

Council OKs New Traffic Safety Body

Creation of a traffic safety committee to advise the council and traffic commission on city traffic needs was approved by the city council this week on the suggestion of Mayor Albert Isen.

Spurred by recent criticism of the delays encountered in obtaining adequate traffic control signals and other safety measures, the council backed the mayor's plan to set up an advisory board of citizens to study the matter.

At the same time, the council ordered a complete survey of the various signal installation projects which are pending, including those over which the city has sole jurisdiction, and those where the city shares jurisdiction with the county and with the state.

The report is to be made by the director of public works.

Jessel Heads Programs For Chace Testimonial

George Jessel, toastmaster-general of the United States, will be master of ceremonies at the testimonial banquet for Supervisor Burton W. Chace tonight.

A sell-out crowd of nearly 1000 will attend the event which will be held at the Polynesian Restaurant, 3909 Pacific Coast Hwy.

Acceptance by Jessel, the most sought-after emcee in the nation, was hailed as "terrific" by banquet chairman Frank "Bud" Stevenson, who predicted that the dinner "will be one

of the greatest events ever seen in the fourth supervisory district which Chace represents."

THE BANQUET honoring Chace is being sponsored by the Surf Life Saving Assn. and the Professional Beach Guards Assn.

Numerous resolutions, testimonials, and plaques will be presented to Chace for his "outstanding service" to the county and the fourth district which he represents.

Mayors, city officials, cham-

ber and community leaders, newspaper publishers, board officials and clergy from cities and unincorporated areas in the fourth district will be present to honor the supervisor.

BECAUSE OF the huge crowd expected, Stevenson asked all those planning to attend to arrive on time. The social hour is set for 7 p.m., with dinner to be served at 8 p.m.

Authorities To File on Hit-Run Teen

The 16-year-old lad arrested last week-end on charges of felony hit-run and car theft will be filed on by juvenile authorities on a misdemeanor hit-run charge, Torrance juvenile bureau officers reported yesterday.

Charges of car theft have been cleared to the satisfaction of officers, according to Lt. Gus Rethwisch, head of the bureau.

The youth was put under citizen's arrest after his car and another collided at Western Ave. and Torrance Blvd. The driver of the second car got into another car nearby after the motorist volunteered his help. The teenager was stopped several blocks away.

Obituaries

FRANCES M. HARDESTY
Graveside services for Mrs. Frances Marie Hardesty, 71, of Huntington Beach, mother of Mrs. Josephine H. Bowman and Mrs. Eloise Gerber of Torrance, will be held at the Odd-fellows Cemetery in Los Angeles at 11 a.m. today.

Mrs. Hardesty, who had made her home with a daughter, Mrs. Lucy B. Graham of Huntington Beach recently, died Monday evening. She had been ill for the past two years.

A native of Ohio, Mrs. Hardesty had lived in California for 68 years.

In addition to her three daughters, she is survived by three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Rosary was recited last evening in the chapel of Smith's Mortuary in Huntington Beach. Burial today will be in a family plot beside her husband.

The family has suggested contributions to the Heart Fund for those who wish to remember Mrs. Hardesty.

RALPH GISH
Masonic funeral services for Ralph Fish, 47, of 703 Harbor Hills, Lomita, were held yesterday at the Chapel of the Chimes in Inglewood under the direction of Halverson-Leavelle Mortuary.

Mr. Gish, a resident of the Southland since 1924, was employed at Cal Metal Corp. here until illness forced his retirement two years ago.

He is survived by his widow, Edith, a 10-year-old son, Donald, and his mother, Mrs. Willa Gish, of Los Angeles.

Captain Charles Edward Connor, USAF, of 5430 Edgemere, has been assigned to duty at the AMC Ballistic Missile Center in Inglewood, where he will serve in the Directorate of Sub-Systems.

BMC, commanded by Major General Ben I. Funk, is responsible for the procurement, production and logistic support of the Minuteman, Atlas, Titan and Thor missile weapon systems, of Air Force satellite systems, and other advanced aerospace projects.

The captain is the son of Mrs. Dorothy E. Connor of 211 SW. 174th St., Seattle, and attended the University of Washington. During World War II he served in the 440th Troop Carrier Group in Europe. He holds the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

Technical Sergeant Daniel F. Murphy, USAF, 19824 Anza, has been assigned to the AMC Ballistic Missiles Center in Inglewood, where he will serve as a security supervisor.

Sergeant Murphy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Murphy, 23 Ridgewood Drive, Milford, Conn. He is a former student at the University of Maryland.

During World War II he served with the U. S. Coast Guard and participated in six invasions. He holds the Bronze Star with Combat V, and the Navy and Air Force unit citation badges.

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Dr. Ragnar Thorensen, manager of the research laboratories, added that growth plans call for a major facility at least four times the size of the first structure to be built later at a cost of more than \$5000.

COMPLETION OF the first phase is scheduled for next May.

On other fronts, workers were erecting scaffolding around the old city hall at 1511 Cravens Ave. yesterday to convert the building into the new Torrance headquarters for Home Savings & Loan.

plans for the second phase of the Del Amo Center Medical Building were announced by Coldwell, Banker & Co., many other commercial and industrial projects are being planned.

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be 30 cents and milk, also available for sack lunches, is 4 cents.

About 3300 students—1000 less than 1958—will be on double sessions as school gets under way again next week. Completion of additions at Walteria, Edison, Steele, and Madrona will drop double sessions sharply, school officials say. Other additions have been started at Anza, Arlington, Newton, Lincoln, and Sepulveda schools, and should be ready for use early next year. The Adams school is also expected to open during the year.

Double sessions at the Fern-Greenwood school are expected to continue until early next year when a major rehabilitation project on the Fern plant is scheduled to be completed.

Walteria's Roundup Set for Oct. 16-18

Walteria's annual roundup days will be held Oct. 16, 17 and 18, it was announced here

yesterday by Dick Sigrillo, president of the sponsoring Walteria Business Men's Club.

The celebration will include selection and crowning of a Walteria queen, street dance, parade and other festivities.

School Employees Meeting Set For Tonight at THS

All classified employees of the Torrance Unified School District will have an opportunity to hear a discussion of and ask question about the retirement plan, social security and the integration of these two plans tonight at 7:30.

Queen contestants from the Walteria area between the ages of 15 and 21 will be eligible to seek the crown, the sponsors declared after a meeting Monday evening.

The meeting, to be held in the Torrance High School auditorium, will have Lloyd Reist, the TUSD representative; Mr. Maupin, the state representative and the California School Employees Assn., District 3 retirement representative as speakers for the evening.

Final selection of the queen will be announced at a dinner meeting at the Polynesian on Friday evening, Oct. 16. "Miss Walteria" will win a savings bond, trophy, and will probably be given a position with "Miss Torrance" on the city's Tournament of Roses float on New Year's Day.

Included in the parade will be such groups as the Torrance Mounted Police, clowns, Walteria area scouts, floats, city and civic officials, and local kids dressed in Western clothes.

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