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... To the Victor (Finally) Go the Spoils

400 Columbia Steelworkers Out During Mill Shutdown



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City Judge Agrees Anti-Marble Law Far Too Broad

Operators of pinball machines who were recently ordered by a law to pick up their marbles and go home were back in Torrance yesterday plugging in machines while legal wheels began to turn to grind out a new ordinance to ban the devices within the city.

Latest development in the issue came following the hearing of a test case in City Judge Otto B. Willett's court on Monday. Willett sustained a demurrer filed by William McFaden, attorney for Louis Defouri, owner of a local pool hall. Defouri was cited by Torrance police on October 2 for illegally possessing a marble machine.

Attorney McFaden claimed that the present anti-pinball machine ordinance was too broad in that juke boxes and other coin-operated devices were banned by the city law.

Judge Willett held with this opinion, stating that he believed the terminology of the law made it unconstitutional.

City Attorney C. Douglass Smith said he would present to the City Council at its next agenda meeting a new ordinance which he said would outlaw marble machines yet which would exempt music machines, cigarette machines, gum machines, public scales, and other non-gambling coin-operated devices.

Smith, McFaden and Judge Willett, in unofficial statements, expressed the opinion that there is little doubt that the machines can be outlawed and pointed to other communities as examples.

Head of Schools To Address Local Church Members

Superintendent of Schools Dr. J. Henrich Hull will be a guest of Rev. Cecil England, pastor of the First Christian Church, on Sunday, November 5, when the school administrator will address the congregation on the "Moral and Spiritual Values in Public Schools."

The occasion marks the observance by the local church of the start of American Education Week.

U. S. Freezes Funds Requested For City Water

Federal authorities in San Francisco have frozen all requests, including that of Torrance, for funds to finance the modernization of the city's water system as recommended in the Montgomery report, City Manager George W. Stevens said yesterday.

The city has petitioned the Federal government for a \$56,000 "advance" to pay engineers and draftsmen to prepare detailed drawings and specifications to improve the city's water supply. Reporting on a conversation with authorities in the bay city, Stevens said the government was examining all requests to determine which projects would seem critical and which projects, if undertaken, would most benefit the national defense effort.

"I feel that the inspectors will approve of Torrance's request when they realize that the city is the home of many vital industries," Stevens said.

The federal "loan" would be repaid to the government from funds derived by floating a bond and from increased water revenues. A \$2,000,000 self-liquidating bond issue has been proposed by city officials after studying the Montgomery survey.

School Dedication Set

A 45-minute program will mark the dedication of the North Torrance School on Sunday afternoon, November 5, according to Dr. J. Henrich Hull, superintendent of schools.

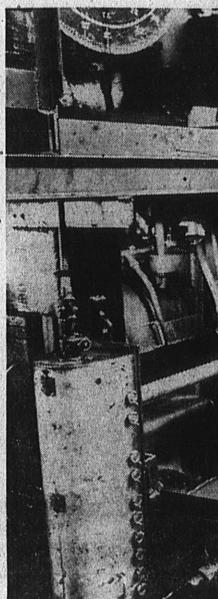


DEATHLY HUMOR . . . Yukking up the fact that the poor, lamented corpse got himself in such a pickle by smoking in bed are Ed Karlow, Dick Beecher, Jim Withycombe and Joe Helphand of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. The smiles on the faces of the Jaycees boys started when the supposedly mute corpse told the Herald photographer to "snap it up—I can't hold this smile all day." The corpse turned out to be Jim Morehead, and the driver of the truck was Jay Neilsen. (Herald photo).

DISPUTE MAY END SATURDAY

Columbia Steel's three mills remained idle yesterday and today, thus affecting nearly 400 steelworkers while members of United Steelworkers of America, CIO, conducted a union meeting which has been in session since 4 p. m. Tuesday afternoon.

Herb Finley, international representative of the union, said yesterday noon that the meeting would continue until the company reinstated a suspended rolling mill worker.



ROLLERS STILLED . . . This three-high mill is one of several at Columbia Steel plant ordered to shut down when operators in another mill called a union meeting to demand reinstatement of a suspended worker. The worker is accused of persisting in a slowdown. Outcome of the meeting, now in its second day, is a denial by the steelworkers that any slowdown was in process at the local plant.

The meeting was called Tuesday afternoon when 26 members of the primary breakdown mill learned that one of the workers, whom company and union officials declined to identify, was suspended for four days for "persisting in a slow down."

At 4 p. m. yesterday afternoon the effect of the shutdown was felt in the sheet mill where some 300 men are employed. The sheet mill is dependent upon billets supplied by the breakdown mill where the shutdown first occurred. The merchant mill likewise is down due to a lack of billets.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT
In an official statement handed the Herald late yesterday, a company spokesman said:

"Production of steel at the Torrance rolling mill of the Columbia Steel Company was interrupted at 4 p. m. yesterday as approximately 26 crew members of the primary breakdown mills refused to operate the mills following suspension of one employee for persisting in a slowdown which has continued since September 5. Production of the Torrance merchant mill and the sheet mill will be affected if the breakdown mill is out of operation for more than a short period of time."

MERCHANT MILL DOWN
The merchant mill already is was reported.

out due to a lack of billets, it explained it this way: "Another 26 men on the day shift refused to work when they learned of the suspension."

The Columbia official stated that the company was at a loss to explain the slowdown.

Meanwhile, Finley denied that any slowdown was in effect. He explained it this way: "The present rate of production is based on a three-month reference period of last year. During that period the production of the breakdown mill was accepted as the normal production capacity of the mill."

SPEED UP HYPER
"The amount of production that come out of the mill during that period would be used in future negotiations, stepped up the supply of material to the mill," he charged.

"Management of the company saw to it that nothing went wrong during that period—to lower the production figure. Cranes were where they were needed at the exact moment they were needed. There was no waiting for raw materials. Breakdowns were repaired immediately."

"As a result, production jumped 12 per cent during the reference period. Now the company claims production is down 15 to 20 per cent."

"IT'S NORMAL"
"Why," Finley said, "that's normal production for the mill." Officials of the company said the loss of production could only be accounted for in a slowdown. They said that production is down 15 to 20 per cent. There have not been serious breakdowns nor shortages of material which would cause the drop in production, a company official stated.

The union official said that the meeting would continue as

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What Then?

SUPPOSIN' THIS SHOULD OCCUR ON NOVEMBER 7?

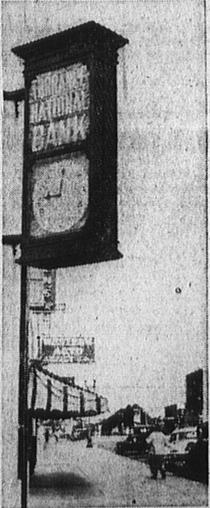
For awhile, students at Torrance High School were a bit afraid that the school year would be over before the Freshman Class elected a president.

The elections started a week ago Friday with seven candidates—including Lynn Lorenz, the Ladies Choice, and Greg Jenkins, the choice of men who put good grooming first, finishing in the number one and two spot. Greg polled 52 votes to Lynn's 50 votes. A run-off was ordered. Results of the second ballot? Lynn 90 votes, Greg 90 votes.

A third election was ordered in an attempt to break the tie. During their out-of-class, free moments, 200 members of the freshman class voted. The outcome showed 100 votes for Lynn and 100 votes for Greg.

Finally a fourth election was ordered. This time the ballots were cast while the students were in class. That day 251 freshmen were attending class. If everybody voted, one of the two would have to win.

So on the fourth ballot, Greg Jenkins, in spite of being a gentleman, stepped in front of his classmate to win the presidency by a vote of 129-122.



TORRANCE SCHOOLS RATE HIGH

Tallying 141 points, Torrance schools scored among the best in the nation, according to the results of a "How Good Is Your School" test published in the October 16 issue of Life Magazine.

Results of the test, given to 500 schools throughout the nation, put the best elementary schools in the 115-142 bracket and the high schools in the 127-147 bracket.

None of the United States schools which Life reported on, received a perfect score of 153 points.

WHEN THE BELL TOLLED . . . While the Freedom Bell tolled in Berlin half way around the world at exactly 9:02 a. m. on Monday climaxing the Crusade for Freedom, a Herald photographer recorded the moment in Torrance (note clock). Sole observance reported here was a moment of silence maintained in classrooms of local schools as the Freedom Bell rang.—Herald Photo.

Merchants Cut Prices During Dollar Days

Dollar Days—the good old-fashioned kind when merchants lower everything but the roof,—will be marked in Torrance this weekend with a three-day, city-wide sale starting today.

Bargains, cut-rate prices and money-saving deals are being offered by the many merchants participating in the price-slashing sale.

Shoppers will discover it will pay them to buy with the merchants and shop in the stores displaying the placards and posters proclaiming "Old Fashioned Dollar Days."

The event is sponsored by the Better Merchants Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

To save you steps and money, it is suggested the reader turn to the inside pages for a preview of the bargains that will be offered Thursday, Friday and Saturday during this great city-wide sales event.

Save During Old Fashioned Dollar Days This Weekend