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# RUBBISH CRISIS LOOMS IN CITY

## Fight Against System Aided By Industries

The controversial rubbish collection plan of the city is headed for a showdown, it was indicated here this week. With owners of apartment dwellings and other residential properties hitting at the council from one side and the city's leading industrialists making a flanking attack, it is apparent that something in the middle is going to have to give.

A length discussion of the problem at a special session of the council Monday night brought no concrete answers to the situation—and apartment house owners appearing before the council the next evening indicated that opposition is growing on that front.

MAIN POINT of contention is the flat charge made to all Torrance property owners, whether they use the city's collection service or contract through private agencies for the pickup.

A special meeting of the industrial committee of the Chamber of Commerce has been called for 4 p.m. next Thursday at the Chamber headquarters to discuss the situation further.

CHAIRMAN DON Lasell, works superintendent of the Columbia-Geneva Steel plant here, said the meeting was being called as a result of a preliminary meeting held Oct. 15.

Most of the industrial firms of the city are unhappy over the present system, Lasell indicated. "Many firms state it is not the small minimum payment that concerns them but the fact that in effect they are being taxed without a service."

THE INDUSTRIAL firms complain that the city can never expect to handle all the varied types of industrial rubbish; that there is an infringement on private enterprise; and in spite of the extra fees, the city is losing a considerable amount on the program as a whole.

Owners of multiple dwelling units express much the same objection—they are being charged a minimum fee for the service although the city is not being asked to handle the trash.

Several meetings have been held on the problem by city officials and staff members, and further study of the problem was promised by the council this week.

### Ann Landers In People's Court Today

Herald Columnist Ann Landers got her ears full when she visited a People's Court in Russia.

For a blow-by-blow account of the spat between Russian families read Miss Landers' report from Moscow starting today on Page 6.

For Miss Landers' regular human relations column, published each Thursday and Sunday in the Herald, turn to page 11.

### Plans for West High Ordered

Preliminary plans for the construction of a new secondary school—West High—are being prepared as ordered by the Torrance Unified School District Tuesday night. The location of the fourth high school is to be at Del Amo Blvd. and Victor St., the report said.

Plans for the buildings, to be designed by Roy Donley, now call for a campus centered around a circular library structure.

Opening of the new school is scheduled to be three years from the date the project is begun, it was reported.

### Torrance Woman Dies After Crash

Lois Fisher, 32, of 4007 W. 177th St., died in St. Francis Hospital, Lynwood, nine hours after an accident at Alamitos St. and Imperial Hwy. in Lynwood Sunday, according to the California Highway Patrol. Three others were injured in the accident.



PICK MOUR WINNER . . . One of the above pretty lasses will be elected Grid Queen and will reign over the North High 1959 football games. Bottom from left: Carole Hill, Karen Lyden, Betty Jo Reading and Lynn D'Alola. Middle: Nancy Taylor, Judy Taylor, Janet Tharp, Karen Peterson, Susie Hayes and Carole Robinson. Top: Kathy Hansen, Melodie Matheny, Joyce Morris, Bobbie Carse and Peggy Gutsch. (Herald photo)



DISTINGUISHED VISITOR . . . President David L. Luke of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co. said the paper industry was on the threshold of a new era during his first visit to the local plant Tuesday. Shown here examining one of the plant's many multiwall bag products are Luke (center) with Frank Smith (left), manager of the multiwall division, Torrance, and Al Hill, superintendent of the Torrance plant. (Herald photo)

### Assemblyman Helps

## Speed-Up of Hawthorne Sepulveda Signals Set

### TEAC Moves, To Discuss Report Cards

The reporting system used in Torrance schools will be discussed at the meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee next Monday at the Torrance Masonic Hall, 2326 Cabrillo Ave. A new meeting place will be used, due to overflow crowds.

Taking part in the discussions of how schools tell how well individual students are doing will be Mrs. Paul Roettger, South High parent; Mrs. Kay Loftus, Riviera teacher; Donald Credell, Edison principal; and Dr. Albert Posner, assistant superintendent.

Also on the schedule is election of new T.E.A.C. officers, following the report of a nominating committee composed of Mrs. Jean Haganbaugh, Harry Van Bellehem, and Richard Pyle. Present moderator of the T.E.A.C. is Mrs. Otto Willett.

Red tape cutting by Assemblyman Vincent Thomas will make possible the installation of traffic signals at Hawthorne Ave. and Carson St. by an early date in December, Torrance City Council was informed during their regular meeting Tuesday night.

City Manager George Stevens said Thomas expedited proceedings on bids for the badly needed traffic control system can be opened Nov. 16 and work on the job to begin the following week.

Operation of the signals before Christmas will ease the holiday shopping congestion, it was pointed out.

The intersection has been the scene of numerous accidents, one of which claimed the life of motorcycle policeman Sgt. W. R. Lewis.

In other matters the council agreed to Mayor Albert Isen's suggested reactivation of a committee to work to bring a Superior Court to Torrance. The group, which three years ago was successful in locating a Municipal Court here, is headed by attorney Boris Wool-

ley, president of the South Bay Bar Assn.



IN BEAUTY RACE . . . Bette Boyd, 19-year-old Harbor College co-ed, has been chosen to represent the college in the California Maid of Cotton Beauty Contest to be held later this month in Fresno. Miss Boyd, a blue-eyed blond, lives at 1454 W. 215th St., Torrance. She was graduated from Narbonne High and is an education major at Harbor.

### Crash Damage Sought

Damages totaling \$405,000 are being asked for the death of Police Sgt. William R. "Bob" Lewis by his widow and three children through a lawsuit filed in Superior Court yesterday against John A. Adams and his wife, Dorothy, of Redondo Beach.

The suit, filed for Mrs. Lewis and her children, Robert, Patricia, and Lorraine by Atty. Boris S. Woolley, charges Adams with operating his car "carelessly, recklessly, and unlawfully" the night Sergeant Lewis was killed at Hawthorne Ave. and Carson St.

Damages of \$200,000 for the loss of future earnings of the officer; another \$200,000 for the loss of "the services, comfort, and society of a faithful and loving husband and father," and \$5000 for hospital, doctors, mortuary, cemetery and other expenses are asked in the suit.

Sergeant Lewis was killed Aug. 23 when an auto driven by Adams and the police motorcycle driven by the officer collided at the highway intersection, which is not controlled by traffic signals.

### Outside Planning Aid Turned Down

A suggestion that the city employ outside help in drawing up a master plan of zoning and to work up improvement plans for the city's airport was turned down by the city council at a special meeting Monday evening.

An airport commission recommendation that airport improvements be financed through a bond issue was returned to the commission for reconsideration.



SEEKS HELP . . . Mrs. Burl Canary, 2179 Sepulveda, Apt. D, studies old document ordering the execution of Charles Stewart, King of Scotland. The paper, signed and sealed, is dated 1648. The Torrance housewife would like to know how she may go about checking the authenticity of the paper she found in Bakersfield. (Herald photo)

## Execution Order For King Found

By BOB WILTON  
Herald Staff Writer

What would you do if you found an old document dated 1648? This is a question confronting Mrs. Burl Canary, of 2179 Sepulveda, and until someone who can read Old English and detect if the paper is the original or a copy comes to her aid, Mrs. Canary will not

know if she has something of value.

The weathered and age-rotted paper, found beside a trash can in an alley in Bakersfield five years ago, deals with the execution of Charles Stewart, ruler of Scotland in 1648.

In the finest Old English quill script the first word is Greetings and then follows the order that Charles Stewart, King of Scotland, be put to death on Jan. 10, of the above year at either 10 a.m. or 5 p.m. "His head shall be severed from his body" the message continued which is evidently a job for an axman, the method of the death penalty at this time in England.

The House of Stewart ruled in Scotland from the year 1371 until the death of Charles and then continued again when this family of rulers were restored in 1660. A Stewart was on the throne until 1680.

After Mrs. Canary found the old paper she put it away and did not think of it again until she was going through some papers in her home in Torrance and decided she wanted her curiosity appeased.

The death warrant for the Scottish ruler of over 300 years ago was signed by, and bears the seals of, 58 apparent members of the British House of Parliament.

Mrs. Canary hopes that someone can help her read this document, determine its authenticity, or tell her who she may contact to have this done.

### Anza Job Voted

The Calcor Corp. was awarded a \$96,800 bid for construction of an additional four classrooms at Anza Elementary School by the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday night.

When the "portable" additions are completed, Anza School will be second largest elementary facility in Torrance. The school's attendance area has a heavy concentration of young children, with kindergartners outnumbering eighth graders about 3-1.



PRANK OF YESTERYEAR . . . Joe Peters, of Courtesy Realty, 3821 Torrance Blvd., ponders the removal of four-seat buggy found on top of his office building when he came to work last Monday morning. Peters believes the relic belongs to a nearby riding stable, but has placed an ad in HERALD classified 90 asking for removal bids. Maybe the eight youths seen near the building, and pulling a buggy, Halloween night will answer the advertisement. (Herald photo)

## NEW HOSPITAL CONTRACT LET

The contract for construction of the Central Heating, Refrigeration Plant and Laundry Building at Harbor General Hospital in Torrance has been awarded to the Sheldon L. Pollack Construction Corporation, 5880 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles.

The Pollack bid of \$1,660,000 was the lowest of 16 submitted. This is \$586,972 less than the County Engineers' estimate of \$2,246,972 made last April. Necessary financing of the project will be available from the Harbor General Hospital Bond Fund.

The Central Heating and Refrigeration Plant will be one-story and will house equip-

ment for the heating and refrigeration of the future Harbor General Hospital Acute Unit and Outpatient Clinic buildings. Also, the basic planning provides for future expansion in order to serve the proposed South Bay Juvenile Hall.

The Laundry building will be two-story with a basement and will provide in the basement an area for clean linen distribution. The first floor will provide space for washers, presses and conveyors, storage rooms and a shop. The second floor will be used for lint collectors, soap tanks, sorting conveyor, and loading hoppers.

M. A. Nishkian is the engineer in charge of the project.