

CITY TO CANCEL AIRPORT PACT

New Manager To Be Hired

In a split decision, the city council this week voted to buy out the management contract for Torrance Municipal Airport now held by Collins-Dietrich, Inc. Voting to end the contract were Victor Benstead, Robert Jahn, and Albert Isen, while Nick Drale and Willys Blount opposed the move.

Under the terms of the city's proposed agreement with Ed Dietrich, of Collins Dietrich, the city would pay \$1000 a month for the remaining one and one-half years of the contract and would assume management of the airport as a department of the city.

Drale opposed the move to terminate the contract before its completion, repeating his previous stand that the city should live up to the agreement. He was joined by Blount in the opposing minority.

City to Gain
A study of the financial gains which the city could expect by taking over complete operation of the airport indicate that municipal operation would bring enough into the city to pay the \$1000 a month to Dietrich and leave a little extra over current receipts.
"Within six months of city operation, there will be many more leases in effect," Isen claimed during discussion on the matter.
New leases on the airport property have been under a severe restriction for more than a year, and proposed leases made available to owners of craft based at the field were turned down by the terms offered by the city.

Hearing Date Slated for Baby Slayer

The court will decide Dec. 6 whether John Miller, 15, will be treated as a juvenile or tried as an adult for the thrillslaying of a 22-month-old Rolling Hills Estates girl last week.

In a pre-delinquency hearing Monday, Superior Judge William B. Neely appointed two psychiatrists to examine the youth, who police say has admitted killing little Laura Wetzell on Nov. 11.
Miller, an escapee from a Whittier reform school, was captured Friday at Reno, Nev.



EYES ON GOAL . . . City leaders who are making a concerted effort to bring each Harbor Area city up to 100 per cent of its Community Chest quota include Mrs. Carl Taylor, headquarters; Mrs. William LaPorte, Palos Verdes; and Ernest Brower, Wilmington, left to right at the front. In the rear are Glen Koger (left) Torrance's city chairman, and Denver Bullock, San Pedro.

Cops Raid Cockfight, Arrest 47

\$15 Fines Levied Against 45 Adults

Fines amounting to \$15 each were levied against 45 persons arrested here Sunday while watching a cockfight on the tomato farm of Salvador Duarte, 2568 W. 235th St. Four owners of the birds were fined \$50 apiece.

Torrance officers, headed by rounded up 45 adults, two juveniles and the four bird owners after the disgruntled wife of one of the spectators called police anonymously.

Officers moved into the improvised arena area, located on a little-used dirt road west of Crenshaw Blvd., and watched the exhibition unnoticed before announcing the raid.

One man described as a bird owner was caught only after Sergeant Fischer pursued him through waist-high weeds.

A city bus was needed to take the men to jail.

All appeared in South Bay Municipal Court Tuesday where the fines were levied.

Coffee Maker Causes Blaze At Shop Here

A coffee maker that somebody forgot to turn off apparently started an early morning fire at the J. S. Garrison Machine Shop, 2420 Sepulveda Blvd.

The coffee maker apparently set a bench afire, but there was little damage.

At the Dow Chemical Co., 305 Crenshaw Blvd., a rupture in a steam pipe set off an automatic sprinkler system. Firemen answered the early Wednesday call, but there was no fire.

In other action, the fire-fighters:

Put out a garage fire at the W. J. Sovinski residence, 22114 Ocean Ave., which apparently started in some airplane fuel. Some of the furniture stored in the garage was damaged.

Put out an auto fire in a car belonging to Ross Painter, 22219 S. Western Ave., which apparently started from a cigarette. The fire occurred in front of 1221 El Prado.

Two Injured

Two persons were taken to Harbor General Hospital following an accident Sunday at Eshelman Ave. and 233rd St.

Injured were Rudi Cohen, 39, of Los Angeles, and Eunice Maker, 54, of Los Angeles. Both were passengers. Drivers were Betty Cohen, 37, and Sidney Maker, 47, both of Los Angeles.



TOP REALTOR . . . Bob Haggard this week was elected president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors. (Herald Photo)

Bob Haggard Heads Local Realty Board

Bob Haggard, former Torrance Councilman and Mayor, was elected president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors at the group's annual election here Tuesday morning. He will succeed Roy Shaw in the board's top post.

Elected to service with Haggard during 1958 were Harry Bowker, vice president, and W. E. Bowen, secretary-treasurer.

New members of the board will include Gerald A. Alter, Bowker, Haggard, and Kenneth Miller. They will join five holdover members, Rose Craig, Bowen, Edith Smith, Chris Sorensen, and William Tolson Jr.

The annual election meeting was held at the board's new headquarters, 22833 Arlington Ave.

Installation of the new officers has been scheduled for a dinner meeting at the Plush Horse on Jan. 7, 1958.

Child, Born To Injured Mother, Dies

A day-old baby girl who was born shortly after her mother was involved in a Sunday traffic accident died Tuesday in Harbor General Hospital.

The baby's mother, Mrs. Urel C. Johnson, 4556 W. 167th St., Lawndale, received a broken collarbone and many cuts in a Sunday collision which occurred only a half-block from Harbor Hospital—at Carson and Normandie. Johnson was rushing his wife to the hospital at the time and his auto collided with one driven by Lois Hanson, Los Angeles.

The injured woman was rushed to the nearby hospital where she gave birth to the little girl shortly afterward, but efforts of doctors to save the child proved fatal as it succumbed a day after birth. The mother was reported improving, while Mrs. Hanson received only minor injuries.

Band Needs \$5000 More to Make Trip

The Torrance Area Youth Band is making one last appeal to insure its participation in the Mid-West National Band Clinic in Chicago. It is still \$5000 short of the needed \$25,000.

"Parents of the band members and members of the Citizens Committee have continued to work diligently," explained Mrs. Conner, chairman of the Citizens Committee. "It costs \$250 to send one band member to Chicago and feed and house him while he is there. Money raised so far by the parents and committee, and as a result of the TV concert has proved that people are immensely enthusiastic and

proud of the work of the band, but almost enough is not enough. We have to have every penny in advance."

"It would be a shame," Mrs. Conner continued, "if Torrance, won the All-America City award based upon its civic and community cultural achievements, were to fail to support this very important project."

"The Area Youth Band is the best example of a group working in behalf of all these things to be found in the South Bay Area," she continued. She requested residents and organizations to mail their contributions to "Postmaster, Torrance," before Dec. 1.



FIRST FLOAT FUNDS . . . Chief Lifeguard Bud Stevenson and Capt. Kirby Temple of the Los Angeles County Lifeguard Employees' Assn. present a \$50 check to O. R. Trueblood, vice president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, as the first donation toward financing a float in the 1958 Tournament of Roses. The lifeguards made the donation in return for the city's help last year in sending their team to the Olympics in Australia. (Herald Photo)

Drive Starts to Finance City's Rose Parade Float

Torrance will have a float in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena New Year's Day. It was decided this week at a special meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce.

"Directors voted to have the Chamber sponsor a fund-raising campaign aimed to give everyone in the community an opportunity to share in the project. Details of the community-wide effort will be worked out by the executive committee of the Chamber working with Manager Dick Fitzgerald.

The float, estimated to cost \$5000, and less if volunteers are used to attach the flowers Dec. 31, will be designed by Mrs. Isabella Coleman, for 50 years a consistent winner for Long Beach and many other municipal and commercial entries.

Before voting to sponsor the float, directors held a lively discussion during which individual members expressed themselves as opposed to the use of municipal funds to underwrite the entire cost of the project. It was also emphasized that the Chamber's treasury would not permit underwriting by the organization.

The directors voted unanimously to sponsor the campaign only after deciding that there was sufficient interest on the part of the public to assure small and large donations from numerous individuals. The probability that entry into this year's parade presumed annual participation, also was pointed out.

WEDNESDAY DEADLINE SET FOR CHEST FUNDS

"All workers for the current Community Chest campaign should complete their assignments and turn in their contributions to their chairman or the Chest campaign headquarters, 1025 S. Pacific Ave., San Pedro, by Wednesday, Nov. 27," Torrance City Chairman, Glenn Koger, announced at a luncheon meeting of the campaign leadership held Monday.

Jay A. Robinson, Harbor Area Campaign chairman, who called the meeting and sponsored the luncheon thanked those who have worked on the campaign and told city chair-

men to do everything possible to encourage their workers to finish their jobs by Wednesday so that the Harbor Area will maintain its lead over the four other associated cities areas at Associated Cities port Meeting Thursday noon, at the Coconut Grove.

"Any donors who have promised to mail in checks, please do so at this time. Also any workers who have call backs to make, please make them before Wednesday so that your assignments will be complete," Koger said.

He announced that all those who have worked on the campaign are invited to attend the Report Luncheon at the Coconut Grove for \$1.50 a person and suggested that any who may be unable to attend because of a transportation problem, contact his immediate chairman who may be able to help him. Reservations for the luncheon may be made by calling the Chest campaign headquarters.

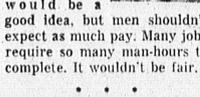
A Penny for your Thoughts

Trying to peek into the future, the HERALD's photographer asked this question:

"Some labor leaders are talking about a four-day work-week for everybody. What do you think of this idea?"

Grover C. Van Deventer, 2203 W. Carson St., retired.

"I have worked on both sides of the fence—as a foreman and worker. If there's a shortage of jobs and over-supply of labor, it would be a good idea, but men shouldn't expect as much pay. Many jobs require so many man-hours to complete. It wouldn't be fair."



John Anagnostis, 3829 W. 195th St., insurance salesman.

"I think it's inevitable. With the advancement of technology, machines do what many men once did, possibly creating more unemployment."

Fewer hours for everybody could mean more jobs. The whole thing would have to be closely studied and planned before it could be initiated, however.

John G. L. Crain, 3753 W. 171st St., traffic consultant.

"Ideally, it's a very good idea, but there are many ramifications to it. One of the most important would be the use of leisure time. What would people do with their time? Planning their time is one of the hardest things for people to do."

Mrs. Madge Duran, 17639 Kornblum Ave., housewife.

"I think it would be all right if they kept the pay up on the five-day level. It wouldn't work if it means a cut in pay. It would, however, give dad a chance to have some time with the kids."

Mrs. Kathleen Mahoney, 3333 W. 175th St., housewife.

"If the plan would help employ some of the people who are now unemployed, it would be a good thing. It would probably help many people get some work done around the house."

Mrs. Betty Vandervort, 3736 176th St., housewife.

"I'd like the idea if they would get the same pay. It would give families longer week ends which could be spent with the children, and give families a chance to take week end trips."

Rivets Reports

Today's weather should be mostly clear inland, but people who live near the beaches may find the air a little soupy, according to the HERALD's weather dog, Rivets. Highs may be between 65 and 70, depending on where you live.

High and low temperatures this week were Sunday (68-49); Monday (70-40); Tuesday (70-53); and Wednesday (82-45).



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