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SPECIAL CENSUS STARTS APRIL 1

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think organized charities should be grouped together to eliminate duplication of high-salaries of paid fund-raisers?"

That was the question the HERALD inquiring photographer asked several persons in Torrance this week. Their pictures and answers appear below:

Lynda Pike, 712 Apt. D, Sartori, bank teller:

"Yes, I think it's a good idea. We have AID at South-west Savings. They deduct a certain amount from each paycheck and it covers all the charities. We get a sticker for our windows to show we've already given."

Gladys Pollard, 2165 W. 238th St., church secretary:

"I certainly do. In my work I see a lot of that. If they were grouped together, then a greater portion of the money could go towards the vital work of the actual charities themselves instead of into administrative expense."

Earl Barron, Los Angeles, shoe salesman:

"Definitely. Community Chest does more than any single group. People are more apt to give generously when it goes to a combined group than if they are constantly bothered to give on an individual basis."

Joe Roy, 2814 Orlando, purchasing clerk:

"By all means. Too much of the money gets diverted when charities conduct individual drives. The aim of charities is to help the needy — and this can be achieved only by eliminating unnecessary extra salaries and grouping charity collecting."

Jerry Roplequet, 2456 W. 237 St., salesman:

"I agree wholeheartedly. The individual is not constantly bothered to keep giving when they are grouped and he can get the giving over with all at once."

TUSD Observes Easter

Torrance students and teachers will get their annual pre-Easter respite this week, as the district observes its annual Easter vacation. The schools will be closed during the five-day period, with classes resuming again on March 30.



TOP LEGIONNAIRE . . . American Legion Department Commander John J. Flynn (in white cap) is greeted as he visits the Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion here Wednesday night during past commanders' night. From the left are James Burchett, chairman of the evening; Fred W. Mill, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce; Flynn; Post Commander J. Rome Gateley and Mayor Albert Isen. (Herald photo)



EDITOR CITED . . . Reid Bundy (left), managing editor of the HERALD, receives a citation for meritorious service from J. Rome Gateley, commander of the local American Legion post, during a past commanders' night meeting. Also honored at the meeting was Jack E. Jerrils, managing editor of the Harbor Mall. The two newsmen were cited for their contributions to the local post. (Herald photo)

Paper Sack Bandit

Officer Spots Robber's Auto

A Torrance man described as an unemployed laborer has confessed to the robbery of a Torrance service station on

Overpass Ready By September

The overpass over Pacific Coast Hwy. in front of South High School should be completed by next September. That was the word Torrance school officials had Tuesday from state officials, who sent word that plans for the structure have been approved, and that construction will start soon. Local officials were informed that the cost of the overcrossing would be about \$65,000, somewhat higher than originally planned. The Torrance school board approved sharing the cost equally with the city and the state.

6 HURT, DRIVER JAILED

Six persons, including a mother and her four children, were injured here in a two-car crash at Cabrillo Ave. and Plaza Del Amo Friday evening and the driver of one of the vehicles was jailed on a charge of felonious drunk driving.

Jailed was George William Souder Jr., 21, of 1940 W. 145th St., Gardena, who allegedly hit the second car broadside at the intersection as he was traveling south on Cabrillo. Souder was released on \$2000 bail and is scheduled to appear in South Bay Municipal Court Monday.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital were Evelyn Louise Laugherty, 27, of 627 Harbor Hills, Lomita, and four of her children, Margaret, 12; Tony, 9; Steven, 7, and Brian, 6 months. A passenger in the Laugherty auto, Mary Grison, 58, of 625 Harbor Hills, also was taken to Harbor General Hospital.

TWELVE-year-old Margaret and 9-year-old Tony were being held for observation yesterday, but the others had been released following treatment.

Investigating officers said the Souder vehicle apparently sped through the boulevard stop at Plaza Del Amo at a speed estimated by witnesses as high as 45 miles per hour. The injured were forced to wait several minutes for an ambulance when the local company had no equipment available. The police had to call an ambulance from Redondo Beach to the scene.

RESIDENTS near Torrance Blvd. and Anza, scene of several serious traffic collisions in recent days, have petitioned the city council to "take immediate action to insure the speedy installation of automatic traffic signals" at the intersection.

City Manager George Stevens said the public works department is preparing a report on this project along with others.

Hope to Find 100,000 Here

A special census of the city—which officials feel certain will boost Torrance into the 100,000 population class—will begin here April 1, City Manager George Stevens reported yesterday.

Due to arrive here on that date is Vernon L. Miller, familiar to Torrance officials as the supervisor assigned to previous special census counts of the city.

Miller will need about 110 enumerators and expects the census to take about one month, Stevens said. A pool of about 200 applicants has been requested by Leonard C. Isley, regional supervisor of the Bureau of the Census. Miller will select the personnel to aid him when he arrives April 1.

THE CENSUS was ordered to take advantage of per capita tax distributions such as motor vehicle fuel tax and "in lieu" taxes.

Next month's special census will be the sixth since the regular 1950 federal census, and should reflect an increase of nearly 80,000 in the city's population in that nine-year period.

The 1950 census credited the city with 22,241 persons. Special census tallies which followed and the populations:

1952	31,834
1953	44,914
1955	67,459
1956	82,241
1957	93,372

APPLICATIONS for positions as enumerators may be made on special forms which will be available in the city manager's office at the city hall.

Cost of the special census has been estimated at \$9725, which will be paid by the city. The funds were set aside last year in the 1958-59 budget for the project, Stevens reported.

He said the city planned to make office space available in the old city hall at 1511 Craven Ave. for Miller and his staff.

PUC Out Of Water Squabble

The State Public Utilities Commission has bowed out—at least for the time being—of a water service dispute between the city of Torrance and the Dominguez Water Corp., it was announced Thursday.

The commission turned down a request of the firm that the PUC disapprove a contract whereby the company agreed to turn over part of its system to the system in 10 years from 1953.

THE RULING declared that "there is nothing to disapprove" since the PUC had not been asked to approve the pact when it was reached.

"Such contract has no law-ful operative effect until authorized by this commission, so far as the Dominguez Water Corp. may be concerned," the ruling declared.

The commission ordered its investigation closed until such a time as its offices might be needed as the result of a court decision on the matter.

THE WATER company had asked the commission to abrogate the agreement with the basic contention that it had been coerced by the city into the arrangement.

Observers here expect the matter to reach the courts.

Involved is an area of several thousand homes between 190th St. and Del Amo Blvd., west of Hawthorne Ave., which was developed just after the agreement was reached.



SPRING IS HERE . . . Yesterday being the official First Day of Spring and the beginning of Easter vacation, it was only natural that everyone who could get out of doors. Parks got a heavy play and Torrance Beach a good crowd. Peggy McMonigle and Elise Goodman, both South High students, were among those who attended the beach. (Herald photo)

Gets \$3500 From Victim

Bandit Kidnaps, Robs Attendant

An armed bandit who eluded police during an hour-long street and alley search in the downtown area Thursday afternoon was the subject of a continuing search yesterday. He is wanted on a charge of taking more than \$3500 in small denomination bills from William A. Love, an employe of a local service sta-

tion, after forcing his way into Love's truck near the Bank of America.

Torrance police units were rushed into the Torrance Blvd. and Crenshaw area Thursday afternoon after Love called in from a flower shop at the corner reporting the robbery.

He told officers that the suspect walked up to his pickup truck near the bank at Sartori and Post Ave. and climbed in. The bandit, described as short, about 45, and wearing a gray felt hat and gray sportcoat, pulled what appeared to be a revolver, and told Love to drive on.

The victim drove west on Carson St., then north on Crenshaw at the bandit's direction. Near Crenshaw and Sonoma, Love was forced out of the truck. The bandit slid over and drove north to Torrance Blvd., then turned east toward downtown Torrance, parked the truck, and disappeared.

Police searched nearby streets, alleys, and the railroad cut, but were unable to pick up his trail.



LIBRARY DEDICATED . . . On hand to open the new Carson Library on Main St. just south of Carson St. Friday afternoon were (from the left) County Librarian John D. Henderson, Branch Librarian Ruth Binz, and Supervisor Burton W. Chace. The library will be open to the Carson-Keystone area residents beginning tomorrow. (Herald photo)

Do You Know Your New Neighbors?
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