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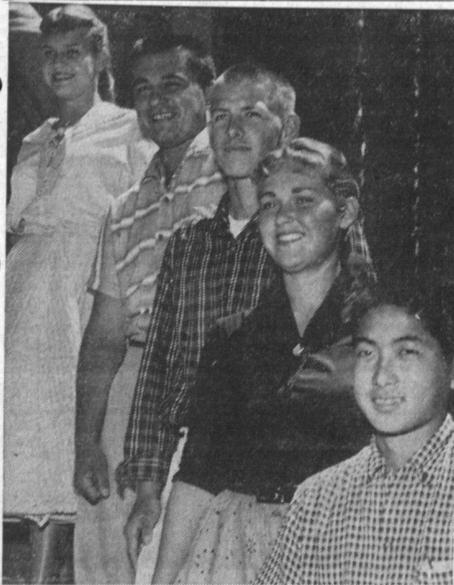
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## CITY TO GET TOUGH ON TRASH BILLS

### May Drop Grid Stadiums at North, South Schools



**TORRANCE HIGH LEADERS**—Slate of new student officers which will take over at Torrance High School in September includes Vic Masaki, student body president; Diana Cook, student vice-president; John Bentwood, senior class president; Stanley Gonta, junior class president; and Judy Sherwood, sophomore class president. —Press Photo



**NORTH HIGH OFFICERS**—Newly elected officers on North High School who will take over in fall are from left: Mike Cummings, student body president; Ken Weeks, vice-president; Barbara Thomas, commissioner of records; Charlene MacLachlan, commissioner of finance; and Rosalie Murray, commissioner of publicity. —Press Photo

### Vic Masaki Heads Slate of Newly Elected Torrance High School Officers

Vic Masaki, who ran unopposed, is the new associated student body president at Torrance High School and will assume office in the fall semester.

Diana Cook won the vice-presidency. Both have held student council offices in the past.

Rounding out the student council will be Commissioners Betty Baker, records; Mary Blount, finance; Judy Ahrendt, pep; Stewart Gonta, athletics; Carol Johnson, publicity; JoAnne Hesser, group control; Gerry Day, court judge; Carol Surber, Girls' League president; John Bentwood, senior class president; Stanley Gonta, junior class president; and Judy Sherwood, sophomore class president.

Two openings remain to be filled on the council. The Boys' League presidency remains open

### Stadium Lopping Studied

A decision on whether to eliminate football stadiums at North and South High Schools will have to be made by the board of education within the next two months.

"We should take a real good look at the football stadiums," said S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent.

He said that if the cost of the athletic facilities is cut out of proposed construction, the district may not be forced to seek a state loan at a later date.

Waldrip said that the administration does not want to take on a state loan if it has any choice about it.

**Separate Bids**

He suggested that bids on the next phases of construction on the two schools, list the stadiums as alternates to give board members a clearer picture of what it costs to build and complete lighting of each of them.

Waldrip estimates cost of each stadium at \$140,000, and lighting at an additional \$30,000.

"If the board feels it can't buy classrooms, it can throw out the stadiums," he said.

Bids for increments at both high schools are expected to be called in two weeks.

**Want Stadiums**

On the other hand, Dr. J. H. Hull, district superintendent, pointed out that in the past the community has clearly indicated a desire to provide stadiums for high schools. He added that it is less expensive to construct them at the time the schools are built, than to add them later.

Waldrip said that the stadium at Torrance High School will not be large enough to accommodate the teams of the three high schools in the district.

He explained that each school has three teams, including the varsity, and there would not be sufficient room on the one field now owned by the district.

Waldrip said that North High School should be completed during the coming school year at a cost of \$1,548,000.

Phase three of the South High School construction is estimated at \$1,800,356, and another \$617,000 for site acquisition of West High School is allocated.

Waldrip said that the first increment of West High, near Henrietta and Del Amo blvd., should be occupied by the fall of 1962.

### Youngsters Safe After School Bus Catches on Fire

A total of 72 Arlington School kindergartners were safely evacuated from a Torrance school bus which caught fire while returning from a field trip to the Griffith Park Zoo Wednesday afternoon.

The bus, driven by Wayne Brannum, state champion bus driver, caught fire after a rock ruptured a gasoline line near Riverside drive and the Pasadena freeway.

While teachers immediately evacuated the youngsters from the vehicle, Brannum and a passing Water and Power crew put out the blaze with extinguishers.

Damage to the motor was minor and the bus was returned into service the following day.

### Murder Case Continued

Arraignment of Mrs. Mary Strong on murder-abortion charges was continued to Wednesday following her appearance in Long Beach Superior Court Friday.

Mrs. Strong, Torrance nurse, was charged with the death of Mrs. Priscilla Young, 37, here in March.

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**FLOWERS FOR DAISY**—When "Daisy," the pet of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Thompson of 2066 W. 236th st., became ill and was unable to attend a meeting of Democrats Friday, the guest of honor did the next best, and appropriate thing. Judge Stanley Mosk, Democratic candidate for State Attorney General, was informed of Daisy's illness and tried to cheer her with a bouquet of gladioli. Daisy (probably a Republican at heart) showed her ingratitude by chomping away on the flowers.

### Special Memorial Tribute to Loved Ones Offered by Press

In observance of Memorial Day, the Torrance Press will offer families who have lost loved ones an opportunity to pay a special In Memoriam tribute on Thursday, May 29.

Those who would like to remember their departed are invited to insert their names in a special page, by phone or in person, at the special rate of \$1.50 per inch.

A number of verses are available at the Torrance Press main office, 1406 Cravens ave., to be used in conjunction with the memorial tributes.

Deadline will be Tuesday, May 27, at 3 p. m.

Classified ad-takers will be able to assist you by calling FA 8-2345.

Tender tributes of remembrance to loved ones may be inserted in the Torrance Press on birthdays and anniversaries throughout the year.

### Neal Says He Owes No Rent

Malcolm Neal, whose name cropped out in a hassle over alleged rent-free plane parking privileges, will appear for a special hearing before the city council Tuesday to deny he owes rental fees.

"I'm opposed to any councilman playing politics," he declared this week.

He said that the city is staking out city property on the airport, a thing which he said was not done in the past.

Airport Manager Jack Egan said that Neal and several other plane owners will be billed for tie-down rental at Torrance Municipal Airport retroactive to March 1.

**Made Survey**

The airport boss said that one of his first jobs when he reported for duty here was to make a survey of private leaseholds on the airport.

He said three had been a question whether one firm held an option on land on which several planes, including Neal's, were parked. Egan said that the city attorney informed him that the firm does not have an option, and that the plane owners using the tie-down space there should pay rental back to March 1.

The controversial subject, on which a show down will be held (Continued on Page Two)

### 120-Apartment Building Slated

Plans for a 120-unit apartment development in North Torrance were submitted to the Planning Commission Wednesday for study.

The projects, which will include a swimming pool and play area, will be constructed on 174th st., near Yukon ave. The developer is Max Maltzman.

### Suits Against Rubbish Delinquents Recommended

Householders and businessmen who refuse to pay their rubbish bills to the city, face suit in small claims court if they don't come across financially, under a recommendation by City Manager George Stevens.

Persons who claim they do not need city service will be able to avoid paying, if they make a personal affidavit of non-use at the city hall every three months.

The recommendation is the result of earlier complaints by city officials that 12 per cent of all rubbish bills are delinquent. The bulk of refusals to pay are in residential sections, with the west side the least cooperative, officials announced recently.

Stevens outlined a program under which residents would receive two written notices, a telephone call and a personal visit by a collector, before court action would be taken.

He proposes that the city seek a lien on personal property, such as a car, in attempting to collect through court action.

The city will back its action by making it illegal to accumulate non-combustible rubbish on private property for more than a month, and combustible trash for more than a week.

In a separate action, the city will close down its dump to private parties, if the recommendations are accepted.

### City Dump Closing Requested

Recommendation that the city dump be closed to the public after July 1 will be renewed to the City Council Tuesday.

A special committee studying means to cut down the amount of rubbish collection bill, now estimated at close to \$500,000, made several recommendations after a meeting Thursday.

Councilman Nickolas O. Drale, who heads the group, said that the suggestion to close the dump to all but city crews was made for two reasons.

**Public Safety**

The first, he said, is public safety, since there is danger of slides to persons entering the deep hole. The second is to prolong the life of the dump by cutting down the amount put in.

The dump is used by an average of 1500 persons per week-end.

Drale said that his committee also suggested to try out use of two-man trash collection crews in flat terrain, to determine if this is more efficient than the present three-man crews.

If the request of Bjorklund and permit commercial, industrial and large apartment owners to collect for pickup service with private operators.

**Downtown Area**

Drale said that if most of the downtown area is served by private contractors, it will cut the cost of one serving it with a crew seven days a week. Much of that time could then be spent in residential areas.

The committee also recommended to assign a mechanic to the street department on the swing shift to make sure that vehicles are in perfect working order when the crew reports in the morning.

The Council recently questioned overtime pay caused by the crews getting a late start in the morning because the trucks were out of order.

### Bigger Classes Eyed to Reduce High School Costs

Means of balancing the budget by reducing the teacher to pupil ratio, will be decided by the Board of Education of the Torrance Unified School District June 21. Reductions in personnel suggested by S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent, will save the district \$247,000. Present deficit, which will have to be made up by cost cutting or additional income, is \$600,000.

Among the cuts submitted by Waldrip is a proposal to increase the student to teacher ratio in high schools from 26 to 27 per classroom. This item will lop off an estimated \$25,000.

**Double Duty**

The report also recommends that instead of present kindergarten periods of 180 minutes for 33 pupils, the pupil load were reduced to 27 and teachers were required to teach two 140-minute periods per day, the reduction would be \$64,000 per year.

"We must reduce expenditures and 85 per cent of our budget goes for salaries. We can't do much cutting in the remaining 15 per cent," Waldrip said.

He explained that if present

### Apartment Rezoning Challenged

Second hearing on a request to rezone a 100-acre parcel from manufacturing to apartment zoning will be held June 4 but at least one Planning Commission member went on record in opposition at the first hearing Wednesday.

President Bert Lynn said that if the request of Bjorklund and Smith is granted, the city will lose 1200 acres of industrial property.

He said that other areas will not be used for manufacturing if a residential development is granted at this location.

Charley Calk, owner of adjacent property, protested the application on grounds that he will not be able to use his land for industrial development if the neighboring acreage is rezoned. The applicants seek to rezone five or six acres at the corner for commercial uses and balance of the land for apartment zoning.

### Peripatetic Pooch Ponders People Perusing Press

Even if dogs can't read, the Torrance Press scored a hit with the canine population this week.

When Bunny, a blond Toy Pomeranian, wandered off from her mistress, Mrs. E. L. Bliss of 1916 253rd place, Lomita, Monday, the owner did the right thing.

She ran a classified ad in Thursday's Torrance Press.

That same day another reader who resided one-half mile away and read the ad returned Bunny to Mrs. Bliss and received a reward for finding the pooch.

For quick results, call a courteous Torrance Press ad-taker at FA 8-2345 and she will help you with your problem.

### Charges Dropped Against Trio

Assault charges against two teenagers nabbed following a brawl in a bowling alley parking lot were dropped Thursday when two of the youths appeared for trial.

Richard William Covey, 26, of 4326 W. 164th st., Lawndale, asked that action be dismissed against Robert K. Staub, 19, of 1517 W. 261st st., and Tony Gomez of 2257 W. 235th st.

The youths and Terry Fuelle, 18, of 219 W. 248th st., were arrested on complaint of Covey, who asserted he was set upon, beaten and kicked during an argument in the parking lot of the Bowl-O-Drome, 220th and Western ave., on April 29.

The third defendant in the case was found not guilty following a court trial.

### Model Railroad Club Seeks New Home for Trains

Members of the Harbor Model Railroad Association might be said to have a one-track mind.

They're all looking for a new home for their extensive HO scale model railroad layout.

The club, which has nearly finished building a scale model layout complete with hills and valleys, must now leave its present building at 20536 Hawthorne blvd., because the owner needs the space.

The model railroaders, all adults, who have spent thousands of hours building their cars and the track layout, are now looking for a two-car garage or a small building where they can house their equipment and where it will be safe from vandals.

Dory Scudder, one of the charter members of the group, said that the club is willing to pay rent at a reasonable rate.



**RAILROADERS**—Bob Metcalf, left, holds a model Union Pacific locomotive and Dory Scudder a freight car as they gaze over the layout owned by the Harbor Model Railroad Association. Club must leave the present building and is looking for a new home for their model railroad equipment. —Press Photo