

# AREA RESIDENTS OPPOSE STEEL PLANT PLANS

LARGEST HOME DELIVERY BY FAR  
IN THE GREATER TORRANCE AREA

California's Greatest Semi-Weekly - Every Sunday and Thursday

IN THE HERALD TODAY

Ann Landers	11	North Hi	20
Armed Forces	30	Obituaries	30
Churches	14	Public Notices	37-38
Comics	21	Reg Manning	23
City Council	23	Society	11-13
Crossword	17	Sports	18
Garden Tips	21	Want Ads	38-43

## Torrance Herald

OFFICE AND PLANT AT 1619 GRAMERCY AVE., TORRANCE

45th Year—No. 29 \*

TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1959

44 PAGES

10¢ Per Copy

# TRIO HELD ON FORGERY CHARGES

## Area Stores Cash Checks

Three men charged with a total of 20 counts of forgery will go before Municipal Judge Otto B. Willett Monday for preliminary hearing.

Arrested in a surprise raid by Hollywood detectives early Sunday were Emmet Joe Wagoner, 25, of 100 S. Bonita, Redondo Beach, and Homer T. Prappas, 35, of Gardena. The pair were arrested at a Hollywood motel on information sent out by Torrance detectives earlier in the week.

A THIRD member of the alleged ring, Delmar Lee Stewart, 21, of 4706 W. Carson St., surrendered to local police when he learned that Wagoner and Prappas had been arrested.

Det. Sgt. Mickey Fischer, who headed up the investigation leading to the arrests, said the trio passed checks and received a total of \$2100 from area markets, liquor stores, and service stations. Prappas was arraigned Tuesday on 10 counts of forgery and was ordered held in \$2000 bail.

WAGONER and Stuart were each arraigned on five counts of forgery and ordered held in (Continued on Page 6)

## BUFFER ZONING ASKED

Revelation in Sunday's HERALD of plans by the R. C. Mahon Co. of Detroit to build a 30-acre steel plant west of Crenshaw Blvd. between Monterey and Sepulveda Blvd. led this week to protests by a group of Monterey St. homeowners who sought to gain a 100-foot "buffer strip" on the south side of Monterey St.

A letter from Mrs. Shirley Schwarz, secretary of the residents' committee, protesting the proposed 50-foot strip which has been zoned to separate the steel plant from the residential area, was read at Tuesday night's City Council meeting.

Planning Director George Powell was instructed to review past proceedings on the strip in question in writing for the homeowners, who are expected to be heard prior to next Tuesday's meeting.

ORIGINALLY the zone in question—which serves as a demarcation area between heavy industry and an established residential area—came into the spotlight last year when the planning commission initiated action to rezone a strip of land south of Monterey for multiple units or apartments. The action was later dropped. While the action was under way, the Chancellor-Western Oil & Development Co., a subsidiary of the Santa Fe Railroad, had agreed to the 100-foot buffer, which was recommended by the planning commission. It was to have included heavy landscaping and provision for executive parking only. The proposed 100-foot buffer zone was halved by council vote early this year when proposals for development of the property were considered.

## Narcotics Thief Is Sentenced

One of four narcotics thieves in the January robbery of the Kaiser Foundation Hospital was sentenced last week on three counts to a prison term which will run a minimum of five years, with possibilities of life imprisonment.

Charged with furnishing narcotics to a minor, armed robbery, and narcotics possession, Heber Charles Themm, 21, of 2125 W. 256th St., Lomita, drew five years to life on each of the first two charges and one to 10 years for the third charge.

His terms will run concurrently, under the decision handed down by Superior Judge Maurice C. Sparling.

Together with three companions, Themm was arrested Jan. 7 in Barstow, within hours after robbing large quantities of morphine and demerol from attendants at the hospital in Harbor City.

## Lawndale Folks Say 'Go Home'

Three-quarters of the residents of Lawndale prefer retaining the status quo to incorporation or annexation to a nearby city, according to a report revealed yesterday by City Manager George Stevens. A survey made by the J. B. Knight Co. for Torrance disclosed that 24 per cent favored annexation and one per cent wanted cityhood.

Among the minority who preferred annexation, 58 per cent chose Gardena, 38 per cent wanted Torrance, and 4 per cent selected Hawthorne.

## Street Widening Set For 223rd St.

Realignment and widening of 223rd St. from Main St. to 350 feet easterly in the Wilmington-Dominguez area will begin this week, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace. Street improvements will result in four full traffic lanes.

## Boy Critical

### Crash Kills 2nd Grader

A seven-year-old Los Angeles second grader is dead and her six-year-old brother in critical condition at Harbor General Hospital as the result of a high speed crash here Sunday evening in which two cars were demolished and their occupants injured.

Dead is Shannon Lucille Tillotson, of 12620 S. Figueroa St., a second grade student at the 118th St. School.

## City to Discuss Job Row

A three-man committee of the city council was named this week to meet with representatives of city employees to iron out controversy over banning of outside jobs by city workers.

Councilman Nick Drale was named chairman of the committee and Bob Jahn and Victor Benstead as members. Willys Blount and Mayor Albert Isen were named alternates.

The committee was named after Atty. Boris S. Woolley, who has been retained by city employees in the matter, appeared before the Tuesday night session to ask for a hearing on the job ban. He had previously filed a suit in Inglewood Superior Court seeking an injunction on enforcement of the ban scheduled for April 1, and a ruling that the 1934 ordinance outlawing such work by members of the police and fire department was unconstitutional. Woolley agreed to move the suit off calendar pending the outcome of the scheduled discussions.

MEANWHILE, the council asked that all employees of the city report their outside employment to department heads to determine if possible conflicts existed. The council promised that no employee would be jeopardized in his city employment as a result of such information.

When an attempt was made to send the matter back to the city manager for discussion with employee representatives, Councilman Blount revealed that the city manager had issued the order last February banning the outside jobs on orders from the council.

BASIS FOR discussion apparently will be the suggestion by Attorney Woolley that employees be permitted outside work with the approval of department heads. In this manner (Continued on Page 6)

## City to Discuss Job Row

### Crash Kills 2nd Grader

A seven-year-old Los Angeles second grader is dead and her six-year-old brother in critical condition at Harbor General Hospital as the result of a high speed crash here Sunday evening in which two cars were demolished and their occupants injured.

Dead is Shannon Lucille Tillotson, of 12620 S. Figueroa St., a second grade student at the 118th St. School.

Still listed as critically injured is the dead girl's brother, James Randolph Tillotson, who is in Harbor General Hospital with injuries described as including a fractured skull, damaged eye, broken shoulder, and ruptured spleen.

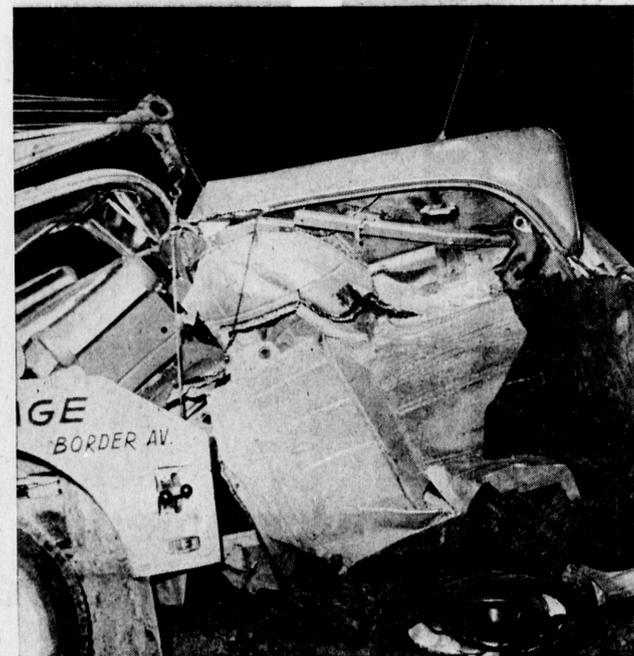
Jerry Mullins, 26, stepfather to the two youngsters, also is hospitalized with a punctured lung and other injuries, and was reported yesterday as improving.

OTHERS injured included Linda Tucker, 17, Patsy Russell, 14, both passengers in the Mullin auto; and William H. Marshall, 47, and his wife, Hazel, 44, occupants of the second auto in the crash.

Investigating officers, pieced (Continued on Page 6)



DEATH CAR . . . Seven-year-old Shannon Lucille Tillotson of Wilmington was killed when she was tossed from this auto on Sepulveda Blvd. west of Crenshaw late Sunday. Five others were injured in the high speed crash of two autos on the open stretch of road. Photo shows interior of car from rear.



AUTO SEVERED . . . The late model auto driven by a Wilmington man was torn apart by impact of collision which took the life of the seven-year-old stepdaughter of the driver. Police said the car was apparently traveling at a high rate of speed before it collided with another auto driven by a Manhattan Beach man. (Herald photos by Ronnie Wiener)

## On Saturday

### Students to Vie For Scholarships

Twenty-four of the area's most promising young musicians will vie for three one-hundred-dollar music scholarships at the annual competition sponsored by the Torrance Area Youth Bands at the Campus Theater, El Camino College, Saturday. The scholarships will be awarded at a dinner meeting of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club, co-sponsors of this year's concert series, April 22nd.

Competitions will be held in wind instruments, strings, and piano at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2 p.m., respectively.

RALPH BUSH, music education department head at USC, will judge strings and wind instruments. Judging piano contestants will be Miss June Lusk, head of the piano department at El Camino. Moderator will be Mrs. Allen Hofferber.

Wind instrument contestants include: Larry Graves, trombone; Chris Haffenden, oboe; Ronnie Van Dyck, clarinet; Ted Bluechel, drums; Tom Gree, French horn; Chaz Stuart, clarinet; Frank McCafferty, saxophone; Mary Titus, flute; Terry Waldo, trumpet; Bill Edwards, oboe; and Jeff Ohlson, clarinet.

Winners will perform solos at the Junior Woman's Club dinner meeting April 22nd and at the band's anniversary concert May 23.

## Park Becomes Bus Terminal

The city's main bus depot will be an open air facility beginning April 15, it was announced this week.

New downtown bus terminal will be the triangular park at Sartori and Cabrillo, Marshall Chamberlain, superintendent of the bus department, said. More suitable facilities are being sought, Chamberlain indicated.

## To Auction Old Firehouse May 15

Lomita's old fire station, 2240 W. Lomita Blvd., will be up for public auction May 15, according to Robert Heuer, head of the County Real Estate and Property Management Div. The building is located on land zoned for commercial use.

## Del Amo Blvd. To Get Improvements

Supervisor Burton W. Chace announced today that a contract to provide two full traffic lanes and a paved shoulder in each direction—separated by a raised median—on Del Amo Blvd. from the Long Beach Freeway to Alameda St. has been awarded to the Bodum Construction Co. for \$182,145.10. Completion date has been set for July.

## TWO FREE POLIO CLINICS SLATED HERE FRIDAY

First in a series of polio inoculation clinics will be held at Torrance Memorial and Riviera Hospitals tomorrow from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for those unable to pay the reduced fees in effect at private physicians' offices during April and May, according to Drs. Roy Halpern and Robert Hollis, co-chairmen of the Polio immunization program of the Southwest District of the Los Angeles County Medical Assn.

"THESE clinics are free and are intended for both needy adults and children who cannot afford to go to the private physician's office for their polio inoculations," said Dr. Hollis. "Children must be accompanied by adults."

Polio vaccine used in these clinics is being donated by local doctors who are members of the Southwest Branch of the Los Angeles County Medical Assn. The doctors will also staff the clinics. Adequate records of injections and other important information will be kept.

inoculation clinics for the needy will be announced later according to Doctor Halpern. Future plans call for clinics at Gardena Community Hospital in addition to Torrance Memorial and Riviera Hospitals.

In an effort to get as many people immunized against polio as possible, doctors of the Torrance-South Bay-Gardena area are reducing the price of polio inoculations to \$3 in their offices during April and May.

For proper protection, three shots of the vaccine should be taken. The second should be given a month after the first, and the third six or seven months following the second shot. A fourth or booster inoculation, given a year later, will provide additional protection.

## Extend Pavement On Moneta Ave.

Moneta Ave. from Carson St. to 218th St. in the Dominguez area is slated to receive extended pavement on the west side of the street to join the curb and gutter installed recently, it was announced today by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

## A Penny for your Thoughts

"What steps do you think officials should take to reduce the mounting accident toll within the city?"

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

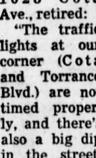
### MRS. FREDDIE DEMPSEY,

Atlanta, Ga., typist: "I suggest that people be more careful drivers. It's up to the man behind the wheel—not the city administrators."



### CHARLES O. SCHUCHMAN,

1028 Cota Ave., retired: "The traffic lights at our corner (Cota and Torrance Blvd.) are not timed properly, and there's also a big dip in the street. I would advise filling in dips all over town and regulating the timing of traffic lights properly."



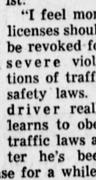
### JOANNE SOMERVILLE, 719

S. Broadway, R. B., housewife: "First of all, they should place street signs where the driver can see them better. When red lights are placed too close it creates a night-driving problem in addition. I recommend enforcing the laws more strictly—more tickets for minor violations."



### JOHN HOLLISTER, machinist:

"I feel more licenses should be revoked for severe violations of traffic safety laws. A driver really learns to obey traffic laws after he's been without a license for a while."



## Library Friends To Meet

In honor of National Library Week, an organizational meeting of the "Friends of the Library" will be held at the North Torrance Library, 3614 W. 174th St., at 10 a.m. Saturday. Aim of the group will be ways and means of helping and improving libraries of the area.

Among the guest speakers will be Mrs. Roger Smith, Los Angeles County coordinator of work with children in libraries. A former member of the New York Public Library staff, Mrs. Smith will discuss children's story hours.

Representatives of all civic, service, and PTA organizations interested individuals are invited to attend the organizational meeting.

DATES of other free polio