

COUNCIL REJECTS PROPOSED AIDE

A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you think of the city's gesture in lifting the parking meter fee during the Christmas season?"

That was the question the HERALD's inquisitive photographer asked several persons shopping downtown this week. Their answers and pictures appear below:

Wilma Faires, 328 E. Carson, housewife:
"I think it's just wonderful. It's a very generous gesture. My husband and I usually come downtown and use the meters every afternoon. Today, however, I was without the car and came down by bus."

Sam Mittleman, Los Angeles, tool engineer:
"It's completely incorrect. The purpose of meters, aside from revenue, is to permit more people to use the available space. Now, when they need space the most, they've abandoned them. It gives people the wrong idea of the true intent of metered parking."

Bernice Severin, 707 Fisk Ct., Redondo Beach, housewife:
"It's a pretty nice idea. When you are in the midst of holiday shopping you don't have to suddenly rush back to the meter to feed it more coins. It's very convenient."

Doris Nickler, 706 Fisk Ct., housewife:
"I think it was very thoughtful of the city officials in Torrance. I thought about particularly the other day when I was Christmas shopping in Hermosa Beach. It breeds good feeling."

Jim Spivey, 25706 1/2 Eshelman Ave., Lomita, law student:
"It's truly a wonderful gesture. Other towns can profit by it. It gave me a lift when I drove up and saw the 'Merry Christmas bag covering the meter. I'd say it's down to earth and thoughtful."

Pat Chase, Redondo Beach, switchboard operator:
"I don't like meters. That's why I think this is such a good idea. It really adds to the Christmas spirit. Despite my aversion to them, I do use the meters the other 51 weeks of the year."



IN HOME STRETCH . . . Torrance's float committee leaders admire a late contribution to the fund for the city's entry in the world-famous Pasadena event next Thursday. With Chairman George Bradford are the co-chairmen of the decorations committee, Mrs. Jean Jerald, left, and Mrs. Margaret Clark. This trio will be busy during the coming week with scores of volunteers getting the float ready for the parade. (Herald Photo)



MORE FUNDS . . . Helping to ease the \$1000 shortage in float fund donations is Del Nadeau (left), president of the Downtown Retail Merchants, who is handing his group's \$100 check to J. H. Paget, while the newly named "Miss Torrance," 16-year-old Betty Baker, looks on. (Herald Photo)

'CINDERELLA' TO OPEN HERE THIS WEEKEND

"Cinderella" with a full symphony orchestra and a cast of over 200 dancers, musicians, and carolers, will be presented by the South Bay-Torrance Civic Symphony at Redondo High auditorium Sunday at 3 p.m. and Monday at 8:15 p.m. It will be the fourth annual Christmas pantomime to be presented by the group.

Music for the new ballet was composed recently by Prokofiev, who wrote the popular "Peter and the Wolf." It won acclaim by the critics at its recent London premiere.

Augmenting Prokofiev's music will be scores by Mendelssohn, Borodin, Handel and Johann Strauss.

Symphony Conductor Elyse Aehle, originator of the Christmas pantomimes, will be director, and Robert Reger and Carl Whitmar will be choreographers. Les Micci will be in charge of lighting.

CREDITS FOR special numbers go to Phyllis Moore, Rosale and Alva, Simon Semenov, and Peterson. Designer of the program cover is Lani Bolotin, the artist.

Cast members include: Betty Isbitz, Vincent Martinez, Patricia Storms, Jane Miho, Kenneth Halle, Nancy Halle, Dennis Callahan, Lane Taylor, Diederne Stern, Linda Slama, Virginia Dobrick, Patricia Carey and Marvin Reynolds.

Float Fund Short \$1000

About \$1000 in donations is needed to complete financing of the city's Tournament of Roses float. Chairman George A. Bradford announced today.

Attributing the lag in fund-giving to the rush of Christmas activities, Bradford urged organizations, firms, and individuals who wish to support the local entry in the New Year's Day parade at Pasadena to send contributions to the Chamber of Commerce office, 1345 El Prado.

Heading the list of donations were three \$100 gifts received from the Torrance Police Officers Assn., Aetna Maintenance, and the Downtown Retail Merchant Division of the Chamber.

Other checks in the amount of \$25 or more came from: Shell Chemical Co., \$25; Union Carbide Chemicals, \$25; George Binder, \$25; Walteria Business Men's Club, \$50; Torrance Police Revolvers Club, \$50; Rotary Club, \$55; Butchers Union, Local 551, \$50; Walteria Flower Shop, \$25; Sheridan-Gray, Inc., \$25; California Rubber Products, \$25; Pittsburgh Plate Glass, \$25; Southwood Construction Co., \$50; Adams - Morgan - Latham - Kripp - Wright, \$25; Kiwanis Club of Walteria, \$25; and the North Torrance Civic Assn., \$79.

One, Two Three And It's Gone, Seller Reports

It took Hugh M. Taylor, of 7867 Crenshaw Blvd., exactly three insertions of a HERALD Want Ad to sell a three-unit building near Carson and Normandie, he reported this week.

Taylor, a real estate broker, isn't certain which of the three ads attracted the buyer; but he is convinced that HERALD Want Ads have the answers to many of his selling problems. His ad read:

OWNER LEAVING CITY MUST SACRIFICE 3 units, near Carson and Normandie, \$190 monthly income. Full price \$12,750. Shows 13% return on investment. Never a vacancy. BROKER.

If you have a piece of real estate to sell — or even an old flat iron, automobile, or furniture — you probably can sell it right away through a HERALD Want Ad.

Why don't you call FA. 8-4000 right now and ask for a Want Ad taker?

Public Works Post Unfilled

The city council wound up with a 1-1 record after a nine-inning struggle Tuesday night. They had hired one top echelon city official and rejected a recommendation to hire another.

Hired to fill the position of senior administrative officer was Robert Carlson, city clerk and acting city manager of Claremont at the present time. He will succeed Chapman T. Bone who was named assistant city manager effective Jan. 1 to replace Don Mansfield, who will become city administrator for Bell.

In the second action, the council rejected the city manager's recommendation for filling the director of public works post, being vacated by the retirement of John Russell at the end of this year.

WILLYS BLOUNT opened the objections by pointing out that the man recommended was not at the top of the eligible list, but that the No. 1 man was being passed because of his youth (less than 35, the HERALD was informed.)

After a lengthy and sometimes heated discussion, the council agreed to authorize another examination, probably about the middle of next month.

IN ANOTHER ACTION, the council concurred in the recommendation of City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer to hire Atty. Charles Catterlin as city prosecutor to serve until a civil service eligibility list can be established for the post.

Remelmeyer said Catterlin would be able to devote two or three days a week to the job and thus could clear up a backlog of administrative matters in the office.

THE COUNCIL also concurred with a recommendation of

Councilman J. A. Beasley to have the police department and traffic commission make a survey of all the stop signs in the city and eliminate those "not necessary to the safety of school children or the efficient flow of traffic."

They also concurred in the recommendation of Bradford that six more police officers be hired as of March 1. It was pointed out that three of the last six added to the force earlier this month were replacements and not additions to the department.

TED CARROLL of Coleman Engineering was confirmed as a member of the airport commission on the recommendation of Mayor Albert Isen. The name of John Mulvihill was submitted by Councilman Nick Drale for reappointment to the planning commission when his term expires next month. The suggestion was taken under study.

A tentative agreement to lease Pacific Electric Ry. property between Cabrillo Ave. and Western Ave. along Torrance Blvd. to permit beautification of the city's entrance was turned back to City Manager George Stevens for further negotiation after councilmen termed the \$50 annual lease price just \$49 too much. The councilmen also objected to a provision of the lease which would permit the railway company to lease signboard space along the right of way.

Ex-Steelworker Dies in Crash

Louis O. Cochran, 45, former Torrance resident and employe of Columbia Steel here for a number of years, was killed late Monday near Yuma, Ariz., when an Arizona State Patrol car he was driving was rammed by another vehicle and the gas tank exploded and burned.

Cochran, who has been with the Arizona Patrol for two years after leaving the Border Patrol in which he served for more than 15 years, was on duty at the time, relatives here were informed.

Funeral services have been scheduled for Friday at the Baptist Church in Yuma.

He is survived by his widow, Irma, and two children, Susanne and Baker; brothers, William and Andrew of Torrance; Horace of Lomita; and Lee and Elvert Cochran of Harrison, Ark.; sisters, Mrs. Ena Ervin of Lomita, Mrs. Faye Laskey and Mrs. Ester Adams of Torrance, and his father, Grover C. Cochran, of Harrison, Ark.

His brother, Andrew, operates the Handy Andy barber and beauty shops on Crenshaw Blvd. in Torrance.

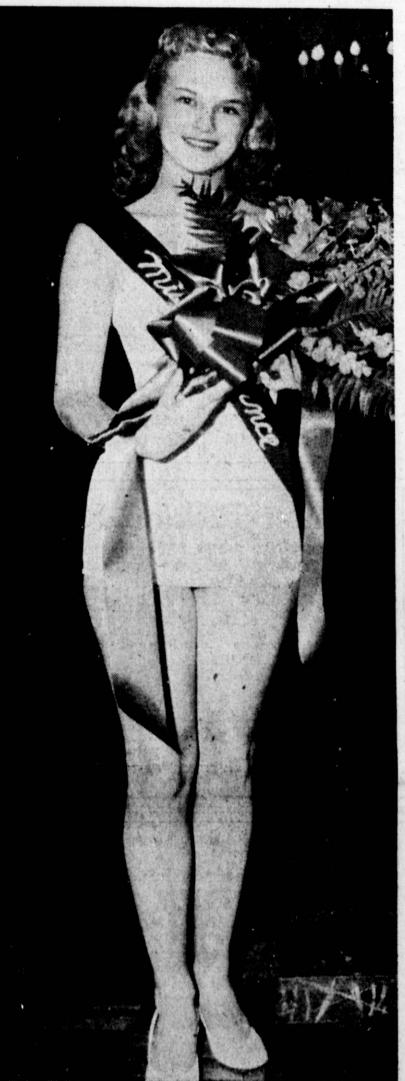
Blast Victim Grave, Trio Held in Case

A 40-year-old Los Angeles barber who was injured by a blast from a sawed-off shotgun at point blank range here Sunday night continues on the critical list at Harbor General Hospital where attendants said Wednesday afternoon that his condition was grave.

The victim is Aaron W. Johnson, of 1609 W. 107th St., who was walking with a nephew, Dale M. Allsup, 25, of 18435 St. Andrews Place, near 182nd St. and Western Ave. when a trio of teenagers attempted to stage a robbery.

Jailed after Johnson was shot in the chest by one of the gang were Edward Benevidez, 18; Gabriel Barreras, 18; and a 17-year-old.

The youths were captured when they abandoned their auto and it was traced through registration.



MISS TORRANCE . . . Sixteen-year-old Betty Baker, Torrance High School senior, was named "Miss Torrance" in judging this week and will head a court of five beauties on the city's Tournament of Roses float in Pasadena next Thursday. Others on the float will include Joyce Cannon, Donna Isbell, Glenda Lee Schwartz, and Judi Tye.

Queens Picked To Ride Float

Betty Baker, 16-year-old Torrance High School senior, captured the coveted "Miss Torrance" title in the finals held Monday morning in the Crystal Room of the Palms.

Betty is a song leader and student body secretary at Torrance High School and has been homecoming princess at Torrance High for the past two years. She was sponsored by the Downtown Retail Merchants Assn.

Joyce Cannon, staturesque blonde El Camino student won the first runner-up spot and she will join Miss Baker on Torrance's entry in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena on New Year's Day, Joyce is 18.

Other girls who will ride as mermaids are Donna Isbell (Miss Airport Day), Glenda Lee Schwartz, (Miss Walteria), and Judi Tye, Miss Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Capturing the second runner-up position was 16-year-old Judith Arlene Raymond, sponsored by the Car Clubs Associated, headed by Officer A. L. Jackson.

Third and fourth runners-up were Dana Hunter, 16, and Charlene Hackbusch, 16.

BABSON'S REPORT DUE JAN. 1

The annual Babson's Business and Financial Forecast for 1959 will be published in next Thursday's editions of the HERALD.

A careful checking of the Babson predictions for 1958, published at the first of this year by the HERALD, upholds the remarkable average of the past years by showing it was 86 per cent correct.

Only in 1940 and 1941 did Mr. Babson's score fall below the 80 per cent level, and then only by a few points. He is often in the 90s on percentage of accuracy.

Check the Thursday, Jan. 1, 1959, issue of the HERALD for Mr. Babson's unequalled reports on the coming year.

Testimonial

Although reservations are running at a brisk clip, tickets are still available for the Testimonial luncheon to be given departing Assistant City Manager Donald W. Mansfield at The Palms Tuesday at noon.

Mayor Albert Isen said tickets may be obtained at the city manager's office in the city hall or at the Chamber of Commerce office.