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Student Slogan Contest Revealed

Chamber Backs Bid For Court

Added endorsement of the city's bid to obtain a session of the Municipal Court in Torrance was voiced this week by the Board of Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

At the regular meeting of the directors Monday, the board voted unanimously to endorse the effort being made by the city to obtain a court for the Torrance area.

"It was the considered opinion of the Board that Torrance is the logical place for the location of the court and the effort made by the city of a highly desirable and valuable site certainly is one not to be overlooked," a letter to Supervisor Burton Chace and Kenneth Hahn from the Chamber stated.

The board action follows a vigorous campaign by the HERALD to force the Supervisors to recognize the fact that more than 100,000 Torrance and neighboring area residents are now greatly inconvenienced by the present court situation. Residents now must travel to the Hermosa Beach city limits on the ocean front to handle traffic tickets. Thousands of them must pass the Torrance civic center site to reach the court, officials have pointed out to the Supervisors.

The Supervisors have not indicated when they might act on the Torrance court matter although official resolutions of the Torrance City Council have been before them since last April.



FESTIVAL PLANNERS . . . Making plans for the Nov. 19 Pacific Bowl Festival are Mrs. Howard Coy, secretary; Mrs. Elyse Ahle, president of the Pacific Bowl Assn.; Mrs. Helen Phillips Cordell, president of the Los Angeles County Music Commission, and Mrs. Eugene Singer, festival chairman.

Bowl Festival Slated Saturday

A free concert, featuring leading Los Angeles area musicians will be held at 8:15 Saturday, in Torrance High School Auditorium, starting the drive for funds for the Pacific Bowl. John Barnett, assistant conductor of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, will conduct the combined

South Bay and Compton Symphonies and the Vine St. Music Workshop, playing Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony," Sibelius' "Finlandia," and several shorter numbers. At 87, he is

one of the youngest conductors in the world.

Dorothy Ledger, well-known opera star, will sing Saint Saens' "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice," from "Samson and Delilah," and Gretcheninoff's "On the Steppe."

Guest Conductor Ralph Matzky, conductor of the Compton Symphony, will act as guest conductor for the "Leonora Overture" by Beethoven.

The program is presented through the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the Los Angeles County Music Commission, and Local 47, AF of M. Appearing as concertmaster will be Toscha Seidel, concert violinist. He is a member of the Vine St. Musical Workshop and has appeared on many concert stages.

Rosemary DeCamp, Samuel Landen, and Mrs. Leland Atherton Irish will explain the plans for the Pacific Bowl development, near Western Ave. and Palos Verdes Dr. North.

On the gently-sloping hillside, a 3000-seat bowl is planned, with possible expansion later to 6000. Nearby, a Greek theater to seat an indoor audience of 1000, and art and history museums are planned. Parking areas large enough for thousands of cars also are proposed. In a wooded arroyo, workers plan a picnic area.

The sixty-acre site is now the property of the Los Angeles Housing Authority, leased to them in 1935 by the Palos Verdes Corp. for \$10.

The Pacific Bowl Assn. is composed of some 1000 citizens who are active in civic and cultural undertakings and are seeking to get the land for use as a cultural center. According to Elyse Ahle, president of the association, the site is the last suitable one available in this area.

Explosives Cause Arrest

A 26-year-old Torrance man will be arraigned in South Bay Municipal Court on Dec. 7 on charges of carrying explosives in his car, after sheriff's deputies found more than 100 sticks of dynamite in his auto trunk.

John Foley, of 4504 Del Amo Blvd., was apprehended by deputies in a bar near 4557 Redondo Beach Blvd. He told them that he was employed by a cesspool firm and used the dynamite in his work. He put them in his car to keep them out of the rain, he said.

An Editorial A Community Disgrace

Today's issue of the Torrance HERALD carries a series of pictures made this week along some of Torrance's major streets—pictures that could be duplicated in a hundred locations throughout the city. What they show is a disgrace to any American community.

This serious situation has been realized by members of the City Council and city officials and something is being done about it today. At a cost of several thousand dollars—which is being paid for by every Torrance taxpayer—city crews are out along the roadways today scooping up the tons of trash and junk which have littered Torrance streets far too long.

Other phases of the clean-up campaign have been scheduled to follow up the street cleaning project. City crews cannot do it all, however.

To stimulate the interest of the younger residents of Torrance, the HERALD today is announcing a slogan contest for students of the city's elementary schools which will be climaxed with the presentation of a \$25 Savings Bond to the winner.

And while the campaign is on to clean up some of Torrance's streets, a little attention might be paid to some of the city's alleys, especially in the downtown area.

The general clean-up drive, although most admirable and highly desirable, shouldn't stop at the front door. Let's go "whole hog."

It is going to require the cooperation of all Torrance residents, merchants, industries, and people working and visiting in Torrance to maintain a clean city in which we can take pride.

Industrialist Succeeds Smith

Joseph G. Arnold, purchasing agent for the Chicago Bridge and Iron Co., was named Tuesday night to the Torrance School Board, succeeding Dr. Rollin R. Smith, who moved from the school district.

He was unanimously named to fill out the rest of Dr. Smith's term, which expires next May. Charlton A. Mewborn will continue as acting president of the board until the next meeting, when Arnold's appointment will become official and the five members will then choose a new president.

A resident of Torrance for the past 10 years, Arnold lives at 1551 Post Ave. He has been an employe of the Chicago Bridge and Iron Co. for 34 years, working his way up from timekeeper to his present position. For six years, he was superintendent of the local plant.

A Rotarian, he has been active in the Al Malaikah Shrine, Scottish Rite, Torrance Elks, YMCA Board of Managers, Community Chest, and Red Cross.

He and his wife, Eva Mae, have four grandchildren in local schools. They are the children of their daughter, Mrs. Phil Hoffman, Jr., also a local resident.



JOSEPH G. ARNOLD
... Named to School Board

Auto-Train Crash Leaves 2 Dead, 1 Near Death

Two persons were dead and a Lomita man, Virgil P. Larson, 26, of 2233 W. 255th St., was near death yesterday as a result of an auto-train smashup at 248th St. and Wilmington Ave.

Larson was driving the car when it rammmed a Santa Fe freight train in the early morning hours. The bodies of Larson's passengers, James E. Matthews, 47, and Dolores E. Miller, 28, both of Long Beach, and the injured Larson were not found until more than two hours after the tragedy.

Rabies Shots Tonight

Dog owners in North Torrance or other parts of the city may have their animals vaccinated against rabies tonight at Torrance Park from 7 to 9 p.m., in the last of a series of rabies clinics. There is a \$2 charge on all animals must be on leashes.



SERVICE CLUBS MEET . . . The city's six service clubs met together Monday evening to hear Dr. Hugh Tiner, president of Pepperdine College. Representing their clubs, left to right, are F. S. Selover, Civitan; Tommy Block, Exchange; A. Robinson, Lions; Dr. Ray Larsen, Rotary; Dr. Tiner; Boris Woolley, master of ceremonies; George Bradford, Optimists, and Dr. Gerald M. Eastham, Kiwanis. Dr. Tiner spoke on "Service Is My Business."

Bond Offered For Apt Slogan

A contest among elementary school students in the Torrance Unified School District to select a catchy slogan for the city's sidewalk trash receptacles has been announced by HERALD Publisher King Williams.

The author of the winning slogan will receive a \$25 Savings Bond from the HERALD.

Sought is a slogan of four or five words which will draw attention to the receptacles now on Torrance streets and the 13 new ones to be put into service soon.

Entries should be submitted to the Torrance HERALD, 1619 Gramercy Ave. before midnight, Tuesday, Dec. 6. Eligibility is limited to students in the first to eighth grades in the Torrance Unified School District. Students entering slogans for the contest (there is no limit to the number entered) should include their name, address, school, and grade on the entry.

Judges Named A committee of judges including Chamber of Commerce President Paul Loranger, Street Superintendent Ralph Perkins, and HERALD Editor Reid Bundy will make the final selection of the winning slogan which will be announced Dec. 5.

City Manager George Stevens has agreed to have the winning slogan placed on all of the city's trash receptacles. The present receptacles have a sign on them saying, "Help Keep Your City Clean."

School Superintendent J. H. Hull gave his enthusiastic support to the program and said he would ask his principals to encourage participation in the slogan contest by the students.

At the same time, City Manager George Stevens said the planned clean-up drive along the shoulders of Torrance streets would go ahead as scheduled. Street Superintendent Perkins said yesterday that to encourage participation in the slogan contest by the students.

The forms, headed "Litterbug at Work," provide space for the address of the offense, a description of what happened, make of car, license, color, year, and a description of the person involved. These will be turned over to the Torrance Police Dept. for prosecution.

Special "Scrub Down" Still another phase of the all-out clean-up campaign is being co-ordinated by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. It is the "Clean Up for Christmas Week" program which is designed to encourage a scrub-down of the downtown area during the week of Nov. 27 to Dec. 3. A "scrub-down" had been set for Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 8 a.m., but the Sunday night rain may have eliminated the need for this, it was reported.

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City Studying Parking Plans

Mayor Albert Isen told members of the Chamber of Commerce Parking Committee this week that he voted for parking meters last year with the understanding that downtown property owners would form an assessment district to raise funds to secure off-street lots.

The committee, with Dean Sears, manager of the Bank of America as chairman, had requested that the Council consider a four-point program:

1. Buy one new lot immediately from the parking meter fund (now about \$14,500).
2. Remediate the city lot at Cravens and El Prado, provide new entrances and exits, and install meters.
3. Dismantle the old central fire station which no longer used by the city and convert the area into off-street parking.

4. Use general funds of the city to acquire or tie up lots in the downtown area for parking.

On the last matter, several members of the Council expressed the opinion that the use of general funds monies for downtown parking was out of the question at present because no funds are now available.

Sam Levy, member of the parking committee, suggested that the city tie up the lots and then accept repayment from parking meter funds.

Levy also stated that he favored the continued formation of the assessment district in the downtown area although the committee had voted to hold any work on this project in abeyance because of the time element involved.

The recommendations of the committee were taken under advisement by the Council.

WOMEN SEE 'PANTHER'; OFFICERS FIND TRACKS

South Torrance residents were wondering yesterday if "Simba," the Palos Verdes lion, had made a re-appearance as two women reported seeing a large black animal on the hill above Winlock Rd.

Mrs. Herbert Minter, of 2932 Winlock Rd., and a visitor, Mrs. Jean Steffen, were chatting in the backyard when they saw a large animal like a panther on hill property owned by the Torrance Sand and Gravel Co. They called the Humane Society and Police, who investigated and found numerous fresh cat-like tracks in the soft dirt. Officer "Buck" Ingram estimated their size at about three-and-a-half inches around.

Neighbors reported that their dogs have been barking a great deal at night lately, for no apparent reason, and wondered if they were frightened by a cat. A circus lost two monkeys passing through here recently, and Humane Society officials wondered if another animal might have strayed.

In 1951, residents of the Palos Verdes area organized hunting parties to find a "lion" which was reported in the area. Large tracks were found, but the "lion" never was unearthed.

Educators Eye North Torrance School Problem

The Torrance School Board took steps to improve the crowded school situation in north Torrance Tuesday night. A bid of \$350,636 from the Bill A. Smith and Son Construction Co. was accepted for construction of the new Arlington School at 178th and Arlington Aves.

The Torrance School Board accepted the Smith bid, which was the lowest of 11 received. The new school, containing 12 classrooms and two kindergartens, will be located on a 10-acre site. Completion date for the work was set as July 18, 1956.

Relieve Problem Completion of the new classrooms will relieve the double session situation at the Crenshaw and North Torrance Elementary Schools, and allow for growth in the area.

Architect Roy Donley was appointed to draw up the plans for Edison School, at 182nd and Doty Aves., on a six-acre site just west of North High School. This school, which will help the double-session problem at Perry and Carr Schools, will contain 14 classrooms and two kindergartens.

Officials also discussed the possibility of improving the El Nido School property, which is currently in county territory, but in the Torrance School District.

Annexation Possible Officials are negotiating to improve the property because of the possibility that the territory might be annexed to Redondo Beach and its school district, thus giving that city a new school paid for with Torrance money.

Superintendent J. H. Hull, however, said Tuesday that improvement of the school property should aid the school situation, since the temporary buildings at El Nido house fewer children than the recently-constructed buildings. If the territory were annexed by Redondo, that city would assume the indebtedness on new buildings.

PV Hills Trash Dump Protest Slated Today

Location of a trash dump in the Palos Verdes Hills will be protested today by a group of residents of the area at a session of the regional planning commission.

The county wants to set up a cut and fill dump on 150 acres of abandoned diatite mining pits. The dump would be one of four contemplated by the county throughout the Los Angeles area.

Chief Engineer and General Manager A. M. Rawn, of the County Sanitation Districts, said it will take at least 10 years to fill the ravine in the Palos Verdes Hills.

The rubbish would be carried from Inglewood, Westchester, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Rolling Hills, Portuguese Bend and the Palos Verdes Estates.

The proposed dump is in a light manufacturing zone. A dump cannot be established there unless a zone variance is granted.

The public hearing at 11:15 a.m. in room 100 of the County Engineering Building, 108 West Second St.