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COUNCIL APPOINTS W. H. HASLAM NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

Torrance has a new chief of police. Assistant Chief Willard Haslam was appointed to the post by a unanimous decision of the City Council Tuesday night based on the recommendation of City Manager George Stevens.

Haslam, who is affectionately known as "Pop" by members of the police force, fills the vacancy left by Chief of Police John Stroh who officially retired this month after serving nearly 30 years on the force. Chief Haslam will serve a six-months' probationary period. The new chief emerged first on the civil service examination for the post which was taken



WILLARD H. HASLAM
... New Chief

by one other member of the department, Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton.

"I feel the responsibility of my position more than the honor of it," Chief Haslam commented upon his appointment. "It's always gratifying to get to the top, but it's always gratifying to fill the place well wherever you are."

Torrance's new chief has been on the local police force 19 years, having been its assistant chief for the last two years. He has lived in Torrance since

Now What Do You Know About That?

Came across a big story this week. Leafed through a lot of classified ads. Apartments for rent. Ads had been placed in The Torrance Press classified section. Every ad a sure hit. Terrific response. Apartments snatched up the moment The Torrance Press hit the stands. Here's what classified advertisers had to say:

MRS. CATHERINE BROWN, 1346 West 22nd street: "Rented house to first person that called. Had eight calls and even people who left notes on the door while I was gone."

ELEANOR DRALE, 3588 Redondo Beach boulevard: "Yes, you may use my ad as a result story." Her ad:

FOR RENT—Furnished or unfurnished. Newly decorated. 1-bedroom apartment. Near college and transportation. ME. 4-9265

MRS. D. HOGUE, 2115 Gramercy: "Fine results." Her ad:

FOR RENT—2115 Gramercy, front bedroom, adjoining bath. Home privileges. Meals optional. Prefer gentleman.

Torrance Press classified ads work like a charm. And you don't have to take our word for it. Just ask our classified advertisers.



CUB SCOUTS of the harbor area who visited Fort MacArthur last Saturday examine a functional training model of a jeep at the U.S. Army Reserve Training Center. Members of Dens 2 and 9, Pack 473, were accompanied by Mrs. Birdice Allen (l.), and Mrs. Adeline Georgi, respective den mothers. On the tour which included lunch in an Army mess-hall, rides in amphibious and tracked vehicles, and the showing of West Point and battle films were Billy Georgi, 25001 S. Normandie Ave.; Bud Creery,



CRENSHAW WAS NEVER LIKE THIS . . . Dubbed "Miss Crenshaw Blvd." on the spur of the moment, Ella Mae McLeod, 17, of 3203 Cricklewood, reigned briefly over the new extension of Crenshaw blvd. between Sepulveda and Lomita which was opened last week. Crenshaw blvd. now extends from Wilshire blvd. to Pacific Coast Highway. "Attending" the "queen" are (l-r): L. A. County Supervisor Burton W. Chace, Mayor Mervin M. Schwab, and City Manager George Stevens.

COUNCILMEN TO CONSIDER COMPULSORY VACCINATIONS

Whether Torrance will get an ordinance requiring compulsory anti-rabies vaccinations for dogs is a question which will receive serious consideration by the Torrance City Council, it was indicated this week by the city's five councilmen in statements made to the Torrance Press.

Rabies is always fatal. It is usually spread by bites from infected animals. Even if recognized in time, rabies requires treatment which is extremely painful. This treatment must always be administered in order to be on the safe side when the dog which bit the individual can't be located for observation, according to the Citizens Committee for Better Health, headed by Dr. Clinton H. Thienes, professor at U.S.C. and chief of

staff at the Huntington Memorial Hospital.

"I've been waiting for something to break on compulsory vaccination," Mayor Mervin M. Schwab declared without definitely committing himself on the matter at this time. "If I had a dog, I would have it vaccinated. It's a shame that something like this poor Torrance boy being bitten should happen."

Store Gets New Owners; Big Bargains

Unbelievable bargains are to be found this week at the Mayflower Shop, 1323 El Prado, as goods totaling \$65,000 will be liquidated for \$18,000 in order to make room for new goods, according to Percy Ross and Al Tavel, who are taking over ownership of the ladies' ready-to-wear shop from Archie Wachs.

This is one of the outstanding sales ever to be offered local residents. The store will be open Friday night in addition to its regular hours.

"We feel that the smaller communities ought to have the same quality merchandise, the same large stock to choose from, and the same minimum prices available as the larger communities," Ross declared, "and it will be our policy to provide such merchandise."

The two men are from Los Angeles, where they are operating two other stores with the prospect of opening more.

Ross was formerly general merchandise manager of Anita Shops, a ladies' ready-to-wear chain, operating in 48 stores in five western cities.

"It's a good thing," Councilman Nick Drale said of compulsory vaccination. "I don't see anything wrong with it as long as no one makes a racket out of it."

When asked if the Council would take immediate action on the matter, Councilman Willys G. Blount said that he did not

Beckel Case Dismissed

A see-saw battle of charges and countercharges seemed to end this week when Louis Beckel and Mrs. Lydia E. Alvarado had felony charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm dismissed by the Long Beach Superior Court on the grounds of insufficient evidence. The Torrance police department which had filed the charges against the couple for alleged assault on an officer also indicated that the whole matter would be dropped and no misdemeanor charges be pressed, according to Chief W. H. Haslam.

Beckel, who was involved in a row with Officer Don Hamilton in a tract which Hamilton guarded during his off-duty hours, testified previously that he had received three beatings while booked at the local police station.

know how the rest of the members felt yet.

Wants Issue Alred
"We won't act right away, but we'll probably kick it around and hear both sides," he said. "Personally, I'm prejudiced in favor of it, off hand. We might not act until Los Angeles acts, though."

"I think I'd be in favor of vaccinations if it doesn't harm the dog," Councilman Victor Benstead declared. "We should look into it thoroughly, though."
"There are many technical

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Savings-Loan Association To Open Here

Torrance, which has been growing at an overwhelming pace, will be assured of an even faster growth with the establishment of a branch office of the Southwest Savings and Loan



ELDON J. BOWEN
... Manager

Association in Torrance within the next two months. This will be the first savings and loan association to be located here. Managing the local branch will be Eldon J. Bowen of Torrance. Since 1945 the association has grown to a twenty-million dollar institute. A substantial amount of Torrance savings have been placed with the office and \$5,000,000 in loans have been distributed in the Torrance area, according to Fred E. Edwards, president of the association.

Luncheon To Honor Steel Executive

Charles C. Morgan, general superintendent of the Torrance Works of United States Steel, Columbia-Geneva division, will be honored at a luncheon to be held Monday noon, February 15, at the Palos Verdes Country club, it was announced this week.

BE OUR GUEST EDITOR

In order to air our civic needs, the Torrance Press is starting a series of weekly editorials written by people of the community.

Any individual may write on whatever subject he wishes so long as its purpose is to make this community a better place in which to live.

The publishers encourage our readers to act as guest editor from week to week. Editorials which are submitted will be given careful and serious consideration. All copy becomes the property of the Torrance Press.

We encourage all opinions, especially discussions of a controversial nature. We will publish these views whether the publishers agree with them or not. We reserve the right to exclude all libelous matter.

The ultimate goal of these editorials written by you, the citizens of this community, is to promote a better understanding and to recognize the rapid pace in the development of our area.

We feel that if issues are brought into the open, they can be solved much easier and faster than if they remain hidden and known to only a few.

"The answer to our problem is not one big blazing action but many little actions, fought on many different fronts, usually by unsung people who believe like giants," stated Paul Loranger, president of the Chamber of Commerce, in his recent installation speech.

Too often we hear, "I'm just a little guy, what can I do?" Here is your opportunity to help a growing town that has growing problems.

Mason, Minter Appointed To Planning Commission

Three vacant Planning Commission posts were filled this week when Mayor Mervin M. Schwab appointed Commander Bill Mason of Hollywood Riviera and Jim Minter of Waverly to those positions. The third post was filled recently by Hugh Sherkey.

While the Council accepted the first decision unanimously, the second one passed, 3-2, with Councilman Willys Blount and Harvey Spelman opposing Mayor Schwab and Councilmen Nick Drale and Victor Benstead.

The Minter appointment indicated a reversal in the mayor's position, who had recommended William Cameron at a previous session on the basis of a petition allegedly showing that residents were in favor of Cameron. Minter, on the other hand, received the backing of the Pacific Hills Homeowners' Association board of directors in an 8-4 vote.

Positions vacated were held by Tony Di Mayle, John Salm, and W. A. Felker.

Others whose names were considered for the post include

Tony DiMayle (incumbent), George E. Olding, former president of the Waverly Civic Association, and Gerald Alter, who was recommended by the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board. Councilman Willys Blount also submitted the name of Mrs. Ella Schwartz for consideration.

Homeowner Sued For \$300,000

Three suits for libel and slander totaling \$300,000 were brought against Joseph E. Kolb this week by Stanford Construction Corporation, Princeton Construction Corporation, and Anthony Paravano, representative of alleged building violations in the Crenshaw Gardens area by Kolb, who allegedly spoke to the City Council two weeks ago on behalf of 35 homeowners.

The charges are directed against statements made in the form of leaflets distributed among the homeowners and comments made before the Torrance City Council.

In the meantime the investigation asked for by the City Council is still going on. Those investigating the alleged violations are the city building department and the Contractor's State License Board. The state real estate board will also be asked into the investigation following a recommendation to that effect made by Councilman Willys Blount Tuesday night and accepted by the rest of the Council.



HEROIC WRECK . . . When Eugene Stirling, 1325 W. 221st st., came putt-putting down Torrance blvd. near the underpass, his gas-feed suddenly jammed on him. Rather than risk striking several cars toward which he was heading, Stirling jerked his steering wheel to one side, running his car down the embankment onto the railroad tracks. Stirling fared better than his car. He was unharmed.

CITY TO HOLD FIRST GIANT COUNTY FAIR

Among the big things planned for Torrance this year is a giant county fair scheduled for Wednesday through Sunday, August 11-15, it was announced this week by Dale Isenberg, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

F. BOREN TO HEAD SHRINERS

Newly elected officers of El Toza Shrine Club from the Torrance-Jayena area will be installed at ceremonies and a dinner scheduled for Saturday night, February 13, at the West-

This is the first fair Torrance will have on so large a scale. An 80 by 360 ft. long flame-proof tent will house the entire show which will include among other things, merchants' display booths, an automobile show, rides, games, cake bake, a beauty contest, and possibly a street dance. The location has not been decided upon yet.

The big event is being planned by the Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with Pan-American Amusement Corporation, producers of county fairs.

Members of the county fair executive committee are: Paul Diamond, J. H. Paget, Dean L. Sears, Faye Parks, Bob Haggard, and Don Wagen. The fair will be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening and will be from noon Saturday and Sunday.



FRED G. BOREN
... president

ern Club Cafe, Gardena, when Potentate William J. Vaughan of Al Malaikah Temple will visit here.

Fred G. Boren as president, and Charles T. McCann as secretary, are among the officers to be installed by Potentate (Continued on Page 6)

Rolling Hills Spokesman Sees Stevens

While Rolling Hills has not jumped at the chance to annex to Torrance as a result of a recent invitation to that effect, the area's curiosity has at least been slightly aroused to the point that Owen Goodman, of the Rolling Hills Community Association board of directors, has spoken to City Manager George Stevens on (Continued on Page 6)

Free Bus Rides During Dollar Days

Free bus rides into town are being offered by Torrance merchants this weekend, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, as local stores hold their first bargain-packed Dollar Day sales this year.

Free bus coupons may be found on page 15 of this copy of The Torrance Press. Coupons will bring shoppers in to town free of charge from any stop in the 15-cent fare zone. The second coupon will be good for a free ride home when validated by one of the cooperating merchants.

These three Dollar Days promise to be a buyer's paradise. Merchants have been slashing their prices in reckless abandon in order to offer real (Continued on Page 6)



EAGER . . . Division chairmen for the Sister Kenny campaign are on the right track though a few refinements will undoubtedly be made. Anxious to lend their best efforts to the Torrance drive which will start in May and mapping out the town are (l-r): Mrs. Tim Ronero, the first section chairman to be appointed; Mrs.

George Powell, Southwest division chairman; and Mrs. A. F. R. Ewalt, central division chairman. The drive will be headed by Mrs. H. J. Osborne. Mrs. Hugh Bowman, clubs and organizations chairman, was absent due to illness. Maps were donated by W. C. Bradford, of the city building department.