



DEFIANT: George C. Nelson of 122 East 213th st., a disabled veteran and father of four children, thinks the law enacted recently prohibiting the sale of small oranges in the U. S. unconstitutional, in that it discriminates against door-to-door peddlers such as he and the people who can't afford to buy the more expensive oranges. Nelson, who believes that the law was intended to drive small oranges off the market in order to get higher prices for the others, is defying the embargo and continuing to carry on his business.

STRAY DOG FOUND; BOY, 7, ESCAPES PAINFUL TREATMENT

Seven - and - a - half - year - old Kenny Colby, who was bitten by a stray dog about two weeks ago, is an unusually lucky boy.

Through the aid of the dog's former owner, the dog was located this week and found to be free of the dreaded rabies infection.

Between the time of the bite and the final locating of the dog, however, Kenny's mother, Mrs. C. Colby of 3736 W. 174th st., spent the most agonizing ten days of her life.

Dilemma

If she did not subject Kenny to the Pasteur treatment, the boy faced certain death had the dog, which Kenney was bitten by been rabid.

But the decision to have Kenny undergo the treatment was equally difficult because of the great pain involved. The treatment consists of 14-21 shots administered to the stomach region from day to day. Nor was paralysis as a result of this treatment entirely out of the question.

"I have never been faced with so hard a decision in all my life," Mrs. Colby said, "nor have I ever felt so relieved as when we finally located the run-away dog and discovered that he was not rabid and Kenny didn't need treatment."

A health department official, familiar with this and many other similar cases, stated that

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Demos Hear Convention News Sunday

Torrance Democrats will meet Sunday morning, February 21 at 10 a.m. in the Alan-Richard Hall, 1953 W. Carson.

Reports of the recent State Democratic Convention held at Fresno will be given by delegates Lyle O'Hara, Jess Dean, and Frank Gately. Miss Rose Sarukian, delegate and member of the Dime-a-Day Candidate Interviewing Committee will also report.

Vincent Thomas, 68th district state assemblyman, is expected to attend. Mrs. Ella Schwartz will report on the 68th district Democratic council proceedings held last week in Wilmington.

Denker St. Flood Remedy Considered

A faint flicker of hope was voiced this week by Councilman Gibson's office that a temporary solution will be found for Denker street between 212th street and 213th street which turns into a river every time the rains come. The street is the only convenient thoroughfare leading to Halldale elementary school for a large number of school children living in the Halldale area.

The councilman's office expects to reveal details of the

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WHAT PEOPLE WON'T DO FOR A CUP OF COFFEE . . . Miss Doris Nitzsche, Western Union operator, braved the elements in her bare feet Saturday when "hirst" and "starvation" got the better of her. When she returned from her scavenger hunt, she was triumphantly clutching a cup of coffee, a sandwich, and a pair of shoes.

WATCH YOUR TAXES

(In order to air our civic needs, the Torrance Press is running a series of weekly editorials written by people of the community. Editorials may be submitted by anyone. All manuscripts become the property of the Torrance Press. We welcome ideas on any subject, controversial or otherwise. Editorials do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the publishers.)

By SAM LEVY, Guest Editor

The Metropolitan Water District was formed 30 years ago to bring Colorado River Water to Southern California, although we did not need the water at that time (and for 20 years). Torrance was one of the smallest of the thirteen cities that voted to pay their part of the \$300,000,000 that it cost to build the aqueduct.

Torrance's share of this cost was \$1,000,000 to be paid with a tax of 40 cents per hundred dollars of valuation. For comparison, at that time the cost of all city services, including police and fire protection was only 90 cents per hundred dollars.

Two years ago we voted a bond issue of \$2,000,000 which by the time the bonds are paid will cost \$3,000,000. For this money we got two reservoirs and a connecting pipe line, and a doubled water bill, but not one extra drop of water.

Now the City Council is asked to join the West Basin Water District in a \$1,000,000 a year experiment to try to hold back the infiltration of sea water on this basin. It will add 5 cents per hundred dollar valuation to our tax bill.

Look at the back of your tax bill, and know what you are paying for!

County tax, Torrance school tax, Torrance city tax, county flood control tax, metropolitan water district tax, county sanitation district tax.

Know the facts before you vote! Remember the sales tax you voted several years ago? (Continued on Page 18)



SAM LEVY

VOTERS TO FACE \$1,400,000 BOND ISSUE APRIL 13

Voters will be asked to decide on four bond issues amounting to \$1,400,000 at the city election to be held April 13, it was revealed this week by City Manager George Stevens.

The four municipal improvements involved are a \$250,000 swimming pool, a \$700,000 civic center and police department, \$300,000 for fire stations, and \$150,000 for parks and recreation.

Pool

The \$250,000 swimming pool money would be spent on the pool and bath house together with heating, water heating and purification facilities, dressing rooms, lockers, toilets and showers including parking facilities and landscaping of the area as well as the acquisition of land and equipment. Site of such a pool has not yet been determined.

Civic Center

The \$700,000 bond for the civic center site would go toward developing the Torrance boulevard site bordered by Madrona, Maple, and Maricopa for a new civic center. Such development would include a city hall housing the city officers and departments including quarters for the legislative and administrative officers. Provisions will be made, too, for a police department and city jail and the necessary parking facilities for such a civic center.

Fire Station

A third bond calling for \$300,000 is to provide a new central fire station, a new South Torrance fire station, and additions to the North Torrance fire station, together with the acquisition of the land and all necessary equipment.

The \$150,000 asked for parks and recreation purposes are to be used for the improvement and development of parks, calling for tennis courts, soft ball diamonds and bleachers, recreation buildings, kitchen and picnic tables, playgrounds with necessary apparatus and equipment, rest rooms and tool houses, and the improvement of park grounds by lighting, grading, planting, walks, and watering systems.



HEAP BIG POW-WOW: Many is the time that Chiefs Paul Diamond, J. H. Paget, Dean Sears and Bob Haggard (l-r) of the Chamber of Commerce tribe will sit in council with Chiefs Jim Wood, Marvin Goetsch, Fred Hansen, Doug Horlander, Nolan Stuckey, and John Will of the great Junior Chamber of Commerce within the next few months to make plans for the giant county fair to be held here in August. See story Page 2.

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Woman To Run For City Council Post

Phone Rates May Increase By Summer

Telephone rates will cost the average residential family in Torrance anywhere from 90 cents to \$1.80 more per month starting about the summer if a rate increase is granted the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company by the Public Utilities Commission.

Reason

Reason for the state-wide increase which has been asked by the company is the "higher cost of living." California intrastate phone rates increased less than a third as much as the cost of living compared with the 1935-39 average, according to company statistics.

The Public Utilities Commission, which held 34 hearings on the case since October 1952 hopes to wind up the hearings this month. Evidence of financial hardship (Continued on Page 15)

PROGRESS MADE IN MERCANTILE CONTRACT

Representatives of various industry groups under the Mercantile Agreement with Retail Clerks Local 905, AFL, met Tuesday in the office of the Harbor Area Employers' Council to discuss terms of the 1954-55 Mercantile agreement with Local 905.

Following the industry meetings, involving drug stores, hardware stores and furniture stores, meetings with the union were held, and it was announced in a joint statement by the union and the employers' council that progress is being made toward settlement of the mercantile agreement.

The statement issued by Ben Scott, acting secretary-treasurer of Retail Clerks Local 905, and Frank S. Selover, executive secretary of the Harbor Area Employers' Council, said that the employers will meet on Monday, February 22, at 1:30 p.m. in the Employers' Council office in Torrance, and that the negotiating committees of the employers and the union will meet at 2:30 p.m. the same day in an effort to wind up negotiations.

Tax Saves West Basin District

The operation of Water Conservation Zone II, scheduled to commence July 1, 1954, under the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, will represent the first step, beyond the investigational stage, toward trying to save the West Basin ground water reservoir, according to Carl Fossette of the West Basin Water Association.

The five cent rate of tax to be levied within the zone will finance acquisition of water in an amount estimated at \$155,000.

Other costs relative to operation and maintenance of the West Basin barrier project will total about \$108,000 and will be paid from general funds of the Flood Control District. The zone operation has been said to offer the only hope of continuing the project upon which approximately three quarters of

SIX CANDIDATES KICK OFF RACE

Without wasting a minute, six candidates declared their intention to run for municipal offices as the starting gun announced the opening of the election season this week.

At stake are posts now held by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, City Treasurer Harriett Leech, Councilmen Harvey Spelman Jr. and Willys Blount.

It is predicted that there will be upwards of a dozen candidates for the two council posts, at least three for the clerk's job and two or more for the treasurer's position.

All offices are for four-year terms.

Woman To Campaign

Mrs. Herma Tillim this week declared her intention to run for the council post. On only one other occasion has a woman run for city council. This was when Torrance was first incorporated. Campaign manager for Mrs. Tillim is Mrs. Virginia Beck, president of the National Business and Professional Women's Club here in Torrance. Better recreation, better transportation, and a balance between housing and in-

Stroh Paid Tribute At Dinner

One-hundred and ten prominent individuals from Torrance and the surrounding communities attended a testimonial dinner to honor Police Chief John Stroh who retired this month. The dinner was held Tuesday night at Alan Richard Hall, 1953 W. Carson in Torrance.

Chiefs of police, judges, FBI officials, and many leading local citizens paid tribute to the chief who was presented with a gift on this occasion. Judge Otto Willett acted as toastmaster. The arrangements for the dinner were made by Bob Haggard and Hugh Sherley.

JOHN WILL TO ADDRESS GOP TONITE

Members of the Sixty-eighth District Republican Assembly will meet for election of officers and to hear John A. Will, attorney, who was endorsed by the fact-finding committee as candidate for the State Assembly, at the annual dinner meeting to be held tonight, Thursday, February 18, at 7 p.m. at the Fireside Cafe, Sixth and Gaffey, in San Pedro.

Nominated by the nominating committee are: Boris S. Woolley, president; Mrs. Helen Spires, executive vice-president; Clifton A. Hix, first vice-president; Mrs. Virginia E. Selover, second vice-president; Al Gianni, third vice-president; Margaret Vail Woolley, secretary; Marie Holden, assistant secretary; Dr. Alden Smith, treasurer.

Expect Record Attendance At 'Y' Fund-Raising Dinner

With \$1100 raised of the \$1600 still needed to pay off the mortgage on the Torrance YWCA building, 2320 Carson, it was hoped that enough \$10 a plate dinner reservations would be made today for the fund-raising dinner to be held tonight, Thursday, February 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the YWCA.

Over 80 reservations have been sold to date. The original cost of the building was \$33,000 of which \$10,000 were donated by the Junior Woman's Club. All money raised to pay for the building has been donated.

Food Donations

Among those donating food for the YWCA dinner tonight are: Di Carlo Bakery of San Pedro, Union Packing company of Los Angeles, Roth's Market, A. and P. Market, and Mrs. Clara Conner, postmistress, who will bake a cake for the 100 dinner guests.

"New Horizons in Brotherhood" will be the topic of a talk by Elsie Farris, well known attorney, world traveler and Soroptomist.

Whatever you want, is yours for the asking through the Torrance Press classified section.

Maples Takes Over Ford Agency

Oscar Maples, who has assumed ownership of Schultz & Peckham, authorized local Ford agency at 1420 Cabrillo avenue, this week stated that he intends to completely modernize and expand every department to keep up with the rising needs of this rapidly growing community and to continue serving the needs of the agency's long-time customers.

Name Change

Maples, who is outstanding in the automobile field with a great deal of experience behind him, will take over the agency officially March 1 under the name of Oscar Maples, Inc. Charles Schultz, Sr. and George Peckham, Sr., established the Ford agency 34 years ago.

Sales manager for Maples will be Vel Miletich, who has been with the local Ford agency for the last three years. Miletich, a car salesman in Torrance for the last eight years, was one of eighteen 1000-point Ford salesmen in the Western region in 1952. Miletich was born and raised in Torrance. He belongs to the Junior Chamber of Commerce and spent three years in the U. S. Air Force.

Sales Personnel

In order to provide the finest service to residents in this area, Oscar Maples will increase its sales force. Numbering among the Ford agency's salesmen are: Don Moyer, Dwight Eubank, Bud King, and George Vico.



MRS. HERMA TILLIM
... for council post

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Woman Gets Five Kids Through Ad

There's more than one way of getting children, Mrs. Joan Creery of 1428 West 255th street, Harbor City, found out recently.

The usual way, naturally, is to let the stork bring them. But you can get just as excellent results through the Torrance Press classified section. Mrs. Creery got five children that way. All she did was run the following ad:

CHILDREN cared for in my home. 1428 W. 255th St., Harbor City. DA. 8-4509

Whatever you want, is yours for the asking through the Torrance Press classified section.

Last Day To Register For Voting

This is the last day to register for city elections to be held April 13, it was announced by City Clerk A. Bartlett.

If you do not register with one of the registrars of voters stationed around the city, you may come to the City Hall, Cravens at Post. The City Hall will remain open till 9 p.m. tonight for registration purposes.

Absentee ballots for those registered voters who will be out of town on the date of the election may be obtained by applying in writing to the city clerk at the Torrance City Hall between March 24 and April 8, according to Bartlett. These ballots must be returned by April 19 to be counted in the results.

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OSCAR MAPLES
... owner



VEL MILETICH
... sales manager

Maples will be at the store personally at all times. He hopes to announce a grand opening shortly. Married and father of a 6-year-old girl, Anetta, the new owner intends to make his residence here shortly. Maples is a Shriner and a former Rotarian.

YWCA DINNER TONIGHT REGISTER BEFORE 9p.m.