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Local Site Viewed for World's Fair

A Penny for your Thoughts

Finding persons checked by the HERALD's question-man unanimously selected men as their choices for the greatest American, the HERALD this week gave the ladies a chance by asking:

"Who do you think has been America's greatest woman?"

Answering were:

Gale Hun, 1618 A Cravens, sign painter:

"The wives of our American presidents should get the nod because they deserve more credit than they normally get for the difficult and important job they have."



"SO WHAT" . . . Two-year-old Johnny Redaelli, 21706 S. Vermont Ave., glares at the HERALD's photographer who quizzes him about his long brown curls which are about to be shorn, for the first time.



"LIFE'S TOUGH" . . . Young Johnny adopts a despairing look as barber Robert Keating starts the shearing business. Quite evidently, this hair cut business is something for the birds.



"I'M A MAN" . . . Well, what do you know, exclaims Johnny. The youngster wasn't a bit dismayed about losing his long locks, and appeared quite amazed about the whole business.

Proposal Indorsed By Board

Backers of a proposal to hold a world's fair in Los Angeles in 1962 this week described a 1200-acre site just east of Torrance as ideal for the big event.

J. A. Smith, president of the newly formed California World's Fair, Inc., said half of the vast Dominguez Estates property at Figueroa and Main or about 600 acres would be needed for the county's first world's fair.

A resolution supporting the proposed event was adopted Tuesday by the board of supervisors.

While approving the proposal, the board modified the suggested resolution at the insistence of Supervisor Burton W. Chace to leave the door open to other groups or agencies to sponsor the international event. The resolution pointed out that world's fairs had been held in San Francisco and San Diego, but none here, To Salute Science

Smith said his organization's plans call for a fair dedicated to the "promotion of science and industry in our new age of space."

Funds to underwrite the big event would be raised partly by public subscription, and partly by allocation of the Congress. Exhibitors at the fair would provide the bulk of the needed funds, however, Smith said.

The California World's Fair, Inc., has opened offices in Los Angeles to begin the work of promoting such a fair.

The proposed site would be near San Diego, Harbor, Artesia, and Long Beach Freeways which are projected into that area by 1962.

Carter Wins Appointment To Annapolis

Senator William F. Knowland Monday announced the appointment of Thomas Lee Carter, of 3256 Dalemead St., as a Midshipman at the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. Carter will report to the Academy June 30.

The appointee was graduated from Torrance High School with a straight A average last Thursday, and was a zone winner in the annual Bank of American Achievement awards.

Jury Convicts Former Teacher

A Superior Court jury deadlocked 10-2 on three charges of burglary made against Robert E. Prowell, 35, former Torrance High School teacher. The jury, however, convicted the science teacher on one count of receiving stolen goods and dismissed another count last Monday.

Prowell, of Long Beach, was accused of receiving property taken from the high school by his laboratory assistant, John Zamrzla, of Torrance.

Salary Cut Voted for City Clerk

The pay of City Clerk Albert H. Bartlett, now starting his 10th consecutive term in office, will be cut to \$350 a month on a split decision of the city council here this week.

The council voted 4 to 3 on a motion by J. A. Beasley to lop off any salary received by Bartlett except "the amount designated in the city charter."

Effect of the vote — which was opposed by Councilmen Willys Blount, George Bradford, and Nick Drale—was in doubt. City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier said the city charter provides only that the city clerk be paid a sum designated by the council.

The city clerk's basic salary set by a 1954 ordinance is \$350 a month. In addition to that, Bartlett has been receiving slightly more than \$200 a month in additional pay for licensing and purchasing duties which have since been transferred to separate departments.

Beasley's motion to cut back the salary of the clerk followed a discussion of the contract whereby a Los Angeles firm was employed to conduct the recent municipal election. Councilmen have referred to the cost of the election as "exorbitant."

Charges that Bartlett was responsible for the agreement were denied by one councilman, who pointed out that the council approved each step of the matter.

"Don't put all the monkey on Mr. Bartlett's back," Blount declared. "I think we were just as negligent."

The same councilmen who voted to slash Bartlett's pay on the eve of a testimonial dinner in his honor voted to cut the terms of office of members of the Civil Service Commission from six to four years and to drop two members from the nine-man planning commission.

Both measures had been sought by Mayor Albert Isen since his re-election in April, and were voted Tuesday after City Attorney Remelmeier ruled that the council could change the terms immediately.

Sentencing on the verdict and a date for re-trial on the burglary charges will be set by Superior Court Judge Ralph K. Pierson July 16.

The conviction count centered on a hi-fi set which the 19-year-old student - assistant testified he had stolen from the school cafeteria and sold to Prowell.

The acquittal involved four business machines Zamrzla said he handed to Prowell from a school window.

The teacher, who maintained he did not know the property was stolen, shook his head from side to side when the guilty verdict was read.

Zamrzla's statements and four confessions allegedly made by Prowell to police and school authorities were centers of the prosecution case.

Prowell was arrested by Torrance police Feb. 21. He resigned from the school faculty the following day "for personal reasons."

The seven-woman, five-man panel deliberated 11 hours before returning the one guilty verdict and reporting the hopeless deadlock on the other three charges.



MISS CALIFORNIA . . . Donna Kay Brooks (right) wearing the Miss San Fernando Valley banner, was named Miss California at the state finals Saturday night in Anaheim. Ginger Dubberly, the Torrance entry, here congratulates the new queen, Miss Dubberly, a strong favorite with the crowd, was named a runnerup.

School Budget At \$8.4 Million

The Torrance School Board Tuesday night adopted an \$8.4 million tentative budget for the 1958-59 school year. The final budget will be adopted in August after a public hearing and after the district's income is finally determined.

The new budget probably will mean about a 20-cent hike in the school tax rate, which

would be about \$3.64 per \$100 (of which about 55 cents goes for El Camino College). Under the new budget, the district would be collecting about 60 cents of the 75-cent override tax authorized by the voters in 1955.

An increased in assessed valuation of about \$17,000,000 also is assumed in the budget, although exact figures will not be known until next month.

Employees' salaries take more than 85 per cent of the total figure, although no pay raise was granted this year. Under the new budget, one additional pupil will be placed in each classroom and cuts also will be made in other areas.

Higher costs have made school finances more difficult this year, Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip said. School officials are watching anxiously to see whether the legislature will act to renew a bill which now provides additional money to districts, based on average daily attendance. If the law is not renewed, it could cost Torrance about \$500,000 in operating money next year, Waldrip said.

Teenagers In Crash

Four teenagers were slightly injured when their car was struck from behind Tuesday at 182nd St. and Hawthorne Ave.

Sonja Jean Ruth Pesola, 16, of 17030 Faysmith Ave., was driver of the vehicle. Her passengers, who all complained of neck pains, were Deanna Woodruff, 16, of 16902 Faysmith; Rosalie Murray, 17, of 17575 Yukon St.; and Nancy Mooney, 16, of 16611 Falda Ave.

Driver of the truck which struck the teenager's car was Henry Lee Williams, 23, of Los Angeles.

Elks Lodges of Area Join Hands to Battle Narcotics

Plans for a frontal assault on the illegal narcotics traffic will be revealed at a mass meeting scheduled for 8 p.m. at the Gardena Elks Hall, 1735 Market St., in Gardena.

The general public is being invited to attend the meeting sponsored by the Elks Lodges in Torrance, Gardena, and Redondo Beach. Torrance residents are being given a special invitation by local lodge officials.

A dozen high ranking Southland personalities including TV Newsmen George Putnam will attend the meeting in an effort to elicit support for legislation to dry up the rapidly rising well of narcotics.

The 2100 members of the three fraternal groups will unveil their plan whereby parents throughout the state may help put an end to an "enemy" which each day counts thou-

sands of California's youngsters among its hopeless victims.

Also scheduled to attend the meeting are Sheriff-elect Pete Pitchess; Roger J. Roselle, chairman of the narcotics committee, Los Angeles County

Grand Jury; and Ray Vader, supervising customs agent for all California borders.

Crux of the Elks recommendation will be a 30-year mandatory sentence for convicted narcotics peddlers.

Next Wednesday's meeting is one of a series planned throughout California to strike at what the sponsors believe is the root of the evil—too much leniency in narcotics offenses. The local Elks point to the success of a similar Ohio law in their efforts to bring about a stiffer sentencing of narcotics pushers.

Numerous police officials are cooperating with the Elks in the campaign, according to lodge leaders, and their active participation in the effort to do something about the dope menace to young people is lending additional strength to the program.



GEORGE PUTNAM



POSTMAN FETED . . . The heroism of Postman Tom Nicholls was cited by civic leaders Tuesday morning at the June breakfast meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. Here he is shown at the meeting with Postmaster Clara Conner and the four children he is credited with saving a month ago. (Story on Page 2)

Mrs. Harold Tiernan, 1848 Santa Fe, stock clerk: "Amelia Earhart was an outstanding woman in that she did more than any other woman in flying. Her accomplishments convinced Americans that women were competent in the air."

Ben Dowander, 1724 Arlington, cab company operator: "My vote is for Betsy Ross, who made our first flag. Of all the American women, her contribution has lasted through the years and is as important today as ever."

Richard Sloan, Houston, Tex., visiting Torrance: "Eleanor Roosevelt is probably one of the smartest women America has known, and she has done a lot for America. As far as smart women go, Elfrida Von Nardroff who just won \$253,500 on 'Twenty-One' this week is pretty good."

Josephine Hopkins, 18404 Delia: "Eleanor Roosevelt. Mrs. Roosevelt did so much during the war for the service men, and her many other activities make her the one. She has done outstanding work for America."

Judy Allen, 21704 1/2 Hall-dale Ave., finance company cashier: "Eleanor Roosevelt, because of her opinions on everyday matters have been seen by so many. She is the most talked about American woman. Her opinions on matters are quite intelligent."

Woman Hurt

Eleanor V. Limanek, 36, of 2502 Ridgeland Rd., was treated at Harbor General Hospital Monday for injuries received a hit-and-run accident.