

TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, JULY 5, 1951

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From Capitol Wars:

Assemblyman Home; Scarred and Tired

"Whew! What a session that was!" The above capsule roundup of the hot and heavy 1951 session of the State Legislature was given out gratuitously this week by Vincent Thomas, local assemblyman, on his return from the battles under the capitol dome in Sacramento.

Smiling in retrospect, the port legislator could look back on success with his pet project, the borough system for Los Angeles, the first step of which is to appear on the November ballot.

Another victory which the local legislator was claiming was his hold on Torrance and Lomita during the controversial re-districting juggle.

By the time it was over Thomas lost the Palos Verdes Peninsula, the beach frontage of Torrance, Santa Catalina and San Clemente islands, and Miraloste to Assemblyman Charles Chapel of Inglewood.

Thomas picked up Dominguez to the border of Compton. Population now is 146,000 as against 200,000 previously," Thomas related post.



VINCENT THOMAS Battle Scarred

Commenting on his vote against AB 3217, the Urban Bill, Thomas said: "... I voted against it because it is not the answer to all of the confusion, complications and duplications between city and county government."

The bill passed the assembly and went to the Senate, where by voice vote it was killed for two years when it was decided to send the measure into an interim committee for study and recommendation at the next session of the Legislature in 1953.

Thomas is a member of the interim committee.

Walteria PTA to Meet

Regular monthly meeting of the executive board of the Walteria PTA will be held at 8 p.m. in the Walteria Elementary School auditorium today, July 5. Mrs. Glenn Hardcastle, president, will preside.

TO SERVE BREAKFAST

Eastern Star hostesses will serve breakfast at the Torrance Masonic Temple at 1321 1/2 Sartori avenue from 7 until 11 a.m. Saturday, July 7.

Wild Chase Ends In Auto Crash; Driver Booked

With the police close on his tail, for doing 60 miles-per-hour through a boulevard stop, a 23-year old "skip-tracer" came to a fender crunching halt when he crashed into a local resident's auto at Cravens and Marcelina avenues Sunday evening.

Booked for driving while intoxicated was Jack Woodson Salisbury of Eagle Rock. Officers Gale Whitacre and J. Thompson said they were in pursuit of Salisbury for running the boulevard stop at Crenshaw and Torrance boulevard.

He attempted to cut the corner at Cravens and Marcelina and smashed into an auto being driven by James L. Pope, 1752 Calamar street, the officers reported.

Salisbury pled not guilty in City Judge Otto B. Willett's court Monday. He will reappear on July 11 for trial.

House Cleaning Nets Pile of Old City Bills

The first house cleaning among the records of the city of Torrance since its incorporation in 1922 was accomplished this week as City Clerk A. H. Bartlett and his staff went through the accumulation of records to sort out those which he was no longer required by law to keep. The outdated records were taken to the huge National Supply Company incinerator and destroyed.

"These papers could tell quite a story," Bartlett said as he witnessed their destruction. The material destroyed included bank deposit books, expired contracts, records of bids on contracts, expired insurance policies, and other documents more than seven years old.

All paid and canceled warrants representing the period from 1922 until 1934 were destroyed, and all requisitions, purchase orders, invoices, and other such items from 1922 until 1946 were destroyed.

Records of bonds, wages and salaries, and all ledgers, minute books, ordinances, resolutions, and deeds escaped the fiery fate of the other documents. The city is required to keep such records permanently, the city clerk said.



FIRST IN THE STATE... The City of Torrance, the first in California to qualify for the Treasury Department's Minute Man Flag, was saluted by Washington officials during the flag presentation ceremonies last Saturday. Present were (left to right above) George Post, who spearheaded the Junior Chamber of Commerce-sponsored drive; Jarvis M. Morse, national director of education, U. S. Savings Bonds Division of the Treasury Department; Actor Dane Clark, emcee; Mayor Bob L. Haggard and Cubie Bohannon, "Miss Defense Bond."

WEAVING DRIVER BOOKED

Not guilty was the plea on Monday in the local city court by a 50-year-old plumber who was arrested last Sunday on a charge of operating a vehicle while under the influence of a drug, other than a narcotic.

Charged is Cecil Lloyd Dolan of Los Angeles. Dolan was picked up by officers who reported he was driving his car in a very erratic manner on Western avenue near 190th street. He was weaving from side to side and when stopped by officers he braked his car to a halt in the middle of Western avenue, they reported.

He was taken to the Torrance Medical Center for examination. Police also said he could not produce a driver's licence.

He is due to stand trial before City Judge Otto B. Willett on July 11.

Ex-Herald Reporter Earns Master's Degree

A one-time reporter for the Torrance Herald, Stanley Pierson, was among the recent graduates of Harvard University where he was studying for his master's degree.

Pierson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Pierson of 1319 Plaza del Amo. Prior to studying at Harvard, the local student attended the University of Oregon where he consistently made the honor scholarship rolls.

Flag City Celebration Falls a Trifle Flat

Unless more people buy Defense Bonds than witnessed Saturday's parade, the government's current bond drive is going to be just as big a flopper as Saturday's Flag City Celebration.

Were it not for the whistle-blowing, bathing-suit clad "Miss Defense Bond" Cubie Bohannon (for the men) and the handsome, smiling movie actor Dane Clark (for the women) the Minute Man Flag celebration would have fallen flatter than a handful of mashed potatoes dropped from atop the Civic Auditorium.

The parade wasn't very long. A Cub Scout standing in El Prado Park dropped half of his bag of Newberry popcorn. He stooped to pick it up and missed the parade.

SEA OF FACES Officials on the speaker's platform in El Prado Park said they looked out over a sea of faces. Most of them belonged to wives of Junior Chamber of Commerce members.

When the El Toro Marine Corps band left its place in front of the reviewing stand, nearly half the audience had a chair from which to watch the rest of the ceremony.

In spite of the small audience, Dane Clark's simple and honey bit of master-of-ceremonies brought credit upon himself and

the flicker capital. He never plugged (that I remember) one of his pictures. Only twice did he mention his movie career. Once when he said he was just back from making a western movie in Arizona and was glad that this was going to be a standing ceremony, and the other time to compare the feeling of depression he noticed in France with the high spirits of Americans.

WORK OF PHOTOGRAPHERS Most of the audience apparently was waiting for the presentation of the Minute Man Flag by Jarvis M. Morse, U. S. Savings Bonds official from Washington, to Mayor Bob L. Haggard. When the time finally arrived, a battery of news photographers popped up like electrified mushrooms to screen the scene.

The chief speaker of the afternoon made sense and it is perhaps too bad that his remarks were carried only by a public address system and not on a wire to Washington. Said Captain Clarence E. Coffin Jr., chief staff officer of the U. S. Naval Base, Los Angeles: "... this peace offer from the Russians, I wouldn't trust them as far as I could throw an aircraft carrier with one hand."

His closing quotation is an example of the tone of his 15-minute talk.

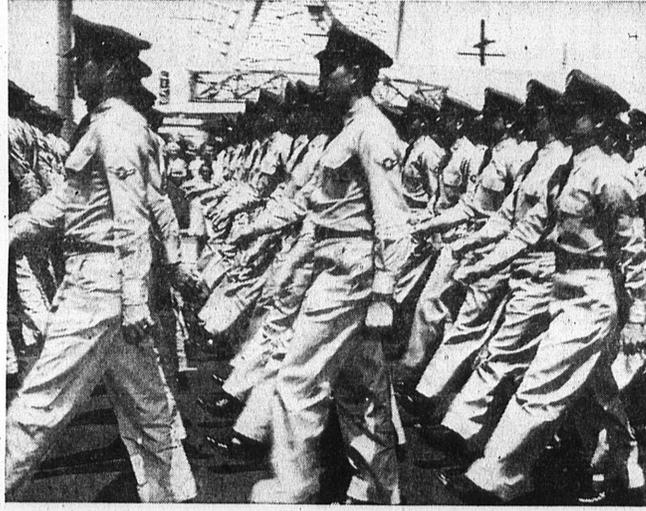
"In God we trust, but keep your powder dry."

JAYCEES COMMENDED Occasion for this folder was to reward Torrance for being the first city in the state to qualify as a Minute Man Flag City. This was accomplished by a very commendable job

by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce. The Jaycees were asked by U. S. Treasury Department officials to obtain promises from 80 per cent of local employers that the Savings Bond Payroll deduction plan would be available to local workers. The Jaycees topped the goal with 91 per cent of local employers agreeing to the plan.

George Post, chairman of the payroll plan effort, accepted a paper orchid from Treasury officials on behalf of the deserving energetic group.

One city official summed up the celebration this way: "Well, after all the real purpose of this shindig was not to entertain the people but to call attention to the fact that they should buy defense bonds." That's a good advice! That's a good advice!



AIR FORCE ON THE MARCH... a sharp-looking group of U. S. Force Air men parade down Cravens avenue during Saturday's Flag City ceremonies. (Herald photo).



\$8 MILLION CONTRACTS GO TO GP

Pipeline valves at General Petroleum's refineries have been spun wide open to meet four new contracts totaling \$8,167,000 in petroleum products for the Armed Forces a company spokesman said last week.

Of the 2,390,000 barrels to be produced the Navy is to get special fuel and Diesel fuel, 100-octane aviation gasoline, and all-purpose combat motor gasoline. The new contracts all call for delivery in the last half of 1951. In the first half of 1951 General Petroleum supplied over \$12,000,000 worth of petroleum products to the government for use by the Armed Forces.

LEATHERNECK RHYTHM... El Toro's Marine Corps band entertains part of the crowd which stayed to listen to the Minute Man Flag City presentation following Saturday's brief parade. The speaker's platform was located in El Prado Park.—Herald Photo.



HIGHWAY HEFTY... A heavy cleat-footed tank from Ft. MacArthur passes in review to thrill many a small fry who were seeing a real tank for the first time. Behind the tank came a unit of sailors from the Terminal Island Naval Base. (Herald photo).

Local Agencies Get \$40,768 Chest Monies

Harbor District Community Chest agencies with headquarters in Torrance have received \$40,768 in a recent allocation, according to Floyd Y. Snyder, chairman of the Harbor Board of Welfare Federation.

Among the local agencies receiving a portion of the \$193,615 allocated to the Harbor area were these:

Community Chest Service Center, \$9153; Family Service, \$23,192; Veteran's Service Center, \$4501; and the Torrance YWCA, \$3922.

Agencies which maintain local staff members, budgeted from general headquarters, include among others Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Catholic Youth Organization, and Salvation Army and Catholic Welfare Bureau, which have offices in the 1st District Community Chest Service Center, 1103 Sartori avenue.

Still other agencies located centrally for service to the metropolitan area have given generous service to local people, Snyder pointed out. Among them are Children's, Orthopaedic, California Babies, Cedars of Lebanon Hospitals and clinics, American Legion Service Department, McKinley Home for Boys, Los Angeles Orphanage, and Children's Bureau.



PEACH ON THE BEACH... Shovel-wielding and beautiful Linda Peterson is helping publicize the recently "Sanitized" sands at Huntington State Beach. Lovely Linda is lending a hand to the huge beach cleaning machine invented by Vic Chatten, 1567 West 215th street, as the tractor-pulled machine sifts the sands on the state beach to remove all broken bottles, cans, sharp-edged shells and other trash. Two of Chatten's machines have been purchased for use on the Pacific coast—one by the state and one by Los Angeles County. They come fully equipped—less Linda.

Specifications For New Buses Being Drafted

Being drafted this week are specifications which the city will demand in three buses which Torrance is contemplating buying at a cost of \$40,000, so states City Manager George W. Stevens.

Two of the buses are to be 45-passenger carriers to replace antiquated equipment on the Torrance-Los Angeles run. The other bus, also replacement for present rolling stock, will be used on local lines. Stevens indicated.

The appropriation was voted at the last council meeting by a 4-1 vote with Mayor Bob L. Haggard dissenting.

The Mayor said he did not think it wise to take that much money from the general fund at this time.

Bids for the new equipment will be called as soon as the drafting of the specifications are complete, Stevens said.

Torrance Pilot Plans to Enter Famed Air Races

Torrance will be represented in the National Air Races in Detroit this year when Bob Pfeleger, operator of the Eagle Aviation at the Torrance Municipal Airport, wings his midget racer over the closed course in pursuit of some of the \$25,000 prize money.

Pfeleger announced this week that he will fly the Schuapp Special, a racer designed by Paul Schuapp, a North American engineer. The plane has been under construction for two years, and was given its first tests at the Torrance Airport.

Contestants in the annual air race in Detroit fly from 50 to 100 feet above the ground at speeds approaching 200 miles per hour, Pfeleger said. He says the Schuapp Special will stay with the best of them.

"We still have a lot of testing and changing to do before we are ready to put the plane in a race," the young pilot said.

Pfeleger flew commercial airliners until recently, operates a flight school at the municipal airport.

The midget racing plane will be sent to Detroit on a specially built trailer. Asked if he was going to go back with the plane, Pfeleger said:

"Not me. The highways are too dangerous. I'm flying."



HOT PILOT... Bob Pfeleger lifts canopy of the midget plane which he says he will fly in National Air Races in Detroit in August. The young pilot will be making his first bid in the annual air race which attracts pilots from all over the nation. He will fly the Schuapp Special. (Herald photo).