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Council Delays Market Battle

The City Council delayed a decision on charges that the market being constructed at 174th St. and Crenshaw Blvd. is in violation of its variance when Mayor Albert Isen asked H. R. Black, former member of the Planning Commission, to head up a committee of residents of the area to seek an agreement on the matter with market representatives.

The decision to submit the dispute to the committee for study this week was made following a lengthy hearing before the Council Tuesday evening city officials, a market spokesman, and residents of the area Council.

Maps approved by the Planning Commission in connection with a variance for the market now under construction at 174th and Crenshaw showed a solid masonry wall extending 25 feet to each side of the market along Atkinson Ave., Planning Commission Secretary George Powell told the Council this week.

A check of the files on the matter had been ordered by the Council after scores of nearby residents protested the construction of two huge truck delivery gates to the market opening on Atkinson Ave., a narrow residential street behind the supermarket.

Wall on Curbline

Black, member of the Planning Commission at the time the market proposal for a variance was under study, told the Council that it was his recollection that the first of several maps submitted to the planners showed the wall on the curbline which would force motorists to alight from their autos on the traffic lanes of Atkinson. He said the Planning Commission required that the market build an alley for two-foot parkway and a three-foot sidewalk between the curb and the fence. There were no provisions for openings in the fence, Black said.

B. L. Esse, representing operators of the market, presented a sketch bearing signatures purported to be those of Henry West, building inspector, and Powell. Powell said the signature on the document was not his.

On Other Matters

Several Councilmen said after the meeting that the sketch referred to plans to extend the wall to cover a proposed variety

store to be constructed adjacent to the market.

Esse said that any errors in construction of the market which existed were made in good faith. He was challenged at this point by Councilman Willys G. Blount who said that if he (Esse) and his client knew he had to go to the Planning Commission for a variance, they should have known they would have to go before the Planning Commission to change that variance.

Councilman Blount read a statement from the official plan which said the plans could not be altered without the approval of Superintendent of Building John V. Russell. No such approval for the two gates had been granted, it was implied.

Residents Concerned

Norman Bruffy, of 2711 W. 176th St., speaking for residents of that area, said all were pleased to see a market going in at that location, but that they were concerned for the safety of their children and for property values in the area if the Council permitted the food firm to go ahead with plans to install huge truck gates behind the market which opened onto the narrow residential street.

The Council took care of part of the matter by adopting an urgency ordinance restricting weight limits on the street to 2½ tons. This would outlaw almost every vehicle larger than a passenger car.

Rezoning Tabled

At the same time the ordinance adopting the rezoning plan for North Torrance, which would have superseded the variance on which the market is being constructed, was tabled for 30 days.

A committee of north Torrance residents headed up by Black will meet with operators of the market during the coming week in an effort to resolve the difficulties.

The matter will be presented to the Council again next Tuesday when it convenes at 5:30 p.m.

Optimists Name New President

George A. Bradford, a resident of Torrance for 35 years was elected the eighth president of the Torrance Optimist Club at the organization's regular meeting Monday evening. He will succeed President C. A. Woodcock, CPA, in the post at installation ceremonies tentatively scheduled for June 18.

Other officers elected to serve with Bradford for the coming year include: Clyde Anderson, first vice-president; Harold Massier, second vice-president; and E. V. Winkelbauer, secretary-treasurer. H. G. Trezise, Dr. Stanley Chellis, Forrest W. Meyers, and David Figueroa were named to the board of directors.

The club was first formed here in 1948 with Atty. Boris S. Woolley as its charter president. Motto of the club is "Friend of the Boy," and one of its main projects is support of the Highland Park Optimist Boys Home which furnishes a home for about 60 boys, most of them wards of the court.

Torrance High Grad The new president of the club is a graduate of Torrance High School and the University of California. He served his machinist apprenticeship at the National Supply Co. and now owns the George A. Bradford Machine Co. at 1915 Abalone. He lives with his wife and three children at 1225 Beech Ave.

During World War II Bradford served as the assistant general manager and chief engineer for West Coast Shipbuilding, and after that was chief consulting engineer for Time Oil.

Formed Tanker Firm He also helped organize and was marine superintendent for



GEORGE A. BRADFORD ... Eighth Optimist President

World Wide Tankers following the war.

Before opening his own firm here in 1952, he was chief mechanical design engineer for Douglas Aircraft.

Present committee assignments of the club will continue until after the June installation. The installation will be held following the district convention of Optimist International in Las Vegas next month.



BUSINESS HEADS . . . Sherman E. Waldrip, new assistant superintendent of schools in charge of business, and Emmett W. Ingram, retiring business head, go over plans for North Torrance High School, which is scheduled to be completed in September. Waldrip, who has been with the Lawndale Schools, will take over his new duties on Monday from Ingram, who is leaving to enter private business. As business manager, he will have charge of school finances and construction of new buildings.

Veteran Thespians Cast In Local Dramatic Roles

Two of the most demanding roles ever written for the American stage—those of the attorneys in Ayn Rand's "Night of January 16th"—will be performed for Torrance audiences by two local actors when ACCENT: Theatre! makes its debut at the YWCA next Thursday for a run of six nights, extending over two week ends.

H. F. Heinlein, as District Attorney Flint, and Ed Cantle, as Defense Attorney Ste-

vens, in the celebrated murder "trial" of the State of New York versus Karen Andre, are on the stage for three entire acts. Their voluminous dialogue pleads from long, dramatic pleas to brief, clipped cross-examinations that require precision timing.

Cantle has had as rich a background in theater as he has had in life itself. While still a youngster in the British Isles, he was a trouper with the Ardians. He served in His Majesty's Navy and was a professional boxer and also a singer of no mean ability before coming to Torrance and helping to organize ACCENT: Theatre!

Active Background

Heinlein, president and guiding light of the new civic theater, was active in his early school dramatics, but he really earned his Thespian "spurs" during his years with the U. S. Navy. In addition to acting as emcee for innumerable armed services shows, he sang with a Navy quartette and worked with such notables as George Liberace and his band.

In the current production both men have lined up on their respective sides an array of fascinating witnesses, each of whom makes the decision on a verdict difficult for the jurors, who are actually picked from the audience at the beginning of the play. Chief among them is the accused, herself Karen Andre, played by Jo Harstead.

Defense Named

Helping to defend the glamorous defendant are Von Hershey as a suave gangster and Kenneth Carlyle as Sigurd Junquid, bookkeeper to the murdered man. Throwing much weight to the other side are Anna Norris, the widow; Frank Kelley, her wealthy father; Dick Roberts, the coroner; Jim Wood, a cocky private eye; Bob Adams, a young cop; Kathryn Chisholm, a handwriting expert; Muriel Carlyle, a Swedish housekeeper; Leni Kelley, a janitor's wife; and Phylis Foss, a night club dancer.

Attempting to keep an objective position is Dr. Allen Pveatt as the judge. Other court personnel include Andy Anderson as the bailiff; Paul Harestad, the clerk; Ann Humphreys, court stenographer; and Charlotte Klinzing, prison matron. Secretaries to the attorneys are Alice Perkins and Dene Pveatt. LeRoy Pullett is court attendant.

Directors Listed

Unit producer of this show is Mrs. Shiela Doolittle, while Ann Humphreys is assistant to the director, Jack Hudson. Mrs. Coleen Turgeon is stage manager. Paul Harestad is technical director and some of his helpers include Miss E. J.

Wilhelm, lights; Alice Haworth, ushers; Mrs. B. W. Roberts and Miss Carol Davis, make-up; Mrs. Jane Billingsley, Mrs. Jim Wood, Mrs. Jack Norris, and Miss Ladeen Chamberlain, costumes; and virtually all the men in ACCENT: Theatre! construction. Special news-bulletin programs have been prepared under the supervision of Miss Betty Kissler, with the aid of Mrs. Jane Billingsley.

According to Marion Humphreys, head of ticket sales, there has been a great demand for tickets. They can still be obtained by calling him at FA-84554, and perhaps arrangements will be made to offer canceled reservations at the door next week. May 6 is a youth benefit, and tickets must be purchased from Larry Lippincott, president of the Youth Coordinating Council.

Police Seek Check Passer

Police this week were seeking a man who cashed a \$74 check that was both forged and fictitious at Clark's Market Saturday.

Defective Sgt. Percy Bennett said that the check was drawn on the California Bank, with the name "Higgins Brick and Tile" printed on it. It was signed "J. C. Higgins" and made out to "R. K. Helsel."

The brick firm is a legitimate business, but it has no account at the bank, and knows nothing about the checks, Bennett said, cautioning other businessmen to notify him if similar checks are offered.

The man who cashed the check was about 38, weighed 165 pounds, and about five feet ten inches tall, with dark hair and complexion.

Measles Lead Disease List

Reports from the County Health Department for the week ending Apr. 16 had the same old springtime story to tell—measles.

Of 143 cases of disease reported in the Torrance area, 76 were of measles. Torrance had 22 cases, while other included county areas are 23. Redondo Beach, 17; Manhattan Beach, 9; Gardena, 4; and Hermosa Beach, 1.

Mumps claimed 26 victims, 10 of them in Torrance, and 11 in county territory, while 21 cases of chickenpox were reported, with 11 in Torrance and five in county territory.



(Portrait by Seeman) H. F. HEINLEIN ... In Demanding Role



(Portrait by Seeman) ED CANTLE ... Has Rich Background

Selover New Civitan Head

Frank S. Selover, charter president of the Civitan Club, was re-elected president of the club at its meeting held last Thursday. He succeeds Bob Belkin.

Other new officers include Tom Ward, vice-president; Dr. A. L. Kline, second vice-president; Ferril R. Miller, secretary; William Van de Wetering, treasurer; Capt. Ernie M. Ashby, sergeant-at-arms; and Floyd DeVore, John Judson, and Francis J. Sandie, directors.

The club meets Thursday nights, and will participate in the California-Arizona district convention of Civitan International to be held in San Pedro on May 13 and 14.

Reynolds Metal Plans for Local Plant Awaited

Completion of the transfer of Reynolds Metal Co. to Reynolds Metal Co. had not been completed as of yesterday, a spokesman for the two firms indicated, but final action on the sale is expected any day, as was reported exclusively in the Torrance HERALD last Thursday.

Under terms of the transfer, reportedly completed in the last week, the 44-acre shops area at Dominguez and Crenshaw would be converted into a fabricating plant by Reynolds Metals Co., one of the nation's leading aluminum firms.

Nature of the installations to be located at the new plant site have not yet been revealed. Pacific Electric Co. was one of the city's first industries, and this has been the main repair and maintenance area for the huge transit company for more than 40 years. It was retained by Pacific Electric when that firm sold its rail lines to Metropolitan Coach Lines recently. Since the sale of the lines, the shops have been used for repair of Southern Pacific rolling stock, and the paint department has been used by Metro to rehabilitate busses.

Discussions of Two Accidents Lead to Fights

Two different fights after accidents involved six persons from the Torrance area this week.

Robert L. Smith, 30, of Los Angeles, was arrested in Compton Municipal Court yesterday, on charges that he assaulted a Lomita man with a knife Monday, after an auto crash at Wilmington Ave. and Del Amo, in county territory.

The other, Kenneth B. Barton, of 25344 Pennsylvania Ave., told officers that his car collided with Smith's, but that Smith did not stop. Giving chase he stopped Smith's car, he said, and Barton, his wife, and the occupants of the other car got out.

Barton Hit

One of the pair pulled a knife and started to hit Barton on the face, shoulders, and arms, he said, when two passing motorists, Jack Moskies, 18, of Bellflower, and Jack Sullivan, 19, of 22602 S. Catskill, stopped to help.

Trying to stop the fight, the pair were threatened by Smith (Continued on Page 22)

2 CHASED, HELD AFTER ACCIDENT

Sheriff's deputies were holding two men Wednesday, following a hit-and-run accident at Pennsylvania Ave. and Pacific Coast Hwy. in Lomita Tuesday night.

Deputy D. A. Cole was parked nearby when he saw the car sideswipe another and then speed on. He chased the car and found it, doors wide open in a parking lot at 2300 Pacific Coast Hwy.

He asked Gerald Dennis Chapman, 18, of 6009 Princeton, was burning trash at a nearby incinerator, whether he had been in the car or seen the occupants. Chapman told him that he worked in the store and that the driver had taken off over a nearby five-foot fence.

Wren Cole went to look for the driver, Chapman disappeared down the street. About this time, George Warren Wilson, 22, of 22515 Lucille Ave., Lomita, appeared and told Cole he was the driver of the car.

Cole then found Chapman several blocks away, and he admitted he had been a passenger in the car.

The pair was then taken to Lennox Sheriff's station. Deputies are now looking for the owner of the sideswipped car, which was gone when Cole returned to the scene.

Vaccine Check Now Under Way

The polio immunization program for school children in the Torrance health area and in Los Angeles County has been halted, at least temporarily, pending a check on vaccine made by one of six serum manufacturers, according to Dr. Benjamin A. Kogan, local health officer.

The action was taken after reports that six children—in Oakland, San Diego, Port Chicago, Ventura, and Napa—had come down with polio after receiving their first immunization shots. All six were reportedly vaccinated with serum from the Cutter Laboratories, of Berkeley, Calif.

The National Institute of Health, withdrew its approval of the Cutter vaccine, but made no mention of the serum made by the other five companies.

All serum used in Torrance area and Los Angeles County was from the Cutter laboratory, and was impounded yesterday. More easterly parts of the country received serum supplied from five other firms.

Dr. Kogan pointed out that reports did not indicate that the serum had caused polio, but rather that checks were being made on it to insure that it is entirely safe.

Tests made on 400,000 school children during the initial tests, the results of which were announced April 12, indicated that the serum is entirely safe, he said. The serum in question was made by only one of the six firms which manufacture it.

Disease Started Earlier

Officials indicated that there was a possibility that the children already had polio when they received the shot, since the incubation period of the disease is from seven to 21 days, with 12 days about the average length of time.

This means that some of the vaccinated children could have had the disease already, since shots started only 10 days ago.

So far, 4591 children in Torrance have been vaccinated, with 5041 more children scheduled to get the shots when the program was halted Wednesday.

Schools at which the shots were given include Seaside, Riviera, Fern - Greenwood, Madrona, Walteria afternoon sessions, South Bay Christian, Resurrection Lutheran, St. Margaret Mary's, 232nd St., and Nativity.

Dr. Kogan urged parents to take usual care in watching their children for early symptoms of polio, which are often similar to those of a common cold in its beginning stages. Fevers, headaches, or stiff necks and spines should be watched closely, he said.

State School Group Hears Hull's Views

Torrance School Superintendent J. H. Hull was one of those testifying before the State Allocations Board for the state-aid-to-schools program last week in Sacramento, in an effort to eliminate "red tape" in the system.

A member of the California State of School Administrators Housing Committee, Hull urged simplification and speeding up of procedures in the program. Most of the changes recommended by Hull and others were adopted.

There has been considerable criticism of the program by various school administrators, who declared that the program was too slow to meet the needs of a rapidly growing population.

Torrance is not a part of the program, although the School Board has indicated it might be forced to join if population increases more rapidly than money is available for school.

2 Drivers Cleared in Recent Accident Death

Neither driver was at fault in the recent accident at 169th and Arlington Ave., which cost the life of Mrs. Catherine McGiffin, 39, of Redondo Beach, on April 17, a coroner's inquest decided yesterday.

Niland's Mortuary, Redondo Beach, was the scene of the inquest, at which it was decided, neither of the two drivers, William McGiffin, the dead woman's husband, or A. C. Gearin, of 1815 W. 169th St., was criminally at fault.

3 Men Arrested In Wilmington On Dope Charge

A Torrance man and two Wilmington men were picked up by officers of the sheriff's narcotics detail Tuesday night, after one of the men reportedly asked Deputy T. E. Farrell if he wanted to "score some junk."

Jackie Dean Hooker, 19, of 22608 S. Main St., Richard Lion Striegel, 22, and Blair Arlow Dalton, 35, both of Wilmington, were booked at Lennox Sheriff's Station on suspicion of possession of narcotics. Hooker also was booked on suspicion of burglary.

Deputies found the trio in front of Striegel's home in Wilmington. Striegel asked Deputy Farrell if he wanted to "score some junk," and was arrested. They searched his room and found some narcotics equipment.

Searching Hooker's car, deputies found \$223 in auto parts which he said he had purchased in Torrance. He was booked on a burglary charge. They also found three pink capsules in his pocket, Farrell said.

Workshops Set By Chamber at YWCA Building

A series of seven workshops for members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce to build what Manager Tom Watson calls a "Blueprint for Action" has been scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, May 3, 4, 5.

Each member will be invited to attend one of the specific meetings which will be held in the YWCA building at Carson and Del Amo with the exception of one evening meeting at the Chamber of Commerce building.

The meetings have been set up by Chamber President Paul Loranger and Manager Tom Watson to aid the board in setting up a program for the group for the year.

Meetings will be held at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. on each of the three days at the YWCA building and in the Chamber office at 7 p. m. on May 4.

Hearing Set On Oil Well Regulations

Tougher oil well regulations will be discussed by the Torrance Planning Commission on May 9 at 7 p. m., according to George Powell, commission secretary.

Since some local wells "menace health, safety and welfare of the people of the city," the City Council ordered the hearing, which should include the following provisions:

1. All wooden derricks be removed.
2. Future drilling or deepening of wells be done with portable rigs.
3. Removal of existing sumps, and future sumps be portable.
4. Surrounding moving parts of oil wells with a chain link fence at least eight feet high.

Charles Boehme Home After Hospital Stay

Charles F. Boehme, of 1459 1/2 W. 219th St., has returned to his home following confinement at Harbor General Hospital.