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El Camino Team Rated Underdogs

Many Torrance football fans, among them many El Camino College alumni, will follow the Warriors to Pasadena's famed Rose Bowl Saturday, as the locals take on Hinds JC of Raymond, Miss., in the nation's jaysee grid classic of the year.

Although pigskin prognosticators have given the invaders from the ole' south a 6-point edge, the Cammeners have never been known to let down just because they weren't favored.

Actually, Coach Norm Verry's Cinderella team has fought its way through the season as an underdog from the start. But they were able to wind up as the No. 1 defensive club in the state, allowing but six touchdowns to be made against them in nine contests.

Winners of the Metropolitan Conference, Crown, the Warriors turned back the nation's top team, Bakersfield, to get the nod to the Junior Rose Bowl, a charity game sponsored by the Pasadena Junior Chamber.

Three top linemen on the El Camino crew were named to the All-Metropolitan Conference first team yesterday, further proof of the tremendous line which bolstered the Warrior defense.

Norm Becker, end; Fabian Abram, tackle, and Jim Clark, guard were selected to the mythical first team. Named to the second squad were End Ken Cornell, Tackle Harlan Geach, Quarterback Joe Contestabile, and Halfback Don Greco.

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NEW BOND ISSUE FOR THIRD HIGH SCHOOL UNDER STUDY

Cash Needed for New High School

A bond election to get money to build a third high school is a possibility, the Torrance School Board decided Tuesday night.

According to figures given the board, the new North Torrance High School, to open next fall, will be adequate for the rapidly-growing school population for only about two years.

School enrollment is nearing 12,000, compared with about 11,500 in September. By the end of the year, attendance is expected to exceed 16,000.

Searching for funds to build necessary elementary and school facilities, the board decided that there are three possible sources to get money for the \$2,000,000 high school.

Federal Funds Possible
1. Federal funds. In the light of federal policy, it is not certain whether Torrance could get money this way and at most, probably about \$700,000.

2. State aid. In accepting this aid, the School District must meet state specifications which are considerably more expensive. Torrance has been expending about \$10.80 per square foot of educational buildings, while state costs have been running as high as \$18.

3. An override tax. This is the method favored by local school officials, and would involve about \$1 per year per \$100 assessed valuation. Funds would not become available all at once, but perhaps half of the amount could be raised in each year.

Third School Needed
Unless double sessions are put into effect at the two Torrance high schools, estimates indicate that a third high school will be needed within two or three years. Torrance High School is now on double session, but the pressure will be temporarily relieved next year when North Torrance High School is completed.

The third building planned is in South Torrance. Although no definite lines have been set up, the North Torrance district will probably include areas north of 190th St., at least part of the Kaufman tracts south of 190th and Haw-

thorne, and possibly one area in South Torrance, which would have to be carried by bus in any event.

Annexations Questioned
The board also directed writing a letter to City Council and City Planning Commission stating that the board "looked with concern" upon annexations of property to the city "where no adequate tax base exists."

Annexations of territory without large manufacturing or commercial areas often throws an additional tax burden on the rest of the city, board members declared.

The school site in the Don-Jaran tract near the ocean will probably run better between 6.6 and 7.1 acres, Superintendent J. H. Hull told the board.

The school site was chosen after a meeting between Hull and Don-Jaran representatives. Exact size of the plot will be determined after exact location of a bank between the school and surrounding property is set.

Signal Considered
Acting on a request from the City Council, the board declared that it did not feel it could help in the cost of a school stop signal at Fern Ave. and Torrance Blvd., due to funds needed for educational facilities.

The board also approved a board of arbitration report which would require the Winter Construction Co. to repave part of the asphalt sidewalk at Evelyn Carr School, which the board claimed did not meet specifications.

The report also directed the company to correct floors which the board claims are not level at the school. Upon completion of this work, the board will pay the company \$250, which it had refused to pay until the dispute was settled.

A new chain fence to enclose (Continued on Page 15)



DISHEVELED DUMP TRUCK ... Coming out on the short end of a battle with a 160-ton train was Tommy the truck, driven by Basilio Hernandez, who survived the ordeal far better than Tommy. He suffered only minor cuts and bruises; the truck was written off as a total loss after it flipped over following the bash by the big train, Monday afternoon. The crash took place near Sepulveda and Figueroa.

And He's Alive!

Driver Relies On Memory; Hit By Huge Train

A truck driver who relied on his memory instead of his eyes, miraculously escaped death or serious injury when his dump truck was crammed by a 160-ton locomotive pulling 18 railroad cars, Monday afternoon.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital and soon released was Basilio Hernandez, 25, of Wilmington. He suffered only minor cuts and bruises. The truck was totally demolished.

Officers said Hernandez drove his truck several times daily over the tracks at Sepulveda Blvd. near Figueroa St., and that a train usually came by once a day in the late afternoon.

Monday, however, an early train rolled along the tracks two hours ahead of schedule, and Hernandez pulled his truck into the path of the huge locomotive.

Engineer Ralph Robinson, 41, of Monterey Park, said he applied the brakes, but it was too late to stop. It took the train nearly a quarter-mile to completely halt. A repair crew was summoned to cut loose broken metal parts on the big engine so it could proceed.

POST OFFICE TO STAY OPEN LATER
Parcel post and stamp windows at the Post Office will be open until 5 p.m. Saturday, and until 5 p.m. all next week. Mrs. Clara Connor, Torrance Postmaster, announced yesterday.

North Torrance and Walteria stations will be open until 6 p.m. starting Monday, to handle Christmas mail, she said.

Street Signs on Pavement Urged

Plenty of motorists have cursed drivers who make a left-hand turn from the right lane of traffic, or who creep along craning their necks to see street signs.

All this would be eliminated, according to Leon G. McDonald, of 5500 Torrance Blvd., if his plan for street signs was adopted.

He renewed his plea this week for painting street signs on the streets themselves. The names would be embossed in luminous paint at the intersection, and the intersection immediately preceding it.

Hard-to-find street signs are the cause of many accidents, McDonald feels. His idea would allow the motorist to keep his eyes on the road, and allow him to know where he is at the same time.

Pointing out that many street signs are obscured by trees or poles, twisted by pranksters, or just hard to read, he feels the plan would allow motorists to get into the proper lane to make a turn a block before the intersection.

In going through hundreds of traffic volumes and folders, the retired machinist hit upon this plan which he is trying to "sell" to cities for use on their streets.

County to Ban Spring Knife Sale to Kids

Aimed at curbing the recent crime waves of juvenile delinquency, the Board of Supervisors at Tuesday's meeting ordered the County Counsel to prepare an ordinance banning the sale of so-called "spring knives" to juveniles.

According to Supervisor Burton W. Chace, the ordinance has been requested by numerous civic groups, active in the juvenile field, and will be prepared by the County Counsel after consultation with the sheriff and Judge William E. McKesson of the Juvenile Department.

"These 'spring knives' and other lethal blades," said Chace, "seem to be as easy for juveniles to obtain as candy and yet they are equally as deadly as firearms."

Poles Now Up But Meters Are Missing

Torrance's 400 parking meters are somewhere between Arkansas and California, but installation of the poles to hang them on has been completed, City Manager George Stevens said yesterday.

To be placed on the sturdy steel rods which popped up in the downtown area this week, the meters were shipped from Harrison, Ark., on Nov. 29, and are due here at any time. They will be installed immediately, Stevens said.

Many parking spaces will be repainted because of a change in plans which permits more autos to utilize the available space.

Firemen in Last 'March' for MD

The Firefighters "March" for Muscular Dystrophy will continue tonight, as uniformed members of the Torrance fire department complete their rounds in a door-to-door visit to city homes.

More than \$1300 was collected in the first two days of the campaign, according to Fire Engineer Glenn Price, drive chairman, and the men have hopes of tripling that amount by Saturday night.

Part of a nationwide campaign to help fight muscular dystrophy, a fatal disease which afflicts more than 200,000 Americans, the firefighters march is conducted by firemen "on their own time." The drive here is sponsored by Local 1138, International Assn. of Firefighters, AFL.

Helicopter Here
A helicopter hovered over the city yesterday afternoon, dropping leaflets to call attention to the campaign.

Members of the fire department, in uniform, will be out again tonight from 5 to 9 p.m. They are asking a dollar a family as the Torrance contribution to the national fund.

Money raised during the drive will be used to finance research work into the fatal disease, and to establish clinics to assist the afflicted, Price said. Most of these victims are children.

Muscular dystrophy is a disease which affects the muscles of the body, slowly deteriorating the tissue until the body is virtually helpless.

Small coin boxes also have been distributed to merchants in the downtown areas.

PALOS VERDES VOTERS BEAT SCHOOL PROPOSAL

A move to form a unified school district in the Palos Verdes Elementary School District was turned down for the second time in a year Tuesday when voters went against the measure 1604 to 1483.

Two precincts, both in the unincorporated area of Rolling Hills, voted overwhelmingly against the proposal while it carried in the other three precincts.

The Miraleste School area voted 283 to 88 against the unification and the Rolling Hills School area voted 460 to 316 against it.

Voting for unification were Portuguese Bend, 193 yes, 68 no; Valmonte, 431 yes, 350 no; Malaga Cove, 459 yes, 441 no.

The defeat of the unification move at the last election in November, 1953, was by a close margin.

Opposing the unification move was the School Improvement Council whose campaign against the proposal was based on the claim that the area is too small a tax base to support an adequate building program.

Backing the proposal was the Good Schools Association which told voters that the tax increase necessary to support a unified school district would be more than offset by the advantages gained by forming the district.

Assemblyman to Change Name as New Voter Born

The 68th assembly district has a new potential voter, and as a result, Assemblyman Vincent Thomas is going to add "Sr." to his name.

Born to the Assemblyman and his wife, Mary, Saturday at St. Mary's Hospital in Long Beach, was 8 lb., 3 oz. Vincent Jr.

The Thomases also have a three-year-old daughter, Mary Virginia.

Nationwide

Accident Free Day Goal for December 15th

Traffic officers of the Torrance Police Department will be out in full force to make Dec. 15 an accident-free day in keeping with the recent proclamation of President Eisenhower.

The President has selected this one date as a day when every law enforcement officer in the nation shall seek the cooperation of every motorist and pedestrian, to see "it can be done."

A. counties accident-free 24-hour period is sought.

Sergeant Bill Evans, head of the local traffic division, said yesterday that he feels sure that Torrance drivers will uphold the clean record as a local contribution to the nationwide program.

"Our traffic men will be circulating in full force as a reminder that 'safety is everyone's business,'" Evans said.

Family Auto Blasted by Rifle Sniper

A Torrance family driving along the Terminal Island freeway was the victim of an attack by a mystery sniper who has plagued the Harbor area recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert F. Enao, of 1811 W. 221st St., and their 14-year-old son Herbert E., said they were driving along when a bullet splintered through a back window, narrowly missing the boy's head.

They reported the sound of the explosion was so loud that they thought their auto had been blown a tire.

Near the same spot, at the freeway's intersection with Willow St., a bullet was shot into the cab of a Union Pacific switch engine, only moments before the Enao's car was shot.

Long Beach police reported several other mysterious shootings in their area, as bullets believed fired from a high-powered rifle zinged into autos along the highways.

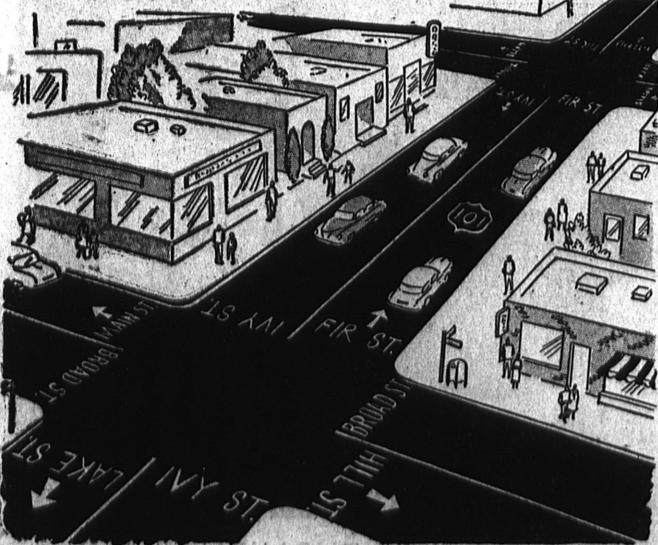
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