

Shidler Appointment to Superior Bench Said Near

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HIGH SPEED CHASE ENDS LARK

A Penny for your Thoughts

Five Torrance police officers were asked to look at their jobs from the other side of the fence this week with the question:

"If you were a citizen instead of a police officer what would you suggest for better cooperation between both groups?"

Lt. Swayne Johnson:

"I think that if people would make more effort to obey traffic laws there would be fewer citations and better relations between officers and citizens, although a citation could save a life."

Officer Bob Lyden:

"I say we all should consider the facts and try not to be on the defensive. We're here to help—not to hinder, and we would like to be friends, but we have a job to do."

Capt. John Maestri:

"Children are taught to ride bicycles properly to prevent them from being injured or killed, yet eight have been killed in Los Angeles County since school started. Let's cooperate and let them grow up to be healthy, strong citizens."

Lt. Don E. Nash:

"Better cooperation between police officers and citizens can only come from obeying the laws—they were made for all of us and for our protection. Safety is no accident and this fact is proved daily."

Officer W. O. Winther:

"If all motorists would show common courtesy the accident rate would be cut in half. The largest single cause of accidents in Torrance is violation of right-of-way which is just another term for courtesy."

Three Given Top Billing As Successor

Reports that changes in the judicial assignments in this area would be announced by Gov. Brown soon—possibly this week—were circulating freely throughout the city yesterday.

The rumors, which could not be confirmed by the HERALD, took several directions:

Top City Aide in New Post

Robert Carleson, administrative assistant in the city manager's office for the past two years, has resigned effective Oct. 10 to accept appointment as city administrator for the new city of San Dimas, he announced yesterday.

Carleson, who resides at 5413 Riviera Way with his wife, Betty, and two sons, Mark, 5, and Eric, 2, will become the first city administrator for the new Los Angeles County city.

The city official came here from the city of Claremont where he was city clerk and administrative assistant. He is the son of a former Long Beach city councilman, Basil U. Carleson, and has studied public administration at the University of Southern California. He is completing work now for his master's degree.

In addition to his work with the city manager's office, Carleson has been serving as deputy city clerk during the extended illness of City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.

Insurance Study

A study into the possibility of requiring liability insurance on all planes based at Torrance Municipal Airport will be undertaken by the Airport Commission on the council's recommendation.

HERALD, took several directions:

1. Municipal Judge John A. Shidler, veteran South Bay jurist, is scheduled for appointment to a Superior Court bench.

2. His successor will be selected from a list of three area lawyers whose names have been sifted by Brown from a much longer list.

3. Included on the list is Atty. Ray Choate, prominent San Pedro lawyer and resident of the South Bay.

4. Included is Atty. William McFaden, member of a Redondo Beach legal firm and active in Democratic affairs.

5. Included is Atty. John Simpson, former member of the Torrance Airport Commission, and on the legal staff of a major airline firm.

Mayor Albert Isen, once considered a strong contender for the post should a vacancy occur, is being passed over in the local guessing game. But insiders say, "Don't count him out!"

Christmas Season Mail Jobs Offered

Applications for Christmas employment at the Torrance Post Office will be taken at the downtown office for men only between 9 a.m. and 12 noon on Saturday, Postmaster Clara Conner reported yesterday.

Men wishing to help the Post Office during the Christmas rush should pick up application forms at this time, she warned.



AT CRASH SCENE . . . Ambulance attendants remove victim from one of two vehicles involved in a crash at Crenshaw and Sepulveda Blvd. Tuesday afternoon. Three persons were injured in the crash, according to police reports. Auto in the foreground was driven by William H. Challif, 77, of 2334 W. 241st St., Lomita. (Herald Photo)

Kids in Auto Flee Police, End in Crash

A pre-dawn lark this week which saw an 11- and 12-year-old Torrance pair take the family auto of one of them and head to the mountains to "live like hermits," ended in a crash after a high-speed chase early Monday.

The two boys, chased by pursuing police at speeds up to 90 miles an hour, were finally stopped in south Torrance near the Palos Verdes City limits when a Redondo police car got in front of them and slowed down his vehicle.

After coming to a near halt, the young driver of the stolen car accelerated and slammed into the rear of the Redondo pursuit car, then backed away quickly and slammed into the grille of a Torrance police car which had joined the chase.

Although none of the passengers in the auto were injured, all three cars received considerable damage.

Parents of the two juveniles were called, and permitted to take them home pending a juvenile hearing.

Parents told officers each thought their son was in bed. One surprised mother exclaimed, "I didn't even know he knew how to drive!"

In other traffic cases this week, police reported that a 68-year-old retired worker received serious injuries, including a possible broken hip, when he was struck by an auto at 235th and Crenshaw Blvd. Tuesday evening.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital for treatment was Walter E. Whitley, who resides at 2597 W. 235th St. He was struck as he attempted to cross Crenshaw Blvd. at 235th St., police investigators said.

Vergil Lerry Best, 59, of 23721 Walter St., was southbound on Crenshaw Blvd. and struck the pedestrian.

In another accident at Crenshaw Blvd. and Sepulveda earlier Tuesday, three persons were treated for injuries as a result of the crash.

Taken to the Little Company of Mary Hospital were William Challif, 77, of 2334 W. 241st St., Lomita, driver of one of the autos, and Lena Challif, 74, a passenger in his car.

City Takes Tree Offer By Del Amo

The offer of the Del Amo Estates Co. to provide a large number of trees and shrubs to the city without charge has finally been accepted after several weeks of checking.

The council approved acceptance of the offer after Councilman Willys Blount and Wade Peebles, director of public works, recommended it to them.

An appropriation of \$5000 was approved to cover costs of moving the trees and shrubs.

First Jaycee Polio Clinic Set Saturday

The first in a series of polio clinics in the downtown area to be sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce will be held Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the new Security First National Bank building at El Prado and Cravens.

The clinic will be staffed by doctors and nurses, and polio shots will be given for \$1 each, according to Jaycee President Bob Vroman. A maximum charge of \$5 will be made to members of one family, he added.

The other clinics have been scheduled by the Jaycees in cooperation with the National Foundation for Saturday, Oct. 15, and again on Saturday, Oct. 29, according to Vroman.

Oregon Governor Slated For Area Speech Friday

Gov. Mark Hatfield of Oregon will speak at a giant rally at the Hacienda Hotel in San Pedro at 10 a.m. tomorrow, it was announced here yesterday by Charles Soderstrom, chairman of the Republican Central Committee for the 17th Congressional District.

The Oregon Governor, who played a key role in the Republican National Convention, will appear as the principal speaker at the rally being sponsored by the Palos Verdes Peninsula Club of Federated Republican Women.

"We have room for several thousand people," Soderstrom said.

Appearing with Gov. and Mrs. Hatfield will be singing star, Dennis Morgan. Morgan will sing several numbers at the San Pedro event, it was announced.

Dr. Rollin Smith to Head Good Neighbor Breakfast

The Board of Manager of the Torrance YMCA appointed Dr. Rollin R. Smith to the post of chairman for the 15th Annual Good Neighbor Breakfast at their regular meeting this week.

In accepting the task of organizing the largest community breakfast in the Greater Torrance area, Smith expressed pleasure in carrying on this traditional community function.

Smith stated that the major purpose of the breakfast was to honor some quiet citizen who has demonstrated neighborly qualities during the past year. Letters of nomination are sought from all citizens during the next two weeks. Last year's winner of the Al Turner Good Neighbor Trophy was Clifford Greybehl, employee of the Torrance Unified School District.

SMITH BEGINS the monumental task of acquiring food, tables, chairs, chefs, entertainment, prizes, automatic pancake dispensers, and hundreds of other supplies to make the

neighborly event a continued success.

Nomination letters should be sent to Dr. Smith at the Torrance YMCA prior to Oct. 15.

Changes Ordered

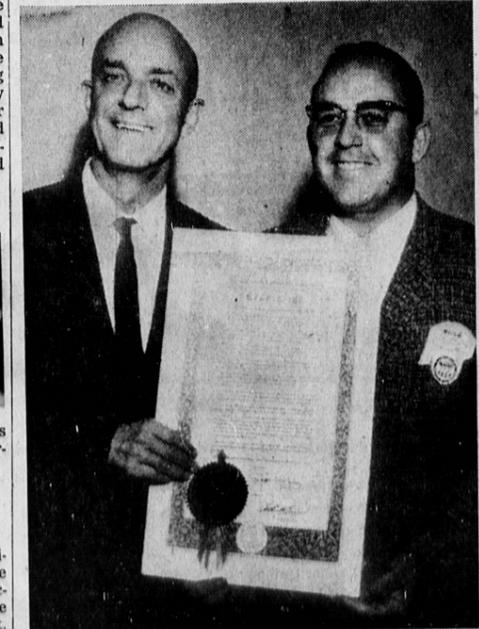
Remodeling of the intersection of Newton St. and Pacific Coast Hwy. was ordered by the City Council Tuesday evening.



FIRE PATROL . . . Curious citizens flocked to nearby hillsides late Saturday as high winds fanned a brush fire through the Rolling Hills section just south of the Torrance city limits. Twelve fire companies battled the blaze which raced down Crenshaw Canyon, threatening

several expensive homes. One unoccupied home was heavily damaged by the flames. A flare-up in the same area Tuesday night was quickly controlled.

(Herald Photo)



MANAGER HONORED . . . Assemblyman Charles Chapel (left) presents Assembly Resolution to Chamber of Commerce Manager Dick Fitzgerald during breakfast meeting of the Chamber this week. The resolution, adopted earlier this year by the Assembly, cited Fitzgerald's contribution to the free enterprise system in California. Chapel later spoke on the water bond ballot proposal, generally expressing opposition to it "as it now stands." (Herald Photo)