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PVE, Companies In Legal Tussle

Protest from four corporations that they owned more than 50 per cent of the area planned for annexation to Palos Verdes Estates in that city's move to block annexation of the huge peninsula area to Torrance was denied at public hearings before the PVE City Council Tuesday evening. Members of the Council approved motions in the matter stating that a survey had determined that Comdr. Joseph Chadwick owned about 60 per cent of the property involved.

The hearings, which had been in doubt since a recent court order halting all proceedings by Palos Verdes Estates, were allowed Tuesday when Superior Court Judge Arnold Praeger granted a motion offered by Attorney George Fenton Craig

on behalf of Palos Verdes Estates to modify the conditions of the writ of review to permit the hearings. The Judge ruled, however, that the city could do nothing about a fourth buffer strip proposed for annexation and that it could do nothing beyond conducting public hearings on the matter Tuesday.

Due In Court

The entire matter of the proposed annexation of the buffer strip to Palos Verdes Estates is due in court on Monday, May 2 at which time the city of Palos Verdes Estates is required to show why the proceedings should not be declared invalid.

In the meantime, the city is awaiting receipt of the petition from Palos Verdes Properties and affiliated organizations requesting annexation of the area to Torrance as inhabited territory. The petition will probably be filed this week end.

Zone Plans Delayed

In a separate set of proceedings, action to rezone the entire peninsula area which has been under study by the County Regional Planning Commission was delayed again last Tuesday. It was indicated that a decision might be made on the matter sometime in May.

The proposal to rezone the peninsula area to provide for the development of the area as residential land has been the subject of bitter debate between residents of the area surrounding the undeveloped area and the owners of the property. Main differences have been over lot sizes.

Dorm Planned At Hospital

A contract in the amount of \$39,273 for a new medical dormitory at Harbor General Hospital was awarded Tuesday to the Kapile Construction Company of Long Beach. It was announced by County Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Chace said the new dormitory will house 12 resident physicians and will replace present dwellings which are now costing the County more than \$6000 a year in rent.

The new medical dormitory is the beginning of a five-year program for the expansion of hospital facilities, he said. According to the supervisor, a comprehensive study of the needs of the hospital has shown a complete justification for an over-all expansion of the hospital at its present site.



LATE EASTER BONNETS . . . Torrance Police Tuesday were pondering whether to open a hat shop after finding about 20 assorted western hats in the street near 195th and Inglewood Ave. Here, Policewoman Regina Ryan, Sgt. Ted Morris, and Maxine Herman, Police clerk, try on some of the bonnets for size. The owner of the hats could not be located.

Complete Polio Schedule Told

Youngsters at eight of the schools in the Torrance area received their initial polio shots this week, with first and second graders at 20 others scheduled to get them soon.

Students at Fern-Greenwood, Madrona, and Nativity Schools are scheduled to get shots today. Doctors will be at Fern-Greenwood this morning, at Madrona in both morning and afternoon, and at Nativity in the afternoon.

Schools at which shots have been given are Seaside, Riviera, Waveria, South Bay Christian, Resurrection Lutheran, St. Margaret Mary's, and 232nd Pl. School, Lomita.

Shots on Schedule

According to Dr. Benjamin Kogan, shots are going right on schedule so far. Since the local health office is giving shots in the Beach cities, Gardena, county areas, and Palos Verdes, the next shots in Torrance will be given on Monday, May 2.

The complete schedule of schools in this area is as follows:

- May 2—Howard Wood, Meadow Park, and Lomita Elementary Schools.
- May 3—Torrance Elementary, Waveria, and 232nd Pl. Schools.
- May 4—Hillside, Perry, and El Nido Schools.
- May 5—North Torrance, Crenshaw, Carr, and St. Catherine Labour Schools.
- LA Schools Slated
- May 6—Halldale, 186th St., Normont, Harbor City, and Harbor City Christian Schools.
- The second series of shots at local schools will begin on Monday, May 9. Only two shots will be given in the present series. Instead of three, as originally planned. The third shot will be given in about seven months.

Firemen Kept Hopping by Local Blazes

After several weeks without a major fire, the Torrance Fire Department was doing double duty this week as they hopped from one blaze to another.

Two dump fires occupied their time on Monday and Tuesday. They battled a fire at the city dump for 7 hours Monday, and returned again Tuesday when flames broke out again. At 1:15 a. m. Tuesday, they battled a trash blaze at Green's Hog Ranch, near the western city limits, for 16 hours.

A blaze on a curtain in the City Council chambers was extinguished late Monday night, shortly after the City Hall closed.

Also on the record books were a washing machine motor which caught fire at the home of Mr. R. G. Green, of 3404 W. 187th Pl.; a rabbit hutch behind the home of Mrs. Elzina Word, of 2330 W. 230th St.; and a false alarm at the Pacific Smelting Co., 223rd and Western Aves.

Fern-Greenwood Tells Registration Dates

Pre-registration for children who will enter Fern-Greenwood School next year will be held at the school on April 26 and 27, according to Principal Malcolm Richland.

Persons who have children who will be five years old by Dec. 2, 1955, should phone FA 8-3043 for an appointment. Parents should bring birth certificates or other proof of birth for the child. Health appraisals will be made, and interviews with kindergarten teachers can be arranged.

Waldrip Named To School Post

Sherman E. Waldrip, 43, assistant superintendent in charge of business for Lawndale schools, was hired Tuesday night by the School Board to take over the duties in the Torrance Unified School District.

He will replace Emmett W. Ingram, who recently resigned and will leave the school district on May 1. Waldrip will go to work in Torrance next week.

School Superintendent J. H. Hull said a dozen men had been interviewed for the post.

Served at Lawndale

A resident of Manhattan Beach, Waldrip has been assistant superintendent at Lawndale for two years, and filled the same position with the Corona Unified School District for six years.

He was formerly a coach and industrial arts teacher at Corona High School.

A native of Arizona, he received a bachelor's degree from Arizona State College and a master's degree from Claremont College. He has done graduate work at the University of Southern California, UCLA, and the University of Arizona.

Move Planned

He is married and has two daughters. He plans to move to Torrance this summer.

His salary will be \$10,200 per year, but the board is considering a revision of the salary schedule.

Ingram, who is leaving to enter private business, was given a desk pen set, a gift of board members, Dr. Hull, and Assistant Superintendent Albert Posner.

City Seeking Approval of Ground Lease

A petition for writ of mandate seeking execution of a lease between the City of Torrance and Store Properties, Inc., for the 35-acre triangle on Torrance Municipal Airport was filed Tuesday evening by City Attorney James M. Hall.

Named in the suit was Mayor Albert Isen, whose signature on the lease is required before it is considered in effect. He has not signed the lease which was approved last month by a majority of the Councilmen.

Mayor Isen told the HERALD yesterday that he favored development of the airport property, but that "there is a question of legality which is too technical for the city to decide. We cannot decide it without court determination of the validity," he said.

Should the District Court refuse to accept the petition at that level, it will be refiled in Superior Court, Hall said.

Sale of PE Shops Pending

Purchase of the Pacific Electric Shops at Dominguez and Crenshaw by the Reynolds Aluminum Co. for the installation of a multi-million dollar extrusion plant and aluminum press facility was reported this week by a Los Angeles industrial publication.

Final purchase of the facilities has not been completed, a spokesman for the two firms told the HERALD late yesterday, but all indications were that the transaction was down to the signing stage.

Location of the plant here will make Torrance one of the leading aluminum centers of the west. Reynolds Aluminum is one of the nation's leading industries in that field.

It is estimated that the new plant will eventually employ nearly 2000 persons when in full operation. The 44-acre Pacific Electric property will be converted for use of the new industry. No estimates on the length of time needed to prepare the plant for production after acquisition has been completed have been announced.

More complete details on the proposed new industry here are expected later this week.

Charles F. Boehme In Harbor General

Confined to Harbor General Hospital with a severe liver ailment last week was Charles F. Boehme, of 1459 1/2 W. 219th St. A resident of Torrance for several years, Boehme has been put in an isolation ward at the hospital and is not permitted to have visitors.

Crash Kills 2 Local Men

Two Torrance businessmen were killed instantly at Dana Point, Tuesday, as they were thrown from their car, which failed to make a turn.

Lloyd Dennee, 39, owner of Dennee TV, and Edwin Dale Peters, 41, business manager of the firm, were the victims. Dennee lived in Inglewood, while Peters was a resident at 1216 Maple Ave.

California Highway Patrolmen were unable to determine which had been driving the car, which was completely demolished. It went through a guard rail and sheared off a power pole before turning over.

Falls Hurt 2 Here Tuesday

Two local men were injured in falls as they were working Tuesday afternoon, but neither was reported in serious condition.

Jack Dabbs, manager of the Grand Theater, was injured as he fell 15 feet from a ladder at the theater. He was treated for numerous bruises and released at the Torrance Medical group.

A workman at the Armory, Glen Wright, 18, of Wilmington, suffered a broken arm and many bruises after he fell 25 feet from the roof of the building, which is under construction.

Beach Woman Killed in Crash

Coroner's officials yesterday were considering an inquest in connection with an accident at 166th and Arlington Ave., which killed a Redondo Beach woman and injured three others.

Mrs. Catherine McGiffin, 39, of 1068 A Ave. A, Redondo Beach, died in Harbor General Hospital three hours after the crash which occurred at 10:20 p.m. Sunday night.

A car driven by her husband, William Thomas McGiffin Jr., 36, collided with one driven by A. C. Gearin, 17, of 1815 W. 166th St., as the McGiffins were returning from a drive-in movie.

Hospitalized, but in good condition, were McGiffin; William McGiffin III, 11, his son; and Patsy Gearin, 18, a passenger in second auto.

Officers said McGiffin's auto was smashed against a tree by the collision.

Rosary for Mrs. McGiffin was recited last night in Niland's Chapel in Redondo Beach, and mass will be celebrated at 8 a.m. this morning in St. James Catholic Church.

A housewife, she was a member of St. James Church. She was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., and had lived in this area for six years.

Beside her husband and son, she is survived by her parents and a sister, all of Pittsburgh, Pa.



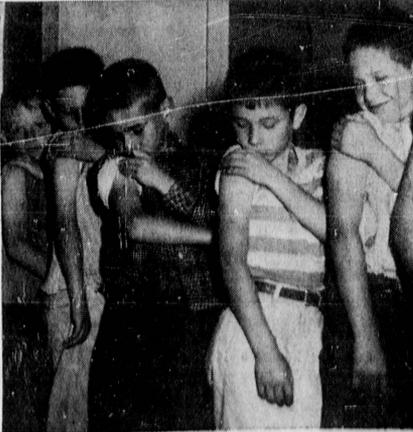
"LIKE ROLLING OFF A LOG" (Herald Photo) . . . Christine Potts Smiles



"IT WON'T HURT MUCH, WILL IT?" (Herald Photo) . . . Patty Briggs is Appreciative



"O-O-O, DOC THAT HURTS!" (Herald Photo) . . . Walter Ainsley Winces



"WE'RE ALL READY TO GO" (Herald Photo) . . . Boys Prepare Arms for Shots