

Riviera Homeowners Protest Ellinwood, Beach Tracts

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WEATHER

Partly cloudy to cloudy weather is scheduled today and tomorrow, with occasional rain and slightly cooler temperatures. High yesterday was 71, with low at 52.

BULBAR POLIO KILLS YOUNG POSTMAN

Father of Two Sick 40 Hours

A 21-year-old Torrance postman, the father of two small daughters, died early Friday morning of bulbar polio less than 40 hours after he first complained of not feeling well. Barry Frederick Stitt, of 1518 W. 206th St., left the Post Office about noon Wednesday, saying he did not feel well, but a doctor was not called until Thursday.

About 5 a.m. Friday, his wife, Melba, called the Fire Department when she noticed her husband was having difficulty breathing. Firemen unsuccessfully tried to revive him for 20 minutes, and he was pronounced dead at 6:10 a.m. by Dr. Phillip Halloran.

City health officials indicated that Stitt's was the first death from polio in the Harbor area this year, and the 13th in the Los Angeles area. Bulbar polio is the most serious form of polio. Funeral services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Hardin and Planagan Mortuary, Inglewood. Six of his fellow postmen will act as pallbearers. Mrs. Clara Connors, postmaster, announced. Stitt had worked at the Torrance Post Office since February.

City Reaches Half-Way Mark In Chest Drive

The first report on the local Red Feather appeal finds the residential division in the lead with \$7151 raised and City Chairman Mrs. Ella Schwarz urging volunteers to continue their concerted efforts until their \$11,373 quota is in the till.

Total contributions amounted to \$8680 — 48 per cent of Torrance's \$18,050 total goal—after Warren Hamilton and Sam Levy reported \$1529 raised to date by commerce and industry volunteers. Door-to-door volunteers fell \$1500 short of raising \$4800 for which they staged an all out drive last Thursday, the opening day of the 30th annual Chest appeal. Still, forthcoming, however, according to Residential Chairman Mrs. Lyle O'Hara, were reports from many volunteers returned to be still in the process of completing their assignments over the week-end.

Torrance Leads The \$7151 recruited through advanced gifts, small businesses and door-to-door solicitation groups, account for 66 per cent of the residential quota, giving them a substantial lead over residential appeals being conducted in other Harbor area communities.

Approximately 30 per cent of the Harbor's \$85,000 goal had been raised at the end of the first day of the campaign, according to Torrance area chairman, and Mayor Nick Draie, commerce and industry chairman, who in the course of a joint statement, emphasized that the current Chest appeal is "not just another campaign, but 164 appeals in one which, under the slogan "Give What's Fair That More May Share," seek a minimum of \$8,652,000, the overall Los Angeles area goal.

Both chairmen added that more conclusive reports from all Harbor area communities will follow a report luncheon to be held Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Coconut Grove, Hotel Ambassador, when Red Feather leaders will submit their first official reports.

Irate Rivierans Hit Tract Plans

About 75 Hollywood Riviera residents turned out at the Planning Commission meeting Wednesday to present their objections to two proposed tracts in the area—in the Ellinwood district and along the ocean.

Mrs. Donald Hauser demanded that the Don-Ja-Ran Corporation donate a school site to the city in a proposed 85-acre tract between Palos Verdes Parkway and the ocean.

She declared that the city had received a written promise from the predecessor to the Don-Ja-Ran Corporation of a free school site. She said that Riviera residents felt this agreement should be lived up to.

Other residents expressed violent objections to certain aspects of the Ellinwood development, planned by Harry Kissell. They were:

1. Traffic in the Ellinwood tract would be routed through Hollywood Riviera's already over-taxed streets. A through route should be made further south, toward Pacific Coast Hwy.
2. A five-acre park which had appeared on previous planning maps was shown by tract plans as being divided into lots. The park, which adjoins Riviera School, should be left in the area.
3. Street names in the tract are the same as those in Hollywood Riviera, although they do not connect. This would lead to needless confusion.

First Costs Of Congress Race Told

Preliminary reports of candidates in the California congressional election campaigns showed this morning that the campaign for the 17th Congressional District was a relatively inexpensive affair.

Congressman Cecil R. King, who was reelected to the post in last week's balloting, reported contributions of \$75 and expenditures of \$700. Republican Candidate Robert Finch reported contributions of \$3054 and expenditures of \$3809.

The reports, filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, covered the pre-election campaign up to Oct. 22, reports from Washington indicate. A final report of contributions and expenditures is due early in December.



QUEEN CANDIDATES . . . Five of these fifteen Torrance High School coeds will reign over the annual Homecoming festivities, Nov. 19, during the Tartar-Santa Monica football game. The queen and her court of four were selected by students, but they won't be announced until Homecoming. Candidates for the honor are, from row 1 up, left to right: Pat Pierce, Frances Frising, Lena Malmstrom, Jean Brimly, Sandy Gish, Joan Lasakaris, Joy Pearson, Pat Rogan, Babs Whitley, Doris Popovich, Ann Steinbaugh, Pat Wingard, Connie Ericson, Vicki Hogan and Mizzi Trimble.

North Torrance Opens 2nd Post Office Station

The North Torrance station of the Torrance Post Office, at 174th and Crenshaw, opened this morning at 8 a.m. Mrs. Clara Connors, postmaster, has announced.

Official opening ceremonies for the new building will be held next week, she said. Herbert G. Stullenburger, a clerk at the main Post Office, will be station superintendent.

The station will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays. Money orders will be sold after 9 a.m.

A month ago, a new station was opened in Waltham to serve the South Torrance area.

Motorist Fails To Heed Siren; Hit By Engine

A 74-year-old driver who disregarded the screaming siren and flashing red lights of a fire truck and pulled his auto into its path, was badly injured Friday night, according to police.

Fire Captain Ben Reynolds, of County Engine Co. 36, told investigators he and his crew were traveling west on Carson St. and entered the intersection at Main just as the traffic light flashed red. Witnesses said the driver, Charles L. Egington of Los Angeles, put his car into gear and drove out into the street.

The fire truck hit the rear of the car spinning it around the street. Egington hit his head on the windshield and the steering wheel. He was taken to Harbor General Hospital.

None of the firemen riding on the truck was injured. Reynolds said he radioed for another truck to respond to the fire, at 228th St. and Meyler Ave., which turned out to be a false alarm.

California Highway Patrol investigators said they probably would cite Egington for failure to yield the right of way to an emergency vehicle.

Reynolds pointed out that the law requires motorists to pull over to the curb and stop when they hear a siren, unless they are at an intersection, where they must remain stopped until the vehicle proceeds and the street is clear.

Heavy fire equipment often rushing to save a person's life, Reynolds said, cannot stop "on a dime," and motorists should exercise caution when they hear a siren.

WITH THE SERVICE CLUBS

Optimist and Kiwanis Clubs To Hear of Hospital Tonight

Both the Optimists Club and the Kiwanis Club will hear about the need for expansion of Torrance Memorial Hospital at their meetings tonight.

A speaker will discuss various aspects of hospital needs before the Optimists tonight at 7 in the Ding How Cafe.

Dr. Howard Wood will present a movie, "You're the Doctor," to Kiwanians in American Legion Hall at 6:30 p.m.

The Lions will hear THS basketball coach George Stanich describe his experiences as an Olympic track star tomorrow at 12:15 p.m. in American Legion Hall.

The Evening Toastmasters group will meet tomorrow in the Fish Shanty at 7 p.m.

Elks to Seek Charter Now that the Elks have enlisted the necessary 150 members to apply for a charter, further plans will be discussed at their Wednesday night meeting in Al-Richards Hall.

The Ladies will be honored at the Exchange Club meeting Wednesday night at the Fish Shanty at 7 p.m., preceded by a cocktail hour. Final preparations for the annual dinner-dance to be held at the Palos Verdes Country Club on Nov. 19 will be discussed.

In a meeting honoring Veterans' Day, the Civitan Club will hear a speaker on the subject at their meeting Thursday at 7 p.m.

Charter members of the Torrance Rotary Club—Sam Levy, Charlie Jones, and Harvell Guten-

People, Feelings, Autos Hurt In Highway Crashes

Nearly a dozen traffic accidents resulted in injuries to many persons, in a chain of highway mishaps over the week-end, which kept traffic investigators on the run.

Most seriously injured was 11-year-old Eurlene Woods, of 2642 Brian Dr., who fell from the back seat of her mother's auto on Pacific Coast Hwy., near Winlock Rd. Mrs. Bookene Woods, 31, the child's mother, told police she just had asked her children to let the door alone, as it was slightly ajar.

She started to slow down in order to reach back and slam the door when Eurlene fell to the pavement. She suffered lacerations and bruises in the Friday night incident.

Runs Off Street Taken to Harbor General Hospital early Saturday morning after their car ran off the road end of Maple St. north of Torrance Blvd., were Jeanne Robertson, 24, and Mary Jo Mott, 21, both of Hawthorne.

Suffering cuts on her face and hands when her auto roared across a highway divider on 174th St. and struck a power pole in the 3400 block, was Mrs. Alberta T. Johnson, 34, of 3300 W. 174th St.

Another single-car accident occurred early yesterday morning on Western Ave., near the Douglas Aircraft Plant, as Dolly Giff, fifth Jr., 31, of 1560 W. 221st St., attempted to make a turn and rammed into two steel supports. He was taken to Harbor Hospital.

Anthony A. Henera, 19, of 2062 W. 203rd St., was cut on the forehead when the car in which he was riding suddenly stopped, nudging him against the windshield. Driving the auto was Victor Ordaz, 22, of 2215 W. 203rd St., according to police. The accident occurred on Torrance Blvd., near Hawthorne Ave., late Saturday night.

A car was badly damaged when it struck a power pole near 178th St. and Crenshaw Blvd., Sunday. Driver Robert W. Rel-

stab, 33, of Gardena, told officers he attempted to pass a car on the right and it cut in on him.

Officer Escapes Injury Police Officer Jim Thompson, 29, escaped injury when his police car, pursuing two speeders on 174th St., went out of control and struck a parked car yesterday. Thompson said he observed two cars engaged in a speed contest traveling west on the highway and took out after them.

One driver spun a turn onto Delta St., and as Thompson turned to follow him, his car went into a spin, and hit an auto belonging to Clarence A. Gromboske, of 17327 Delta St.

Other non-injury accidents were investigated at 186th St. and

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Meetings Pack City Hall

The need for a new civic center in Torrance was pointed out sharply last Wednesday evening when several of the city's boards and commissions were meeting simultaneously.

An important Planning Commission hearing was interrupted for 10 minutes when the clock reached 8 p.m., and the planners' chairs in the Council Chamber were taken over by Councilmen long enough to adjourn their meetings until tomorrow night.

The Councilman had just left a meeting in one of the small conference rooms—a meeting attended by downtown property owners to discuss acquisition of off-street parking space in the area.

At the same time, members of the city's civil service board were going up and down the hall looking for a place to hold their regular meeting. They finally wound up in the office of City Manager George Stevens.

The Councilmen had just left four items of business during their 19-minute meeting. They authorized the employment of Attorney S. V. O. Fritchard to represent the city in an impending legal matter; adopted Ordinance 710 setting up franchise

agreement for California Water Service Co.; employed Architect Marion J. Varner to begin design of the new civic center and Architect Hugh Davies for the swimming pool; and authorized City Attorney James Hall to be reimbursed for time lost in the event he may have to go to Washington, D. C., in the city's move to get the government to relax its reapture status on that part of the airport now under option to Coldwell-Banker for commercial development.

Regular meeting of the Council will be held beginning at 8 p.m. tomorrow in the Council chamber.



SALES FORCE . . . Fire Engineer Jerry Holloman passes out tickets for the Annual Torrance Firemen's Ball, to be held at Club Alondra, Saturday, Nov. 20, to members of the Fireladies, an Auxiliary of the department, here, who will help sell the \$1 tickets to the public. Receiving their tickets are, from left, Mrs. Bill Slockner, Mrs. Jim Waas, and Mrs. John Agapito. Proceeds go to the firemen's association, and the Fireladies.

GAS COMPANY OFFICIAL TO SPEAK AT BREAKFAST

L. E. Green, southwest division manager of the Southern California Gas Co., will speak at the inaugural Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting here at 7:30 a.m. tomorrow at the YWCA building.

The first of a planned series of breakfasts for Torrance business and industrial leaders, the meeting has been arranged by Chamber President Paul Loranger.

Green will speak tomorrow on his experiences at the recent Institute of Business Economics he attended at the University of Southern California. He was one of 10 Southern California businessmen who received certificates at the close of the course this summer.