

PALOS VERDES OFFICIALS TO PRESENT REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL TOMORROW

Two Elected to Hospital Board

Election of Mrs. Plimsa C. Whyte, former HERALD publisher, and Attorney Donald Armstrong to positions on the Torrance Memorial Hospital board of directors was announced Saturday.

Mrs. Whyte will complete the term of Mrs. Esther Maxwell, who resigned last year, and Armstrong will succeed the late James W. Post.

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Reports On Area Readied

Officials of the Great Lakes Carbon Corp. will meet with members of the City Council here at 5:30 tomorrow evening in the city hall to present more complete details on plans for the development of the firm's 680-acre Palos Verdes holdings which they want to annex to the city.

A spokesman for the firm represented in the area told the HERALD Friday that a considerable amount of work was necessary to complete the information needed by the Councilmen in their consideration of the request to annex the nearly 10 square miles of hill area.

Other items to come before the Council's 5:30 p.m. meeting tomorrow is the second and final reading of the new comprehensive personnel ordinance to replace the city's Civil Service ordinances. If adopted, the ordinance would go into effect in about 30 days.

Several new tract maps are due to come up before the Councilmen tomorrow, also, according to the agenda for the meeting.

El Nido Meet Set Tonight

Possible annexation to Torrance will be the main topic tonight at the El Nido Civic Association meeting at 7:30 in El Nido School.

With County Sports Director Albert Tillman and a representative of the Torrance Planning Commission in attendance, the group will also discuss plans to locate a Little League field in El Nido Park.



RETURNED TO OFFICE . . . Reator Perry L. Connitt (lower left) receives gravel from Nevill Redmon, director of the California Real Estate Assn., as he begins his second term as president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors. Looking on from the rear are Jim Decker, (left) who is the new vice-president of the group, and W. E. Bowen, secretary-treasurer. Officers were installed Friday night at a dinner meeting here.

See New Record As City Building Hits \$4,016,944

If Torrance's building activity can keep anywhere near its pace so far in 1955, the 1954 record total—\$45,086,552—will be left far behind.

During the first two weeks of 1955, \$4,016,944 in new building permits have been issued, according to Walter Bradford, senior clerk in the City Engineer's office.

Heading the list of building projects was a whopping \$1,852,580 in permits issued for 230 houses being built by Milton Kauffman near 190th St. and Hawthorne Ave.

The Grand Construction Co. had previously taken out permits for \$1,102,500 for 104 houses near 178th St. and Crenshaw Blvd.

Also included are permits for several new school buildings and a new fire station.



INVESTIGATE BLAZE . . . Sheriff's arson investigators today are attempting to learn the cause of a blaze which gutted this house, at 21207 Avalon Blvd., Saturday afternoon. Firemen extinguished a \$700 fire in the same home only two days earlier. Two engine companies from the County Fire Department, directed by Battalion Chief Sam Tankaley, fought the flames. Occupant is Lawson Willis, 33, his wife and three children. The home was insured, he said. The house was a mass of flames when firemen arrived.

Farewell for Father Gara Set Tonight

The combined societies of the Nativity parish will meet tonight to honor the Rev. Robert Gara, assistant pastor at the Nativity Catholic Church for the past five years, who leaves tomorrow for Ocean Park.

Father Gara will become assistant pastor at St. Clement's Catholic Church in Ocean Park.

The farewell party will be in the parish hall at 1420 Cota Ave., at 8 p.m. At 7:30, new members will be inducted into the Holy Name Men's Society.

The Rev. Thomas J. Glynn, now assistant pastor at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Baldwin Park, will take Father Gara's place.

Cubbing Talk Set

Dorothy L. Law, family relations consultant and HERALD columnist, will speak on "Cubbing, Not Clubbing," Wednesday night at 8:15 o'clock at McMaster Park before the Cub Mothers of Pack 761-C. The public is invited.

Polio Drive Lagging Here Reports Show

A mid-campaign spot check of March of Dimes receipts in the Torrance area as well as throughout Los Angeles County indicated that the drive to raise polio-fighting funds must be accelerated, Mrs. Clara Conner, area campaign chairman has announced.

"The Los Angeles Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis entered 1955 with its treasury exhausted, caring for polio patients," Mrs. Conner said.

"We must more than double our efforts in Torrance during the remaining two weeks of the campaign," she said.



SIDNEY WHALEY JR., Honored by H-Y

Harbor Area Picks YMCA Boy of Year

Sidney Whaley Jr., representative of the Torrance YMCA, was named winner of the Harbor Area "H-Y Boy of the Year" competition Tuesday, and will compete with four other boys for the Los Angeles County title this week.

A senior at Mira Costa High School, Whaley lives in Hermosa Beach. He plans to take work toward a degree in medical research at college this fall.

Husband Held; Spouse Must Fork Over Cash, Judge Says

Ordered held to answer on a felony charge of writing fictitious checks was Johnny Donaldson, 30, also known as Johnny Burdine, as he appeared before Judge Otto B. Willett at South Gate Municipal Court, Thursday.

Donaldson was arrested in Chino recently by Det. Sgt. Percy Bennett for doling out three checks described as phony by the police department. Donaldson was writing the checks on a closed account, authorities charge.

His wife, Margaret, was placed on two years probation and ordered to make \$75 restitution for a worthless check, after she pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge before Judge John Shidler.

Thieves Get \$13.50

Thieves broke into her home, taking \$13.50 from a jar in her dining room, Mrs. Vivian Marie Simmons told sheriff's deputies Friday. Entrance was gained through the back door.

Mother Jailed as Youth Leader Tot's Leg Broken

Accused of hurling her 6-weeks old baby against a rocking chair, a young Lomita mother is in County jail today on charges of child abuse.

Deputies arrested Mrs. Elizabeth Bernice Remington, 23, of 26401 S. Western Ave., after neighbors reported that she was cruel to her children.

Sgt. Warren Nickens of the Sheriff's juvenile bureau, said the woman told him she was "bawling out . . . I'm going to get a divorce. I don't want the children. My husband can have them."

The woman's husband, Otto,

Youth Leader Forum Slated

A one-day youth leadership session, with Ben Solomon, editor of "Youth Leader's Digest" in charge, will be held at Torrance Civic Auditorium Jan. 22.

The meeting is sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department. A veteran of many years of youth work, Solomon will discuss case histories of children in recreation, as well as discussions of actual situation. Part of the program will be devoted to discussions of the role of recreation in preventing delinquency.

The session will consist of two half-day meetings, with youth leaders and agencies invited. Further information can be obtained at FA 8-4108.

Two Dead After Traffic Crashes On PCH, Main

One man was killed and another injured in an unusual head-on crash near Main and 190th St., early Saturday morning.

Killed was Logan S. Rector, 46, of Long Beach.

Investigators said his car apparently skidded out of control and crashed broadside into an auto driven by West Payton, 57, of Los Angeles. Police theorized Payton saw the oncoming vehicle at the last minute, swerved and smashed broadside into Rector's sliding machine.

The injured man was taken to Harbor General Hospital.

A Lomita man, Jerry J. Lewis Jr., 31, of Harbor Hills, lost his life in a traffic accident on Pacific Coast Hwy. at Rosecrans, El Segundo, Saturday. He was a passenger in an auto which struck a railway car.

Driver of the auto, Roy K. Fishbeck, 34, of 3242 W. 157th St. and his wife Margaret, 30, are in critical condition at Hawthorne Community Hospital.

Police said the train was stopped across the highway.



OUTSTANDING YOUNG MAN . . . Fred Hansen, (left) receives a certificate as the city's outstanding young man from Bill Sturgis of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce during a dinner meeting here Thursday evening. Three of the judges in the selection look on. They are (left to right) Mayor Nickolas O. Draie, Judge John A. Shidler, and Dean Sears.

Fire Sweeps Trailer Doing \$1000 Damage

Fire swept through a trailer home at 21232 Lynton Ave. Thursday, causing about \$1000 damage, the County Fire Department reported.

Owned by Eddie Bigelow, the inside of the trailer was badly burned.



GOES RIGHT HERE . . . Your name and address goes on the little card when you apply for your 1955 auto license tags, Mrs. H. T. Miles, local Motor Vehicle Department employee reminds. She holds the customer's part of the "potential" they received in the mail. After payment of fees, the small portion is retained by the car owner as his 1955 vehicle registration slip. It must stay in the car, so don't toss it away, Mrs. Miles said. Local DMV office is at 1317 Cravens Ave.