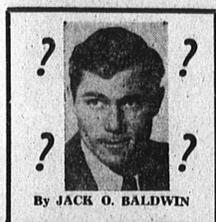


Pros, Cons Tell Views On Rezoning Issue



By JACK O. BALDWIN

In a recent issue of a nearby newspaper I read that a fishing party snagged three porpoises in the channel.

"Peanuts, popcorn, pedicure, oil rubdown," might have been a familiar cry of hawkers on local beaches this summer if only Mayor Sheehan of Hermosa Beach had not been so timid about having his toe nails trimmed in public or his back oiled by a pretty "Ten-Cents-A-Rub" girl.

A guy in Long Beach named William J. Presley dreamed up the idea of putting students from cosmetology schools, to stroll up and down the ocean frontage at Hermosa Beach this summer offering to pedicure the toes of sun worshippers.

Councilman Fred Oeder said he would cast at least one vote for the request for the business license if Mayor Tom Sheehan would volunteer to be the first to have his toes trimmed.

The mayor remained among the ranks of non-volunteers. Consequently there will be no "neatly uniformed probable graduates in cosmetology" hawking their wares on Hermosa's beaches this summer.

Back in journalism school 10 or more years ago than I care to recall, they told me never to get personal in a news column. The readers object to it. They don't know what you are talking about and consequently you cut out a sizable portion of your readers when you address such remarks as "Dear Aunt Emma" to a single reader. It violates all the rules of the book, they told me. So at the risk of violating all the rules of the book I address the next few paragraphs to:

Dear Aunt Dalton: You don't know me and I don't know you. By that I mean we have never met. Yet, I know you quite well. We share the friendship of a mutual friend who brings me news of you and who carries to you news of me. We, you and I, share a mutual interest in that you used to live here and I now live here. I am here by choice, you are out on the desert because it is better for you. You like to keep abreast of things going on in your old hometown and I enjoy, through the columns of this newspaper, the privilege of bringing you the news of the goings-on in your hometown. Our friend tells me that every week you read this column just "to find out what he's got to say." That makes me feel good.

I hope that this makes you feel good; and that is that thousands of people will read this, but only you and I—and our mutual friend, will know about what these paragraphs are written. Drink deep of the desert air and bask long in its warm sun and get well quick and come home soon, Aunt Dalton. Your "nephew" by proxy, JACK.

Funeral Rites Held for Mrs. Minnie Jane Brown

Final rites were held Wednesday, Apr. 22, at Stone & Myers Chapel for Minnie Jane Brown, 85, who died Apr. 26 at her home, 1225 Date Ave. Services were conducted by the Rev. William H. Galbraith. Cremation followed at the Pacific Coast Crematory, Mrs. Brown, a housewife, was a native of Illinois and had resided in Torrance for nine years. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Della Sauer, also of 1225 Date Ave.

Businessman Cites Need for More Homes

Pointing to the advantages of a proposal to release 55 acres presently zoned for heavy manufacturing for residential development was a communication received this week from the Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce, authored by Louis Arbetter, president.

Arbetter, owner of Allen Jewelers, urges the change of land use stating: "It is my opinion that the decision is one to achieve a better balance between the two vitally needed factors to build a bigger and better city, and therefore not a decision of 'Homes or Industry' but 'Homes and Industry.'"

"None for Homes" "There is practically no suitable land in Torrance available for residential use. That small portion which is suitable for residential use is not for sale. The bulk of the remaining acreage is in flood or blight areas. On the other hand, there are over 1000 acres of land in Torrance which are zoned for industrial use, which land is presently available and ready for any industrial development. "It is my sincere opinion that to accommodate 55 acres of 1000 industrial acres will not hurt the industrial expansion of Torrance in the slightest. Rather, it should help industry by creating a nearby labor market from which industry could draw.

"Not Giants" "The owners of the property are not big industrial giants and cannot afford to hold and pay pay taxes on unproductive land. Industry has had ample opportunity to buy the property but no takers. Now the property owners are asked to continue to hold this property with very little chance of selling to industry in the foreseeable future. This is a real economic hardship on the land owners. "By refusing this rezoning it would not only be a hardship on the land owners, but a hardship on the people of Torrance. For more homes mean more people, more people mean a growing city and all the benefits that go hand in hand with an expanding community.

Supervisors OK \$24,661 Paving For Local Beach

Sun lovers who haunt Torrance beach during the summer months will have a place to park their cars in the near future following action of the Board of Supervisors Tuesday.

Included in the innovations approved by the supervisors on the recommendation of Supervisor Burton W. Chace are four black-top parking lots which will accommodate from 50 to 90 cars. The paving will cost about \$24,661.

The parking lots will be adjacent to "Nob Hill," known officially by the county as Clifton County Beach. Bids for construction of the paving areas and the paving of a road to the recently completed lifeguard station on the beach, will be opened May 26 at 9 a. m. in the Supervisors' Hearing Room at the Hall of Records. Supervisor Chace told the Herald yesterday that it was expected that the work would be completed in time for the summer beach season. Also ready for use for the first time this summer are a first-aid station and public restrooms.

Services For Victor Faren

Final respects will be paid to a Torrance father of 13 children, 12 of whom live in Torrance, at a Requiem Mass in Martin's Ferry, Ohio, this week. Victor Faren, 79, 21408 Dolores St., died Saturday. A native of Italy, he has lived in Torrance for 20 years. A rosary was offered at Stone & Myers Chapel Monday evening by Father P. J. McGuinness of the Church of the Nativity. Faren is survived by seven sons and six daughters. His sons are Robert, Thomas, Joseph, Mike, Frank, Nicholas, and William, all of Torrance; daughters are Mary Bennett, Lucy Marshall, June Eldridge, Betty Faren, Gertrude Bischoff, all of Torrance, and Ann McVay of Belaire, Ohio.

San Pedro Depot Forms 'Boosters'

A Boosters association to promote and perpetuate the U. S. Naval Supply Depot at San Pedro and its Torrance annex as important assets to harbor communities, was formed recently by employees of the Depot. The members intend to aid and cooperate with local citizens in matters of community interest, and will give their support to projects endorsed by responsible Torrance citizens. Officers of the association are Joseph Wilson, president, of San Pedro; Clayton Latture, vice president, of Torrance; Alta Koston secretary, of San Pedro; and Lynette Hodde, treasurer, of Long Beach. The executive committee includes Elmer Pointen, Haven Hanson, Harold Palmer, John Supple, and Donald Hansen.

Harbor City Boy Returns From Army Duty in Japan

Pvt. Tomas J. Nieto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Nieto, 25617 S. Normandie, Harbor City, is returning to the United States from Japan for release from active Army duty. A member of the food service section of the Eta Jima Special School, Nieto has been overseas since January 1952. Private Nieto, a graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School, Highland Park, attended Harbor City Junior College before entering the Army in April, 1951.

Trailer Court Owner Rips Rezoning Plan

A recommendation that the City of Torrance ask the Urban Land Institute of Washington, D. C. to make an impartial survey of the city before rezoning any of its present industrial land was offered this week by Ted Frenger, long-time resident and operator of a Hawthorne Blvd. trailer court.

According to a recent issue of Fortnight, to which Frenger pointed, the City of San Mateo found that it had gotten out of balance with domestic out-weighting commerce and industry. The city called upon the 14-member panel to survey by plane and auto, to digest written reports and to confer with a variety of experts and finally to come up with an unbiased report on what the city could and should do to remain in a healthy residential-industrial-commercial balance.

Requiem Mass Celebrated for J. N. Anderson

Funeral services for one of the area's pioneers, Joseph Norbert Anderson, of 1158 Maple St., were held at the Church of Nativity yesterday morning with Rev. P. J. McGuinness officiating at Requiem Mass.

A native of Sydney, Canada, Mr. Anderson died at his home of a heart ailment Saturday morning. He had been ill for some time. Mr. Anderson came to Torrance 34 years ago and had worked at the National Supply Co. here from 1919 until his retirement nine years ago.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Florence Anderson; and two sons, Joseph "Bud" Anderson and James Clyde Anderson, both of Torrance. Also surviving are five sisters, one brother and a granddaughter, Pamela Anderson.

Mr. Anderson was a veteran of the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Forces, and saw service with the COEF during World War I. Entombment in Calvary Mausoleum followed final rites.

"The enclosed item from the April 29 issue of Fortnight is worth reading and could be used in the campaign against changing the industrial zoning," wrote Frenger.

Among the facts uncovered by the Urban Land Institute investigators was a report tendered by County Superintendent of Schools James R. Tormey, who stated that each new home added an average of 2.6 children to the schools with an accompanying education cost of more than \$5000 annually. Each new home, however, paid an average of only \$40 to \$50 annually in school taxes. There was an urgent need, the school official contended, to attract new industry to meet rising costs of education, not to mention parks, polling and other social amenities.

Torrance Similar "Similar figures of enrollment and educational costs were submitted recently in a report of the Torrance schools by local administrators. After investigating the San Mateo crisis the panel recommended the city attract "light" rather than "heavy" industry and to enact zoning ordinances to favor industries which might otherwise be edged out by home builders and commercial undertakings. A written report of the panel's findings is to be completed by June.

Frenger's attack on the plan to release present zoned industrial land to residential builders followed a report of a hearing of the Planning Commission of April 15. At the hearing the Torrance planners heard a request to rezone a 55-acre plot of land located southeast of the intersection of Hawthorne and Sepulveda Blvds. for a tract of approximately 250 new homes. Speakers Told Speaking in favor of the rezoning were Ben Gould, partner of the Lespring Oil Company; owners of the land; James O. Ball, Beverly Hills attorney for the subdividers of the property; Bob L. Haggard, former Torrance mayor and local real estate broker; Sam Levy, prominent Torrance businessman and property owner; Joseph Hyde, furniture store salesman, and Sylvester Marsling, partner in the firm proposing the subdivision. Commenting against the rezoning were L. J. Leroy, rep-

3 To Qualify For Carnival Bonus Awards

Three of the 11 candidates for "Queen of the Teens" contest being staged in connection with the Carson Chamber of Commerce carnival on May 21-24, will have qualified for bonus awards by tomorrow night, Chet Smith, chairman of the committee announced recently.

Smith said sales of tickets for the benefit attraction continue to exceed all advance predictions and indicated that the entire 5000 tickets would be sold days ahead of the carnival opening. Willa Spears, an unsponsored candidate, was the first to qualify for a cashmere sweater, having reported sales of over 500 tickets at last week's report meeting. Doris Perry, sponsored by the Dominguez Water Co. and Janis Sharyer, sponsored by Leon's Hair Dresser of Dominguez, were within a few books of the total necessary for the award.

In fourth place and considered a virtual cinch for a bonus prize is Renee Day, one of the late entrants, who is being sponsored by the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, of which she is a member.

The rest of the girls, in order of their standings are Pat Mullins, Sylvia Read, Mariys Gasser, Marlene Mills, Kathleen Murray, Carol Clanton and Jackie Urbas.

In addition to presiding over the four day fun festival, the "Queen of Teens" also will receive a summer wardrobe valued at more than \$100. Included will be two sweaters, skirts, purse, gloves, hose, sport outfit, swim suit, pajamas, formal, robe and slippers.

Public officials and civic notables have been invited and several entertainment events have been arranged for Desmond estimated the carnival would attract upwards of 20,000 persons.



NANCY MOSLEY — DORIS NELSON (Herald Photo) Torrance High Teachers Study for "Papa"

'Papa' Ready For Footlights May 1 & 2

In Pennsylvania Dutch "Papa Is All" is an expression to indicate Papa has "had it," finished, kaput, but in plain English it is the title of a play to be staged this week-end by the Hampton Players, local thespian group.

The play, starring Jim Reeves of Hollywood Riviera in the title role, will be footlighted at 8:30 p. m. on both nights on stage at the Redondo Union High School.

Playing the role of "Mama" is Thelma Ledwidge of Seaside Ranchos who celebrates her husband's passing (in the play) by dumping his pancakes in the stove and installing a telephone. Two Torrance High School teachers carry important roles in the comedy with Nancy Mosley playing daughter Emma,

who observes her father's passing by making arrangements to have her boy friend visit her in her own parlor instead of the neighbor's, Mrs. Yoder, played by Doris Nelson.

Brother Jake, a role played by Gordon Goodrich is now allowed to develop his talents as a mechanic by installing sundry curious inventions of his own in Mama's kitchen.

The lives of the Aukamps changed considerably following Papa's passing until a State Trooper, played by Frank Dickson, unravels the mystery and the exciting plot is finally resolved.

Tickets for the play may be reserved by calling FRontier 5-2371, or they may be purchased at the door.

Drive Chairman Issues Public Cancer Warnings

Cancer occurs in one out of two families. Cancer will kill 17 persons a day this year. As the Torrance cancer drive entered its final stages this week, Dr. Arthur Berke, chairman of the drive, issued the above warning to the public. He said that the public can help in the fight against cancer by learning the seven danger signals, which are:

- 1. Any sore that does not heal. 2. A lump or thickening in the breast or elsewhere. 3. Unusual bleeding or discharge. 4. Any change in a wart or mole. 5. Persistent indigestion or difficulty in swallowing. 6. Persistent hoarseness or cough. 7. Any change in normal bowel habits.

Another way to fight cancer, Dr. Berke pointed out, is to help in the research and education necessary to kill the dreaded disease. This can be done by mailing contributions to the cancer drive, in care of your local postmaster.

City Protests Rate Hike

The City Council Tuesday night protested a proposed rate increase by Southern California Edison Co., and appointed City Attorney James Hall to protest the move in the city's behalf at a hearing of the public utilities commission on May 10 in the Mirror building.



QUEEN'S WARDROBE... Three candidates for the title of "Queen of the Teens" at the Carson Chamber of Commerce Carnival on May 21 to 24, model a part of the wardrobe to be awarded the winner. Shown here, left to right, are Carol Clanton in skirt, blouse and topper, carrying purse and gloves, Mariys Gasser models the swim suit, while Pat Mullins shows off the sports outfit the ultimate queen winner will receive.