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A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think a post season city championship football game between the two top high school teams would be accepted in Torrance?" This question was asked of a student of each of the four high schools and one adult businessman this week.

Georgie Rayner, Torrance High junior:
I think having a post season city championship football game is a good idea. Not all good teams make the CIF playoffs and this would give recognition to other teams. I think everyone would turn out to see this game."

Gerald Regan, North High sophomore:
"I think this is a good idea. There may be some rough playing at first due to cross-town rivalry and players taking it out on others when they lose, but after it gets started a few games there shouldn't be any trouble."

Cheryl Lucken, Bishop Montgomery High junior:
"This sounds like a good idea, but still there is a lot to consider in starting inter-city football games. I think it could be worked out if the schools, coaches and players work together and I feel the townspeople will support it."

Skipper Antrin, South High senior:
"This is a good idea and if the coaches of all Torrance high schools picked the teams to play the game would go over. There will be rivalry, but that makes for good football. I'd like to see it played on Thanksgiving Day."

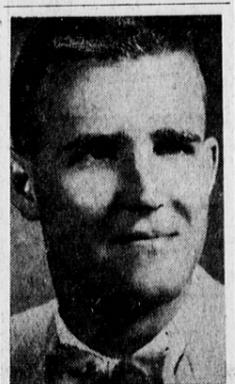
Jack Packard, 21735 Anza station operator:
"This is a swell idea and I'm all for a game of this type. I think it would become as traditional as some of the bowl or all-star games. I wouldn't miss it and it should draw big crowds."

The Old Timer
"Prosperity is something you feel, fold, and send to Washington."

City Council Backs Move

Return of municipal courts to the control of the cities was suggested this week by City Manager George Stevens as a means of breaking the bottleneck that now threatens to bring on further centralization of the court system in the county.

Joined by a dozen other city managers throughout the Southland, Stevens opened the move here Tuesday night by suggesting that the city council get behind the plan to restore city control over the staffing and operations of the courts.



DOUGLAS CANNON
... To Visit Netherlands

Local 'Y' Leader to Holland

Douglas Cannon, Torrance YMCA program secretary, has been selected as one of the 30 adult leaders for the United States delegation to the YMCA World Youth Conference at Amsterdam, Holland, next summer.

Cannon was selected on the basis of his excellent record of achievement with the YMCA; and because of his past experience as a youth attending the last World Conference at Paris in 1955.

The honor, which is the highest that can be achieved by a YMCA secretary, was bestowed by the National Council of the YMCA in New York, and carries with it the responsibility of supervising 20 young people selected from YMCAs across the nation.

AS PART OF the important assignment, Cannon will take his group to New York, England, France, Belgium, Germany, Italy, and Switzerland. Enroute, the group will see the Passion Play at Oberammergau, the Salzburg Festival, and the opening events of the Olympic Games in Rome.

Highlight of the memorable trip will be the YMCA World Youth Conference in Amsterdam. Six hundred delegates from 63 nations of the world will gather under the banner of the YMCA to discuss many topics important to the youth of the world.

CANNON WILL have a busy summer, conducting regular Torrance YMCA Camps and Caravans during June and July. Then he will spend the month of August on the tour and conference. Two days after he returns to Torrance, he will resume duties by directing the final Torrance YMCA Camp for the summer, appropriately, a high school age leader development camp to be held at Fawnskin Meadows.

YMCA officials in Torrance were delighted at Cannon's selection. Secretary Joe Wilcox said, "for this young man has done so very much for the youth of our community."

"WE BELIEVE that city control of municipal courts would be better than centralizing them more and more," the city manager said.

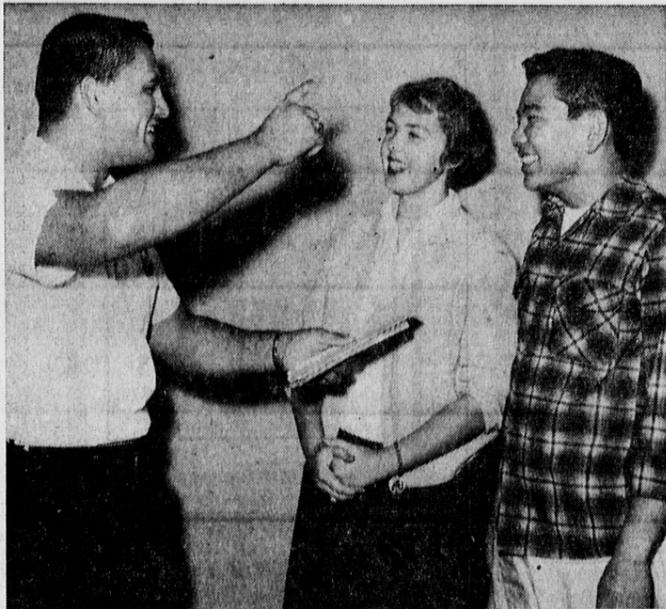
He said the city managers of the area had decided to seek return of the lower court system to cities because studies are now under way to reduce the number of court districts, or to consolidate them into one huge county municipal court district.

"SUCH THINGS as police court for traffic violators, small claims, and misdemeanor or trials belong in city courts, not in a complex, one-district, county system," Stevens said. "We could serve the people a lot better by having our own city court," he added.

His suggestion was immediately endorsed by Mayor pro tem Willys Blount.

"THIS IS A further grabbing off of privileges and rights," Blount said. Stevens indicated that there would be no need to revert to the justice court type of operation. Judges would have to be practicing attorneys, he said.

The matter was referred to the city's lay court committee, reactivated recently by Mayor Albert Isen.



WASTED EFFORT . . . Stan Gonta, All-CIF grid player who now is a candidate for the office of Student Body President at Torrance High School, is probably wasting his efforts as he delivers a campaign speech to Carol Johnson and Roy Yanase. Miss Johnson and Yanase will be his opponents in the election to be conducted next Tuesday on the campus.

All-CIF Gridder, Two Others Head Torrance High Ballots

Stan Gonta, Carol Johnson, and Roy Yanase are all campaigning for election to the office of Student Body President of Torrance High School. These three seniors are heading a list of 108 eligible candidates running for the 51 various major and minor offices in the student government. The elections will be conducted on Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Gonta has been active in many capacities on campus. He is best known as a football player, having recently been selected as a first team guard on the C.I.F. Southern Section football team. Stan held the post of Junior Class President last year. His other activities include being a member of the track team and a member of the Varsity Club.

Miss Johnson was Student Body Vice-president last year, and has been active in many school productions as a singer and actress. She is a member of the Tartar Ladies, president of the Scholarship Society, and is a member of the Future Teachers.

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Armed Youth Object of Wide Search

The search for a 16-year-old Juvenile Hall escapee, described as armed and dangerous, continued yesterday after the suspect eluded police in the Lomita area.

Sought in connection with the escape, and for questioning in the robbery of a Redondo Beach candy shop and a Torrance loan and jewelry firm is James A. Wadsley, 25201 Feijoa Ave., Lomita.

A DOZEN UNITS of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and Los Angeles Police Department converged around Narbonne High School Tuesday afternoon when the youth was spotted in that area.

Sheriff's officers said the boy fled from Juvenile Court in Los Angeles last Friday following a hearing on charges that he stole more than 20 sports cars in recent months.

HE IS BELIEVED to be the assailant who pistol-whipped Nat E. Ellis at the Torrance Loan and Jewelry Store, 1639 Cabrillo Ave., Friday evening, leaving with a revolver. He also has been identified as the bandit who took \$75 at gunpoint from two clerks Saturday in a candy shop in Redondo Beach.

Wadsley was described at 5 feet 10 inches tall, 155 pounds, brown crew-cut hair, and was last seen wearing black trousers and a black cloth jacket.

Sheriff's deputies warned that the boy was armed and "desperately anxious not to be captured."

Kiwanis To Seat Ray Noel

W. R. "Ray" Noel, superintendent of buildings and grounds at El Camino College, will be installed as president of the Torrance Kiwanis Club Saturday night at the Palos Verdes Golf Club.

Noel, who was graduated from El Camino, will succeed B. I. "Johnny" Johnson, operator of Torrance Flower Shop, in the club's top post.

The new president resides in North Torrance with his wife, Becky, and three children. He is a member of the Baptist Church, Masonic Lodge, and has been active in other community affairs.

Taking office with Noel will be T. G. Wilkes, first vice president; C. D. Virden, secretary; and C. J. Meadway, treasurer.

After Six Weeks

Police Say Radar Boon to Traffic

By BOB WILTON
Herald Staff Writer

When a radar-equipped police car is demonstrated the end results are very convincing.

When a Torrance HERALD reporter then actually operated this unit himself on Torrance Blvd. Monday morning, there was no doubt that this electronic device is conclusive evidence of excessive speed where motorists are driving too fast, and that the black and white Chevrolet equipped with radar is having a good effect in causing traffic to slow down in most zoned areas.

Torrance Police Officer Don Hartel, a member of Lt. Don

Nash's traffic department, operates the radar patrol car which was first put on actual duty Dec. 1, although 500 stops were made in November with warnings instead of citations given speed violators.

BY AND LARGE, motorists' acceptance of the radar patrol car in Torrance has been good, according to Lt. Nash, who added that this addition to his department was not put into use to trap speeders, but to caution them and remind them of limit zones.

That radar is working here is proved by the fact that there has been fewer citations issued

in areas where excessive speeding has occurred since its installation. Officer Hartel pointed out that many cars slow considerably when they observe his radar car parked ahead.

Radar equipped patrol cars have been used successfully in surrounding Southern California cities and throughout the United States. The device has been part of traffic control in Long Beach for the past three years. The beach city is where Torrance police officers studied its operation before it was installed here.

THE MODE OF operation in

the use of radar to determine the speed of cars is as follows. The patrol car is parked parallel to the curb in a zone where excessive speed on the part of motorists is common. The beam is then directed toward oncoming traffic. A needle on

the graph sheet is set two miles per hour under zero to give the motorists the benefit of a faulty speedometer. The operator then strikes a 25 MPH, a 50 MPH and an 80 MPH tuning fork on his heel and in turn holds them in

front of the beam. The tone frequency of the forks is recorded on the graph indicating that the unit is functioning accurately. The officer then returns to the front seat of the patrol car and watches the meter dial record the speed.



FOR YOUR PROTECTION . . . This black and white patrol car is radar equipped and is used by Torrance Police Department to cut down excessive speed in zoned areas. Radar car, in use since Dec. 1, has proved its value in helping drivers observe speed limits and in protecting motorists and pedestrians. (Herald Photo)



OPERATION RADAR . . . Torrance Traffic Department Officer Don Hartel watches graph tapes and speed meter to check traffic on Torrance Blvd. last Monday morning. Radar records speed of cars approaching patrol unit from rear and motorcycle officers are dispatched when motorists exceed margin over limit. (Herald Photo)