Area Bulletin will be done at the Torrance Herald plant and the popular weekly newspaper will be printed on the Torrance Herald's big 32-page rotary press. However, James C. Nixon, publisher, and Mrs. Marguerite Nixon, editor, will retain a majority interest in the Dominguez paper and will continue to guide its policies in their present capacities.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Nixon have been active for many years in the development and social life of the large area served by the Dominguez Area Bulletin. Included in the territory covered completely by the Bulletin are Key-stone, Avalon Village, Wilmington Manor, Lomita Square, Lincoln Village and the entire Dominguez area, as far east as Santa Fe avenue.

Printed in tabloid form since 1942, the Dominguez Area Bulletin will change its format to