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OVERHAUL OF STREETS URGED

New Signals, Turning Slots Needed—Isen

Remodeling of several of the city's often jammed intersections and improvement of major streets was called for by Mayor Albert Isen during Tuesday's meeting of the City Council. In asking for the improvements to some of the busier intersections, Isen reported that during heavy traffic periods, cars are often backed up "for three or four blocks."

Specific attention was drawn to the intersections of Hawthorne and Torrance and that at Crenshaw and Sepulveda.

O. Drale said when asking for the reports.

THE DAIRY operations have been under fire for several (Continued on Page 5)

"I'M REALLY surprised at the patience of the driving public" Isen said after outlining the problems of making a left turn at either of those two intersections.

He asked for the widening and signalization of the Crenshaw-Sepulveda area, and protested the continued presence of the "Japanese lantern" streetlight at that intersection.

James Whitmer, the city's traffic and lighting engineer, reported that funds had been allocated in the current budget to improve the Crenshaw-Sepulveda intersection signal system, and that funds were being sought for other improvements. Channels for left-turn traffic now are being installed at that intersection, he reported.

LEFT-TURN traffic from Hawthorne onto Torrance Boulevard is controlled by arrow signals, but vehicles seeking to turn left onto Hawthorne present serious traffic problems, it was indicated.

In other matters, the City Council asked for the Planning Commission recommendations and the city attorney's report on the ousting of dairy operations from the city.

"I think it's time the dairy question came to the City Council," Councilman Nickolas

Coulter Wins Armco Steel Scholarship

Richard Coulter Jr., son of Lt. Colonel and Mrs. Richard R. Coulter of 4606 Paseo de Las Tortugas, has been named winner of a scholarship under the Armco Steel Community Scholarship plan.

The grant, valued at \$2,800 covers four years education in science or engineering, at the college or university of the winner's choice.

Coulter, only 16, is a senior at South High School. He is a class council member of the student government, president of the California Scholarship Federation, and an Eagle Scout. His favorite hobby is photography. Sports include tennis, volleyball and swimming.

The Armco Community Scholarship is awarded annually in communities where Armco Steel Corp. has plants. Locally, this scholarship has been awarded for the past four years since National Supply joined the Armco Steel Corp.

Selection was based on ranking in the college entrance examination board tests, academic and extra-curricular record, recommendations of school faculty members, and results of personal interviews.

Junkets Blasted By Solon

The practice of having the taxpayer foot the bill for lobbying junkets to Sacramento taken by municipal and county officials was blasted Monday by Assemblyman Vincent Thomas of San Pedro, veteran Assemblyman in Sacramento. Pointing out that such trips were on the increase, Thomas charged that the expenses of such visits were an unnecessary drain on taxpayers' money.

The charges came after the dean of the Assembly learned that four of Los Angeles County's five supervisors were in Sacramento to present views on several pieces of legislation.

A JOINT city-county luncheon, set up by the Los Angeles officials, was attended by a number of Southland legislators, but Thomas was conspicuously absent, according to Sacramento reports.

Supervisors pressed for enactment of the proposed one-cent gas tax increase, and opposed the Thomas-sponsored bill which would exempt taxpayers of cities having their own health service from paying the county health service tax assessments.

Councilman J. A. Beasley, who was in Sacramento Monday, told the HERALD on his return that he was not aware of Assemblyman Thomas' blast at the official lobbying junkets.

"I talked to Vince and I knew he was upset over something, but he didn't mention the matter specifically," Beasley said.

WHILE THE Assemblyman's remarks Monday were apparently aimed at the members (Continued on Page 5)



KNOCKING HEADS . . . A vehicle which had been driven by Gina Costa, 42, of Hawthorne seemingly is trying to climb into vehicle which had been driven by Marjorie Skeeters Sax, 60, of Redondo Beach. The two vehicles collided at Hawthorne Boulevard and Spencer Street yesterday noon. Preliminary police checks indicated that occupants of the vehicles had escaped apparent injuries. (Herald Photo)

Club Gives U.S. Map To Library

National Library Week has special significance for members of Victor Woman's Club. It marked the culmination of a year-long effort to purchase a map for the Isabel Henderson Library of Torrance.

Victor Woman's Club was organized in March, 1961 and at this time the library site was an open field. Members were present at the Isabel Henderson Branch ground breaking and more recently served as hostesses at the dedication of the library building.

County Allocates Funds To Improve City Street

Allocation of \$160,000 to assist the city of Torrance in improving Redondo Beach Boulevard within the city was reported by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn yesterday.

Hahn said the funds will be expended to widen Redondo Beach Boulevard between Hawthorne Boulevard and Gramercy Place, the west and east city limits.

On Hahn's motion, the Board

of Supervisors found the project "of general County interest."

"THIS TYPE of cooperation makes possible the continuous development of highway projects across jurisdictional boundaries to add to the continuity and efficiency of our County-wide highway system," the Supervisor said.

This and other allocations to

cities represent approximately 39 per cent of the total county highway construction budget.

Los Angeles County is one of few in the state to provide financial assistance to cities from its gas tax fund.

THE 1962-63 county budget contemplates subsidies of more than \$15.4 million for highway programs within cities—up 20 per cent over last year's allocations. This is nearly \$3 per capita of incorporated population.

In contrast, according to State Controller Alan Cranston, the average subvention of all other counties in the state to their cities is about 50 cents per capita of incorporated population, Hahn noted.

City Fire Stations Invite Public Inspection Saturday

In recognition of the fire fighters of California, Saturday has been designated as Fire Service Day throughout the state.

Open house will be held in fire stations throughout the city of Los Angeles from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to afford citizens an opportunity to visit their neighborhood fire stations and learn firsthand the fire protection their tax dollar is providing.

The Torrance Fire Department extends an invitation to the public to tour the fire stations located at 1701 Crenshaw Blvd., Headquarters Station, Carson and Crenshaw; 2900 block Pacific Coast Hwy., Walteria; 3610 174th St., North Torrance; and 5205 Calle Mayor, Hollywood Riviera.

At Headquarters Station at 2 p.m., a demonstration of aerial ladder work, rescue practices, hose laying and net jumping will be held. Mouth-to-mouth breathing and closed chest cardiac massage will be demonstrated throughout the day.

Parents must accompany children under 12 years of age. Visitors will be allowed to photograph equipment and personnel whenever practicable.

Symphony Announces Fund Drive

Dessert and homemade goodies will be offered at the South Bay Civic Symphony annual May Day bake sale Saturday, from 10 a.m. on, at the De Simone parking lot, 701 N. Pacific Coast Hwy., Redondo Beach.

Mrs. Steele Morris and Mrs. Howard S. Anderson are bake sale co-chairmen and Mrs. Alex Rae heads the telephone committee. The board of directors, members of the Symphony Assn., and friends of the symphony are contributing favorite casseroles and desserts.

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think divorces are too easy to obtain in California?" the Pennies inquirer asked.

Mrs. Alfred La Coutre, 26268 Sonoma St.:
"I think divorces are too easy to get. If they were made harder to get, people would try to iron out their troubles."

Mrs. Edward Embry, 22339 S. Meyler:
"Yes, I do think so. I think they should be a little more strict in granting divorces. I believe if they were stricter the divorce rate would be cut down."

Roland Trentine, San Pedro:
"They are quite easy to obtain. I don't know exactly how easy though. I've never tried to obtain one. I think the waiting period is a good idea. It should be at least a year."

Mrs. Barry Zook, Santa Ana:
"I guess you would say they are too easy. In general, if divorces were harder to obtain, there would be fewer divorces. It seems people just don't try to keep their marriages together."

Mrs. William C. Leed, 2514 Loftyview Dr.:
"I do not think it's too easy to get a divorce in California, but it's too easy to get to Nevada and Mexico. I don't think being stricter in granting divorces would cut down the divorce rate."

Health Center Sets Sabin II

Type II Sabin Oral Vaccine will be offered to the public today at the Torrance Health Center, 2300 W. Carson St., from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. A donation of 25 cents per dose will be asked to cover costs, according to Dr. E. W. Hendricks, district health officer.

A clinic for Type III Sabin Oral Vaccine has been scheduled for late June.



KONYA VISITOR . . . Tuncer Edil, native of Torrance's sister city of Konya, Turkey, now a senior at Coronado High School under the American Field Service exchange program, visited Torrance Tuesday where he was feted at a public luncheon in conjunction with the Torrance Lions Club meeting, toured the city, and later received honorary citizenship status at the evening meeting of the City Council. Edil will return to Konya next month. (Herald Photo)

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MAKES DEBUT . . . Marlene Norsoph, selected last week as "Miss Torrance," made her official debut at the breakfast meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Tuesday. Here Flavio Bisignano (left), chairman of the contest, presents Miss Norsoph to Chamber President Martin Denn. Also attending were princesses Patti Campisi and Shelley Lessin. (Herald Photo)

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