

Plans for Probation Office Get Planning Approval

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NEW FREEWAY BATTLE PLANNED

Local Group Taking Fight Before State

Round umpteen in the years-long battle to obtain construction funds for the San Diego Freeway in this area will be carried to Sacramento again next week, it was reported here yesterday by William A. Cameron, president of the Inter-City Highway Committee.

Members of the organization of area cities have been granted a hearing before the California Highway Commission on Wednesday, Aug. 31, Cameron said.

MATERIAL for the presentation will stress the importance to Southern California of the San Diego Freeway, he said. Especially important, the commission will be told, is the link between Jefferson Blvd. to 174th St.

The battle for the San Diego Freeway was opened several years ago when a handful of city officials met to pool their efforts in the matter.

CITIES OF the Torrance and South Bay area spent several years on the project and more recently have been joined by Gardena, Inglewood, Culver City, and others along the freeway route who have a vital interest in the completion of the link in this area.

Money for construction of the Jefferson Blvd. to Torrance link has been earmarked, Councilman J. A. Bessley told the city council this week. "Our job now is to assure that those funds are kept in the budget which the State Highway Commission is about to put together," he added.

CAMERON ASKED that mayors of the various cities, members of the city councils, and Inter-City Committee members join in the caravan

to Sacramento to appear before the Commission.

"This committee feels that monies for such construction must be allocated immediately in order to combat the ever-growing traffic problems in our area," Cameron said.

City Hits 103,102, RPC Says

Torrance's bouncing population has jumped up another 2500 persons in the last five months, according to figures released yesterday by the County Regional Planning Commission.

The Commission's estimated population figures show this city with a 103,102 total, as compared to a 100,603 figure in April.

Torrance now ranks fifth among the 70 cities in Los Angeles County, trailing Los Angeles (2,478,660), Long Beach (328,935), Glendale (119,403) and Pasadena (115,764).

The Regional Planning Commission listed population totals for neighboring cities at 14,043 for El Segundo, 36,147 for Gardena, 18,166 for Hermosa Beach, 47,216 for Redondo Beach, 34,049 for Manhattan Beach, 22,091 for Lawndale, (Continued on Page 2)

Official Says No Detention Planned Here

Plans to erect a 14,500 square foot, red brick building on Torrance Blvd. between Madrona Ave. and Amie St. received the full backing of the city planning commission here this week after it was emphasized that the new facility would contain no detention facilities.

Robert Disterdich, administrative assistant to County Probation Director Karl Holton, told the planners at their regular meeting that the proposed building would serve as headquarters for the probation department's Torrance Area, which includes most of the Torrance, South Bay, and Gardena Valley areas.

ABOUT 50 probation officers are normally assigned to each of the county's five areas, Dis-

terdich said. In addition to these officers, another 20 persons are assigned for clerical duties, he said.

The Torrance office would serve as a headquarters for this personnel, and would be in addition to the detention facilities which are scheduled to be constructed on the site of Harbor General Hospital.

ASSURING the planners that the headquarters would not be a detriment to the area, the county officer reported that 80 per cent of the contacts made by probation officers are made in the homes, and that 75 per cent of those contacts are with youth who have never been in jail.

The planning commission voted to recommend approval of the application of the County Probation Department to the city council.

City Renews Request for Freeway Sign

City Manager George Stevens this week renewed the city's request that directional signs to Torrance be placed on the Harbor Freeway at the Artesia Blvd. and 190th St. off ramps.

The renewal was prompted by a letter received by the City Manager from A. L. Himelhook, District Engineer for the State Highway Commission. Himelhook said signs were planned for the Carson St. off ramp and for the Western Ave. interchange with the San Diego Freeway. Both projects are planned for construction in about two years.

In reviewing the request, Stevens pointed out that Torrance is recognized by signs at the 101 Highway interchange with the Long Beach Freeway. It was also emphasized that directional signs are urgently needed now.

Condition of Nardillo Lad Is Critical

Terry Nardillo, 14, of 922-A Sartori Ave., was still in critical condition at a Bakersfield Hospital today, but his condition was described as somewhat improved.

The boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Nardillo, was the only survivor of an auto crash that killed four persons, including his younger brother, Sammy, last week near Lindsay, Calif. He has undergone surgery for fractured legs, a (Continued on Page 2)



ENTER QUEEN RACE . . . Four more lovelies have entered the judging for selection of "Miss Walteria" to reign over the annual Walteria Roundup Sept. 9-11. From left are De Anne Harper, Susan Johnson, Donna Drelling, and Marilyn Wallace. Judging will take place Friday night, Sept. 9, at the Polynesian.

Dope Pipelines Must Be Hit District Attorney Stresses

The prime target in the current fight against narcotics must be to smash the illicit drug pipeline into the United States, District Attorney William McKesson declared yesterday.

McKesson's comments came after a series of field inspection trips aimed at a stepped-up attack on the growing Los Angeles County drug problem. "Our first objective should be to discover the sources and dry them up," he said.

"THIS DOES not minimize the importance of work being done on other phases of narcotics controls, however."

Recent trips by the District Attorney include one to the state prison facility at Chino where he observed techniques

of group therapy used by the prison staff to help an addict fight against actively resuming the drug habit.

More recently, McKesson visited an East Los Angeles clinic to watch administration of the Nalline test.

THIS TEST consists of injecting Nalline into a subject. The injection reacts on the pupil of the eye and will disclose whether the person being tested has become readdicted. If so, the individual is promptly recommitted to a

state institution before he finds it necessary to steal or otherwise illegally obtain money to feed his drug habit.

"The Nalline test is interesting," observed McKesson.

"It must be remembered that it is a test, not a cure of any kind. While the testing project has developed nothing conclusive as yet, it appears the plan is at least an effort to salvage those unfortunate addicts who previously were allowed to drift back to active usage of dope. It seems to have possibilities."

Four Persons Hurt When Autos Crash

Four persons were injured and two others escaped unhurt here Thursday night when one auto slammed into the rear of another at the intersection of Torrance Blvd. and Sartori Ave.

Taken to an emergency center for treatment were Charles J. Mitchell, 36, of 20704 Bud-

long Ave., and his wife, Norma, 32. The two Mitchell children, Carolyn 13 and Perry 6, were checked by physicians but apparently escaped unhurt.

Driver of the rear car in the crash, B. Franklin Waddel, 31, of San Pedro, and his passenger, Kenneth Tucker, 20, of Santa Monica, also were treated at the emergency clinic.

Waddel was treated for a lacerated forehead and other cuts and bruises. Mitchell complained of neck pains, described as possible "whiplash" and his wife was treated for facial cuts.

The intersection is controlled by one of the few "one-eyed" traffic signals remaining in the city.

Torrance Days Set At County Fair

Torrance Day at the Los Angeles County Fair will be Tuesday, Sept. 20, it was announced here yesterday.

Park Band Concert Due Today

The Combined-Parks Concert of the "Fun Through Music" program is to be presented this afternoon at 2 p.m. at the Torrance Park Bandshell at Arlington and Santa Fe.

"The stage just won't hold them all this year," says Jim Davidson, thinking ahead to the concert. This group of elementary age has increased so in the past three summers that last year they had to be squeezed on the stage.

Jim and his two assistants, Mike Johnson and Carol Wadingham, find it very challenging to work with so many talented instrumentalists. The Combined-Parks Concert is their "open house," and parents and friends are invited to attend. This is a fine time to plan a picnic.



COOL MAN . . . In more ways than one, Mark Carpenter, 10, is a cool man. He plays a jazzy clarinet for the Torrance Recreation Dept. "Fun Through Music" band, but he's shown here taking advantage of a two bar rest to cool off with a root beer sno-cone. Mark is one of several score youngsters who will participate in the Rec. Dept.'s program at 2 p.m. this afternoon. The concert will be held in the Torrance Park Band shell.

A Penny for your Thoughts

"In view of the recent accomplishments by the United States (Echo balloon, Discoverer recovery, X-15 speed and altitude records) where do you think we stand in the race for space in comparison with the Soviet Union?"

Replying were: Winifred Baskovich, 3209 W. 190th St., student at El Camino College: "Well I think we are at least even with Russia, definitely not behind them, possibly we are ahead of them a little."

We have made such rapid strides, especially in the last couple of months. Russia hasn't boasted about the high speeds such as our X-15 recently attained. They probably will come out soon with something as good, just to get ahead of us."

Mrs. George Bates, 4931 Ave. C, housewife: "We're probably doing just as well as they are. Our people are just as intelligent as theirs, so I don't see how they can be any farther ahead. Their propaganda builds up their accomplishments and so does ours."

H. L. Himes, 500 W. 218th Pl., Lube man for Rumbley Transportation Co.:

"I think we were behind for awhile but I don't think we are now. I haven't heard much about their advancement lately, it's been mostly about Powers and his trial so it's hard to judge but with our recent jump forward I think we are at least even with them."

Deen Littleton, 4267 E. Carlin, Lynwood, housewife:

"I'm afraid we're behind Russia. I don't think we're very far behind but still behind. We've had a lot of publicity lately but I don't think it's any sudden burst of progress, but a steady pace. I think the Russians are more daring than we are; by that I mean they would put a man into a satellite sooner than we would as they have more men who would volunteer regardless of their chances of survival, and their views of life and mortality is different than ours."

Mrs. Joyce Siebler, 21104 S. Hoort, housewife:

"In view of the latest developments we have had in the advancement of space travel, I'm sure we're equal if not ahead of Russian development in it. For while I wondered if we were equal to them but now I feel certain that we are."



PRETTY CANDIDATE . . . Wendy Moore, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Moore, 3112 W. 177th St., will vie for queen honors in the Lawndale Festa Days celebration to be held Sept. 9 through 11. Miss Moore, a North High School senior, will represent the Southwest Association for Retarded Children, who will have two booths in the Fall festival to raise money for their recreation building fund.