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Council Defers Decision On Water Fluoridation



CLERKS START BUILDING . . . Ben Scott, secretary of Retail Clerks' Union, Local 905, turns first shovel of earth symbolizing beginning of construction on new \$150,000 headquarters for the clerks in Harbor City. Others attending the fête included Cecil Johnson, Central Labor Council; Mrs. Johnson, Charles Doneth, Val Fugatti, Architect Paul Williams, Ivan Morris, Walter Sherman, Realty Board President Roy Shaw, Orin Lutterbeck, Contractor Don B. Wolfe, and Tom Randall, AFL Council for California and Nevada. (See photo on Page 17.)

YMCA Opening Fund Campaign

A score of civic leaders will meet tomorrow to open the 1957 Current Support Campaign of the Torrance YMCA when LaVerne Gill, new chairman of the initial gifts division of the annual campaign, calls his workers together for a kick-off luncheon.

Gill and his committee will conduct a quiet campaign among a selected list of donors in an effort to raise substantial gifts for the operation of the Torrance YMCA.

Club Formed
A new club is being formed by the Initial Gifts Division, and will be called the Century Club. Membership will be limited to those men who give \$100 or more to the YMCA. YMCA Secretary Joe Wilcox became the first member of the club.
Division Chairman Gill said

Garage Fire Damages Car, Furnishings

A fire swept through a garage at 3415 W. 19th St. late Saturday, causing extensive damage both to the structure, a car parked inside, and a number of household furnishings stored there.

Mrs. E. J. Wolfe told Torrance firemen that her husband had moved a refrigerator into the garage earlier in the day, but that a neighbor boy had run over to tell her the garage was on fire. She then called firemen.

Cause of the fire was undetermined, as was the total loss, believed to be more than \$500 damage. Firemen managed to push the car out of the blazing garage and extinguish the fire in it. Other furnishings and tools also received extensive damage.

INDUSTRIES FROWN ON ANNEXING

The Torrance Industries Tax Committee has unanimously gone on record opposing the annexation of Lomita and a Rolling Hills area into the city of Torrance.

At a meeting last Friday, the group, composed of 20 representatives of leading Torrance industries unanimously declared that taking the two areas into the city, as proposed, "would be more of a liability than an asset." The motion was made by Henry W. Creager of the American Radiator and Standard Corp.

The city has filed papers with the County Boundary Commission announcing its intention to annex all of Lomita and an area between Torrance and the newly-incorporated city of Rolling Hills.

Police Seek Youths Who Fired at Car

A hail of bullets from a car narrowly missed a young Lomita motorist here Monday night, according to police.

Joe Madrid, 19, said he was driving on 190th St. at Prairie Ave. when a car containing three or four youths drew beside his. The occupants hurled rocks at his auto.

When Madrid tried to pull away, the attackers cut loose with guns.
Six holes, apparently caused by .45-caliber bullets were found in the back of Madrid's machine. Other marks may have been caused by shotgun blasts, officers reported.

Madrid climbed the other car and made his way home to call police about two hours after the 8:30 p.m. incident.

Studies Ordered On Issue

The City Council asked for more time to study the issues of fluorinating municipal water supplies this week after a public hearing which lasted nearly two hours brought out a wealth of information favoring and opposing the matter.

Atty. Don Hitchcock, president of the Torrance Dental Health Assn., backers of the proposal, presented the case for fluoridation with the assistance of two local dentists, Mrs. Ralph McBee, executive-secretary of the Dental Health Assn., and Mrs. Francis Stoeckle, president of the Torrance Council PTA.

Several individuals spoke in opposition to the proposal, citing mainly the threat to individual freedoms, forced medication, and cost of the equipment and maintenance.

Dentist Speaks
The value of fluoridation was pointed out in a digest of current reports by a Torrance dentist, who asked to appear anonymously before the Council because of professional ethics. He cited cases in the United States and abroad, and said that more than 100 U. S. communities currently fluoridated municipal water supplies and served nearly 30,000,000 persons.

Extensive studies of areas using the artificial fluoridation process have been made and were cited by the dentist, showing that dental decay is reduced remarkably in young children who have lived where the water is available.

Official Appears
Water Superintendent A. E. McVicar reported that the city could install the equipment for an estimated \$60,000 and that an additional \$10,000 a year would be needed to maintain the equipment and supply the materials.

The Council received 20 letters and a telegram protesting the measure while petitions containing more than 1,000 signatures were submitted favoring the proposal made by the Torrance Dental Health Assn. Group to Continue
Dental Health Assn. President Hitchcock said after the meeting that his group would continue its serious study on the fluoridation question and would make its findings available to the Council as it was obtained.

"The members of the association are grateful for the patient and courteous attention given the matter by the Council at the hearing tonight," he said.
Hitchcock said the association would continue its efforts to convince the Council that the city's domestic water supplies should be fluoridated for the benefit of the dental health of thousands of Torrance residents, especially to those in younger age groups who receive the maximum benefits.

No date for reconsideration of the matter was set by the Council, but it was indicated that a number of inquiries into cost and other aspects of fluoridation would be made at the city's request.



STUDYING TORRANCE . . . Chamber Secretary Dick Fitzgerald and Look Magazine Writer Ben Kocivar take a look at one of the posters proclaiming that Torrance has been named an All-America city. Kocivar will spend a week in town learning why Torrance won the honor and then will write an article for his magazine about the city.

Look Writer Here To Study Torrance

Selection of Torrance as an "All-America City" was officially announced in the issue of Look Magazine which appeared on the stands this week, as Writer Ben Kocivar arrived in Torrance to gather material for a later article.

Only the announcement of the selection of the 11 All-America cities, together with a brief background of the reasons for each city being chosen, appeared in Look this week.

Feature Play Set
Torrance, however, will be featured pictorially in a later issue, Kocivar said, as an example of a young growing town which has successfully met the problems of its unbridled growth. This is the first town which Kocivar has visited in his tour.

He will spend about a week in town, studying the various aspects of Torrance's city government and civic development. A photographer will accompany him on his rounds, shooting hundreds of pictures of life in Torrance. A very small percentage of such pictures will be used, Kocivar said.

Kocivar said he did not know just what would be featured in the article, since he just began his fact-gathering mission Tuesday.

Jury Picked In Horsley Murder Case
A jury of four men and eight women was picked Tuesday to decide the murder charges against Fred Elijah Horsley, 35, who is charged with the murder of his wife, Maudie Lee, 34, last Oct. 16 at the couple's north Torrance home.

The trial began yesterday in the court of Superior Judge Clement D. Nye. Horsley has pleaded innocent to the charge. Mrs. Horsley was found strangled and beaten to death on the kitchen floor of her home at 3221 W. 190th St. about 2 a.m. Oct. 16, shortly after she had returned from her job at an aircraft plant. A day-shift aircraft worker, Horsley told police he was awakened by his wife's screams and that he saw an unknown assailant fleeing.

Senate Gets Local Bills

Ratification of the city's eight charter amendments approved at last year's municipal election was voted by the Assembly yesterday morning and was brought before the Senate late yesterday for action, according to a special report to the HERALD by Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, now in Sacramento.

The charter amendments include a provision to pay members of the City Council \$100 a month, and provides for a director of finance for the city, and other changes in the charter.

At the same time, Assemblyman Thomas reported that the Assembly had adopted a resolution congratulating Torrance on being selected an All-America City by the National Municipal League judging which was announced recently. Drawn up by the Assembly's legislative counsel, the resolution calls the award a deserved honor and congratulates Torrance on being an All-America City.

Citizens Lauded
"It is fitting and proper that the people of the State of California join in congratulating the citizens of Torrance," the resolution stated. "The Assembly added its congratulations to the text of the document."

Assemblyman Thomas said the resolution is being engrossed, and he hoped to have it here by Jan. 26, date of the official awards banquet.

Court Bill Due
On other legislative matters effecting Torrance, the Assemblyman said the bill to authorize appointment of a third judge in the South Bay District would be introduced next Monday in Sacramento.

A scramble for appointment to the office is expected among local and South Bay aspirants to the bench. The third judge would be appointed by the Governor, but could be named from any area of the State.

Leading contenders appear to be Atty. Donald Armstrong of Torrance and William E. McFadden of Redondo Beach, although Mayor Albert Isen has opened a vigorous campaign according to several sources. No action on the appointment is expected for several months.

Employment Office
Plans for the new Department of Employment building here are in the final stages, and an appropriation of \$249,000 for construction is in the budget which will be considered by the Legislature beginning March 1. Site for the building is the state owned property at the northeast corner of Engracia and Cravens Ave.

A determined effort is being made by the city to get the State to take over the former City Hall on Cravens Ave., which has ample off-street parking, and a soundly constructed building. City Manager George Stevens said yesterday that the loss of off-street parking which would result from the construction of the proposed new building would be serious detriment to the downtown area.

HOSPITAL AID ASKED

A meeting to discuss support for the \$776,000 fund drive for the new Little Company of Mary Hospital will be held today by top industrial leaders.

At a meeting last Friday, members of the Torrance Industries Tax Committee urged support for the proposed new hospital and passed a resolution protesting the formation of a hospital district for Torrance. Members of the committee were urged to be present at the Board of Supervisors hearing room in the Hall of Records next Wednesday at 11 a.m. to oppose the measure.

Reed Parkin also was re-elected chairman of the committee at the meeting, and Fred W. Mill was chosen again as secretary.

President Sends Congratulations On City Honor

The city this week was recognized as an All-America City by President Eisenhower who sent the following telegram:

"Please give my congratulations to the citizens of Torrance as they receive word of their selection as an All-America City. This award recognizes their splendid response to the problems and challenges of modern municipal life. Their individual and cooperative efforts are an example to the communities of the nation."

Mayor Isen announced receipt of the telegram at Tuesday night's Council meeting.

State Jaycee Head Named Banquet M.C.

Philip Knox Jr., past president of the California Junior Chamber of Commerce, and general legal counsel for the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, will be master of ceremonies for the All-America City presentation banquet here Saturday night, Jan. 26, it was announced yesterday by A. E. Thompson, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Considered one of the most outstanding young attorneys in California, Knox is no stranger to Torrance Jaycees. He has made several visits to Torrance, and has been active for several years in Jaycee events throughout California.

Cited By Oakland
His activities have extended beyond Jaycee work, and he was named the "outstanding young man" of Oakland in 1955.

"The Citizens' Committee in charge of this celebration is proud to announce that Mr. Knox has been secured as the master of ceremonies," President Thompson said. "Because Oakland is a sister city receiving this coveted award, we feel this will cement the bond of friendship between Torrance and Oakland," he said.

Guests Invited
The Chamber president added that city officials of Oakland have been invited to the celebration here on Jan. 26.

Knox will be joined at the speakers' table by representatives of Look magazine and the American Municipal League, co-sponsors of the All-America City award each year, who will make the official presentation of the award to Torrance.

Reservations for the banquet may be made at the Chamber office.

\$548 Needed To Complete Chest Goal

As Community Chest volunteer budget committee members, including Harbor representatives, face the realities of allocating campaign-collected funds to Chest-dependent agencies, City Chairman Richard S. Pyle pointed to a quota yet unmet in Torrance.

"We feel sure that many know that we are short \$548 in meeting our \$18,116 goal will want to donate a sizable sum to take up the slack and boost us over the goal," Pyle said. "None of us would want one child to be turned away from the services our Red Feather dollars assure," he added.