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Service Clubs Join City's Battle for Local Court

POLIO VACCINE SCHEDULED FOR THREE MORE GRADES IN JANUARY

Hahn Promises Aid in Battle

The added weight of Torrance's many service clubs and civic organizations began to pile up behind the city's move to obtain a Municipal Court for Torrance, it was announced here this week by Atty. Boris S. Woolley, chairman of the Court Steering Committee.

First to sign an official club resolution was George C. Bradford, president of the Torrance Optimist Club. Following within the hour, Monday evening, was Dr. Gerald M. Eastham, president of the Torrance Kiwanis Club.

Members of Woolley's committee are making personal appearances at the city's nearly 100 clubs and organizations to tell the need for a Municipal Court in Torrance.

"Residents now have to travel to a court located on the periphery of the district at the north city limits of Redondo Beach to handle any judicial matter," Woolley said.



SUPERVISOR HAHN ... Pledges Court Aid

Other Groups Join

Adding quick support to the move this week was the Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion who voted to adopt the resolution urging establishment of a court here. Also adopting a similar resolution was the Pilot Club, women's service club of Torrance.

Councilman Nick Dralle, member of Woolley's court steering committee, said yesterday that he had scheduled several meetings with union officials, civic organizations, and other service clubs throughout the remainder of the week. Other members of the committee are doing the same.

Hahn Likes Idea

In the meantime, Supervisor

Kenneth Hahn indicated this week that he would support the plan to establish a Municipal Court in Torrance—the first supervisor to pledge his support to the city's request.

"I want you to know that I will assist you in your endeavor as I believe that it is wise to have branch courts in Los Angeles County so that the people will not have to travel a long distance to take care of their judicial affairs," Hahn wrote in a letter to Chamber of Commerce President Paul Loranger.

At the same time, Supervisor Burton W. Chace's field deputy, Richard Newton, wrote to Loranger saying "Please be assured that the most serious consideration is being given to the Torrance City Council resolution No. 2846 dated Nov. 8, 1955."

First Request Ignored

That was the city's second resolution asking that a Municipal Court be established here. A similar resolution was sent to the supervisors last April, but it was apparently pigeon-holed. Other members of the city's court steering committee who are working daily to bring a court to Torrance include Henry W. Creeger, plant manager of American Standard; Al Muller, plant manager of Great Lakes Carbon Corp.; Dr. Gerald M. Eastham; and Robert Burke, former president of the Oil, Chemical, and Atomic Workers Local 1-128.

Shop at Night 'Til Christmas

Torrance stores will begin staying open in the evening beginning tomorrow evening, it was announced here yesterday by Carl C. Duncan, president of the Retail Merchants Assn. Stores will remain open until 9 p.m. each week day evening through Dec. 23, Duncan said.

"Merchants have gone all out to make Christmas shopping in Torrance a delightful experience," Duncan said.

Stores are jam-packed with Christmas gift suggestions.



OPTIMISTS JOIN COURT FIGHT ... Optimist Club President George Bradford (center) signs club resolution asking the Board of Supervisors to establish a Municipal Court in Torrance while two past presidents of the club look on. At left is Atty. Boris Woolley, chairman of the City Council's court steering committee, and on the right is the club's immediate past president, C. A. Woodcock. Other Torrance clubs are joining the move to bring a court to Torrance.

Mewborn Named Board President

Attorney Charlton A. "Bud" Mewborn was elected president of the Board of Education of the Torrance Unified School District Tuesday night. He succeeds Dr. Rollin R. Smith, who resigned because he left the city.

Vice president of the board for the past year, Mewborn was elected to the school board in 1954, and filled out the term of William H. Tolson, who resigned.

Dr. Joseph P. Bay, also a member of the board since 1954, was named vice president, filling Mewborn's former post.

Mewborn is associated with the legal firm of Armstrong, Mewborn, and Hitchcock, coming to Torrance in 1949. Born in New York City, he practiced law in Memphis, Tenn., and later served as attorney for Bethlehem Steel and a large insurance firm. He is a University of Michigan graduate.

He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, a former president of the Seaside Ranch Homeowners, and a founder of the Seaside PTA.

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City Ordered To Remove Storm Drain

A judgment against the City of Torrance which requires it to remove an asphalt storm drain from the property of Lawrence L. Benton, on Via El Chicho in the Riviera, was signed this week by Superior Court Judge Parks Stillwell in Los Angeles.

Benton, a former Torrance police officer, had brought suit against the city for installations of the drain in 1953 and had sought \$17,000 damages. The drain was built across the Benton property after heavy rains had washed across the lots and caused damage to homes on Calle Mayor below.

Attorneys for Benton and the city agreed to terms of the settlement before the matter reached trial. The city based its defense on the damage which was resulting to the homes on Calle Mayor during the heavy rains. Stanley Remelmeier, assistant city attorney for Torrance, who represented the city in the matter, said following the building of the Riviera Elementary School, great quantities of dirt were carried down over Avenida Atezada to Via El Chicho and on to Calle Mayor.

Representing Benton in the matter were Attorneys Boris S. Woolley and Kenneth M. Gargelon of Torrance, and Peter Hedin of Los Angeles.

Santa Claus Tells Hours

Santa will be at his headquarters in El Prado Park to listen to the Christmas wishes daily except Sunday, he announced yesterday.

The jolly old gent said that his hours this week would be as follows: Today—10-11 a.m., 2-4 p.m.; Tomorrow—10-11 a.m., 6-7 p.m.; Saturday—1-2 p.m., 6-7 p.m.; Monday—Tuesday, Wednesday—10-11 a.m., 2-3 p.m. If rain or bad weather prevents his holding interviews throughout the week, he will be in front of the Civic Auditorium. Further schedules will be announced later. Santa also will visit all downtown stores throughout the week, covering the whole business district before Christmas.

According to Mary Pagac, chairman of the entertainments committee the Betty Thomas Accordion Studio will present a program tomorrow night at 7 p.m. in Santaland, El Prado Park. Saturday programs will be from 2 to 4 and 7 to 8 p.m.

New Series Will Start on Jan. 9

Free polio shots will be given to local school children in kindergarten, first, and fourth grades starting Jan. 9, according to Dr. B. A. Kogan, local county health officer.

The shots will be given under terms of an act passed by Congress, providing federal funds for such a program.

The local office of the County Health Department just completed giving shots to children in the second and third grades. Shots will be given to children in both public and parochial schools, Dr. Kogan said. Two shots will be given to each child, he said, but the date for the second series will be announced later. Consent slips will be required from all parents, he said.

Two Teams Set

Two teams of doctors will go out daily to handle the shots and some private physicians also are expected to aid in the project.

The Torrance Board of Education Tuesday night agreed to cooperate with the program. Second graders at Perry and El Nido Schools got the last of the local shots under the old program yesterday.

The local schedule will be as follows: Jan. 9 (a.m. session) and 16 (p.m. session) — Riviera and Seaside Schools. South Bay Christian School, Jan. 9 only.

Jan. 10 (a.m.) and 17 (p.m.) — Waller and Torrance Elementary Schools, Jan. 12 only.

Two Schools Scheduled

Jan. 11 (a.m.) and 18 (p.m.) — Hill, Perry, and El Nido Schools.

Jan. 12 (a.m.) and 19 (p.m.) — Fern and Madrona Schools, Nativity School, Jan. 12 only.

Jan. 13 (a.m.) and 20 (p.m.) — Hill, Perry, and El Nido Schools.

Jan. 23 (a.m.) and 30 (p.m.) — Carr and North Torrance Schools.

Jan. 24 (a.m.) and 31 (p.m.) — Crenshaw and Steel Schools, Jan. 25 (a.m.) and Feb. 1 (p.m.) — Newton Schools.

Final arrangements for shots at St. Catherine Laboure, Denker, Lomita, 259th Pl., and 232nd St. Schools are not yet completed, Dr. Kogan said, and will be announced later.

Baby Dies After Taking Stomach Pills

A Torrance youngster swallowed approximately 70 prescription pills early Tuesday morning, and despite efforts by his father and a police officer to save him, he died at Harbor General Hospital.

Dead is Dennis Randall Irwin, 16 months, of 3303 W. 189th St. The boy got the pills, prescribed for upset stomach, from a dresser drawer in his parent's room, police say.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Irwin, discovered he had taken the pills at about 9:10 a.m. They proceeded to drive to the hospital and on the way met Officer H. B. Ingram, who gathered the boy in his patrol car and rushed him to medical authorities. He died, however, at 9:40 a.m.

Services for the boy are pending at McGlynn Mortuary in Los Angeles.

Woman, 71, Daughter Held For Abortion

Hearing on dismissal of abortion charges against a 71-year-old woman and her daughter is set Monday in Long Beach Superior Court. The two, Mrs. Leola May Ramsey, 71, and Mrs. Marguerite Reeves, 49, were arrested on illegal operation counts here on Oct. 6.

Mother and daughter were arraigned Monday in Superior Court.

They are accused of performing two illegal operations at Mrs. Reeves' home, at 3635 W. 227th St., in September. Their attorneys contended at Monday's arraignment that evidence does not warrant prosecution of the charges, however.

Both have prior records of conviction on abortion charges. Mrs. Ramsey has been convicted five times of abortion, police said.

Authorities say two women made arrangements for the abortions in September here by telephone, then met their victims at an intersection and drove to the West 227th Street address, where the operations were performed.

They both were sent to prison in 1950 on an illegal operation conviction. Mrs. Ramsey was released after serving two years of a five year term, while her daughter served six months in county jail.

They were bound over to Long Beach court after preliminary hearing recently in South Bay Municipal Court. They are free on \$10,000 bail each.

Alert Police Nab Pair

Two out of state bandits found justice swift in Torrance last week as they were nabbed while attempting to burglarize a local laundry establishment.

Billy E. Long, 19, of Missouri, and Lester O. Mannes, 21, of North Carolina, accidentally tripped off the burglar alarm while rummaging through the concern at 9 a.m. last Thursday. Both said later that they didn't recognize the alarm and stayed in the shop.

Sgt. John Maestri and Officer Phillip Wilson were on the prowl and heard the alarm. As they checked the establishment, they saw the men and quickly apprehended them.

Judges Swamped With Slogans, Delay Decision

Selection of the winners in the cleanup slogan contest sponsored jointly by the Torrance Herald and Paul Loranger of Paul's Chevrolet, scheduled for announcement today, proved to be too big a task yesterday when judges began pouring over the nearly 200 entries, submitted by Torrance students.

"Because of the large number of entries to be considered, the judges have delayed their decision until Monday," Managing Editor Reid Bundy announced.

"Response to the contest was overwhelming," Herald Publisher King Williams said. "If we have done nothing else, we have created a spark of enthusiasm for city cleanliness in countless scores of Torrance youngsters."

The panel of judges which include Loranger, Bundy, and Street Superintendent Ralph Perkins will complete their selections and announce them Monday.



LETTERS TO SANTA ... A group of Torrance youngsters get their letters to Santa in the mail early at new postal box at Santaland in El Prado Park. Santa and Postmaster Clara Connor help the youngsters — Lynne Renfro, Johnny Connor, Terri Giest, Laine Genest, Laurel Flest, and Mike Markussen. Santa assured all local youngsters that he would answer all of their letters.

ONLY FOUR DAYS LEFT IN ROSE BOWL CONTEST

Torrance area residents have less than a week to enter the Torrance Automobile Dealers' special New Year's week end which will include a week end at the world famous Ambassador Hotel, and "ringside" seats for three gala events—the Cocount Grove's New Year's party, the Pasadena Tournament of Roses, and the Rose Bowl game between UCLA and Michigan State.

To enter the contest, which closes at 6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11, turn now to page 3 of today's HERALD, and complete the coupon in the advertisement of the Torrance New Car dealers. Take the coupon to any of the five new car dealers of Torrance, test drive a 1956 automobile, and keep your fingers crossed for the judges' decision.

The exciting, expense-paid week end, is being offered to the entrant who supplies the best reasons for buying a car in Torrance. There are many good reasons why it pays to buy an automobile in Torrance—just put down a couple of the best ones and you may get that fabulous New Year's week end.

News Index

What is the solution to the school problems in Torrance today as they are presented because of the city's unbridled growth during the past few years? HEARLD Staff Writer Tom Rische has sought some of the answers, with the help of School Superintendent A. H. Huil. You can find a full-page discussion of the problems on Page 25.
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