

2nd DOG SUSPECTED OF RABIES BITES 7-YEAR-OLD GIRL

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TIME FOR ACTION

The Planning Commission will hold a hearing on a proposed law dealing with the oil sumps. That hearing has been set for Monday, May 9 at 7 p.m. in the council chamber of the city hall, located on Cravens corner El Prado.

Now is the time that residents must act if we want to have an effective law which will do away with the hazardous oil sumps and other dangers in the Torrance oil fields.

There will be a number of interested parties who may oppose this measure strongly.

That is why it is important for everyone concerned to attend this meeting and back the proposed new law.

Those individuals who have been harmed by sumps, wells, or derricks, or those who have known of violations and hazards should come to the meeting and testify on behalf of this long needed type of legislation.

There can be no doubt left in the minds of the lawmakers that such a measure is needed and that it is vital to the health and welfare of our fast growing community.

ACCIDENTAL SHOT STRIKES SAILOR

A sailor home on leave was shot in the knee accidentally when a pellet gun, which his friend was holding, discharged.

Don E. Temple, 17, of 2301 W. 246th st., Lomita, was removed to Harbor General hospital Sunday and then transferred to the United States Naval Hospital in Corona following the shooting.

Temple was standing in the bathroom. His friend, Johnny Garcia, 17, of Keystone, was holding the pellet gun when it accidentally discharged, according to Lennox sheriffs.

Temple was struck in the left knee. His mother witnessed the whole incident.

Alondra Park Signal Ready In Two Weeks

Appreciation for the progress being made in remodeling the Redondo Beach boulevard entrance to Alondra Park to allow for the installation of traffic signals at Redondo Beach and Yukon avenue was expressed this week by Torrance Councilman Nick Drale to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Signals should be installed, tested, and in operation within two weeks, Supervisor Hahn said.

"I have been watching the wonderful progress being made by the county road crews in readying the intersection of Yukon and Redondo Beach boulevard at the entrance to Alondra Park for the installation of traffic signals," Councilman Drale declared.

"I am sure that if they could, all the families in that particular area would send their sincerest thanks to the county road crews."

Cutter Vaccine Being Probed

All polio vaccinations were stopped in Torrance as of yesterday, according to Dr. Benjamin Kogan, district health officer for the L. A. County Health Department.

This order was issued for all of Los Angeles because six cases of polio have broken out among children inoculated with the vaccine.

None of these cases occurred locally, however. It is possible that these children incurred polio before receiving the shots. However, the government is not taking any chances and will investigate the matter first.

A total of 4599 youngsters in the Torrance area have already received their first polio shots, Dr. Kogan stated.

Another 5041 children were to be given vaccinations next week. These shots have been cancelled.

Cutter is only one of six laboratories producing the vaccine. Vaccine produced by the other laboratories are not affected by this order.

However, none of the other vaccines are available at present because all the local vaccine was ordered from the Cutter Laboratory.

Dr. Kogan had "no comment" to make on the value of the vaccine produced by the other laboratories.

Nothing could be said at present as to how soon the Cutter product could be analyzed.

Hearing on Oil Sump Law Set For May 9

A public hearing will be held on a proposed oil sump ordinance before the measure is submitted to the City Council. The hearing, to be held before the Planning Commission, has been set for Monday, May 9, at 7 p.m. in the council chamber of the city hall, Cravens, corner El Prado.

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The proposed new law is intended to do away with the existing and potential hazards created by oil sumps, wells, and derricks in Torrance.

Drawn up by Deputy City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier, the measure calls for the following four provisions:

(1) The removal of all wooden derricks on existing wells both producing and non-producing;

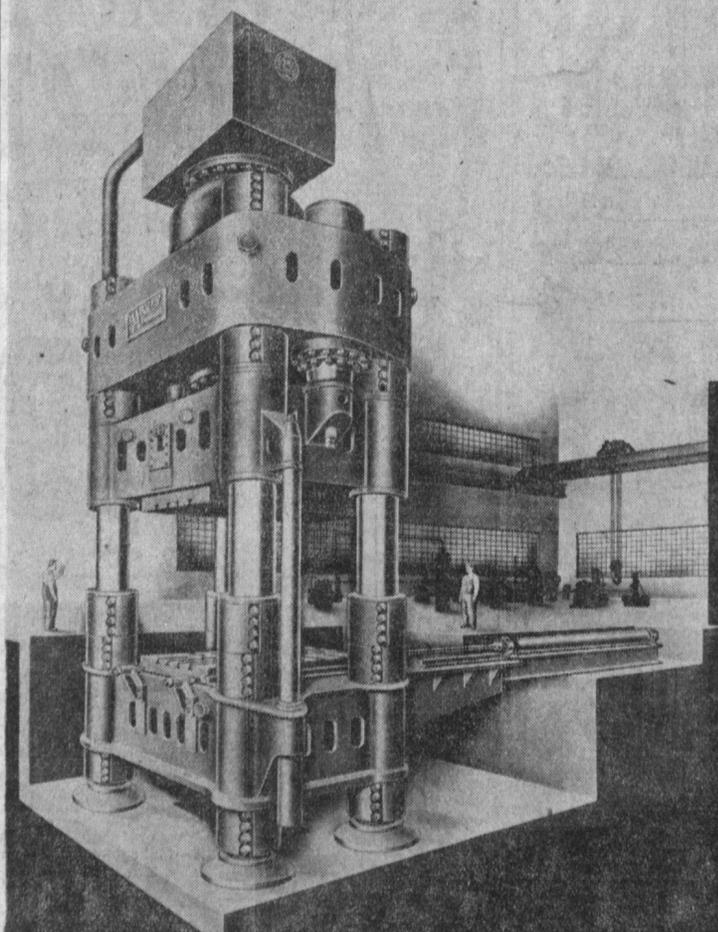
(2) All future drilling of new wells, or deepening of wells, or other work on new or existing wells, be accomplished with the aid of portable metal drilling masts;

(3) The removal of all existing sumps and prohibiting the digging or use of sumps in the future, excepting only sumps of a portable nature;

(4) Requiring that all moving parts of wells be enclosed with a chain linked fence eight feet in height.

The Torrance Press has been campaigning for such an ordinance for more than three years, ever since a Torrance youngster suffered a crushed leg on an unfenced pump.

The resolution calls for such an ordinance because certain oil and gas wells "menace the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the city of Torrance."



IMPRESSIVE . . . This 8,000 ton hydraulic forging press, one in a complement of new presses being installed at the Harvey Aluminum plant in Torrance, incorporates the most advanced innovations in forging equipment. A part of the Air Force heavy press program, the machine is extremely rigid in design, will restrict full load deflection to a minimum, and will accommodate complex unsymmetrical forgings. The press will permit Harvey to produce precision, no-draft forgings accentuating thin webs and ribs, and close tolerances.

Thief Clouted, But Not Routed With Thermos

Detecting a thief siphoning gas from his car, a youth tried to subdue him with an empty thermos bottle but was himself injured in the fracas, requiring four stitches for a cut under his right eye. The thief escaped.

James E. McGee, 53, owner of the gas station at 24116 Narbonne avenue, Lomita, noticed a youth taking gas out of his car just as McGee was closing the gas station for the night.

He rushed over and grabbed the youth, who was around 18 years old. McGee hit him with a thermos bottle, but was struck in the face in return.

The youth then ran for his car and roared away, with a friend driving.

McGee went to Hillside hospital to be treated for bruises, abrasions on the face, and a cut under his right eye.

Paint Stolen From Garage

Paint and painter's supplies, valued at \$222, were stolen over the week-end from a construction job at 20823 South Normandie.

Victim of the theft is Karl Lambert of 2611 Monterey, Torrance, paint contractor for the house. The garage had been broken into and the equipment taken.

Shoestring Group to Hear Pugh

Donald B. Pugh, candidate for the L.A. City Board of Education, will address the Shoestring Advisory Board Monday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the Normandie Recreation center, it was announced today.

Improvement of the Strip was discussed at the April 12 meeting of the group.

AUTOMOBILE BROKEN INTO

A number of items were stolen between Monday and Tuesday from the car of Tom W. Trimble, 5224 Doris way, while it was parked at 190th street and Normandie.

The left front wind wing had been broken open. Missing were a jacket, tool box, small tools, and car radio.

Youth Flees From Scene, Gets Caught

Deserting his buddy to be picked up by the police, a 19-year-old youth drove away from the scene of a fight but was picked up shortly after by patrol officers and booked on assault and battery Monday.

Arrested and booked on assault and battery was Lawrence J. Verrett, 19, of Los Angeles. Victim of the beating was Raymond P. Roberge of 1913 Cabrillo.

Verrett's companion, a 17-year-old youth, was turned over to juvenile authorities, according to Sgt. D. C. Cook, Torrance police juvenile officer.

An argument started in front of a liquor store at Andreo and Carson when Verrett charged Roberge with scratching his car while backing it out of the lot.

Roberge allegedly said he would have his insurance company take care of the matter and made his driver's license available.

When he got ready to drive off, the two men allegedly dragged him from his car and kicked and beat him while he was down, according to police files.

When Officers Clawson and Daly, beat patrolmen, approached, Verrett took off in his car, leaving his friend behind.

A radio call alerted Officers Fisher and Hammond, who spotted the car at 190th street and Western avenue and arrested Verrett.

Roberge suffered a bloody nose, bruises and abrasions.

LIONS CLUB TO SELL U. S. FLAGS

Not enough Torrance residents have American flags to be displayed on the national holidays, members of the Torrance Lions club feel, and they have decided to do something about this.

Starting next month, the Lions club will set aside a number of week-ends for selling flags to local residents. The club will probably request permission to operate a few stands, according to President Warren Hamilton.

The flags will be inexpensive and the small margin of profit will be used for the club's charity fund, Hamilton stated.

Chairman of the event is Ruel Moulton.

So Much For So Little For So Many

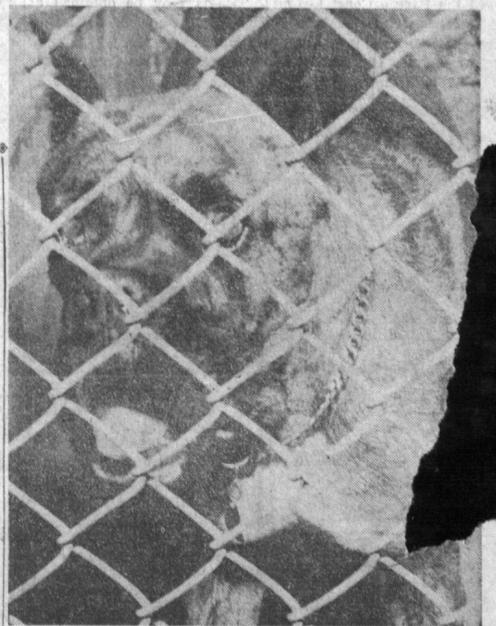
RESULTS—Right away! That's music to our ears . . . and we hear music every week! Mrs. A. Hegge of 24316 Eshelmar Ave., Lomita, had a wringer type washing machine which she wanted to sell.

She placed the following inexpensive ad in the Torrance Press:

FOR SALE—Wringer-type washing machine. Clean. Good condition. \$20. DA. 6-3262

Mrs. Hegge sold the machine immediately, and, like numerous other Torrance Press classified advertisers, told us how pleased she was with the results and the many calls.

It's so easy—just call FA. 8-2345 and ask for "classified." We'll help you word your ad just right and keep the number of words down to a minimum.



SUSPECT RABIES . . . This Brindell boxer, owned by Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Root of 18013 Ermanita, is presently under observation for rabies. A 7-year-old girl was bitten by the dog and is now taking Pasteur treatment, the only protection against rabies which is always fatal.

Girl Undergoes Pasteur Shots

Another Torrance dog, suspected to be rabid, is under close observation this week, while a 7-year-old girl, bitten by the dog, is now undergoing Pasteur treatment.

Undergoing the Pasteur treatment consisting of a series of 14 to 21 shots (one a day) is Peggy Butler, 7, of 18017 Ermanita, North Torrance.

Pasteur treatment is the only safeguard against rabies which is always fatal.

The dog, a Brindell boxer owned by Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Root of 18013 Ermanita, is presently under observation at the Harbor Animal Hospital.

Only last week another dog was picked up and died Saturday of rabies, a painful and agonizing disease. The terrier was owned by Mr. and Mrs. John P. Grieshaber of 4346 West 176th st.

The two dogs are from the same vicinity. Whether there is any tie-in between the two could not be determined at this time. However, the only way that rabies can be transferred is through direct contact.

The young child was bitten on the finger while playing with the boxer April 18. The incident was not reported to the Health Department till April 25 when the dog showed signs of illness and became violent, according to Mrs. Elmer Butler, Peggy's grandmother.

"The dog is a strong rabies suspect," Dr. Rollin Smith, veterinarian, of the Harbor Animal Hospital said. "I've seen these cases before and this one looks quite suspicious. So far we do not know if the dog has bitten other children or animals. We will know definitely whether the dog has rabies within a day or two."

"Dog bites should be reported immediately to the Health Department (FA. 8-3310)," Dr. Benjamin Kogan, district health officer said. "People should report all bites, whether caused by dogs or cats."

There are two kinds of rabies, namely furious or dumb. Both are deadly. The boxer, like the terrier is

'Bricks' Thrown At Brick Pit

Since no formal application has been made by Henry M. Guenser to excavate a brick pit site east of Arlington ave. near 178th st. the earliest hearing on the matter cannot be held till May 18, provided such formal application is first made, according to George Powell, secretary to the Planning Commission.

Powell stated that Guenser's letter was addressed to City Manager George Stevens. It requested a general opinion. Nothing was ever filed formally with the Planning Commission, however, according to Powell.

Residents near the present and proposed pit have organized to fight this issue. Led by John K. Kesson of 2015 W. 182nd st., residents maintain that the pit is a definite menace to children. The present pit, Kesson stated, is 40 feet deep. Guenser is asking for permission to mine 10 more acres.

Property owners also maintain that such a pit near their homes depreciates their property.

Guenser proposes that the land be deeded to the city for \$1 an acre in return for permission to excavate the additional 10 acres.

The Recreation Commission approved Guenser's plan.

The matter was returned to the Planning Commission when numerous residents appeared to protest before the City Council last week.

suspected of having dumb rabies. Symptoms include vomiting, frothing at the mouth, refusal to eat, lower jaw drooping, and flicking the tongue in and out of the mouth.

The best way to avoid rabies in a community is through rigid enforcement of the leash law and compulsory vaccination for dogs against rabies.

The Torrance Press has campaigned for such a compulsory vaccination law but the Torrance City Council has never discussed the matter.

TERRIER DIES OF RABIES

An 8-year-old Torrance dog, picked up last Wednesday by Hawthorne SPCA, died of rabies Saturday.

The dog, owned by Mr. and Mrs. John P. Grieshaber of 4346 West 176th street, Torrance, ran away from home a week ago Tuesday and was missing one day before being picked up in Hawthorne.

A Hawthorne resident found the dog in his car Wednesday and noticing that the animal appeared ill, called the SPCA.

Cash, Drugs Stolen Here

About \$25 in cash and a quantity of drugs were stolen last week from the office of Dr. R. M. Patterson, 25738 South Western avenue, according to San Pedro police.

4599 LOCAL CHILDREN GIVEN POLIO SHOTS