

Two Injured as Drivers Declare 'Open Season'

Public utility and city owned property took a beating Monday as motorists crashed into two power poles and a traffic signal standard in three separate accidents. Two persons were injured.

Taken to Harbor Hospital were Jack O. Gill, 49, of 23537 Madison Ave., and Hershe V. Allen, 30, of Newport Beach.

Gill shattered an Edison pole at 236th St. and Pennsylvania Ave. Monday evening when his car went out of control and he rammed head-on into the wooden obstacle. He was injured severely.

Allen received minor injuries when he leaned over to get something on the floor of his car and his auto struck a Texaco power pole on Sepulveda Ave. west of Western.

Another accident, also at Sepulveda and Western Aves., cleaned out a traffic control device and wrecked a 1950 sedan. Driver Domina Blaskovich, 44, of San Pedro told Traffic Officer N. F. Robinson that she attempted to turn on to Sepulveda when the car went out of control. She hit two other cars before crashing into the signal.

A passenger in the car was Stephen Columbic, also of San Pedro, a driving instructor. Mrs. Blaskovich was operating her vehicle with a "learner's permit."

Policeman Don Nash, who handled Gill's accident, reported that the Walteria man had just come from Harbor Hospital where he had received a penicillin shot, given by his sister, a nurse there.

The Sepulveda and Western Aves. crash marked the second time in 10 days that traffic signals have been knocked down at that location.

Drale Explains Why He Voted For Pinballs

Councilman Nick Drale led the 25 persons attending a TTT meeting in North Torrance Friday night that he voted to allow pinball machines and nunchboards to help the small Torrance businessman pay his rent.

Drale, who is seeking reelection to the City Council, was pinned down by four North Torrance PTAs members who demanded to know why he voted on Oct. 22, 1950, against the city ordinance which outlawed the devices.

The meeting was presided over by Frank Stan Solover, executive secretary of the Harbor Area Employers Council and president of the Torrance Unified Taxpayers.

Albert Isen, local attorney and a small businessman, labeled the challenge against his roommate as a "red-herring" claim that gambling in Torrance is prohibited under a charter amendment. He did not explain, however, why if gambling is outlawed it was necessary to ban machines and nunchboards.

Isen qualifies as a small businessman as referred to by Drale. He is a partner with Nick Cueli in two local liquor stores.

Also heard at the meeting which was held in Higgins Brick Patio was Victor F. Benstead, No. 3 man on the TTT ticket. Jack White, an independent council candidate who did not attend the meeting, was lashed by members of the TTT organization. James Gray, North Torrance Civil Defense warden, said:

"I had to get rid of White from Civil Defense. He wouldn't even make a good block mother."

White, president of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, filed his nomination with the city clerk last week.

Drale was caught in the cross-fire on several occasions as the four PTA women pressed their attack.

"Why did you vote to allow one of the subdividers to build a tract bordering 174th St. without forcing him to pave the street?" one of the women asked.

"I thought it was working a hardship on the contractor. Other subdividers had not been required to pave the street and I believed it unfair to ask one contractor to do what another had not been required to do," Drale told her.

"Just whom were you elected to represent? The people of Torrance or the contractors?" the woman asked of Drale.



ON THE NOSE... Mayor Bob L. Haggard takes a peek at the lines laid out for the construction of the Adult Recreation Center which got under way this week. Looking on are City Clerk A. H. Bartlett and Frank Carpenter, superintendent of the Department of Recreation. (Herald photo).

Council Briefs

Bids called for on a billing and accounting machine for the city were opened and referred to the City Manager for study and recommendation.

Hearing on assessment, North Torrance Sewer District No. 1 was held. There being no oral or written communications about the program, the council voted to adopt the Engineer's resolution on the district.

Temporary appointment of I. J. Hallanger as license clerk and assistant accountant at a salary of \$251 per month plus cost of living increase effective March 1 was approved.

On the recommendation of Mrs. Walter A. Schaefer and 40 Kettler Knolls residents, the council approved motion to have a caution pedestrian sign placed at the intersection of Sepulveda Blvd. and Gramercy Ave. during week days. Police Chief John Stroh confirmed the petitioners' report that the crossing was hazardous for the many children using it.

Request of Truman Brown for a variance to build a store building near his Sepulveda Gardens tract was approved after Brown submitted a letter agreeing to a condition on the variance that an adjoining lot be paved and used exclusively for parking.

Motion to have oil sump on Tract 9765 completely fenced with a six-foot cyclone fence was approved by the council after A. J. Langston, of 3214 Vinlock Rd., explained the hazards of the present unfenced sump to the council.

Motion of the council that the Planning Commission be required to furnish the council with original copies of the petition submitted in behalf of a variance request was approved.

A hearing before the Regional Harbor Drive in Theatre is now showing.

Request by the Torrance Unified School District that a bridge across the Dominguez Creek drainage ditch at Casimir Ave. in North Torrance be considered was referred to the Traffic Committee for study and recommendation.

Request by the Torrance Unified School District that sidewalks be installed along major arteries of the city for the safety and protection of school children was made a matter of record.

Request by the Torrance Unified School District that some measure be taken to fence in the oil well directly across the street from the new Madrona Elementary School was referred to City Manager George Stevens for reply.

Motion that the bonding company concerned be notified that the city was not releasing the Property Management Corp. from its bond in regards to paving of 174th St. at the present time was approved.

Recommendations of the City Manager that Paul Hughes be

Water Pollution Board to hear any objections to recommendation the board made in connection with operation of the oil sump in the Pacific Hills area was announced for March 13 in Room 504 of the Spring Arcade building in Los Angeles.

The board recommended that (1) materials going into the dump be limited to materials taken from oil sumps in the city of Torrance only; (2) no acid, caustic or other materials objectionable to water supplies may be dumped; (3) dumping must be confined to present limits of the dumps; (4) dumping of materials shall not be done to the extent that fluid level of sump is allowed to overflow; (5) before materials other than those specified can be dumped, the WPCB must be notified; and (6) the board reserves the right to revise the recommendations at any time.

Resolution of the City of Burbank protesting the proposed 4 per cent State Sales Tax in which the counties would share was read to the council. The City Attorney was asked to prepare a similar resolution for adoption by the Torrance council.

Request of the Red Cross for use of the Civic Auditorium at specified times throughout the year for Bloodmobile visits was granted.

Request of W. E. Bowen, president of the Torrance Area Youth Band, for permission to conduct a carnival and parade in April as a benefit for the band was approved with the condition that the carnival managers be asked to put up a \$50 bond to insure that the premises would be cleaned upon their departure. The bond would be returnable.

Ordinances setting forth the provisions of the council's action in granting city workers a 5 per cent increase in pay were read and adopted as urgency measures. The ordinances called for the worker to receive a raise in the next highest even dollar. (If a worker's raise amounted to \$5.13 when figured—he would receive a \$6 raise.)

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Candidates

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School, in sharing the pulpit duties of the newly organized Methodist Church in Walteria.

He and his wife, the former Evelyn E. Warner, whom he married in Ohio in 1918, have raised one son, Neil, now a senior at Torrance High School.

Neil is well known among the students of the local high school where he served as president of the Hi-Y Club and as manager of the varsity football team following an injury which benched him for the season in 1951.

His father is one of the division chairmen in the current YMCA Support Campaign.

The senior Schwab wears the familiar compass and square of the Masonic Order into which he was initiated iniffin, Ohio. He is also a member of the Scottish Rite Temple of Toledo. He also holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was a member of the American Legion until he

Ex-President of G-P Dies After Long Illness

Adolph Leonard Weil, 76, former president of General Petroleum Corporation, died Monday at his Los Angeles home. He had been ill for several months.

Weil became connected with the oil industry almost immediately after receiving his law degree from the University of California in 1899.

moved to Torrance. Mrs. Schwab is a member of the Order of Eastern Star and the DAR.

In the race this time is a woman, Mrs. Alice O. Thomas, the first ever to seek a seat on the Torrance City Council.

Mrs. Thomas' background is steeped in the history of Torrance. Although, like so many others of her sex, she guards her age with coyness, she does admit being born in Torrance "before the turn of the century."

She still lives on the same property where she was born at 22203 Ocean Ave. She is the daughter of Charles H. and Hannah Younchans Quandt, who settled in Torrance in 1888. She attended the first school located in what is now considered Torrance. The first school was a 12x24-foot, 1x12-inch board batted building erected in four days by the fathers of the children who attended the school.

In those days her family traveled to Wilmington for mail and to Compton for groceries. They subscribed to the San Francisco Chronicle, for it was the only newspaper they could get delivered to Torrance.

Later, she drove the area's first school "bus"—a dog-pulled sulky. The community's first engine was a two-wheeled, four-wheel plank wagon loaded with four barrels of water covered with gunny sacks.

She once was an appraiser for a large land company in the area and was granted the first license to a working real estate agent as defined in the state real estate code.

She is married to Addis Thomas, now a retired rancher and for 18 years a Torrance City Street Department employee.

The couple have one son, Carl Budre Thomas, a San Diego construction worker on large Navy projects.

Mrs. Thomas is a member of the Methodist Church, the Athena Club, Barbara Stanwyck Chapter No. 1 of North Hollywood.

She is active in the Order of Eastern Star, Harbor Chapter 174 of San Pedro.

Suicidal rumors that he would not run and confirming opinions that he would, was Mayor Bob L. Haggard, who formally announced his candidacy yesterday.

Mayor Haggard was elected to the present council four years ago and was elected Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, State of California, in 1948.

Haggard is a past president of

the Torrance Kiwanis Club and has served as chairman of the Torrance Chapter of the American Red Cross.

When Haggard ran for the council four years ago he campaigned from a three-plank platform. He advocated against the payment of \$50 monthly to City Council members. He backed the effort to create a city-manager form of government for the city and was strong against any gambling.

His voting during the past four years showed he carried through on those campaign promises.

Mayor Haggard came to California in 1926 from Franklin County, Ark. Prior to his entrance into the real estate business in 1927, Haggard was with the traffic department of the Lion Oil and Refining Co. in El Dorado, Ark.

He also wears the compass and square of the Masonic Order.

Downing, who lives at 1511 Crenshaw Blvd., is entering the council race for the third time. He was an unsuccessful candidate in the 1948 race, and ran fifth behind Harvey Spelman Jr., Blomst, Benstead and A. J. Patrosky in the 1950 election. He polled 659 votes at that time.

Downing has had many years experience in railroading and other fields in administrative capacities. He is now a member of the city's Civil Service Commission, and employed in the time department of the National Supply Co.

Signing Downing's nominating petition were LeGrand Barkdull, Stanley Helman, Dr. A. P. Stevenson, H. M. Davidson, Dorothy H. McNary, Bed D. Stewart, George Paltridge, Vern Lovelady, Howard Raymond and Philip E. Humphreys.

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Impossible Love

Rites for Youthful Suicide Victim Held

Funeral services were held in Santa Ana Tuesday for an 18-year-old sailor who shot and killed himself last week because he was denied the love of his sister-in-law, a young Torrance mother.

Handsome Dean LeRoy Dickey ended his life to stamp out the "terrible pain" which he underwent because of his strong affections for Mrs. Loretta Dickey, 18, of 1920 Gramercy Ave. It was the third suicide try for the lovesick lad.

Dickey was pronounced dead on arrival early Thursday morning at Harbor General Hospital, minutes after the blast ripped through the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley McKee, 24627 Cypress St., Lomita.

He had gone to their home and for more than an hour McKee and his wife, Blyth, tried to talk the love-deprived sailor out of his despondent mood.

Shortly after 1 a. m. they heard a noise and found Dickey lying on the bedroom floor, shot through the heart with a .22 caliber rifle.

Mrs. Dickey first learned of his love for her last March when he tried to take his life. The boy was found unconscious in a gas-filled San Pedro housing project room. It was learned at that time that three days previous he had gulped a large quantity of liniment.

Dickey had joined the Navy so that he would be away from

retired as mechanic, laude Barton rehired as bus operator and Nelson Hawks be given a 60-day sick leave without pay were approved.

Authorization to make available to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce \$1250 for the fourth quarter of 1951 was approved. This expenditure is a budget item.

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