

'New Court District to Get Three Judges'—Vince Thomas

'Hard to Believe,' Torrance Says of MacArthur Canning

Load Too Heavy For 2 Judges

EXCLUSIVE

Increasing the county's recommendation for two judges to serve the recently organized South Bay Municipal Court District, the State Legislature will add another judge for this rapidly growing area, Assemblyman Vincent Thomas told the Herald this week.

Speaking from Sacramento, Thomas said that the Assembly Judiciary Committee headed by Ralph M. Brown of Modesto, reviewed the recommendation of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and had decided the legal load the district would create for the South Bay Court clearly indicated that the services of three judges would be required.

Long before the county's recommendation went to the legislature, local city officials, judges, and lawyers in the area beseeched the Supervisors to create at least three and even four judge's offices for the new court. Action by the state will establish two local jurists, Judge John A. Shidler, Justice of the Peace of the Gardena Township, and Judge Otto B. Willett, Torrance City Court Judge, as top contenders for the offices. Political observers feel that it will be a hotly contested race among the judges of six other courts for the third office.

Proposition Number Three, approved by the voters at the last State election, abolished eight inferior courts including those of Shidler and Willett in this area and created instead one Municipal Court. The county established the boundaries of the district and made recommendations to the legislature as to the number of judges the board felt was necessary to handle the court load.

The new municipal court probably will be located in Redondo Beach on property now owned by the county. The Board of Supervisors recently ordered that the county manager proceed to advertise for bids for the new bench area courthouse.

Hot and Heavy Session Sees Bus Line Die

Although it was a section of a Riviera bus line that is due to die it was the City Council that occupied the hot seat Tuesday night.

In the thick of the verbal tussle was Councilman Harvey B. Spelman Jr. Two weeks ago Spelman made a motion that the line from WALTERIA to the Riv-

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Blood Quota Topped

Torrance blood donors sent away the Red Cross Bloodmobile last Friday loaded to the gills.

A full quota of 220 pints was collected during a four-hour visit of the unit here and by six p.m. local Red Cross workers had to cancel last hour appointments because the unit's refrigeration capacity had been reached.

Mrs. Clifford Easley, blood recruitment chairman said that at the next visit of the Blood-

mobile in September it was hoped that the county's largest blood collecting unit capable of receiving 250 pints could be commandeered for this area. The unit here Friday is the second largest in operation by the Red Cross.

OTHER VISITS URGED

Those who were unable to be processed during the last hour were urged to visit the Blood Recruitment Headquarters at 925 South Western avenue or make an appointment to give a pint of blood at one of the Bloodmobile's visits to nearby areas.

Mrs. Don Hyde, chairman of the Torrance Chapter of the Red Cross, reported that a remarkably high number of persons kept their appointments as scheduled. Approximately 30 persons were asked to make appointments at other Bloodmobiles.

Any persons may give at any Bloodmobile and credit the donation to their participating group or to themselves as an individual donor.

GROUP ENLISTED

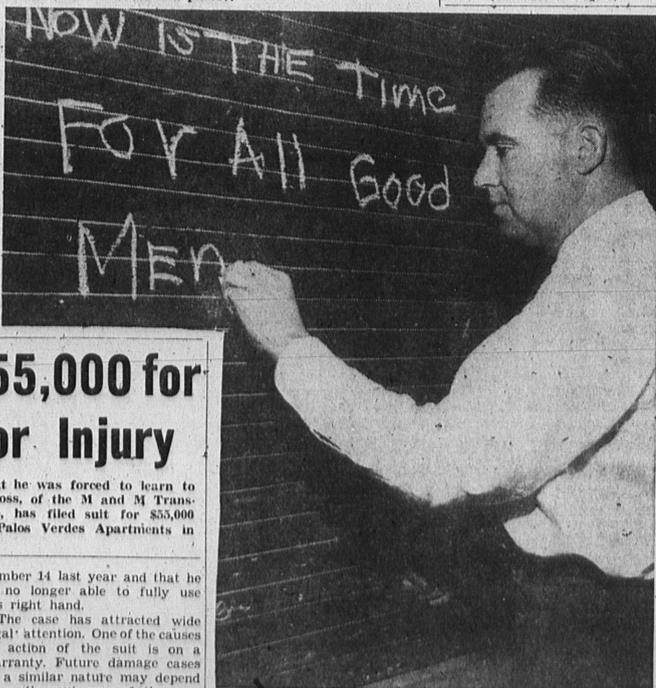
Two more participating groups were enlisted during last Friday's blood recruitment drive. Joining the ranks of the 23 organizations in the group participation plan were members of the Torrance Post Office and the Torrance City Employees. The number of groups is a near record for a community this size, Red Cross Headquarters reported.

Mrs. Easley thanked the local merchants and individuals who donated coffee and orange juice which were served to donors during their visit to the Civic Auditorium.

Mrs. John Keefer and her crew of canteen workers served the refreshments to blood donors.



DOING DOUBLE DUTY . . . Mrs. Jack Walton, 3309 Winlock Road, wife of a Marine fighter pilot now ripping at the Reds in Korea, gives a pint of blood . . . just in case. She had a double reason for giving her "seventh or eighth pint, I can't quite remember." Her sister recently required and received five pints of Red Cross blood. The nurse is Miss Aldine Adent of the Red Cross. (Herald photo).



ALL OVER AGAIN . . . Easily shattered glass in a shower door, claims Mark Moss, so injured his right hand he has had to learn to write with his left. He has instigated a suit for \$55,000 against the door manufacturer and the managers of the Palos Verdes Apartments. (Herald photo).

Truman's Popularity Skids: Mac's Gaining

Most Torrance residents today still found it "hard to believe" that Truman had canned MacArthur.

A local survey of public opinion yesterday indicated that the President may be caught in a backfire of the political A-bomb he dropped yesterday morning.

To See Again

Heart Victim Gives Eyes to Help the Blind

Jaroslav Marek is dead, but his eyes may see again!

His final request that his eyes be given to an eye bank so that some unfortunate person might see again was fulfilled here late Tuesday evening after the sudden death of Marek, a Harbor General Hospital accountant and brother-in-law of Rev. Arthur E. Bello and Nicholas Bello.

Victim of a sudden heart attack, the 43-year-old hospital accountant had stated his wish that his eyes be used for corneal transplants—an operation which has been developed during the past few years to give sight to certain blind persons.

Hugh Sherkey Jr., of the Stone and Myers Mortuary, where funeral arrangements are being handled, said this was the first such request that his firm had handled.

Surviving Marek is his widow, Ercilia Marek, of 4622 West 204th street, who is a sister of Rev. Bello. Also surviving are his mother and two sisters in New York.

Funeral services will be held

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As the House of Representatives considered launching impeachment charges against the President, it was rather evident from the opinion expressed by the rank and file of Torrance citizens that the Chief Executive could look for little sympathy from here.

Summing up the reaction of a number of Torrance citizens, it was very clearly indicated that at the moment President Truman would top few popularity lists while MacArthur seems to be at the top of all of them.

The news that Truman had fired the general had a greater reaction here than any news since the surrender of Germany.

Here is what a number of local citizens had to say about the issue yesterday afternoon: Joe McNally Jr., 1553 West 216th street, chairman of the United Steelworkers of America, CIO, Local 1414 (Columbia Steel Company): "Of all the recent blunders Truman has made, the ousting of MacArthur tops them all. Who knows better than MacArthur how the Oriental mind functions and what steps we should take to win the war in Korea? If Truman felt in a house cleaning mood, the ousting of Dean Acheson and his gang should have top priority."

Mrs. C. B. Elbert, 2367 Mari-

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QUEEN CROWNING . . . Jackie Johnson, "Miss Torrance of 1950" (left) hands the new Queen of Torrance, Miss Pat Merola, a bouquet of roses following her coronation at the Torrance Civic Auditorium last Saturday night. (Herald photo)

Pat Merola Wins Crown

Still high in the clouds today is the crowned head of Pat Merola, 17-year old Torrance High School Junior, who was named Miss Torrance of 1951 during a Coronation Ball held last Saturday night in the Civic Auditorium.

Miss Merola, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Merola, of 23060 Doris Way, Seaside Ranchos, was crowned by retiring Queen Jackie Johnson.

For her efforts Queen Merola was presented with a diamond ring and other lovely gifts contributed to the contest by nearly 100 Torrance merchants.

NIP AND TUCK

A nip-and-tuck contest right to the finish? Queen Merola nudged Zola Bellwood for the title by a vote count of 51,499 to 48,611.

The Queen contest, sponsored by the Torrance Junior Woman's Club of Torrance as a means of raising funds with which to construct a YWCA building, now well under way at Carson street and Plaza del Amo, brought in

\$1,913.72. The five previous contests have earned a total of \$11,500.

SIXTH QUEEN

Queen Merola is the sixth queen to reign as Miss Torrance. Her predecessors included Jackie Johnson (1950); Edna Mae Snell (1949); Mary Ellen Crawford (1948); Carlotta Dean (1947); and Frances Barrington (1946).

The final tabulations as reported by William A. Zoeller, CPA, by appointment to her majesty, showed the following: Pat Merola, 51,499; Zola Bellwood, 48,611; Sandy Gulbranson, 33,006; Donna Fuller, 27,384; Dorothy Sandstrom, 26,729; Shirley York, 16,564; Alice Gargalis, 3,320.

Emceeding the Coronation Ball was Bernie Lee assisted by Jack O. Baldwin.

THANKS PUBLIC

Miss Mary Schultz, general chairman of the 1951 contest, expressed appreciation on behalf of the Junior Woman's Club to all the merchants, organizations, and individuals who contributed

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10th Grade Girl Wins Lions Club Speech Contest

Topping two opponents, Joanne Radulovich, tenth grader at Torrance High School, won the right Tuesday noon to represent Torrance in the Annual Lions Club Student Speaker Contest for a \$1000 scholarship.

Expressing her views of "The American Voter's Responsibility," topic for the 1951 contest, the youthful speaker won over two other finalists at a noon meeting of the Torrance Club in the Woman's Clubhouse. Bowing to Miss Radulovich's abilities were Barbara Jackson, 12th grader, and Roger Wright, 11th grader.

TO TALK TOMORROW

Tomorrow noon the local contest winner will speak at a meeting of the Redondo Beach Club in competition with other zone winners.

In preparation for the contest tomorrow Miss Radulovich was this week receiving special instructions from Danny Desmond, high school speaking coach.

WIN PENCIL SETS

All three speakers, chosen from a field of 18 Torrance High School speakers, were presented with Parker pen and pencil sets by George Colburn, chairman of the local Lions Club Student Speaker Contest.

Judges for the contest Tuesday were Dr. Alton Pyleat, president of the Torrance Optimist Club, Don Hitchcock, local attorney and one time president of the student bodies of Torrance High School and UCLA, and Robert Englehart, El Camino instructor of cultural relations and Shakespearean drama.



TOPS TALKERS . . . George Colburn (left) presents a pen and pencil set to Joanne Radulovich as winner of the Torrance Lions Club Annual Student Speaker Contest Tuesday noon. She won over Barbara Jackson and Roger Wright. The three Torrance High School students were coached by Danny Desmond (right). —Herald photo.

Man Asks \$55,000 for Shower Door Injury

Claiming he was so badly cut he was forced to learn to write with his left hand, Mark Moss, of the M and M Transfer company, 1617 Border avenue, has filed suit for \$55,000 against the management of the Palos Verdes Apartments in which he is a tenant.

Named also in the suit filed in Superior Court recently was the American Shower Door Company.

Through his attorneys, Boris Woolley and Charlton A. Mewborn, the plaintiff claims both the management and the shower door company were negligent in installing and maintaining shower doors and shower walls in the ocean front apartments.

Moss cut his right hand and arm so badly, the complaint contends, on the glass in the shower in his apartment on No-

ember 14 last year and that he is no longer able to fully use his right hand.

The case has attracted wide legal attention. One of the causes of action of the suit is on a warranty. Future damage cases of a similar nature may depend upon the outcome of the case brought by Woolley and Mewborn. The court decision may decide how far back through the chain of sales responsibility may be fixed in a lawsuit for damages.