

# Suggestion to Close Refinery Flayed by Council

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# CITY LOGS THIRD TRAFFIC DEATH

### A Penny for your Thoughts

With baseball starting up again, five women in the Little League Auxiliary were asked the following question. "What can be done to encourage greater interest and support of Little League?"

**Polly Smith, 4809 Bindowald Rd., Little League Advisor:** "We need more people than the regular handful that show up to get the playing field in shape. The upkeep of the fields is a big job. The Torrance American League is working for a power mower which would help matters."

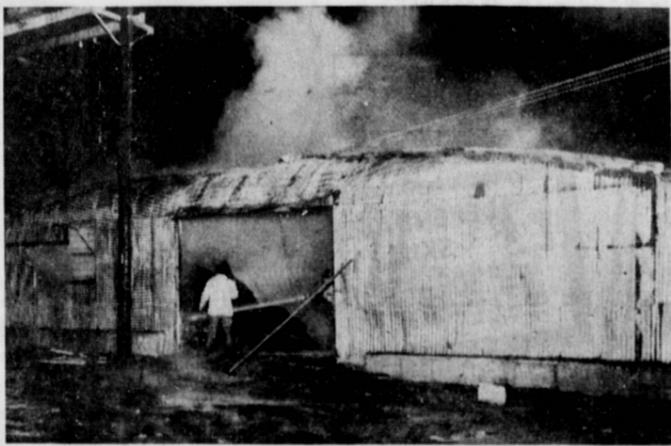
**Evelyn Burkhalter, 4814 Bindowald Rd., homemaker:** "One thing — The parents are really missing out on a lot of fun by not attending the games. The boys would be much happier during their parents' time and they would try harder too."

**Ruth Lingo, 4910 Mindora Dr., publicity chairman:** "Little League is a non-profit organization and none are paid for time put in. It takes approximately \$6000 a year to run a league. This money is raised by parents, sponsors, and local merchants."

**Marion Waddington, 22312 Ellinwood Dr., homemaker:** "Lots of people think nothing of paying \$5.00 for a ticket to see the Dodgers. The least they could do, when they have children playing, is to come and see the games. These kids are the future major league ball players. The parents are the ones who encourage the boys."

**Jean McPherrin, 22634 La deene Ave., vice-president of Auxiliary:** "One thing we are doing to arouse interest is sending out a newsletter called The TALL News. TALL standing for Torrance American Little League. We started this last month and it will contain Auxiliary and Board news plus league standings and coming events. This should help keep the parents informed."

**County to Honor Local Librarian**  
Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, 1804 Gramercy Ave., city librarian for many years and now a principal librarian with the County Library System, will be honored with a 30-year pin for her services, it was announced yesterday by Supervisor Burton Chace.



**FACTORY IN FLAMES . . .** Fire which was discovered late Saturday night destroyed a major portion of the Stanley Frame Co. at 316 Arlington Ave. before fire Torrance engine companies could control the flames. Firemen said the damage would probably exceed \$10,000. Origin of the flames was not determined immediately.

## Council Pledges Aid In Residents' Fight Against Carbon Dust

A committee of city officials, residents, and industry scientists was asked to look into means of allaying problems of blowing grime from a huge stockpile of carbon at Crenshaw Blvd. and Del Amo Ave. Tuesday after a recommendation from the Public Works Department of the city that the operating license be suspended was termed "ridiculous" by one councilman.

Acting on complaints of residents along Del Amo Blvd. who asked for an investigation during last week's high winds, Mayor Albert Isen named Councilman George Bradford, Public Works Director Wade Peebles, and Malcolm L. Sagenkahn, chairman of the city's recently formed Chemical Board, to look into the matter with residents and scientists.

### Two More File for Trustees

Two more men have thrown their hats into the ring for the April 18 election to select three members of the board of education here, it was reported late yesterday. Five had previously filed.

Adding their names to the list this week were James B. Miller, 4820 Milne Drive, and David K. Lyman, 1741 Greenwood Ave.

Filing previously were the three incumbents, Joseph H. Arnold, Grace Wright, and Robert Ellis; and two challengers, Edward F. Broderick and Jack C. Knibb.

Closing date for entering the race is March 17. Several other persons have indicated an interest in the race, including William Hanson, currently a member of the city's library commission, and Barber Nat Mondatti of North Torrance.

what corrective measures may be taken and when."

**COUNCILMAN Willlys G. Blount** jumped onto the recommendation after determining that the Mobil Oil Co. was the only licensee on the project.

He termed it a ridiculous recommendation. "They would just laugh at us if we tried to shut down their refinery," Blount told the HERALD later. "In the first place, we do not have the right to close them down," Blount said. "We would have to go to court and seek an injunction. To shut them down arbitrarily would lay the city open for civil damages which could ruin us."

**A. E. THOMPSON**, manager of the refinery, pointed out that Mobil paid 11.6 per cent of all the taxes in the city and employed about 2000 persons. The coking process which results in the stockpiling of the carbon residue is an essential part of the refinery's operation, and nearly one third of all petroleum handled at the refinery go through this process, he said.

Residents having homes along Del Amo Blvd. adjacent to the huge pile presented a strong plea and were backed up by officials of the Air Pollution Control District, who admitted that they had been to court on the matter twice and had both cases thrown out.

**THE PROBLEM** of carbon dust apparently is not within the jurisdiction of the APCD under present laws, one APCD official said.

Mrs. Robert Cathcart testified that her home was be-sooted and that a washing she had hung out Wednesday had to be rewashed three times before the grime could be removed.

Other residents made similar statements regarding the need to repaint homes frequently, and the almost impossible task of cleaning up the grime once it is spread throughout the area.

**SEVERAL** councilmen protested that the residue from the pile affects their homes or businesses several blocks away from the site, including Nick-

olas Drale, George Bradford, and Victor Benstead.

A meeting of the committee named by Isen, called by Councilman Bradford, will be held next Tuesday afternoon in the city council chambers.

## '35 Club' Abolished With Pay Raise Vote

The city council broke up the "35 Club" Tuesday night. By a 4-3 vote, the council adopted a recommendation offered by Councilman George Bradford that those city employees who received small wage boosts last July be given the same 2½ per cent raise the rest got.

The term "35 Club" arose last year when the council split the city employees into two groups for pay raises, and gave the 35 top employees of the city a smaller raise.

Vigorously opposing the raise were Mayor Albert Isen and Councilmen Victor Benstead and Nickolas Drale. A substitute motion by Drale to give all employees a 2½ per cent raise failed.

## Cyclist Dies in Smashup

A Wilmington cyclist whose motorcycle jumped a curb and slammed along a block wall became the city's third traffic victim of 1961 late Saturday.

Darrell Isbell, 26, died at the Little Company of Mary Hospital after an accident on 190th St. at Cranbrook Ave. Investigators said the victim apparently tried to make a turn onto Cranbrook but failed, jumping the curb, bouncing off a power pole, and into the concrete block wall.

**IN ANOTHER** accident in Los Angeles Robert R. Kent, 46, of 1665 W. 182nd St., was killed when two cars collided on the Harbor Freeway at Vernon Ave. in Los Angeles.

In other week end accidents here, a Waleria man was charged with drunken driving after a head-on crash at Hawthorne Ave. and Emerald. John Berry, 29, of 24241 Ward St., was booked after the crash in which James A. Conner, 27, Bondlynn Conner, 29, Charles Conner, 3, all of Hawthorne, received injuries.

**JAMES J. Stanley** of Hawthorne was hospitalized Sunday after his car and one driven by Edmund Galloway, 36, of Torrance collided at Hawthorne Ave. and Torrance Blvd.



**MEETS DEMOS . . .** Alan Cranstan (left), state controller, meets Rosemary DeCamp (Mrs. John A. Shidler) and President Roger West of the Torrance Democrats, Inc. during week end meeting at the YWCA here. Cranstan had been honored earlier with a reception at the Palms Restaurant attended by leaders of the city's business and industrial firms. (Herald Photo)

## Rolling Hills Backs City Bid for Court

The City of Rolling Hills has joined the growing list of cities endorsing the Torrance Civic Center as the logical site for the permanent facilities of the Southwest Branch of the Superior Court.

In a strongly worded resolution adopted this week, the Rolling Hills Councilmen unanimously asked that the court be situated in Torrance and that they be transferred from the South (Long Beach) District to the local district if the

court facilities are located here.

**THE COUNCIL'S** action followed a personal appeal by Mayor Albert Isen and Councilman Nick Drale of Torrance who had sought their aid in having the court placed here when it is removed from Inglewood.

"In the event that a new courthouse for the Southwest District is constructed in the Torrance civic center and the location of said District is changed to Torrance, it would be more convenient for Palos Verdes Peninsula residents to go to court in Torrance," the resolution stated.

**THE ACTION** of the Rolling Hills Council closed the final gap on the Peninsula as the cities of Palos Verdes Estates and Rolling Hills Estates had previously adopted similar or stronger resolutions.

Also backing the Torrance plan have been the cities of Gardena, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, and the Lomita Chamber of Commerce.

**OBVIOUSLY** happy at the addition of the Rolling Hills resolution to the growing support were City Attorney Stanley Remeimyer and Attorney Boris Woolley who have headed up efforts to have Torrance selected as the permanent site for the multi-million dollar court facilities.

In addition to the city and Chamber of Commerce resolutions supporting Torrance, the South Bay Bar Assn. composed of attorneys practicing in the South Bay area voted overwhelmingly to back the Torrance site, and the Southwest Bar Assn., composed of attorneys at the north end of the district in Los Angeles, voted against placing the facilities in Inglewood because of the

crowded conditions existing there.

**A PUBLIC** hearing on the matter before a committee of Superior Court judges has been scheduled for April 26 in Los Angeles.

In the meantime, a new population survey has been launched by the County Regional Planning Commission, and a study is being made of the suggestions Torrance and Peninsula officials have made concerning boundary changes.

**ALL CITIES** in the Southwest part of the county except Hawthorne and Lawndale have backed the Torrance plan, according to the tabulation by Torrance officials.

And, despite handicaps, local officials have not given up on obtaining support at least from Lawndale.

A meeting of the Citizens' Committee for the Court has been scheduled here for next Monday.

## BMHS Junior Wins Lions Club Honors

Joseph Allen, a Junior at the Bishop Montgomery High School, was the winner of the Torrance Lions Club Annual Student Speakers' Contest.

Allen competed against Carol Echols and Carol Porterfield, Juniors at the Torrance High School. All students spoke on the selected subject, "Our National Heritage — Pattern for Today."

Joseph will now enter the zone contest which will be held Tuesday, March 14, at the North High School Auditorium. He will be competing with five other Lions Club winners from the area.



**CARS COLLIDE . . .** Four persons were checked by private physicians after these two cars collided at Sartori and Cabrillo Aves. in downtown Torrance Tuesday morning. Charlene Wright, 23, of 1700 W. 241st St., who was southbound on Cabrillo, and her children, David, 1, and Denise, 4, were checked along with her passenger, Sandra Jean Auflil, of 1705 W. 241st. Driver of the other car was identified as Madeline Riley, 37, of 1004 W. 213th St., who was turning left onto Sartori Ave. from Cabrillo. (Herald Photo)