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NEW CITY COUNCIL... Seated around the Council table is the City Council elected to serve Torrance for the next two years. Left to right are Councilmen Nick Drale and Victor Benstead, Mayor Mervin M. Schwab, and Councilmen...

Harvey B. Spelman Jr. and Willys Blount. Seated below the Council are Mrs. Thelma Hill, secretary, and City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.

## Tartar Teen Talk

By MARIAN McDONALD

Friday was the last day of the third quarter, and the terrible report card day will happen only once more to the mighty class of '52. The question now is whether to be glad or sorry.

Referring back to better things, such as Easter vacation... Many Tartars were seen at Balboa over the vacation. Some of those coming back with that envied tan look were Betsy Shaw, Julie Rhone and Mickey VanDeventer. They rented a cottage with about 17 Redondo girls... said they felt slightly outnumbered when discussing the merits of the two schools.

Tommy Long, Larry Roy, Richard Uglund and Louis Valencia acted as swimming instructors at the San Pedro YMCA.

As most of Torrance lay sleep-

ing, dreaming of what to wear to church Easter Sunday, a few early-birds attended the Easter Sunrise Service at the Hollywood Bowl. Mary Sands and Beryl Jones were some of the lucky ones sitting in front, while viewing the services from one of the last rows were Beth Jenkins and Bob Voten. Beverly Rodgers and Jack Hood, and Marian McDonald and Bud Smith.

Committees for senior activities have been meeting to start planning all the events preceding graduation. Dayle Denham, chairman of the commencement committee, was having her committee narrow the choice of theme songs down to three so the class could vote. One of the songs suggested was "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen."

One dollar a car to see a show. A good bargain, especially when you're a senior, thought Shirley York, Donna Fuller, Jown Twiss, Sue McWaid and Marilyn Bear. We hear they really had a good and economical time.

The Compton Hub seems to be well attended by Tartars lately. Some of the visitors included Madeline Goerke, Karen Ness, Mary Herman, Jackie Johnson, Maureen Mathews and Sandy Ness.

Yesterday a number of Tartars attended the Occidental Shakespearean Festival with entries of radio scripts, scenes and monologues.

Last Wednesday, San Pedro High School presented an aud call to the Torrance Student Body that was voted by many as the most outstanding aud call this year. The assembly included a series of pantomimes and scenes plus the one-act play "John Doe," which won first place at the Pasadena Playhouse One-Act Play Festival. It was really an outstanding aud call. Thank you, San Pedro.

The girls' tennis team played Inglewood last Thursday. We regret to say that not one of the Torrance girls won, but they are hoping for a better match next year.

Torrance GAA is the host at the Bay League softball play day on May 22. Committees have been selected from the GAA girls to plan the various activities.



GETTING LOWDOWN... Getting some inside information on the big "Spring Range Show," a national gas range sales extravaganza, from talented Margie Ewen are (left to right) Frank Dominguez, of Frank's Furniture; H. P. Osborne Jr., Lomita; and Joe Hickey, Hawthorne. The dealers are launching the "Spring Style Show of Automatic Gas Ranges," a nation-wide campaign.

## Board to Hear Petitions On Dicalite Pit

Petition of the county sanitation districts urging that the county purchase the old dicalite pit south of WALTERIA as a future park site is due before the Board of Supervisors next Tuesday, it was reported yesterday.

The petition, which calls for use of the site for the next 50 or 75 years as a dump before converting it into a park, is given little chance for approval by the supervisors.

Meanwhile, operation of a cut-and-cover dump on the site got under way this week following the completion of a service road into the area off Crenshaw Blvd.

The dump is being operated by Ben Kazarian, who leased the site from the Palos Verdes Corp. No burning will be permitted at the dump under the present setup, officials said. Precautions are being taken to lessen the possibility of the dump being attractive to rats and other pests.

## Driver Hurt In Collision

Laverne G. Wood, 27, of 17104 S. Crenshaw Blvd., is recovering from injuries he received Wednesday in a crash at Redondo Beach and Crenshaw Blvds., reports of the California Highway Patrol show.

Driver of the other car was Bernard C. Schultz, 23, of 15729-A Halldale Ave., Gardena. Wood was treated by a private physician and Schultz was cited for failing to make a boulevard stop, highway patrolmen stated.

## \$500,000 Tract Plan Submitted

Plans for construction of a \$500,000 subdivision west of Normandie Ave. and south of 237th St. were revealed here Wednesday evening when the Planning Commission approved tentative tract maps submitted by C. T. Rippy.

Rippy said he planned to construct 35 homes in the development.

## /ife-Beating Charge rings Jail Sentence

James Barton, 26, wound up in the County Jail for a 15-day following his conviction of wife-beating charge Thursday in City Judge Otto B. Willett's court. Barton pleaded guilty to beating his wife Mercedes, 27, at the Barton home last Tuesday.

## Les Burger to Retire Tomorrow After 22 Years at Columbia

Leslie C. Burger, one of the pioneer safety engineers in Southern California, will be retired tomorrow from his position of supervisor of safety and plant protection at the Columbia Steel Co. plant here.

The announcement was made by Don E. Rice, general superintendent.

Burger will conclude 22 years of continuous service at Columbia, where he started as safety and welfare manager, inaugurating a safety program which in one year dropped the accident rate from 39 for every million hours worked to nine.

Since that date safety records have been made continuously, with a record 1.92 accidents per million hours worked, set in 1951.

Many safety engineers in Southern California have referred to "Les" Burger as "The Doan of Safety." A resident with his wife of 1325 Arlington Ave., he has been a member of the American Society of Safety Engineers for 16 years; a charter member of the Los Angeles Chapter of the A.S.S.E.; the Southern California Safety Society, and the Veterans of Safety.

## 'Not Guilty,' Suspect Says On Rape Rap

Ramon Ramirez, 34, charged with the beating and attempted rape of Mrs. Pauline Wright, 2310 Torrance Blvd., pleaded innocent Thursday when he appeared in Superior Court for arraignment.

Ramirez, of Los Angeles, was arrested last February after his auto was found next to the bruised and beaten body of Mrs. Wright near Vermont Ave. and 182nd St. LAPD detectives located the suspect walking along the highway a mile from the scene.

He was ordered to trial on May 14 in Dept. 45, Superior Court, by Judge Phillip Richards.

## King Says Red Cross to Remain On Job Until Quota Is Reached

Volunteer Red Cross fund workers in Torrance have joined with those in other areas of Los Angeles in pledging to stay in the field until their share of the city's overall quota of \$3,150,000 in the 1952 Red-Cross campaign has been met, Lester T. King, area fund chairman, said this week.

Torrance has achieved almost 83 per cent of its assigned quota of \$11,100, King reported. A total of \$9,123.43 has been collected.

Topping all sections of the local drive is the residential section which has gone over 119 per cent of its quota, he said. During the first two weeks of the drive, Mrs. J. A. Eisenbrandt, who revealed here Wednesday in her completed area first, stimulating other workers into activity.

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