

Forgery Charge Rocks Carson Incorporation Meet

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A Penny for your Thoughts

"Why are you requesting the Torrance Recreation Commission for funds to develop a park site in the Victor tract?" This question was asked five ladies from this area who were soliciting signatures for this project.

Mrs. C. R. Berwanger, 5617 Andrus:

"We are getting signatures on this petition so that all concerned with the granting of this needed park will know how much we want it and need it as soon as it can be developed. We can't have our children playing in streets."

Mrs. Jerry Mills, 20537 Ent-rader:

"We of Victor must have this park as there are more than a 1000 children here that will benefit from its existence. As it is now there is no place for them to play with neighboring children except in the streets."

Mrs. William R. Burrell, 5127 Astoria:

"The reason we need this park is because we live in this area and must have a place for our children to play in. Besides having the site we, as individuals, are not able to buy the type of facilities city parks install."

Mrs. Donald Walker, 5203 Astoria:

"Most other areas in Torrance have a park within a reasonable walking distance and the children do not have to cross busy streets to get to them. It takes years to fully develop a park and we should get started now if our children are to use it."

Mrs. Wendell Thompson, 20701 Christine:

"The other parks in Torrance are beautiful with shade trees and green grass for children to run and play on. I took a group of neighborhood children to one of them, but I hate the responsibility of a car full of children who are not my own. We must have our Victor Park."

Jaycees Sponsor Polio Vaccines

Polio vaccine shots at \$1 each will be given next Saturday from 11 a. m. to 3 p. m. at the J. C. Penney Store in the Del Amo Shopping Center under the sponsorship of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce and the March of Dimes. Doug Hedde is chairman of the project for the Jaycees.

Attorney Says Signature on Petition Fake

A bombshell — in the form of an accusation that forgery had been committed — fell into the middle of Thursday's hearing on the question of incorporation of the Carson area before the Board of Supervisors.

The accusation, made by Attorney William D. Moore who appeared as counsel for the Carson Property Owners and Industrial Committee, managed to delay the final hearing on the matter until July 13 at 10:30 a.m.



ROBERT BAUMAN Gets Volunteer Award Local Youth Wins County Recognition

Competition was keen Monday at Los Angeles County Museum when Candy Strippers from 39 hospitals in the County vied for the first Junior Volunteer Service Award, but Robert Bauman, 19, representing Harbor General Hospital, walked away with top honors.

Bauman won first place for Los Angeles County, as a Candy Stripper, with 2200 hours of service to his credit since starting in January, 1957. The award was presented by the Volunteer Bureau of the Los Angeles Region. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Milford Bauman, 3916 Palos Verdes Drive North.

Bauman has served in almost every department that a hospital allows a Candy Stripper to work in, according to Mrs. Marguerite McAllister. (Continued on Page 2)

IT WAS the first time in the history of Los Angeles County, according to Board Chairman Ernest Debbs, that such an accusation had been made in an incorporation move.

"This is a matter for the District Attorney's office to investigate fully and prosecute those responsible, if they be responsible," Debbs said.

The hearing was attended by more than 200 persons, about equally divided for and against incorporation, most of whom were transported to Los Angeles by chartered buses sponsored by both pro and anti-incorporationists.

OPENING the hearing was a statement made by R. B. Keith, Carson area realtor and chairman of the Carson Cityhood Assn., which backed the move for cityhood. He pleaded that the Board let the matter of incorporation come to a vote of the people.

Attorney Moore's argument began with the accusation which involved Victor and Evelyn Brown, alleged joint tenants of the property on the northeast corner of Main and Carson Sts., which has a reported assessed valuation of \$48,000. Moore contended that these two persons did not sign the recent petitions favoring incorporation. He was supported by the testimony of Otto Smith, representing Shell Oil Co., which leases the land for a service station from the Browns, and that of John O. Harris, a handwriting expert.

With this support, Moore said that the pro-incorporation group failed to meet the required 25 per cent of the total assessed land value represent- (Continued on Page 2)



DOPE HAUL . . . Lt. D. C. Cook, head of the Police Department's administrative vice detail, looks over crop of 58 marijuana plants and assorted barbiturates confiscated in raid on North Torrance home Friday night. Cook and members of the Sheriff's narcotics squad arrested three persons on suspicion of violating narcotics laws. (Herald Photo)

Three Nabbed in Dope Raid at Local Home

Three North Torrance residents were in custody yesterday on suspicion of violating narcotics laws after police and sheriff's officers raided the home Friday night. Found at the house were 58

Citizens To Visit Airport

Torrance Airport will hold its annual open house today, beginning at 10 a. m. The popular Airport Day will feature displays and flying demonstrations.

Among the many displays will be many types and sizes of planes sponsored by the Experimental Aircraft Owner's Association and the Antique Aircraft Owner's Association. Also featured will be a World War I Jennie and a restored 1929 Gypsy Moth.

The Boeing B-17G, known popularly as the Flying Fortress, will also be on display. This plane was the backbone of allied bomber might during World War II.

marijuana plants and a quantity of barbiturates and other pills.

Taken into custody by Lt. D. C. Cook, head of the Police Department's administrative vice detail, and members of the Sheriff's narcotic squad were Willard Desmond Williams, 30; his wife, Valerie Arlene Williams, 21; and a 17-year-old Navyman's wife, the sister of Mrs. Williams. All were arrested at the Williams' home had been under surveillance for several months, and had been under almost constant surveillance for a period of three weeks.

The Williams couple was taken to Lennox Sheriff's sub-station by the deputies, while the 17-year-old was held by Torrance police for petitioning as a juvenile.

Schools Nearing G-Day

Graduation days for 1200 high school seniors in Torrance's four high schools will be coming up next Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Commencement exercises at Bishop Montgomery are slated for 8 p. m. Tuesday. The exercises will be held at St. James Church in Redondo Beach with James Francis Cardinal McIntyre presiding. The class of 195 is the first to graduate from the school.

CEREMONIES for North, South, and Torrance High Schools are set for Thursday at 8 p. m. North will graduate a class of 353 at ceremonies to be held in the school stadium. School Board members Clinton Cooke and Robert Ellis and Assistant Superintendent Albert Posner will officiate.

EL CAMINO Stadium will be the scene for South's graduation. A class of 375 will receive diplomas from Mrs. Grace Wright and Joseph G. Arnold, School Board members, and Assistant Superintendent Louis Kaplan.

Board President William C. Boswell and Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip will officiate at ceremonies for Torrance's class of 255. The exercises will be held in the High School Stadium.

DIPLOMAS will be awarded to 176 persons in Adult School rites tomorrow night at 8 p. m. The ceremonies will be held in the Torrance High Auditorium with former member Charlton A. Mewborn and Assistant Superintendent Albert Posner distributing diplomas.

Drale Claims Savings Can Reduce Rate

A reduction of 10 cents in the city's tax rate will be sought during hearings on the proposed budget for the coming year, Councilman Nick Drale told the HERALD yesterday. Drale said he would push for the reduction because "we can balance the budget without it."

Basis for the optimism is the nearly \$200,000 worth of equipment and facilities the council was able to purchase this week with surplus funds from the current budget.

"ALL OF THESE items were carried in the 1961-62 budget proposal," Drale said. "By eliminating this much money from the budget, there is no reason why the revenue from taxes can't be reduced." He explained that each penny of the tax rate is computed to bring about \$20,000 to the city. Drale said he had been assured of backing in his move by other council members.

PUBLIC HEARINGS on the budget have been scheduled for 8 p. m. next Tuesday and again at 5:30 p. m. the following Tuesday, June 20. A third work session has been scheduled for 5:30 p. m. Monday.

During a work session on the budget proposal Thursday evening, councilmen indicated approval of most department requests but proposed elimination of some positions in the public works department, and added a position to the engineering department.

DISCUSSION of employe pay hikes will come before the council this week.

Police are asking for an 11 per cent increase to match increases given recently to Los Angeles officers.

A spokesman for the general employes, Don Tandy, told

Youth Sentenced For Manslaughter

A Torrance youth has been sentenced to a term of one to 10 years for manslaughter and one to 20 for robbery. Nineteen-year-old Phillip A. Fox, 1830 Torrance Blvd., was sentenced after pleading guilty to the manslaughter and robbery charge. He was accused to slaying his uncle, Dewey Fox, with a shotgun last Dec. 5.

councilmen this week that his group wanted an across-the-board increase of \$50. He claimed percentage increases were unfair to lower salaried employes.

OTHER ACTION due before Tuesday's 8 p. m. council session includes the resignation of John W. Wallace of Ryan Aeronautical Co. from the airport commission. Wallace has just been named director of labor relations for his company, and will spend much of his time in San Diego, he said in a letter of resignation.

Acting City Manager John Bramhall will recommend that Don B. Wolf, be given the contract to construct the airport fire station on his bid of \$70,904, the lowest of six bidders.



IN MARINES . . . Woman Pvt. Barbara J. Mann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Mann, has completed general office procedures at the Parris Island, S. C. Marine Corps Recruit Depot. Before entering the service last February, she was graduated from North High School.



PROUD STUDENTS . . . Members of first grade at Arlington elementary school wrote a letter to Cmdr. Alan Shepard after he made space flight, congratulating him. A letter of thanks with an inclosed photo was received by their teacher, Miss Shirley Reed, who shows part of class their news clipping scrapbook on the historic achievement. (Herald Photo)



COMMENCEMENT . . . Graduating pre-school members of the Summer Class of '61 at Normandale Playground wore mortar boards at exercises held Friday morning. From left, front row: Joanne Sauard, Lorna Mariepama, Todd Wilson, and Kim Helm. Back row: Cindy Abner, Sharron Malnar, Sara Tendick and Will Croskrey. (Herald Photo)