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## KARLOW NAMED COUNCILMAN LAWYERS HIT ONE-COURT PLAN

### Local Tribunals Best for People

Convenience to the public and the best administration of justice should be given first consideration in the establishment of municipal court districts to serve Torrance, Gardena, Redondo Beach, Hawthorne, and other cities of the South Bay district, and attorneys should be consulted on the matter.

This was the consensus of opinion of lawyers interviewed by the Press after the release of a letter to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby and a news story which said that the seven judges involved in this district favor a single court of four judges, established in Alondra Park.

"The intention of the bill (proposition No. 3) was to localize the administration of justice in various areas," said one attorney consulted. "If that is the intent, we should have four single courts of one judge each, rather than one central court with four judges elected at large." Attorneys involved, who number into the scores, should be asked for their opinions for they deal more directly with the clientele of courts than do the judges, it was said.

"This looks like a political deal to perpetuate in office judges who feel that they have a better chance at re-election in larger areas than in smaller districts," another attorney said.

Most local attorneys favor a municipal court district with headquarters in Torrance, it was said, and attorneys of other larger areas such as Redondo Beach.

### Winter Season Brings Results

Winter weather is the time to sell those unwanted items such as heaters, fur coats, and other winter articles.

Although you may not need them, there is always someone else looking for just what you have. For instance the small 60c classified below brought numerous calls and both heaters were sold by the weekend.

2 GAS HEATERS—1 large, like new—\$12.50; smaller one, \$5.

### \$220 Collected During Iron Lung Visit Here

More than \$220 was collected for the March of Dimes campaign last Saturday afternoon when the Iron Lung Mobile Unit of the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis was in downtown Torrance, announced Mrs. Clara Conner, postmaster and local chairman.

Baron Leone, of wrestling and television fame, who had earlier in the afternoon been at Roths Market, visited the Iron Lung Mobile Unit in the Iron Lung.

### Alondra Park Court May Be Established

Looking toward future use of land in Alondra Park for a court site, the Board of Supervisors last week sponsored permissive legislation requesting the State Legislature for an exception to the restrictions under which the park site was acquired (Mattson Act).

Supervisor Raymond V. Darby presented the motion which was approved by the other Supervisors.

The Legislation, if passed, will allow the Board to use a

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### Mrs. Weston To Head Red Cross Drive

Mrs. Gladys Weston, well-known Torrance Red Cross volunteer worker, this week was named 1951 Red Cross fund chairman for Torrance Branch by Earle M. Jorgensen, overall campaign chairman of Los Angeles Red Cross. Mrs. Weston will be directing the drive in Torrance for her second year.

In Torrance as elsewhere Red Cross solicitors under the guidance of Mrs. Weston will be striving to do justice to the critical necessity of meeting a goal amount almost twice that of last year.

Jorgensen announced simultaneously the Los Angeles chapter's return to a wartime footing and a campaign goal of \$3,600,000 in 1951.

"I'm certainly going to do my best to see that the new Red Cross slogan, 'For a double need, let's give double,' is realized in Torrance," Mrs. Weston pledged.

The leader of the local fund drive is affectionately known everywhere in the area as "Mrs. Red Cross." For the past eight years she has given untriflingly of her time as a Red Cross volunteer staff assistant, rendering aid to those in need wherever

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### Groundbreaking Starts YWCA Building Project

The Y.W.C.A. \$27,000 building is now started. Representative members of the community shared in the groundbreaking at 3 p.m. last Monday afternoon of the longed-for Y.W.C.A. building. The site of the planned "L" shaped edifice is at the southeast corner of Carson street and Plaza Del Amo.

The building will contain an office, a large kitchen, a 250 person capacity meeting hall, a 10 ft. fireplace in the hall, and a patio.

Participating in the rite Monday was Mrs. Robert Morton, president of the Junior Woman's Club; Sam Levy, construction chairman; Mayor Bob L. Haggard; Roscoe Wood, architect; Mrs. L. A. McCoy, building committee chairman, and Mrs. Julia Stamps, J. W. C. committee chairman for the Y.W.C.A., Mrs. Mary Schultz, Jackie Johnson, Miss Torrance of 1950.

The Junior Woman's Club has sponsored five annual "Miss Torrance" contests which raised almost \$12,000 toward the building project. Another is to be conducted this year under the chairmanship of Mrs. Mary Schultz.

In addition to the persons photographed holding shovels, a

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### Powell Quits To Take Defense Job

Ed Karlow, 1971 Middlebrook road, in the Kettler section, was appointed a member of the City Council Tuesday night to succeed Councilman George Powell, resigned.

Powell announced that he had accepted appointment as assistant director of civilian defense in Torrance, at a salary of \$350.00 per month, and would thus be required to quit his seat. He will be assistant to City Manager George Stevens who is director of civilian defense here.

Karlow is well known in the community, and is employed at the National Supply Co. He will serve out the unexpired term of Powell, who resides in Walteria. This term runs until the spring of 1952.

Appointed to the City Planning Commission by the Council were H. R. Black, Luther Mumford and Robert Deingerer.

E. Rowan was named to the Civil Service Commission.

The City Council also adopted a resolution requesting the Civil Service Commission to conduct examinations for the position of fire chief.

Jake Benner has been serving as fire chief since two days after the death of J. E. McMaster. Stevens had recommended that Benner be given permanent status, but this was held up and the civil service test demanded.

Two captains are qualified for the job, it was said, Capt. J. R. Winters and Capt. Gordon Northington.

### EXHAUST FUMES FATAL

### Suicide Victim Found On Del Amo Estates

An apparent suicide victim, Orville W. Parsons, 28, was found dead in a car on a Del Amo Estate field about 9:30 a.m. Tuesday morning. Cause of death, according to Torrance Detectives Capt. Ernest Ashton and Percy Bennett, was due to deadly carbon monoxide gas which entered the car through a rubber tubing connected to the exhaust pipe. No suicide note was found.

Martha Valdez, 24, of 2835 203rd St., Torrance, ex-wife of the victim, reported the death. The car with much of the deceased's clothing in the rear, was found parked near a trailer on the site of Ranch 31 of the Del Amo Estates, where Miss Valdez had lived until last Friday, Jan. 19.

CAR REPORTED  
On the request of neighbors who reported that the car, a 1937 Plymouth sedan, had been parked in the same place, without being moved, since last Saturday, Jan. 20, Miss Valdez went out to the trailer with her mother and sister to investigate the matter and talk with her ex-

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### Dr. H. Smiley Injured in Auto Accident

Injured in an accident early last Thursday evening, Jan. 18, at the corner of Torrance and Hawthorne Blvd., was Dr. Henry Chandler Smiley, 70, of the County Health Center in Torrance, and Haop Sarkis Parnagian, 53, 488 Hermosa Ave., Hermosa Beach.

According to police report, Parnagian was making a left turn into the market at the cor-

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Mrs. Clara Conner (left), postmaster and March of Dimes chairman, extends an invitation to Baron Leone to visit the Iron Lung Unit in Torrance Saturday afternoon. Baron Leone, famous television and wrestling personality, visited Torrance Saturday afternoon, through the courtesy of Roths Market, to greet the thousands of fans crowding the market to see him. The Baron accepted Mrs. Conner's invitation and extended his Torrance visit to the Iron Lung Unit on El Prado St. Assisting Mrs. Conner is Sgt. Bill Evans of the Torrance Police Department. Press photo

### Clerks Get Raise In Mercantile Contract

Successful negotiation of a new mercantile contract covering several hundred retail stores and some 800 clerks in the Harbor Area was announced today by Haskell Tidwell, secretary of Retail Clerks Local No. 995 and John T. Binkley, counsel for the Harbor Area Employers' Council.

Under the new agreement, employers granted clerks a blanket weekly increase of \$5.00 a week in wages, in all classifications. A health-welfare (group insurance) program also was agreed upon covering all clerks and costing the employers \$2.00 per week per clerk. The contract now is effective, and runs through January 31, 1952.

To meet the situation existing in surrounding communities, the employers were able to negotiate out of the contract the Armistice day holiday, according to Frank E. Selover, executive secretary of the Employers' Council. Six holidays are provided, New Year's day, Memorial day, Independence day, Labor

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### CAUGHT IN THE ACT Officer Nabs Ideal Market Theft Suspects

The alertness of Officer William Mitchell of the Torrance Police Department was the downfall of two alleged burglars Sunday evening, Jan. 21 as they were attempting to burglarize Ideal Ranch Market, 2067 Torrance Blvd.

Taken into custody on suspicion of burglary were Richard C. Evans, 28, and his wife, Kathryn, 30, both of 18600 Western Ave. Preliminary hearing is set for 2 p.m. this afternoon.

Mitchell said that his suspicion was aroused when, at 8 p.m. he noticed that the lock had been pried off the rear door. He entered to find Mrs. Evans in the possession of groceries, cigarettes, and a sack, supposedly full of money.

Investigators said that the suspects, who declined to make a statement, apparently had forced the door into a rear room and then had smashed a hole in a wall to make their way to the main part of the store.

### Man Gives Life to Rescue Pal

Losing his own life to save that of his fellow worker was William Katko, 36, county sanitation worker. Katko descended into a Torrance sewer filled with deadly gas last Friday to rescue his fellow employee who had been overcome by the fumes.

Efforts of firemen and life-guards failed to save the life of William Katko, 37, of the San Pedro Y. M. C. A., whose heroism saved Albert Hartwig, 37, of Los Angeles. Hartwig, sent to Harbor General Hospital, is not in critical condition.

They were members of a crew cleaning a sewer along Lomita Blvd. in Torrance about 11:30 a.m. Friday when Hartwig, alone in the 25-foot depths, was overcome by fumes. Katko grabbed a line, went down through a manhole and fastened one end of the rope to the unconscious Hartwig.

Two other workmen, Walter

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### Employers' Council Elects Board

Reelection of four directors of the Harbor Area Employers' Council and the election of a fifth was announced yesterday by Frank S. Selover, executive secretary of the Council.

Re-elected to the Board of Directors of the non-profit corporation are: A. J. McCown, president of McCown Drug Stores, Inc.; H. W. Smith, president of A-1 Photo Service, Inc. of San Pedro and Torrance; J. C. Caldwell, of Caldwell's Department Store, Wilmington, and Paul Diamond, of the Gay Shop, Torrance. Elected was J. W. Spear, of Spear's Mens Store, Wilmington.

Continuing in office as president is Mr. McCown, who operates a chain of drug stores in the southwest portion of Los Angeles County. Mr. Smith continues as vice president.

Hold-over directors are C. L. Prow, of J. J. Newberry Co., Thos. K. Ware, Gardena; J. W. Jensen, of Better Food Markets; Chas. V. Jones, Torrance Hardware Co., Harry M. Carr, San Pedro; B. M. Malone, San Pedro. Carr is secretary-treasurer of the Council.

### Vice-Principal For Fern Ave. School Hired

Appointed vice-principal of the Fern Avenue Elementary School January 16 by the Torrance School Board was Raymond F. Ellerman.

His employment, effective Jan. 1, 1951, will be at an annual salary rate of \$3,800.

Four elementary teachers were also employed by the school board. They are June York Behrens, effective Jan. 8, 1951, for \$3,150 per year; Catherine Gauld, effective Feb. 1, 1951, for \$2,850; Muriel F. Goldfarb, effective Feb. 1, 1951, for \$2,850; and Lucille Gray Smith, effective Feb. 1, 1951, for \$2,850.

Employed by the board for on call substitute teaching as needed were: Paul Shearer, as sec-

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### Ronnie Selover's Passing Mourned

Cpl. Cameron Selover, 18, who passed away at 3:10 p.m., January 16, in Cottage hospital, Santa Barbara, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident January 16 north of Santa Barbara, was the son of Frank Stanley Selover and Helen Cameron Selover, of Torrance. He was the grandson of the late Frank M. Selover, managing editor of the Long Beach Press-Telegram for many years.

Cpl. Selover was attached to the Headquarters and Service Company, 578th Engineer (Combat) Battalion, 40th Infantry Division, Camp Cooke. He was inducted into the Federal service with units of the California National Guard September 1, 1950. He was born in Santa Barbara, January 13, 1933. He was a graduate of Torrance High school, 1950 class, where he was prominent in music and athletic activities. He attended Long Beach schools before moving to Torrance with his family.

PROMOTED  
Cpl. Selover, who prior to his induction into the Federal service was a member of the staff of the Press, had passed his examination for corporal prior to the accident on Tuesday, January 16, but he never had been informed of his promotion. Nor did he know that he had qualified as an expert rifleman, it was said.

His father, former Long Beach and Santa Barbara newspaperman, is executive secretary of the Harbor Area Employers' Council. In addition to his parents, survivors include his sister, Mary Elizabeth Selover, of Torrance; his grandmother, Mrs. Frank M. Selover, Santa Barbara and other relatives residing in Southern California communities.



IT'S ON THE WAY... the \$27,000 Y.W.C.A. building. Sharing in a communal groundbreaking for the "home" of the Torrance Y.W.C.A. 3 p.m. last Monday afternoon are representative members of the community. They are, left to right: Mrs. Mary Schultz, 1951 Queen Contest chairman for the Junior Women's Club; Sam



DEATH MOURNED  
Cpl. Cameron "Ronnie" Selover

Young Selover was injured when the car in which he was a passenger returning to Camp Cooke from Torrance ran into the rear end of a truck pulling onto Highway 101 a few miles north of Santa Barbara. The car was driven by T. H. Myhre, of Los Angeles, also from Camp Cooke. The truck was driven by Wm. H. Carney of Sheldon

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Levy, construction chairman; Mrs. Robert C. Morton, president of the Junior Women's Club; Jackie Johnson, Miss Torrance of 1950; Mayor Bob Haggard; Mrs. L. A. McCoy, building committee chairman; Roscoe Wood, architect, and Mrs. L. Stamps, overall Y.W.C.A. chairman.

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