

COUNCIL TAKES ACTION AGAINST SMOG

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WILL PASS STRICT SMOG ORDINANCE

Torrance is to get a smog ordinance "with teeth in it." By unanimous approval the City Council voted Tuesday night that a smog ordinance be drawn up which will be strong enough to punish violators effectively.

The motion to draw up such an ordinance was spearheaded by Councilman Nick Draie, seconded by Councilman Victor Benstead and unanimously adopted by the council members.

Harmful
Councilman Draie introduced the subject by quoting an article which recently appeared in one of the metropolitan papers in which Dr. Francis M. Pottenger was quoted as saying that many local physicians believe smog to cause the death of their patients though no substantiating evidence is available.

In the meantime a spokesman for the County Air Pollution Control District confirmed the necessity of having adequate smog ordinances which can be enforced for combatting smog. Till now the Control District has been engaged in research and drafting such laws. It is now ready to go into action.

Refineries in general are the big sources of smog it was stated. A new theory maintains that eye irritation and crop damage are caused by gasoline vapors from these refineries.

According to a recent ruling, (Continued on Page 16)

C. R. King Warns Of 2 Dangers

Misunderstanding and misinformation are the greatest dangers which we face at present, Congressman Cecil King said at a festive homecoming dinner held in his honor Saturday night at the Civic Auditorium which was filled with a capacity crowd of 600.

King, who made the impression of a statesman and who spoke in a slow resonant voice, said that he was greatly upset over the way qualified individuals recommend one thing to Congress and that body does the exact opposite. King referred to the slashing of the defense budget which he said this country can ill afford in the light of Russia's growing strength.

Misinformation
King attacked misinformation as another present evil of major proportions. He singled out the Hearst papers and the McCormick papers as bland distorters of the truth. In these papers, the Washington scene is completely distorted, King charged.

Give the people the facts, King said, and he would have faith in the people's wisdom. Highlight of the evening's tributes to King came when (Continued on Page 16)

Torrance Girl Chosen El Camino Grid Queen



MARIE DI CARLO, Torrance freshman, will be crowned 1953 Grid Queen of El Camino College at half-time activities of the Long Beach-El Camino game Friday night. The game will be played in the Warrior stadium.

The blond art and journalism student will be accompanied at the crowning by Princesses Jackie Kevlin and Jonnie Brock, both of Inglewood. Escorting the queen for the crowning will be Warren Bennett, Associated Men Student President of Torrance, while Treasurer Richard Nokes and Vice-President Richard Nokes will accompany the princesses during the half-time festivities.

Miss DiCarlo will be crowned by President Forrest G. Murdock of the college. The football game and half-time activities will be televised.

Members of the El Camino band will form an honor guard as the Queen and her party leave their convertible automobiles for the coronation platform. As the party approaches the platform, the band will form a heart surrounding the coronation area.

Runners-up in the close election were Sue Bouse of Redondo Beach, Dona Curley of Manhattan Beach, Kathy Greevy of North Redondo, Liz Quine of Redondo, Julie Rhone of Torrance, and Joan Schultz of Inglewood.

CIVIL SERVICE TO RECOMMEND DECISION ON POLICE CHIEF ISSUE



FORTY-THREE YEARS LATER . . . Mrs. Zoe Dethiers (left) and Mrs. Anna Marquet who were inseparable friends during their adolescent years in Belgium lost sight of each other as they went their separate ways on getting married, one settling in Canada and one coming to the United States. Through sheer coincidence, they were reunited again this year through a chance-acquaintance.

Friends Reunited After 43 Years

"It's like a novel," Mrs. Anna Marquet said in French while her friend, Mrs. Zoe Dethiers, translated the remark into English. The exclamation was appropriate. The two women, who had been intimate friends when they were children in Belgium, lost track of each other at the beginning of the century. This year, 43 years later, remarks dropped by a chance-acquaintance, caused them to be reunited again.

The story of Mrs. Dethiers, 903 Acacia, and Mrs. Marquet of a town near Montreal, Canada, is the story of a deep and wonderful friendship.

Childhood Friends
Mrs. Dethiers, glorying in the presence of her childhood friend once more, tells a story of a rare and harmonious friendship which began when both were thirteen years old. The parting of the ways came when both married within a few years of each other's twentieth birthday, one leaving Belgium with her husband for the United States, the other for Canada. In the transition, the two devoted pals lost complete track of each other.

Efforts to establish each other's whereabouts proved vain.

Chance—Acquaintance
One day this year, Mrs. Dethiers heard of a young Belgian woman living in this area. "It's not often that something like this happens," Mrs. Dethiers said. "So naturally I looked her up."

By the sheerest coincidence it turned out that the woman's sister had known Mrs. Marquet and

Dad Finds Ad Noisier Than Baby

E. W. Froman of 1426 West 214th street is still trying to decide what can cause the greatest racket . . . a baby or an ad placed with the Torrance Press classified section.

When M. Froman's baby outgrew its play pen and training chair, Daddy put these up for sale by placing a small 75-cent ad with the Torrance Press.

Froman, who works the swing shift, thought that he would sleep peacefully for the rest of his life now that baby had grown up. But the countless calls he got in response to the ad kept him awake longer than baby ever did.

If you want to hear the sound of door bells and phones ringing, just advertise with the Torrance Press. (Continued on Page 17)

P. O. ISSUE BATTLE OF PETITIONS

The local postoffice issue resolved itself into a battle of petitions this week.

A petition circulated in the El Nido Terrace area and signed by more than 50 residents lent confirmation to charges of inefficiency and poor administration directed at the local postoffice in recent weeks.

Residents Protest
The petition, which will be called to the attention of N. R. Abrams, assistant postmaster general, who heads the Bureau of Postoffice Operations, Washington, D. C., reads as follows:

"We the residents of El Nido Terrace complain of the poor service and administration of the Torrance postoffice. Mail deliveries are highly irregular, with mail coming anywhere from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and sometimes not at all. Several residents, for the past three years, have contacted the local officials for better service, and door delivery, which they understand our neighborhood is entitled to, having curbs, sidewalks, and being well over 80 per cent improved with homes. They are bewildered by the indifferent and unsatisfactory answers received at the local postoffice. New homes, across the street, are receiving door delivery the first day they are occupied.

"We, the undersigned, petition the Postoffice Department to furnish regular delivery to the door of each residence in El Nido Terrace."

Crippled Carrier
At the same time it was reported that a strong movement is under way to get Mrs. J. O'Toole reinstated as clerk in the local postoffice or reinstated as postmaster here, which position had been promised her originally. Mrs. O'Toole, a crippled letter carrier, was suspended from the local postoffice on a technical (Continued on Page 16)

Polio Strikes Girls, 4
Life seemed cruel this week to Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Broos of 1001-B Sartori avenue. Within a week, their twin four-year-old daughters fell victim to polio overnight with hardly a warning whatsoever.

Little Doris Dell, who was rushed to the Los Angeles County Hospital Friday when she complained of a stiff neck, did not live to see the end of the following day. Running a terrible temperature, the little girl contracted an internal hemorrhage and what is called irreversible shock which has never been reported in this area before.

Services
Rev. Paul Wenske of the First Lutheran Church conducted the services for the little girl whom he had baptized when she was three weeks old. The services were held Monday at the White and Day Colonial Chapel. The little girl was buried in Inglewood.

Donna, who took sick in a similar way several days before Doris, ran a high fever till Friday. If no high fever developed again by today she was said to be out of danger. Even at that the chances were that the lower limbs would be affected demanding hospitalization and a year's time till they would be able to function normally again.

People Kind
There is one thing that the bereaved parents have discovered and that is that they have many friends. Food, flowers, money, and cards have been streaming (Continued on Page 17)

Do Unto Others.. AN EDITORIAL

The recent controversy involving the successor to the chief of police should have more citizen expression than it has had to date.

In 1941 the people of this city clearly expressed their views when they voted that promotions for civil service jobs be made within the ranks—Ordinance 326. Now Councilmen Spellman and Blount are again opposing the wishes of the people by taking action to open the examination to outsiders.

Our stand in this matter is quite clear. The position of Chief of Police in this city and any other subordinate position should be a promotion from within the ranks whenever possible.

We ask Councilmen Spellman and Blount how they would feel if the goal they have been working toward for the past 20 years were suddenly offered to anybody in the open market? You wouldn't like it and neither will any conscientious officer on the police force.

Opening the Police Chief job to outsiders will definitely damage the incentive and spirit of our police department. There is another important consideration. Our police department enjoys the excellent reputation of being honest, alert and conscientious.

We know the character and trustworthiness of most of our boys on the force and therefore why should this community risk hiring a person unknown to us just because he happened to make a higher mark on the examination.

We have several officers who have displayed the proper leadership and qualifications to carry on the good work of our present Chief of Police.

Let our men take the examination first to determine whether they are qualified or not. If we do not have anyone who is qualified, then let's open the position to outsiders.

Open House Planned By Phone Co. OFF-STREET PARKING PROPOSED

An invitation to see a modern telephone system in operation and to meet the people who serve FAirfax telephone users was extended this week by Manager Richard Pyle of Pacific Telephone.

The company will hold an Open House in the Torrance dial building at 1307 Cravens avenue next Thursday and Friday, October 22 and 23, from 1 to 9 p.m.

Demonstrations
Exhibits and demonstrations will highlight the two-day event, the manager said. An explanation of the "crossbar" dial equipment while it is in actual operation is planned as part of a tour through the building. Visitors will also see displays by the construction, installation and engineering departments of the company.

"Everyone is cordially invited," Pyle said. "The programs we're preparing for the Open House should appeal to persons of all ages. We hope everyone will (Continued on Page 16)

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Also speaking in favor was a letter received from Victor Green of Hollywood Riviera.

Numerous individuals have been heard to voice disapproval of the City Council's recent action calling for open promotional examinations.



WILLIAMS SELLS assumed his post as new president of Torrance Mid-Day Toastmasters for the first time Monday noon. Other newly elected officers are as follows (right to left): (front) Frank A. Young, secretary; Walter R. Inman, vice-presi-

Board Said To Favor Restriction

The controversial issue of a police chief successor flared up again at Tuesday night's City Council meeting when Councilman Nick Draie succeeded in having the matter sent to the Civil Service Board for recommendation.

The question at stake is whether the position of chief, which will be available soon with the approaching retirement of the present chief, should be filled from among the ranks of the local department or by individuals outside the department.

At a previous meeting of the Council, Councilmen Benstead and Draie, who moved for promotion from within, were defeated, 3-2.

Civil Service Attitude
It has been stated that the Civil Service Board is inclined to favor promotions from within and that the recommendation will read accordingly. According to these recommendations, the examinations will probably be thrown open to anyone within the department with a 10-year service record or longer.

Mayor's Vote Uncertain
Draie's motion was extracted from a more recent motion made by Councilman Victor Benstead. Benstead motioned for promotional examinations to be held within the department and a Civil Service ruling on those who will be eligible. Councilmen Willys Blount and Harvey Spellman voted against this motion. Mayor Mervin Schwab voted no at this time, at least "until further study."

Several letters were submitted to the Council urging that the promotional examinations be confined to the local police department.

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