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City Lists Drainage Priorities

Walteria Pumping Granted

A priority program for flood control construction under a proposed county-wide bond issue, as well as emergency relief for the Walteria Lake area, were approved by the City Council Tuesday.

The eight-point priority program will include a 30-acre drainage sump, rather than a tunnel to the ocean, to receive flood waters in Walteria. Cost of the sump, \$1,000,000, is less than one-fourth of the cost of the tunnel, price-tagged at \$4,500,000.—City's Share

City Manager George Stevens said that if the \$216,743,000 county bond issue is approved in November, Torrance will receive \$2,490,000 as its pro-rata share.

Expenditure of less than half of that amount on Walteria, will leave the balance for several other needed storm drain projects throughout the city.

The council also allocated \$5000 in emergency funds to drain the farm land in Walteria, and the inundated area around 227th st. and Ocean ave. Farmers Aid

Farmers in the area pledged they will provide labor and fuel provided the city pays for rental of pumping equipment to drain 250 of the 400 acre feet of water out of the basin. Most of the water can be pumped out in 30 days, provided no more major rain storms occur.

Other projects to be given priority under the county drain bond issue include:

1. \$100,000 for a drain in Paseo de Gracia to the ocean.
2. \$670,000 in southeast Torrance, around 235th st.
3. \$280,000 on Madison ave. from the hillside to Pacific Coast Hwy.
4. \$288,000 on 182nd st. from Frairia to the Dominguez Channel.
5. \$69,000 on Torrance Blvd. near Madrid.
6. \$55,000 along Crenshaw from Redondo Beach Blvd. to the Dominguez Channel.
7. \$26,000 on Elgar to the Dominguez Channel.

Additions Listed For Lomita in LA Bond Issue

Classroom additions will be made at Narbonne High School and Alexander Fleming Junior High School as part of a proposed \$158,500,000 bond issue by the Los Angeles School District. At Fleming, 19 classrooms would be added, as well as a cafeteria, while Narbonne would receive 18 units of classrooms. It is also proposed to construct two new high schools in the Palos Verdes Peninsula, and one new junior high school.

MONEY, CIGARS STOLEN

More than \$70 in coins and 10 cigars were stolen from the home of Earl Brooks, service station owner of 3308 W. 188th street.

Torrance Press Ad Brings Fast Rental of Home

Although it took only one call to obtain the desired results, a classified ad in the Torrance Press brought 15 calls.

The ad was placed by Alex Sturmer, of 18422 Amie ave., who wanted to rent his three-bedroom house near the South Bay Shopping Center.

On the first call, he had leased the house for a full year, but people kept calling for hours afterward. If you want fast results, call the Torrance Press at FA 8-2345, and a friendly ad taker will assist you in the preparation of an effective ad.

Lomitans Threaten Boycott Over Torrance Land 'Grab'

Lomitans are unhappy about the latest Torrance annexation, and may express their displeasure with an economic boycott.

That is the word given to the Torrance City Council by Don Myers, secretary of the Lomita Property Owners and Registered Voters Association, Inc.

Myers said that the recent annexation of 13 acres on Crenshaw Blvd., south of Lomita Blvd., is not a victory for the city.

"It should be remembered that there still is bitterness in Lomita over the oil well district south of Sepulveda in 1929. This smaller annexation adds to more ill will, especially since the first grab was made with the help of glowing promises that were never carried out.

"Lomita is surrounded by nearby shopping areas and many Lomitans may wish to take our suggestion to 'Buy Less in Torrance,' the letter said.

It concluded, "Be assured that any further moves on the part of Torrance will be met with positive resistance."

Immediate Income Tax Cut By U. S. Asked by Council

An immediate income tax cut to stimulate buying power, was demanded by the Torrance City Council Tuesday when it approved a resolution introduced by Mayor Albert Isen.

The resolution states that Torrance has already passed a bill asking that Torrance residents be given job preference,

and suggests that the current business slump can be ended by the instant reduction of income taxes.

The resolution is directed to President Eisenhower, Vice President Nixon and members of Congress.

A portion of the resolution which calls on other cities to adopt similar requests, was modified when Councilman Robert Jahn objected.

"You're asking the government to cut spending, and here you spend money to mail out this resolution to other cities."

After the resolution was modified, it was approved unanimously.

Tighter Controls on Bad Weather Flights Promised

Promises to eliminate bad weather flying and stunting at Torrance Municipal Airport were made to the Lomita Property Owners and Registered Voters Association, Inc. this week.

Jack Egan, airport manager, said he will cooperate in a program to prevent take-offs during adverse weather, and will assist the CAA in assisting to bring charges against pilots who stunt near the airport.

He said with the operation of the control tower, more effective supervision of landings and take-offs can be made by radio or lights.



EARLY START—O. R. Trueblood, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, accepts check from Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce president, Frank Dussel, for Torrance's entry in the Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena on New Year's Day. The \$50 donation from the Jaycees was the first from any organization, although Joe H. Peters of Courtesy Realty, received the honor as first contributor. President Trueblood said that no drive is underway as yet for the float, but that the first two donations were of a voluntary and unsolicited nature.



FIGHTS EVICTION—Peggy Barbara Swick, who faces eviction from her property which has been bought for an elementary school site, holds out petitions she circulated among neighbors. Miss Swick claims that the site on 182nd st., between Crenshaw Blvd. and Arlington Ave., is too dangerous because street is a "speedway."

School Site Change Urged in Petitions

Petition protesting location of the proposed Hamilton School site will be submitted to the Board of Education Tuesday.

Peggy Barbara Swick, of 2534 W. 182nd st., who faces eviction if she remains beyond an April 11 deadline, said that she has received signatures from 150 neighbors, who object to the school site because of the heavy traffic.

"I've seen too many children hurt in traffic on this street, it makes me heartsick to see them build a school there," she said.

Miss Swick said she can not understand why the school district selected the site on 182nd street.

"It's really a speedway, and the freeway will be right in back of it," she declared.

She said that she will present the petitions to the Board of Education in last ditch attempt to change the school site to a less hazardous street, and will bring other neighbors to the meeting with her.

The board gave Miss Swick until April 11 to leave her property or face eviction through a sheriff's notice.

S. E. Waldrip, assistant school superintendent, said that Miss Swick's two-acre parcel is only part of a 10 acre parcel needed for the school, and that the district has title to it.

He said that \$37,000 has been placed on deposit for Miss Swick in payment for her property, but that she has refused to move out.

Safe Theft Reported in Cafe

A safe was hauled out of Daniels Cafe, 1625 Cabrillo during a siege of weekend burglaries.

Burglars broke into the cafe through the skylight and dropped 15 feet below. They apparently ignored everything but the safe which they rolled out through the rear door and into a vehicle. Amount of cash in the safe was not immediately determined.

Police concluded that at least two men entered the cafe. They pushed out a plywood wall to get to the safe.

The Farmers Insurance office at 2520 Torrance Blvd., was hit by burglars for the second time in a week. A typewriter was taken during the latest haul. Last week a safe, containing approximately \$4000 in cash and checks were stolen.

Thieves broke into Glen's Auto Parts, 1324 Cabrillo and ransacked all the drawers but nothing was found missing, officers said.

A vacant house at 5313 Garnet st., was entered but nothing was taken.

EDITORIAL

Reorganization of present mailing districts, which lump portions of Torrance into other post office districts is a step that is both desirable and overdue.

The City Council, which requested Congressman King to seek a prompt overhaul of the out-moded system, is to be applauded for approving the resolution authorized by Mayor Albert Isen.

Torrance has become a major city through the influx of tens of thousands of new residents who have made their homes here during the past decade.

Establishing a new home and participating in community activities has not been helped by discriminatory dumping of portions of the city into "foreign" mailing districts.

Presently parts of Torrance are lumped indiscriminately into the Gardena, Lomita, or Redondo Beach postal districts, and residents receive their mail in care of other cities.

It is quite evident that these residents want to be part of Torrance, and not some other community, or they would have settled there in the first place.

We feel that the City Council should be praised for seeking a correction of this outdated and confused mailing system, and should be supported by residents through letters to Congressman King.

Robber Threatens Revenge

A bandit who obtained the home address of a service station owner, threatened him with death if he called the police too soon after the holdup Sunday.

Emmett McElhiny, owner of the station at 3760 Torrance Blvd., told police that the robber wanted to get some gas in a can.

When the victim opened the cash drawer after the robber paid for it, he found himself looking at a gun.

"Just stand right where you are and don't move," the bandit growled.

He forced McElhiny to turn over \$141 from the cash box and another \$41 from his wallet.

The robber asked to see the victim's driver's license, from which he obtained the home address.

Then he warned him not to be in any hurry to call the police.

"You wait 15 minutes to half an hour, or you'll be dead," the bandit ordered before he left with the money and the can of gas.

Drivers Injured in Auto Crash

Two drivers suffered injuries in a collision on 190th st. near the General Petroleum plant Monday night.

Jack Lee Church, 36, of 23304 Falena ave., was taken to Harbor General Hospital with major cuts, while Fred Vern Chism, 56, of 341 W. Hillcrest Blvd., Inglewood, received private medical attention, police reported.



Gill, Business, Civic Leader, Dies in Italy

LaVerne Gill, 53, Torrance business executive and civic leader, died Saturday in Venice, Italy, of a heart attack.

The deceased was manager of the American Standard and Sanitary Corp., and was on a six weeks business trip for the firm with his wife, Mary Martha.

Mr. Gill was chairman of the "Y" Century Club and was active in the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. An engineering graduate of Iowa State University, he had resided at 1740 Anderson rd., Palos Verdes Estates.

Survivors, beside his wife, who is returning with her husband's body for funeral services here, are a son, Phillip, an attorney, and a daughter, Miriam, an SC student.

Isen Hopes for Clean Campaign Through Rally

Mayor Albert Isen, in an appeal to candidates to abstain from what he terms "gutter politics," is inviting candidates for Torrance municipal offices to be his guests at a reception and rally to be held at the National Guard Armory, 2505 Cabrillo ave., Saturday, from 7 to 11 p.m.

"I would like to see our local campaigns conducted on a higher level, but already there have appeared a number of scurrilous postcards (anonymous) and a letter of intimidation (also anonymous)," said Isen. "Many able men," continued Isen actively campaigning for another term as Mayor of Torrance, "are discouraged from entering politics, because they feel that their duties as citizens do not require them to suffer vituperation."

The rally at the Armory on Saturday is something entirely new in the field of political campaigns. Mayor Isen, who rented the Armory and who will supply refreshments, said he has created a "first" in an approach to a clean political campaign. All candidates will be provided space in the Armory to present their qualifications to the citizens of Torrance.

ATTENDS CONFERENCE

Dr. Don C. Moshos, Torrance, Calif., is attending a meeting of more than 5,000 family doctors in Memorial Auditorium, Dallas, Tex.

Object To Film Handbill

Action to ban "smutty" advertising for a drive-in theater movie bill, was demanded of the City Council Tuesday by a group of residents led by a PTA president.

Mrs. Nell Hawkins, president of the Carl Steele School PTA, told the council she has received a number of complaints about a handbill distributed to houses advertising the films in lurid terms.

"I don't object to the movies, because I haven't seen them, but I do object to the advertising. It borders on being salacious," she declared.

Gail Whitacre, license inspector, told the council he had caught up with the distributors of the handbills and has demanded payment of the \$50 a day license fee set by the city.

"You mean if they pay the fee there is nothing that prevents them from throwing out junk like this?" asked Mrs. Hawkins, who submitted a handbill to the council.

City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier said that it is extremely difficult to get a conviction unless it is clearly lewd.

"Unless it is obviously salacious, it is difficult," he said.

Hank Porter, assistant police chief, said that efforts are being made by the police juvenile bureau to ask the Torrance drive-in Theater management not to show the bill, "Mom and Dad" and "She Shoulda Said No," slated to start yesterday.

One paragraph to which Mrs. Hawkins and others objected, said:

"Shocking scenes, showing blazing teenager midnight shanty scandals."

Porter said that in a drive-in theater, the movies might be considered objectionable.

Shakeup In Mail Demanded

Postal system in Torrance was described as "a crying shame" by Mayor Albert Isen who requested that all homes in Torrance receive a Torrance mailing address.

"In the south end of the city, the people receive their mail addressed as Redondo Beach, a carry-over from the horse and buggy days," the mayor declared.

He added pointedly that one Torrance councilman, Robert Jahn, who lives in Hollywood Riviera, receives his mail addressed "Redondo Beach."

Isen said that some people in North Torrance receive letters through the Gardena Post Office, and their mail has to be addressed accordingly.

The council joined him in seeking immediate correction from the Post Office and Congressman Cecil King.

"It's also high time we receive a post office substation for Hollywood Riviera," the mayor remarked.

'Phony' Doctor Faces Hearing On Molest Charge

A 26-year-old salesman who impersonated a school doctor to "examine" a girl, 12, will face preliminary hearing Monday, in South Bay Municipal Court on molesting charges.

Lt. D. C. Cook of the juvenile bureau, said that Alonzo Morris, of 2809 Flourne rd., Manhattan Beach, was arrested at his home.

The suspect is accused of going to the home and telling the girl he was a school doctor and to undress. He took off when the victim's mother returned and asked for his credentials.

STEAL CEMENT FORMS

Theft of 13 cement forms, valued at \$487 from the Del Amo Shopping Center site, Hawthorne Blvd., and Carson st., was reported to police Monday by Louis C. Dunn, contractor.



THAT 'AWAY—Charlie Gotts, owner of Daniel's Cafe, examines wall ripped down by thieves who dropped through skylight and stole safe during weekend burglary.