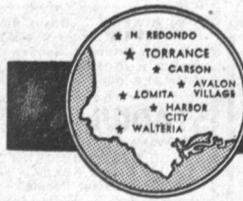


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LETTER SUGGESTS MERGER

The City Council received a letter suggesting that the police and fire departments be consolidated and it was voted to look into the matter.

Robert W. Sable, Hollywood Riviera, in a letter to the council, suggested that considerable money could be saved in expenditures for equipment and salaries.

Councilman Nicholas Dr. ale cast the only negative vote and went on record as definitely being opposed to such an investigation. The other members stated they did not necessarily favor such a merger but felt the idea was worth studying.

The letter was referred to the City manager for further study. After the situation has been reviewed, then the council will make its decision.

The city council is also going to investigate the waiver board to determine why many billboards have been erected here without consent of the council. Mayor Albert Isen referred specifically to beer and whiskey billboards and certain "boot-leg" signs apparently erected without city approval.

The council approved a \$9000 expenditure for the construction of two traffic signals — one at 182nd st. and Crenshaw, and Crenshaw. Councilman Dr. ale also moved that a signal be placed at the intersection of the Prairie. The matter was referred to the traffic commission for study.

\$51,200 Drowning Suit Filed

Mr. and Mrs. Jay R. Williams, 5033 Scott st., are seeking \$51,200 for the death of their 3-year-old son, Johnny, who drowned in a sump here November 8, 1956.

They filed their claim in the Inglewood Superior court asking the sum from the Family Land Co. and the Kauffman-Wilson Construction co., owners and operators of the hole near the intersection of Torrance blvd. and Ruby st.

The father claims that "murky" pools at the bottom of the excavation lured the child into the water and he drowned without being able to get out.

The suit also maintains that a fence around the sump was not properly maintained and that an open gate was unguarded.

Williams asked \$50,000 general damages plus \$1200 funeral expenses.

Town Meeting Poses Many Civic Problems

For the first time in the city's history, South Torrance took concerted action to form a unified civic organization at a "town meeting" Tuesday, April 30, at the Fish Shanty.

Representatives from various South Torrance organizations met with city officials at a dinner-meeting to discuss problems that face the citizens of the community. "We are not going to offer solutions or ask the city council for solutions to the problems, but rather we want to crystallize the thinking on these problems and then let the various organizations work out a plan of action," so stated Chairman J. A. Beasley.

The newly formed South Torrance co-ordinating group includes members from the following organizations who were present at the dinner: Welteria Kiwanis club, Welteria Business Men's club, Hollywood Riviera Homeowners' society, Southwest Park Civic assn., Pacific Hills Homeowners, Palos Verdes-Riviera Homeowners, Ellinwood Homeowners, Victoria Terrace Homeowners, Victoria Knolls Homeowners and the South Torrance Democratic club.

City officials present who answered many questions posed were Councilmen Nick Dr. ale, Victor Benstead, Robert Jahn, Mayor Albert Isen, Don Mansfield, assistant city manager;



WOE IS SHE

Mary Payton, operator of a local beauty shop, had to have five stitches in her head after an unknown suspect hit her with the telephone receiver.—Press Photo.

BEAUTY OPERATOR HIT BY IRATE CUSTOMER

Mary Payton, local beauty operator, was clobbered with a telephone receiver after she had an argument over the price of a hair-do Saturday, April 27.

According to Mrs. Payton, the customer had long hair and the price of "fixing it" would be \$3. The assailant not only thought the price was wrong but was dissatisfied with the work done. "She told me to roll up the ends, and afterwards she said she didn't want the ends rolled up," Mrs. Payton said.

The enraged customer left without paying but returned to get her car keys. Mrs. Payton said she would have to call the police and the customer said that she would do it for her.

DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN ENTRY DEADLINE MAY 13

Some 500 nomination blanks for Torrance's Distinguished Citizen of 1956 have been mailed to all organizations in the City, it was announced today by Chairman Mervin M. Schwab of the sponsoring Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Schwab, winner of the honor in 1953, stated that every fraternal, religious, youth, service, civic, labor, commercial, industrial and veterans group should receive the applications which were mailed on April 29.

Additional blanks may be secured at the chamber office, 1345 El Prado. Any individual or organization is eligible to nominate a candidate for the award which is sponsored in memory of two departed civic leaders—Dr. William I. Laughon and Grover C. Whyte.

Nominees will be judged on answers to two primary questions: (1) What outstanding contribution has nominee made to the general welfare of the city of Torrance, and (2) What outstanding contribution has

nominee made to the citizens of Torrance?

Applications must be post-dated (Turn to Page 21)

Park Series To Begin in Press Today

Starting with today's issue of the Torrance Press, the first in a series of articles will appear on the proposed recreational, civic and park project. This week's article will deal with three of the 24 neighborhood parks. Turn to page 11.

EDITORIAL YEAR OF DECISION

Last week the Torrance City Council was presented with a comprehensive survey of the city's recreational needs and recommendations for meeting them.

The report, prepared by Louis J. Kroeger & Associates under the direction of Robert L. Gold, is truly impressive and commendable.

We realize that specific proposals and the total cost of the proposed developments are subject to debate.

But the over-all conclusions cannot be argued with.

This is a year of decision for Torrance residents. Recreation-wise we stand at the cross roads. If Torrance is to continue providing adequate recreational and cultural facilities for its ever-growing population, it must act now according to a proper master plan.

Fortunately, we are able to act because the land is still available without being prohibitive.

Other communities are not so lucky. By the time they recognize the need, it is often too late for action. We urge everyone to give serious and careful consideration to this issue since the final decision will rest with the voters.

In order to help you form an enlightened opinion, the Torrance Press will publish a series of articles during the coming weeks informing our readers of the contents of the recreation survey.

Walteria Teacher, Pal Arrested For Forgery

Lewis Kemp Carrel, 27, of 21505 Ocean ave., will come before the municipal court in Pasadena Friday to answer charges of passing \$2600 worth of forged checks in the San Gabriel Valley and Pasadena area. He was a sixth grade teacher at a Walteria elementary school.

He was picked up April 25 by the Inglewood police department and transferred to Pasadena for prosecution.

John Allen Akers, 19, who allegedly passed checks written

by Carrel, was arrested in Arcadia and also transferred to Pasadena.

Inglewood police also charged Carrel with burglary after he admitted taking a number of payroll checks from the P and M Cabinet co., Inglewood, where he was formerly employed.

According to acting superintendent of schools, Albert N. Posner, Carrel had no previous police record and seemed to be a good teacher. He was hired last November, but his contract was terminated as soon as the charges of forgery were made, Posner said.

Carrel is married and the father of two children.

Dr. Hull's Condition Satisfactory

Dr. J. H. Hull, Superintendent of Torrance Unified School district, is now convalescing at his home and doing satisfactorily, according to his physicians.

Dr. Hull says he is feeling fine and now it is just a matter of resting until the heart repairs itself. If this is done, he can again assume full duties in the school district. His illness will cause no delay in the progress of the building program, and the school district will continue to function as usual.

He and Mrs. Hull expressed appreciation to all the organizations and individuals for the lovely flowers and cards, and many acts of kindness. Even though each letter or card cannot be answered, they are gratefully received.

Boosters to Show Films

On Wednesday, May 15, 7:30 p.m. at the Torrance High school auditorium, the Boosters Club will have, for all the sports fans in Torrance, a free showing of the 1956 Olympic Games at Melbourne.

Press Offers Evening Classified Ad Service

Classified advertisers are being offered a new evening service.

When you call after regular business hours when the office is closed, you may leave a message with an electronic ad-taker.

You will be given 30 seconds to leave your name, address, telephone number and message.

By writing down your classified ad in advance, you will have sufficient time to dictate it to the machine.

If there are any questions about the ad, a classified girl will call you back in the morning.

Should you desire help in wording your ad, just leave your name, address and telephone number and a classified girl will call you back at any time you designate.

Cost of a classified ad is \$1.30 for 15 words.



OPENING CEREMONY

Ribbon cutting ceremony which formally opens the new Ralphs store at Redondo Beach and Hawthorne blvds. was attended by Redondo City officials. From left: Francis Hopkins, Redondo City manager; Paul Moore, president of the Chamber of Commerce; C. E. Snarry, Fire chief; Robert Mutch, assistant chief of police; Mayor Lee Center; and Albert Ralph Jr.



EARL MILLER... manager

Ralphs Grand Opening May 2

Ralphs Grocery co., 84-year-old family owned grocery chain now being operated by the 3rd generation of the Ralphs family, opens the Giant South Bay Shopping center at the intersection of Hawthorne ave., and Redondo Beach blvd., at the triangle of

174th st. Thursday, May 2, with the type of spectacular celebration for which Ralphs is famous.

Personalities

Celebrities of Radio, Television and Motion pictures will present 2 full-scale circuses and the Chef Milani musical caravan twice a day will highlight the entertainment which also features Eddie Cleto and his western entertainers, Andy and Virginia, Doodles Weaver, Reita Green, Dick Wittinghill, Johnny Grant, Popeye, Captain Jet, Skipper Frank and Roy Lanhen and his cowboys, will be there.

3 Big Amateur Shows

On Saturday night, May 4, all local residents with a yen for show business will have an opportunity to display their talents and win prizes. Contact Chef Milani in advance at the new Ralphs store.

Free Buffet

Everyone in the community is invited to a free smorgasbord each evening Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7-9 p.m.

Free Kiddie Rides

On Thursday and Friday from 3 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. there will be free rides for the kiddies.

TOT DIES AFTER FALL FROM BED

Larry David White, 3-year-old Torrance child, died April 25 in Hawthorne Community hospital following a fall while jumping on a bed. His death has been attributed to a bilateral subdural hemorrhage, according to the county coroner's office.

The child, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack White, 4101 W. 183rd st., died about 28 hours following the accident, which occurred at the home of a woman baby sitter at 4006 W. 183rd st. The woman, who has two children of her own, reportedly said she heard "Davey" fall from the bed, noticed him become violently ill, and rushed him to an emergency hospital in Redondo Beach. He was later transferred to Hawthorne Community hospital where a specialist's efforts to save him by brain surgery proved futile.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the Colonial chapel of the Harbin and Flanagan mortuary, Inglewood, with Rev. Robert K. Bridges of the First Southern Baptist church of Hawthorne officiating. Burial was in Summit cemetery at Mount Vernon, Mo.

The Whites also have a baby daughter, Deborah.



KENNY MONTH PROCLAIMED

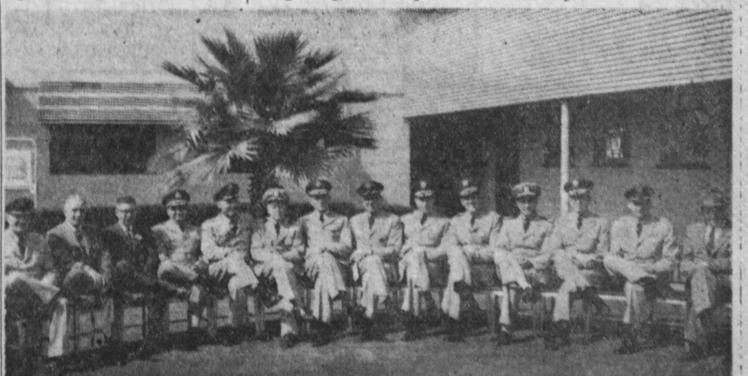
Miss Jan Nincevic, 634 Sartori, publicity chairman in Torrance for the Sister Elizabeth Kenny Foundation fund raising drive, receives the proclamation from Mayor Albert Isen designating the month of May as Kenny Month.—Press Photo.

Armed Forces Industrial College Members Visit National Supply

Fifteen members of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces visited the Torrance Plant of the National Supply co. Wednesday, April 24, as part of a scheduled industrial tour of the United States conducted by the Department of Defense.

This program, under the direction of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is carried on the highest educational level within the department, and is designed to prepare carefully selected officers of the Armed Forces for important positions in military service under industrial mobilization. Industrial College members include civilians as well as military personnel in a continuous training program for command, staff, procurement and logistic assignments.

Visit of the group at the National Supply co. is the climax of the West Coast portion of the industrial tour where the 15 members of the ICAF observed the completely integrated manufacturing facilities of the plant. This is the fifth consecutive year for which the National Supply co. has been selected for review of the Torrance plant facilities. National Works manager, J. D. Spalding, revised plant contributions to both World War II and Korean conflict production requirements while demonstrating the status of the plant in any emergency industrial mobilization. "It is with special pride," Spalding said, "that National has received the confidence and approval of its state of preparedness, and in the esteem signified by its repeated selection by the Defense Department for industrial observation and study."



TORRANCE PLANT REVIEWED

National Supply co. was honored Wednesday, April 24, by a visit from 15 members of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.



JAY A. BEASLEY... chairman

George Stevens, city manager, and Percy Bennet, acting chief of police.

After the guests were introduced committee members spoke on a number of problems