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New Parking Plan Offered City

Schools Ask End To Building Halt

The efforts of Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull to get sand and gravel for resumption of construction work on new schools has so far been unsuccessful, he said yesterday. Hull contacted union officials and contractors in an effort to get sand and gravel to allow construction work to continue on several projects. While all agreed that school construction should continue, nobody offered any material.

Work Delayed
Work on the gymnasium and

New Station on Display Here Over Week End

First opportunity for the general public to inspect the new central fire station at Carson and Crenshaw has been announced by Fire Chief J. J. Benner, who plans open house at the new facility Saturday and Sunday between 2 and 4 p.m.

The new station, constructed with funds provided by a bond issue voted by Torrance residents last year, has been occupied for more than a month, but the open house was delayed to permit completion of interior "polish," Chief Benner reported. The public showing will follow official dedication ceremonies planned tomorrow.

Designed by Varner

The new station, designed by Architect Marion C. Varner, who also designed the new civic center now under construction, is the nerve center for the city's fire fighting forces. It contains offices for the department's administrative staff, fire marshal, battalion chiefs, and dispatch man.

Also included in the station is a modern kitchen, dormitory facilities, locker and shower facilities, repair shop, hose tower, auxiliary unit, and central radio dispatch center. All of this will be on display this week end.

Trucks on Display

Also on display will be the city's latest additions to fire fighting equipment, including the new ladder truck with an 85-foot aerial ladder.

"This is your opportunity to see what we got for those bonds which we voted last year," Chief Benner said.

Man Attacks, Then Pleads For Mother

A 41-year-old Hawthorne woman told sheriff's deputies Monday that she was raped three times by a young man who warned her not to tell police, because "it would kill my blind mother, if she knew."

The woman said she was snatched from a bus stop in downtown Los Angeles by the man, who grabbed her suitcase and said he would kill her if she didn't come with him. He took her to several secluded spots, where he raped her, she said. She was finally released at 18th and Figueroa Sts.

She estimated the man's age at about 22.

Fido Can Get Rabies Shot Wednesday

Fido is going to get shot next Wednesday. The South Bay Veterinary Assn. has set up a clinic at Torrance Park to provide shots for all dogs whose owners wish to have them inoculated against rabies, according to Dr. Rollin R. Smith.

Shots will be given from 7 to 9 p.m. next Wednesday, Dr. Smith said, with a charge of \$2 for each shot. The chick embryo vaccine, good for two years, will be given to all canines, and a certificate showing that the animal has been inoculated be given each owner, he said.

Dr. Smith, Dr. W. M. Crow, and Dr. W. A. Drummond will give the shots, assisted by local volunteers. All dogs must be on leashes, he cautioned.

Compulsory rabies shots were approved by a recent action of the City Council. Under terms of the ordinance, all dog owners must have their animals inoculated. Citizens may bring their dogs to the clinic or to a private veterinarian.

Similar clinics will be set up in both north and south Torrance, Dr. Smith said.

Move to Cancel District Plans

A four-point program designed to ease the downtown parking situation was approved by the Parking Committee of the Chamber of Commerce this week and will be recommended to the City Council at an early date, it was announced yesterday by Committee Chairman Dean L. Sears.

The program, which calls for putting the plan to form an assessment district on a parking meter fund in full (less maintenance costs) at the end of approximately 18 months from date of purchase.

The Council is expected to receive the report and consider it at an early date.

The committee's program as outlined by Sears would include:

1. Use of excess meter funds to purchase one lot now which could provide about 10 new off-street spaces.
2. Conversion of the city-owned lot at Cravens and El Prado to metered parking with suitable entrances and exits to be designed by the city.
3. Dismantling of the old Cravens Ave. fire station and conversion of the site into off-street parking (when the city is able to vacate the building now occupied by the Planning Commission office and building departments).
4. Use general fund monies to acquire strategic lots throughout the district through long-term lease, or long-term purchase plans. Parking meter funds could be used to retire the indebtedness on this program.

The committee's decision to recommend tabling the proposal to form an assessment district of downtown property owners to purchase lots was based on the time element involved, Sears said. He reported that the legal firm which oversees the preparation and sale of municipal bond issues in Southern California had indicated that such a program would take at least one year to put into effect.

"Our investigations showed that in most cases it took long or and in some cases it took from five to 12 years to get such a program in operation," Sears said.

"We don't have that kind of time," he added. A meeting with the Council where the matter can be discussed informally will be requested by the committee when it makes its report, the chairman said.

The committee which Sears headed included Sam Levy, George Binder, and Art Otsea. City Manager George Stevens sat in on this week's session.

Grossing \$36,000 Their report shows that the city is now grossing about \$36,000 annually from the 450 parking meters which were installed late last year. Half of

Deferment Tests Set

Selective Service College Qualification tests will be given at El Camino college Nov. 17, Merl P. Sloan, director of student personnel, announced yesterday.

The test, designed to serve requirements for full-time college students who wish deferment from the service, will be of three hours duration. Prior to taking the test, students must go to any selective service local board for a bulletin of information, an application, and a mailing envelope.



DR. ROLLIN R. SMITH ... Announces Resignation

Board Official Leaving City

Dr. Rollin R. Smith, president of the Torrance School Board, will submit his resignation to the board next Tuesday, he announced yesterday. A veteran of five years service on the board, he is moving from his Torrance home at 1855 1/2 Torrance Blvd., to Rolling Hills, which will make him ineligible for further service on the local school board.

Board Chooses Successor

The school board, under the law, is empowered to choose a successor to fill out the rest of Smith's term, which expires next year.

Smith will continue to maintain his Harbor Animal Hospital office at 1855 Torrance Blvd. "I am sorry to leave the board, for I feel that Torrance has a very good school system," he said.

He has two sons in local schools—James, a student at Torrance High, and Bruce, an elementary student. James will finish the year here.

Aided Youth Work Active in Youth work, he is a former chairman of the Board of Managers of the YMCA and was one of three local citizens to cosign a \$6000 note guaranteeing payment of the loan for the 'Y' building.

He is a past president of the Torrance Lions Club and served as deputy district governor of Lions International.

He has lived here eight years.

6 Youths Held After Hill Orgy

Lennox sheriff's deputies yesterday were planning charges against six teenagers picked up in connection with the rape of a 14-year-old girl in Palos Verdes Monday night and a series of "lover's lane" robberies.

Lt. Reginald Harrison said charges would be filed against Eugene Ross Hedlund, 19, of Artesia, allegedly the ringleader of a group of youths who dragged a 14-year-old Winchester girl from a car, carried her to a secluded spot in the Palos Verdes Hills, raped her, and forced her to submit to acts of sex perversion.

Five Minors His five companions, all under 18, face juvenile court charges on three counts of robbery, rape, and sex perversion. Harrison said the court would be asked to consider whether the five youths should not be treated as adults due to the viciousness of the crime. All are being held in the Lennox jail.

Two of the sextet were picked up at about 11:30, Monday night, when Palos Verdes policemen Fred Tomkins and Albert Enriquez stopped by a parked car near Palos Verdes Dr. West and Mivola Rd. A group of youths scattered and a naked girl ran toward them screaming, "Help me. Thank God you're here."

Pair Mauled Hedlund and a companion were halted by the policemen as they fled from the scene. They stopped when the officers fired shots over their heads. Hedlund claimed that he tripped.

The girl said she had been dragged from a car near the Wayfare's Chapel a few minutes earlier, where she had been packed with two companions, 14 and 17, respectively. The group were accosted by the six youths, who beat up the boys and dragged the screaming girl to their car.

Girl Attacked The group took her to the location where the officers found her, stripped her and two of them raped her and forced her to submit to sex perversion, she said. She escaped being attacked by the other four only because of the arrival of the officers, she said.

Two of the gang were picked up by officers at the spot, while three others were picked up a few hours later by sheriff's deputies near Crenshaw Blvd. and Crest Rd. The sixth youth was captured in Santa Ana last Tuesday.

Earlier, Bobby Gene Hensley, 28, and Ruth Margarita Linwood, 26, a soldier and WAC stationed at Ft. MacArthur, who had been parked near

Torrance Area Traffic Crashes Injure Four

Traffic accidents in the Torrance area injured four persons recently, according to police reports.

Jerry Moore, 19, a Marine stationed with the 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, received head injuries when the car in which he was riding, rammed a power pole at the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Calle Mayor shortly after midnight Monday.

Donald Lee Downs, 19, also a Marine, who listed 4602 Calle Mayor as his home address, was driving the vehicle. Police reports of the mishap indicated that Downs had started a left turn from the highway onto Calle Mayor when he noticed a car coming at him. He said he pressed on the gas pedal and completed the turn, but couldn't straighten out the vehicle before it hit the pole.

Hurt Sunday In a Sunday crash, Clifton A. Wood, 35, of 1852 Plaza del Amo, suffered injuries when his automobile was reportedly involved in an accident at West 9th Ave. and 27th St. According to reports, the mishap was not reported until a nurse at Harbor General Hospital called and said Wood had been admitted for treatment.

Another vehicle was supposedly involved in the collision. On Sunday, cars driven by Clizozeta Tverskiy, 35, of Los Angeles, and Vernon P. Allen, 50, of Redondo, collided at Prairie Ave. and 17th St.

Girl Hurt Eight-year-old Ludmila Tverskiy, reportedly suffered minor injuries in the wreck. According to police, Mrs. Tverskiy was attempting a left turn at 17th onto Prairie at the time of the mishap.

Audrey Scott suffered minor injuries when auto driven by Gordon Speckmeier, 19, of Redondo, and Richard C. Winsbury, 25, of Lavender were involved in a crash at 17th St. and Casimir Ave., on Monday. Again the left turn was apparent in the wreck, as Speckmeier told officers he was turning left from 17th onto Casimir when the cars hit.

This figure is 65 persons higher than the preliminary report indicated. These 67,459 persons live in 18,883 separate dwellings, making an average of about 3.58 persons per house.

Of the total, 33,846 are males and 33,613 are females. In the national population, women outnumber men. The white population is 66,695—33,442 men and 33,253 women—while the non-white population is 764—including 404 men and 360 women.

The census was completed about a month ago. Recent figures indicated that Torrance is now the seventh city in the county, having increased by about 50 per cent since the last census two years ago. At that time, the city had about 44,000 people.

100 Give Ideas On Delinquency

More than 100 persons turned out to offer their ideas on what can be done to curb juvenile delinquency at a special meeting held Monday night in the Civic Auditorium.

More wholesome evening activities, stronger enforcement of curfew laws, and more of the "go with 'em" spirit on the part of parents in joining in the activities of their children were some of the suggestions offered by representatives of leading groups in the city.

Participants joined in three discussion groups—evaluation of the juvenile problem in Torrance, evaluation of existing facilities to meet it, and suggestions for improvement. Sgt. D. C. Cook, Dr. Kurt Shery, and Mrs. Ledna Billingsley led the groups.

The suggestions gathered will be compiled and put in a report which has been requested by the governor, Sgt. Cook said. A town meeting on the juvenile situation will be held in the Civic Auditorium early next year, he said.

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