

# Harvey Enters Bare-Knuckle Scrap Over Aluminum Loan

## 'No Dial Phones' Rumor Labeled 'Untrue' by Telephone Officials

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### Trustees To Hear Bus Issue

Parents of 26 students at North Torrance Elementary School who balked at sending their children to school last Monday unless school bus transportation was furnished were informed this week that the buses would continue to operate on a temporary basis. A group of seven women and three men called on Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, Monday morning to push their demands for transportation. Dr. Hull told the delegation that since they lived beyond the 1 1/2-mile limit any special consideration would have to come from the Board of Education. He promised the group, however, that the buses would continue to run until the next Board meeting, at which time the issue would be brought before the five-member board.

"The feelings of these people who live only slightly closer than the 1 1/2-mile limit is understandable. However," Dr. Hull explained, "if the Board were to lower the limit to 1 1/4 miles the number of children who then would be eligible to ride the bus would necessitate the purchase of at least three, and possibly four, new buses. These cost approximately \$15,000 each. The Board has adopted the policy of spending as little on transportation equipment, gasoline, and drivers' salaries as is possible and instead to invest those savings in the construction of new schools. It is the aim of the Board eventually to have 'neighborhood' schools within walking distance of all students."

Disturbing to the North Torrance parents also is the presence of a Los Angeles Elementary School only seven blocks distant from the homes of the complaining parents. The school, Denker Avenue Elementary School, can only accept children of parents who live in Los Angeles. The State requires school districts to transport all students to school who live beyond two miles. The Torrance Unified School District lowered this to 1 1/2 miles, Dr. Hull pointed out. Members of the Board of Education will meet next on October 9. The regular meeting scheduled for October 2 was postponed because some of the Board will be attending a school trustees convention in San Jose.

### Tuna Packers to Get Biggest Share of American Can's Output

American Can Company's huge new plant, capable of producing 350,000,000 cans per year—or more than two cans for every man, woman, and child in the U.S.—will officially be dedicated Friday morning, September 28. The new plant, located at Main street and Sepulveda boulevard, in the most part will furnish cans for the rapidly expanding tuna canneries. R. K. Frederick, who comes to the plant as manager from Honolulu, where he was the assistant plant manager, stated that without metal containers the local tuna industry would find it difficult, if not impossible, to market fish from Pacific waters throughout the world. Construction of the one-story, steel brick and concrete plant was started more than a year ago. When the plant gets into full production it will allow the Los Angeles plant to manufacture more cans for the frozen fruit juice industry, which canned more than 2,000,000 gallons of concentrated lemonade last year—only one year after the product was placed on the market. Ceremonies dedicating the 259,000 square foot plant will be held at 11 a. m. tomorrow. An open house for the public will be held Saturday from 1 p. m. to 4:30 p. m.



YOUR NAME, PLEASE? . . . Mrs. Mel Howard (left), chairman of staff assistance of the Torrance branch of the Red Cross and Mrs. Clifford Easley, blood recruitment chairman, take last-minute reservations for the visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile at the Civic Auditorium this afternoon. Residents wishing to donate should contact headquarters here at Torrance 3447. (Herald photo).

### TORRANCE DEER HUNTER 'FOUND' IN MOUNTAINS

A weekend probing of the Sierra Nevada mountains for a missing Torrance deer hunter was called off Tuesday when search crews found him in his camp near Cliff Lake, according to press dispatches from Fresno. Identified only as Ray Reese of Torrance in the dispatches, the hunter was reported to have told sheriff's deputies that he had been in camp since Sunday. Friends here identified the "lost" hunter as Raymond Reese of 3711 Garnet, a welder with the city bus department. He is hunting in the Sierra Nevada with Captain Ernie Ashton of the Torrance Police Department, Paul Hughes and his son Lloyd, Glen Kirkoff and five unidentified men from Wateria. There was no information here about how the search was started, and friends were at a loss to explain the story appearing in wire dispatches. "I'll bet Ray wishes he'd stayed home and hunted rabbits," one of his co-workers said, explaining that Reese raises rabbits as a hobby in his backyard.

### Torrance Holding Own In Western Building

Of 259 cities and counties in the 11 western states, Torrance ranked 17th in the amount of new construction started during the month of August, according to figures issued recently by the U. S. Department of Labor. Torrance's building permit figure for the month was \$1,979,657.



WELL ON ITS WAY . . . The honor of turning the first shovelful of earth marking the start of a huge supermarket at Torrance and Crenshaw boulevards last Thursday went to this big "Cat," which is digging the excavation for the foundation of a new Jim Dandy shopping center. Watching the "Cat's" progress are Mrs. Betty Dubravac, executive secretary to the president of the Jim Dandy Markets, Jack Kennedy; Lester Weisz, vice president of the firm and Mrs. Weisz. The \$600,000 market will be the city's largest when completed in 120 working days. (Herald photo).

### Nickle Will Still Buy the Herald Publisher Says

While the Los Angeles Examiner announced yesterday it was upping its per copy price of seven cents, Grover C. Whyte, publisher of the Torrance Herald, said no price increase of the Herald was anticipated. The Examiner is raising its price on midweek copies to 10 cents, effective October 1. Other "uptown mags" are expected to follow the Examiner's price hike, too.

### Final Appeal Made for Blood Donations Today

A pint of your blood may mean the difference between life and death for some American soldier on the Korean battle front. There is one catch to it, however, the soldier can't come after it, so you have to send it to him.

To make this task simpler, the Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Torrance Civic Auditorium from 3 p. m. until 8 p. m. today to collect blood donated by citizens of this area. Mrs. Clifford Easley, blood recruitment chairman for the Torrance branch, says:

"Telephone for an appointment now at Torrance 3447 or 3448. Mrs. Easley and the entire staff of the Torrance branch of the American National Red Cross will be on hand this afternoon at the Civic Auditorium to assist the blood recruitment program.

### Chief Asks for Slight Shuffle of Department

Police Chief John Stroh asked the City Council Tuesday night to reorganize the police department to allow for an assistant chief, a captain, and a lieutenant instead of three captains as at present. His request was referred to the Civil Service Commission for recommendation at an early date.

### Dials Due by 1953 Phone Company Says

Flatly and unconditionally denied yesterday by telephone officials was a rumor that dial phones for Torrance were "out" for the immediate future and possibly as long as the present critical material shortage exists.

F. Y. Snyder, district manager for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, said the rumor "was untrue."

The rumor had reached officials of several local industries and was considered reliable enough to prompt action by the head of one local firm.

Brought to the Herald by a lesser-light within the telephone company itself was the report that proposed installation of automatic equipment here had been re-routed to another area, said to be engaged in extensive defense work.

Snyder said the company was progressing with the new building now under construction on Craven avenue at Engracia avenue and that installation of automatic equipment would start as soon as the building was completed. He said the building should be ready about February of 1952.

Installation of the automatic equipment should require approximately another year, according to A. B. Smith, manager of the Torrance and Lomita exchanges.

### John Gibson To Address Association

City Councilman John S. Gibson of Los Angeles will be the guest speaker on Tuesday night during the October 2 meeting of the Shoestring Community Association in the Nazarene Church at corner of Carson street and Denker avenue.

Harold Unander, president of the association, urges all residents of the Shoestring Strip to be present and to participate in the question and answer period to follow Gibson's talk. The meeting is to start at 8 p. m.

### Construction For New Super Market Started

Construction of a new super market, said to be Torrance's largest, was being hurried this week by the owners, Jim Dandy Markets, who are building 30,000 square feet of shopping center at Crenshaw and Torrance boulevards.

Lester Weisz, vice-president of the company which owns five other super markets, said last Thursday during simple ground breaking ceremonies that the \$600,000 project would include also some smaller stores for barber shop, cleaning plant, and similar businesses.

Due to be completed within 120 working days, the concrete brick building is to be erected in the northwest corner of the intersection. Parking space, marked and black topped, will allow for 350 cars to park in front of the huge market.

Asked how the owners decided to build in Torrance, Jack Kennedy, the president, said: "We like the balance between residential area and industrial area in Torrance. Such a balance indicates a stable community and one which can not help but show great growth."

The owners feel that they will be able to better serve this area due to an efficient distribution system they will inaugurate when they complete another store currently under construction on Highway 101 in Redondo Beach. Other locations of Jim Dandy markets are Inglewood, Bell, Los Angeles, and Westchester. "A large percentage of the market employees will be hired locally," Weisz stated. The market will be a complete food center and will include such "extras" as a delicatessen and snack bar. Being conducted by the market owners is a survey among shoppers to determine what type of meat retailing system local home makers favor most. "Whether we install a self-service or a butcher-operated meat counter will be decided by the people who will shop here. We will give them the service they want," the company vice-president said.



ALUMINUM PRODUCER . . . Leo M. Harvey, a heavy-weight scrapper in the lightweight field. (Herald photo).

### Pearson Attacks Harvey

An all-out gang war between the Aluminum industry's "Big Three" and Harvey Machine Company broke out into the open this week following the local company's move to "muscle-in" on the raw aluminum producing field.

Drew Pearson, wearing the battle scars of many previous political scraps, jumped into the fray when he charged on a recent nationwide broadcast that Leo M. Harvey, president of the Harvey Plant on Western avenue, and his company were seeking a political loan when the company sought a \$46,000,000 government loan.

The local company, through their public relations department, lashed back at the bombastic Pearson, saying:

" . . . this is an attempt to belittle the efforts and efforts of our employees, and to blacken our characters."

Harvey's application for the loan to build a raw aluminum producing plant at Kalspell, Montana, to feed aluminum to his plant here, was approved in Washington. As the company had its hand out to receive the check, another Washington agency put a "hold" on the payment of the loan. The Defense Electric Power Administration launched a survey to determine whether sufficient electrical power was available to operate the Kalspell plant when and if it were constructed.

Only this week Defense Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson sent telegrams to the "Big Three" and Harvey asking their reactions to a plan to shift the western aluminum producing plants out of the "critical" electrical supply area.

Meanwhile, scrappy Leo Harvey, who built his huge plant from a humble start in a backyard garage, came out fighting.

"Our company has been the target of constant sniping since we applied for the loan," he said through his public relations department.

"The entire campaign has been aimed to force us to withdraw from the raw aluminum field," he claims.

Without naming any names Harvey said:

"The reports aired recently concerning our loan are irresponsible."

"Still a third development in Washington took place this week when a House committee on Tuesday decided to investigate Harvey's loan."

To this Harvey stated:

"We will welcome a full and impartial investigation by a qualified committee. It is time that the need for aluminum was made public."

The company states that they were forced to buy imported aluminum at "double prices" to keep its Torrance plant supplied after the "Big Three" showed a reluctance to meet Harvey's request for raw aluminum.

"We need the Kalspell plant to feed metal to our Torrance plant if we are to keep our 1400 workers gainfully employed," according to a company release.

"As far as electrical power, we have been assured that the Hungry Horse Dam now under construction will be able to supply us with ample power to operate our proposed plant. We will not draw from the power produced at Bonneville Dam as in the case with other aluminum producers," claims Harvey.

The three largest producers of aluminum at present are Alcoa, Reynolds, and Kaiser.

### U. S. Sixth Army Signs Pact With Harbor Hospital

Nearby Harbor General Hospital is one of 11 civilian hospitals in the Greater Los Angeles area with which the Armed Forces has made arrangements to provide emergency medical treatment for service personnel. It was announced this week by Col. Sidney F. Dunn, chief of the Sixth Army's Southern California sub-district. In addition, all public and private hospitals through Southern California are authorized to care for military personnel involved in dire emergency cases, Col. Dunn stated. The program was established in order to expedite treatment of military personnel injured or

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