

Council Denies Civic Center Space to Chest, YMCA

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A Penny for your Thoughts

"Why are you shopping in Downtown Torrance today?" This is the question asked five people along the streets of the Torrance business district for today's column.

Mrs. M. Ichelson, 609 Amalapa, housewife:
"I am shopping in Downtown Torrance because I only live six blocks away. Shopping here is very enjoyable and the salespeople are nice. I like the friendly atmosphere."

Jack Daniels, 23806 S. Main St., unemployed aircraft worker:
"I didn't intend to go shopping when I came to Torrance. I really came here to check with the State Employment Office as I am out of work and looking for a job. I like shopping here in Torrance, though."

Mrs. Vera Pickingspaugh, 2219 241st St., housewife:
"Torrance is a pretty good place to shop. I come here to the downtown stores by bus and shop here because I like the stores. I buy most of my things here. I buy my groceries and clothes in these stores."

E. R. Locke, 2844 Hill St., Huntington Park, locomotive engineer:
"I run a locomotive through Torrance every day about noon time. I come over here during my lunch hour and window shop. When I see something I like I buy it. These stores have everything anyone could want."

Mrs. Mary Khol, 1112 West 216th Street, housewife:
"I came to Torrance to buy some things I saw advertised in the HERALD. I read the ads and like to shop here where I don't have to rush around. There are good stores here and I look forward to shopping here."

Luncheon To Honor City Judge

A testimonial luncheon to honor Municipal Judge Donald Armstrong is being planned for Feb. 29, it was announced this week by Fred W. Mill, chairman of the event.

Judge Armstrong, long active in Torrance civic affairs, is currently on the bench at the Torrance branch of the South Bay Municipal Court.

YMCA Seeks Site for Area Center

Requests by the Torrance YMCA and the Welfare Federation for land on the Torrance civic center to erect new facilities were denied as a matter of policy by the city council Tuesday night.

The requests, which had been submitted to the civic center promotion committee, were part of a five-point program submitted to the council by the group.

Publisher Asks Dope Fight Aid

More than a score of Southland newspaper publishers and executives were asked to join forces in urging Governor Edmund G. Brown to place narcotics on the list of subjects to be considered at the special session of the California Legislature this year during a meeting hosted by the HERALD this week.

Publisher William Hunt of the Gardena Valley News, an active leader in the fight to toughen the state's anti-narcotic laws, told publishers from throughout the Greater Los Angeles area that "the revolving door policy" was now in effect for dope peddlers. California citizens want a change in that policy, he indicated.

"THE ELKS lodges of Torrance, Gardena, and Redondo Beach originated petitions asking for legislation which would require mandatory sentences for convicted dope peddlers, and Elks Lodges throughout the state secured 1,252,000 signatures," he said.

"We thought there would be little opposition, but we were wrong," he added. He told his colleagues that opposition sprang up immediately from lawyers, judges, and the deans of law of California universities.

"WE JUST WANT to make the rent so high the narcotics peddler will move to more favorable climates for his operations," Hunt said.

The Gardena newspaper executive cited a case involving three Beverly Hills men who were booked on 32 counts of narcotics violations, and convicted of 31 counts after 6000 hours of police investigation. "The judge fined them \$200 and suspended the sentences," Hunt said.

IN ANOTHER case, a Torrance man was accused of addicting a Gardena high school girl with heroin. He was convicted.

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Science Has Bridged Barriers Around America, Chamber Told

"Our attitudes toward politics should be governed by the position in which we find ourselves today," those attending the January breakfast meeting of the Chamber of Commerce were told Tuesday.

Admitting that politics was sometimes considered a dirty word, Phil Knox Jr., director of government relations for the California Manufacturing Assn., said America now finds itself with Asia at the door.

"The great moats of the oceans and the wastelands



THE PONDERERS . . . Terry Fulford and Tony Wackler, both members of the Southwood Little League Cubs, sit on the curb in front of Paradise Park while they try to solve a weighty problem—where their team will play next season. Building projects have taken two fields from Cubs and now they have met opposition when they seek to use city park located at Lee St. and Ellinwood Dr. (Herald Photo)

Over Park Use

Little League, Area Residents Tiff Again

Mothers are on the march in Southwood.

Many of them will probably be on the Mothers March of Dimes tonight, but during the past week, they have been marching throughout the vast Southwood Estates residential area in west Torrance armed with petitions relative to the establishment of a playing field for the Southwood Little League on city owned park property.

For the third time in two years, the Southwood Little League is without a ball diamond, and the 250 players, league officials, members of the auxiliary, and parents and fans are seeking a playing field site with a degree of permanency.

DEVELOPMENT of a residential tract caused their eviction two years ago, and the team has just been notified that it is losing its current field because of the accelerated program for construction of the new West High School. The ball diamond now in use on the site of the planned high school.

In addition to the insecurity involved, it has been estimated by Mrs. Ralph Hogue, president of the league's auxiliary that the construction of a baseball diamond and spectator facilities cost about \$3000.

CURRENTLY at issue is the league's formal request to use 1½ acres of the 4½-acre Paradise Park at Lee St. and Ellinwood Drive.

A similar request two years ago was denied by the city after heated discussion. Consideration of the new request was scheduled before the parks and recreation commission meeting last night.

In requesting use of the undeveloped park site, the league would agree to meet with all the rules and regulations set up by the parks and recreation commission, according to Walter Virgil, league president.

USE OF THE facilities, which would be installed at

Bandits Hit Market Here At Closing

The search for three men who robbed a Torrance market of \$15,000 in cash and an estimated \$22,000 in checks at closing time Sunday continued yesterday under the direction of Torrance detectives.

Several leads, including one which indicates that the suspects may have fled the Southland by air, were being checked yesterday afternoon by Det. Myles Hamilton, with the cooperation of the Sheriff's office and neighboring police departments.

THE BANDIT trio, posing as shoppers at the Lucky Market, Sepulveda and Hawthorne Ave., hit the store just as it was about to be closed for the day.

Checker Carol Birdsong, on duty at a checkstand, told investigating officers that one of the bandits came to her station with some groceries, put them on the counter and pointed a revolver at her.

"Come on, lady, this is a holdup," he told her.

WHEN SHE failed to react immediately—apparently not understanding what he said—the bandit repeated his command twice.

Two other market employees, Assistant Manager Willard Miller and Clerk Frank Yamashita, had been forced to accompany one of the other bandits to Mrs. Birdsong's check station.

THE MEN were told to carry the cash drawer into the office.

"Keep calm and you won't be hurt," one of the bandits said.

Miller was then forced to go into the office with one of the suspects to get into the safe. Money from the safe was scooped into a paper sack after Miller was unable to find a cloth sack as the bandit demanded.

THE THIRD bandit, which had been near the door, yelled for the two inside.

"Come on, the cops have been called," he said.

The trio apparently drove away in a blue and white late model car which had been parked outside.

POLICE WERE called by a man who told them "something was wrong" at the market.

Police described one bandit as in his mid-twenties and

another as a "Perry Como" sweater. Another was about the same age and wearing a baseball cap, they said. Descriptions of the third bandit was not detailed.

Dimes Dance Set Saturday

"Dance so that others may walk" will again be the theme of the annual "Dance of Dimes" to be presented by the Torrance lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose at the lodge hall, 1744 W. Carson St., Saturday, at 9 p.m., Charles R. Britt, civic affairs chairman, announced yesterday.

"Proceeds derived from admission donations of 50 cents per person," according to Britt and William Griep, dance committee chairman, "will be presented to the Torrance chapter of the March of Dimes." The money will be used by the National Foundation for further research in the fields of Polio, Arthritis, an d birth defects.

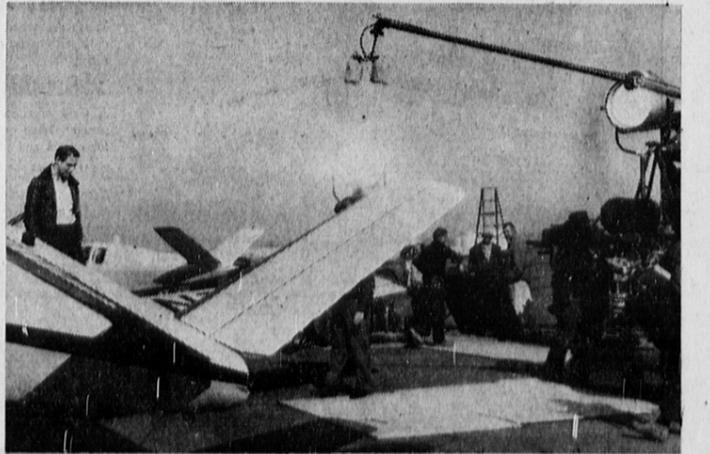
Music for this sixth annual Torrance Moose charity program will be provided by Tom Ulrich and his orchestra. Three door prizes will be awarded during the evening.

Deadline Set At El Camino

One day, February 1, remains for registration at El Camino College for spring semester classes, Leo M. Christian, assistant director of student personnel, announced yesterday.

With some 8500 students already enrolled for second semester work, a number of classes has been closed. "There are still many classes open, however," Christian revealed.

Hours of registration on Monday will be from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5:30 to 7 p.m. Classes will begin on February 2, and no provision is made for late registration.



LIGHTS, ACTION, CAMERA . . . Actor Paul Newman leaves a plane he has tested and when he hears aircraft officials say "wonderful, wonderful" about this modified craft he replies, "And what's wrong with the old version?" Scene took place Wednesday at Torrance Airport during the 20th Century filming of "From The Terrace."