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# PLANNER DENIES 'CONFLICT'

A Penny  
for  
your  
Thoughts

Coinciding with the stress on education and the consequential boom of junior colleges in Southern California, the Pennies photographer asked administrators and students at El Camino College, "What are the advantages of a junior college?"

Dr. Stuart E. Marsee, El Camino College president:

"General excellence of the program is important. Our graduates earn excellent grades at four-year universities. We also offer courses in trades and fields of business that cannot be obtained at any university."



Cathy Dunn, 24403 Madison:

"One advantage is that the college is so close to home. The junior college also offers a large variety of courses that are equal in caliber with those offered in four-year universities. The cost is also attractive."

John Morrow, Asst. Director of Instruction:

"One important factor is that the change from high school social and academic background to the college atmosphere is much easier made by a progressive step such as a junior college. The economic factor is also important."



Mike Mullin, 18208 Yukon:

"I attend El Camino because it is an excellent way of getting my lower division requirements out of the way without spending a great deal of money. The college is convenient since it is so close."

To Show Paintings

Contemporary oil paintings by Ernest Lacy, Ed Biberman and Ruth Rothman, and a collection of Japanese paintings lent by Mrs. Robert McAuliffe of San Pedro, will be on display in the library gallery at Marymount College for three weeks beginning Feb. 2.

Slates Meetings

Senior Citizens Day will be held on the last Wednesday of the month at the Torrance Recreation Adult Center.

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FLOODLIGHTS GO UP . . . A crane lifts a floodlight into position while another, on ground in foreground, waits for the same treatment at the new athletic field for Torrance High School. The new field is located at the west end of Lincoln Avenue. No bleachers are included in the present contract for facilities at the field but when bleachers are built they will seat 4,000 persons. (Herald Photo)

## Shipyard Accident Kills Husband of Police Clerk

Funeral services will be held here tomorrow for a Torrance man who was fatally crushed Friday morning when he was caught between a crane and the wall of a drydock at the Long Beach Naval Shipyard.

William C. Bethea Jr., 46, who had completed 20 years of Navy service in 1959, had been employed in the Navy yard as a boilertender since his retirement. He was the husband of Elizabeth (Jan) Bethea, secretary to Police Chief Percy Bennett of Torrance. He lived at 5222 Lee St.

A NAVY chaplain will officiate at services at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel at 2 p.m. tomorrow. Burial will be in Fort Rosecrans. He was a member of the Fleet Reserve Assn.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by two daughters, Barbara and Jacquelin; three brothers, Powell of Sacramento, Doyle of San Diego, and F. H. Bethea of Arkansas; and four sisters. Lois Kirk of San Bernardino, Christine Condrey of Arkansas, Juanita Huff of Texas, and Ruth Rivers of Alabama.

A 2-YEAR-OLD Harbor City youth was killed Wednesday

when struck by an automobile on a parking lot near his home. He was identified as Arthur G. Wilson, 1063 W. 256th St.

The lad was playing on a housing project parking lot when struck by a vehicle being turned around on the lot by Robert L. Cobb, 24, of 966 W. 256th St. Cobb, who said he did not see the boy, was not held.

One woman complained of hip and back injuries and was taken to the hospital for observation following a three-car accident at Hawthorne and 190th Street Friday evening. Albinia Prowers was taken to the Little Company of Mary Hospital by her husband, Sherman, after an auto he was driving and vehicles driven by Stanley Gerald Bronstrug of West Covina, and Jasper Moses Braswell of Lawndale collided. Braswell was driving a tow truck.

ANOTHER ACCIDENT victim who may have sustained minor injuries early yesterday in a two-car crash refused all medical attention, police said.

Garvin William Jackson, of 2280 Maricopa St., an unemployed laborer, declined medi-

cal aid after his car and one driven by Leo August Norton, a carpenter of 25043 Andree Ave., Lomita, collided on Carson Street near Abalone Avenue. Jackson had his right arm in a cast at the time of the accident, police reported.

## Ryan Says City to Gain By Their Plant Closing

A four-man delegation from Torrance was told by Ryan Aeronautical Co. officials in San Diego Friday that Torrance would benefit if the company makes its huge plant available here to another industry.

City and Chamber of Commerce officials met with G. W. Rutherford, vice president of

operations; William Wagner, vice president of public and personnel relations; Colin Stillwagen, financial vice president; Fred Rathert, supervisor in charge of materials; and W. B. Hamilton, personnel manager of the Torrance plant.

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## Says Council Seeks Ouster Without Case

Charges before the City Council that some members of the Planning Commission might have conflicts of interest were denied by one Commission member yesterday who told The HERALD he had been asked to resign. John K. (Jack) Eardley, a civil engineer and member of the Planning Commission for about two years, revealed that he had been asked to leave his post.

"I have very carefully abstained from involving myself in the political field," Eardley told The HERALD. "I did what I thought was right, and did it after a lot of hard work and preparation on the cases. I have nothing to be ashamed of."

EARDLEY SAID yesterday he was apparently singled out by the members of the City Council as a result of the controversy which rose recently over a request of construct a multi-story building on Torrance Boulevard with a variance which would permit less than the required off-street parking spaces. Eardley had done a preliminary feasibility study for the developer several months ago and had consistently abstained from voting or commenting on the case as it was processed through the Planning Commission.

"I did the early study for the Thomasian building and did not recommend reduction in parking spaces," Eardley said. "I advised against it, in fact, and I still don't advocate so great a reduction in parking spaces."

WHEN HE ASKED for specific accusations which would make him unsuitable for the Planning Commission, Eardley said he was told that there were no accusations. The fact that he inquired was labeled "pressure" by Mayor Albert Isen, he said.

"The changes made during the City Council meeting of Jan. 15 are a threat to my livelihood and directs criticism at my professional ethics," he said. "If I resign now, it would be like an admission of guilt."

EARDLEY, WHOSE firm is John K. Eardley and Associates, 1611 Crenshaw Blvd., is active in the National Society of Professional Engineers and an officer in the local chapter. He said that group urges its

members to take an active part in community affairs. He was named to the Planning Commission after he offered his services to the city two years ago. He had lived in Torrance since 1953, but had been studying and working in Los Angeles, building up his experience as a professional engineer.

His former employer advised him that being a member of the Planning Commission was a fine way to render public service and that it would permit his judgment to be seen by others, Eardley said.

THE PLANNER was told that he had abstained from voting on cases six times during the past year. He defended this record, pointing out that during that time the Planning Commission had considered "more than 500 cases."

Any qualified person may check his complete records as a Planning Commissioner and as the head of a private engineering firm, he said.



TOP SPEAKER . . . Sherre Farmer, senior at South High School, was declared winner of the second annual oratorical contest sponsored by the Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion. Here Commander Roy Grimwood presents perpetual trophy to Miss Farmer. Judy Morgan, North High junior, was second place winner. Miss Farmer will compete in area contests at Hawthorne Legion Post hall on Feb. 11. (Walter Elswick Photo)

## DMV Urges Renewal To Avoid Rush

Tom Bright, director of the State Department of Motor Vehicles, today issued a reminder to motorists that Monday, Feb. 4, is the deadline for renewing their vehicle registration without penalty.

He asked motorists to get new plates as soon as possible to avoid long lines that annually jam DMV offices during the last days of the renewal period.

"AFTER MIDNIGHT, Feb. 4, the department is required to charge a 10 per cent penalty on late renewals," Bright said, adding that a 100 per cent penalty can be charged on the weight fee portion of each late commercial registration.

DMV offices will close at 5 p.m. on the last renewal day, but Bright said that mail renewals postmarked before mid-

night, Feb. 4, will be accepted without penalty.

He urged motorists to follow instructions on the backs of the punched card renewal statements that were mailed to owners of California's nine million vehicles. This is particularly important for mail instructions, he said.

DMV advises vehicle owners who have not received re-

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SURGERY TOOL . . . Ruth Roberts, RN, surgery supervisor at Torrance Memorial Hospital, looks through eyepiece of surgical microscope after it was presented to the hospital this week by the Torrance Lions Club. Looking on from left are William Hodges, representing the Bradley Optical Co. who explained the instrument; Leonard Ensminger, hospital administrator; Paul Ludwig, chairman of the club's sight conservation committee; and Fred Boren, club president. The instrument will be especially helpful in eye (Herald Photo)

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