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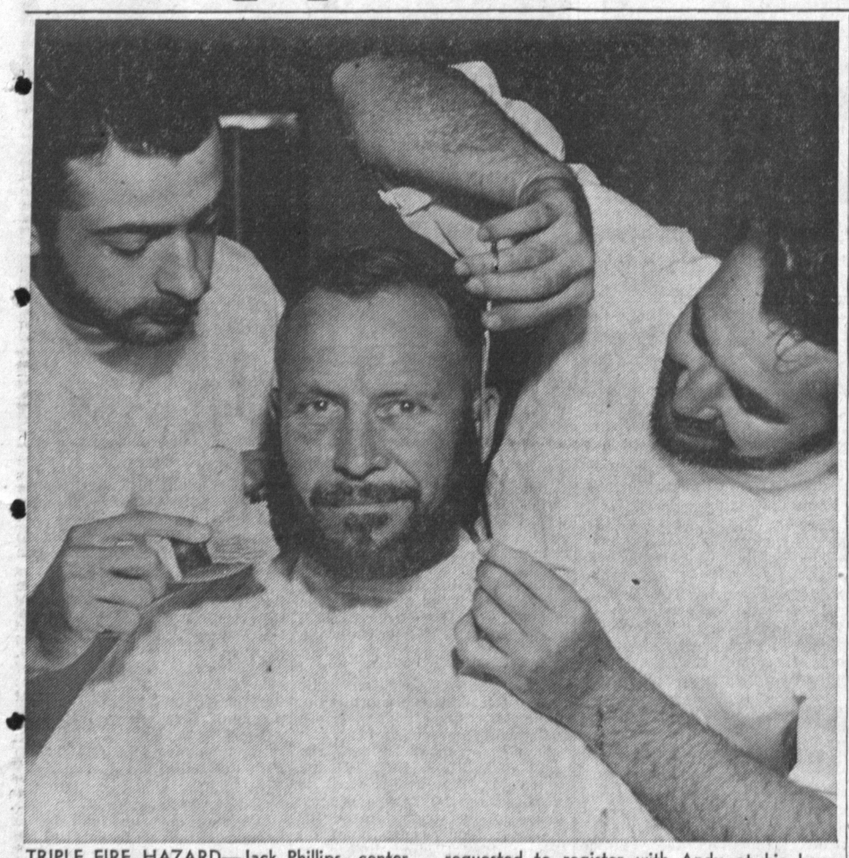
THOUSANDS PROTEST BAN OF CITY DAIRIES



TRIPLE FIRE HAZARD—Jack Phillips, center, general chairman of the Torrance Ranchero Days, is getting beard trimmed by Frank Segotta, left, and Andy Cochran. Contestants for the Ranchero Days beard-growing contests are requested to register with Andy at his barber shop, 1104 Crenshaw blvd., to be eligible for judging for longest, best trimmed and best full beard. Trophies will be awarded to the winners.

Teacher Reinstated as Parents Demand Probe

Reinstatement of a kindergarten teacher to her classroom, following parental demands of an investigation into conditions at the Evelyn Carr School, was ordered by school administrators. Principal R. K. Welte said Thursday that he had received instructions to reinstall Helen Jane Browne in her class for the final week of school.

Miss Browne was removed from classroom duties May 29 by Welte who declined comment on his action on grounds that it was a personnel matter and he is not permitted to discuss the case under district policy.

Spy System

The teacher, who claims a "spy system" exists in the Carr School, was not rehired for next year.

A group of mothers from Miss Browne's kindergarten class petitioned Dr. J. H. Hull, district superintendent, Monday to permit the teacher to finish out the year in her class.

Several of them said they consider Miss Browne a good teacher and questioned her removal before she could finish up class projects.

Miss Browne said that she was given a poor evaluation report and has had difficulty securing a position in another district.

Poor Discipline

She said she has been accused of maintaining poor discipline in her class where she has taught since September. Last year she was assigned to another elementary school.

The petition sent to Dr. Hull was signed by 22 parents who fought for her to be readmitted to teaching.

Miss Browne said she will be satisfied if she is permitted to finish out the year in her classroom and is given a decent recommendation for a job in another district.

Planners Oppose Rezoning

Owners of industrial acreage better get cracking in developing it soon, or be faced with having the land rezoned to residential purposes.

That was the indication of the Planning Commission when it recommended for denial an application to rezone a 100-acre parcel from industrial to apartment and commercial uses Wednesday night.

By a 5-to-3 vote, the planners recommended the retention of the present zoning on the land located on the southwest corner of Crenshaw and Sepulveda blvds.

Develop Soon

But Bert Lynn, president of the commission, told the property owners that they must take steps soon to develop the vacant land with industry or sell it for residential purposes.

The application for rezoning the parcel was made by Bjorklund and Smith which announced it intended to build commercial buildings on the corner and develop the remainder with apartments, excepting a couple of oil well farms.

Opposition to the application was brought by Fred Todd, chairman of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce commercial industry committee, and Fred Mill, National Supply Co. executive.

Higher Taxes

Mill warned that unless new industry comes to Torrance, the tax rate will be boosted.

Lynn also asked Jerry Johnston, Standard Oil Co., representatives, why his firm had not released more of its industrial zoned land for development.

Three members of the commission, Thirvin D. Fleetwood, Bill King and John Mulvihill, opposed the motion for denial, and instead proposed the case be sent to the city council without recommendation.

Battle of Cows Set Tuesday

It will be the cattlemen versus the homesteaders in an Old West drama to be played out before the city council Tuesday at 8 p.m.

At that time the city fathers will hear protests from spokesmen for 11 Torrance dairies against a new law which would ban their business from the city as of Jan. 1, 1960.

An avalanche of mail, both pro and con to the ordinance drafted by City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer on instruction of the city council, has flooded city hall offices for the past few weeks.

Complaints

Action to declare the dairies a public nuisance was initiated by the council following receipt of a petition bearing 178 signatures from North Torrance home owners.

They complained that the Verburg Dairy caused an odor in the neighborhood, and that flies and mosquitos were breeding on the premises.

A motion to declare the dairies a public nuisance and to legislate them out of the city in the same manner hogs were declared animals non grata, was proposed by Councilman Willys Blount.

Dairy Customers

But the dairy owners and their employes are not the only ones opposed to the ban.

They have produced thousands of postcards from milk buyers protesting that if the dairies are closed the present cash and carry sales will no longer be available. Milk prices at the dairies are 2½ cents per quart under store prices, owners claim.

A total of 3718 postcards opposing the ban have been received in the city manager's office. Of this number, 1375 came from other cities, some as far away as Oakland.

A total of 2343 cards were from Torrance people, as was a petition containing 700 names.

Oppose Dairies

Two petitions, containing 240 signatures, and 186 postcards and letters from persons wanting the dairies evicted from Torrance, were received also.

In a letter to the council, Sidney Bleifeld, attorney for the Torrance Dairy Committee, which represents all 11 dairies, pointed out that the dairies represent an investment of more than $2,000,000.

He said that 120 employes of dairies will be laid off, and dairy owners will be hard pressed to relocate their farms.

Increased Prices

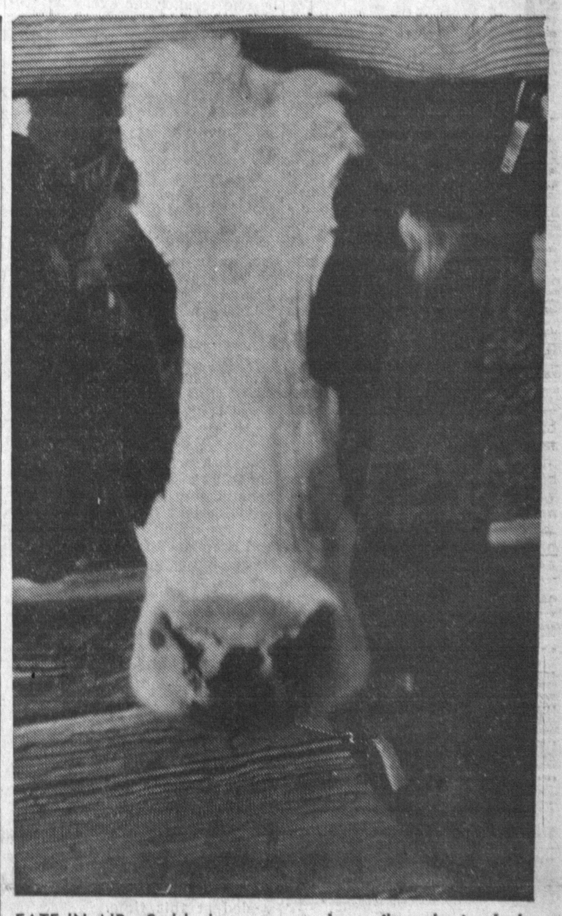
Bleifeld pointed out that 9000 gallons of milk produced here daily would be eliminated, causing increases of milk prices to people who now purchase their milk on a cash and carry basis.

In his petition, he asked that the dairymen be given sufficient time to recoup their investments, and that if the city intends to ban them, it could do so by rezoning the property and giving the owners a reasonable period of time to get out.

The attorney said that if the council passes the ordinance, it will result in numerous law suits.

He admitted that the dairy owners have not conducted the public relations program necessary to retain public good will, but that action has been taken to self-police the farms.

The ordinance provides that herds may not be increased after July 1.



FATE IN AIR—Sad look on cow can be easily understood when one considers that Bossy's fate as Torrance resident is now in hands of City Council, which will hold public hearing Tuesday to determine if law to ban dairies from city as of Jan. 1, 1960, should be passed. —Press Photo

Family Helped in Crisis Through Press Appeal

An appeal for assistance by a Torrance family "to tide it over" until the husband receives his first pay check in several months, was answered by helpful residents last week.

Mrs. Joseph Smith of 3435 W. 189th st., said that she received enough money to pay the utility bills and some food, as result of a Torrance Press story.

The mother of four children needed sufficient money to live on until her husband, who works in Pomona on a new job, can send home his first check on June 20.

Smith had been unemployed for several months and the family was without food, except for a $10 donation from the Salvation Army, to tide it over until he gets paid.

"I want to thank all those kind people who took us to their hearts and helped us in our need. We are so grateful. May the Lord's blessing be with each and every one of them for their kindness," Mrs. Smith said.

Women Arrested for Steak Theft

Two women will face trial on petty theft charges June 11 after they were arrested for allegedly stealing steaks from a market at Crenshaw blvd. and 174th st.

R. E. Phillips, an off-duty Los Angeles policeman, nabbed the two women, after he said he observed them slipping steaks into their purses.

Free on $500 bail are Nell Corey, 36, of 3630 W. 172nd st., and Florence Lancaster, 36, of 3239 W. 166th st.

Grey Flannel Suit Thief Loots Bank Customer

Police today were looking for the "man in the grey flannel suit" after he smoothly lifted $86 from a man waiting to deposit the cash in the bank.

Lawrence Poeske of 820 Beach st., a meat cutter, told officers he was waiting in line at the Torrance branch of the Bank of America Friday, holding the money in a deposit envelope.

He said he noticed a pockmarked man wearing a grey flannel suit lean over him.

As he approached the teller's window to make his deposit, Poeske found that all the cash had been stolen.

HOLD DANCE-A-CUE

Eighth graders at Walteria School Thursday afternoon held a "dance-a-cue" as their graduation party.

Using money donated by the Walteria PTA, the students held a combined dance and barbecue from 1 to 3:30. Parents brought barbecue for the occasion.

Two Injured in Traffic Crash

Two women were injured in a two-car collision at Torrance blvd. and Anza ave. Friday in one accident, while a cement truck turned over at Hawthorne and Lomita blvds. after the axle broke.

Injured were Patricia Barbara Barret, 28, of 2205 Clark lane, Redondo Beach, and her passenger, Marie Hoobler, 48, of 5095 Lucia, Redondo Beach, police said.

Charles Mitchel of El Monte, was identified as the driver of the cement truck that flipped over.

Trucker Nabbed In Crash

The driver of a liquor truck, nabbed following a chase, will be arraigned on drunk driving and hit and run charges June 10 in Torrance Municipal Court.

Einar Isaksen, 55, of 2135 Overland ave., Los Angeles, was arrested after the owner of a parked car which he assertedly struck in front of 4125 Pacific Coast hwy. Wednesday, pursued him into Redondo Beach.

Oswald Davis Land told police he was seated in his cafe, when he heard a crash. He said he observed a liquor truck which had struck his parked auto.

With another man, he jumped into the latter's pickup truck and roared off after the van.

Land said he spotted the truck when it came to a stop at Pacific Coast hwy. and Ave. I, and pulled the pickup truck in front of it, blocking the way.

Redondo Beach police took Isaksen into custody and turned him over to Torrance officers on Land's complaint.

The suspect posted $263 bail pending his court appearance.

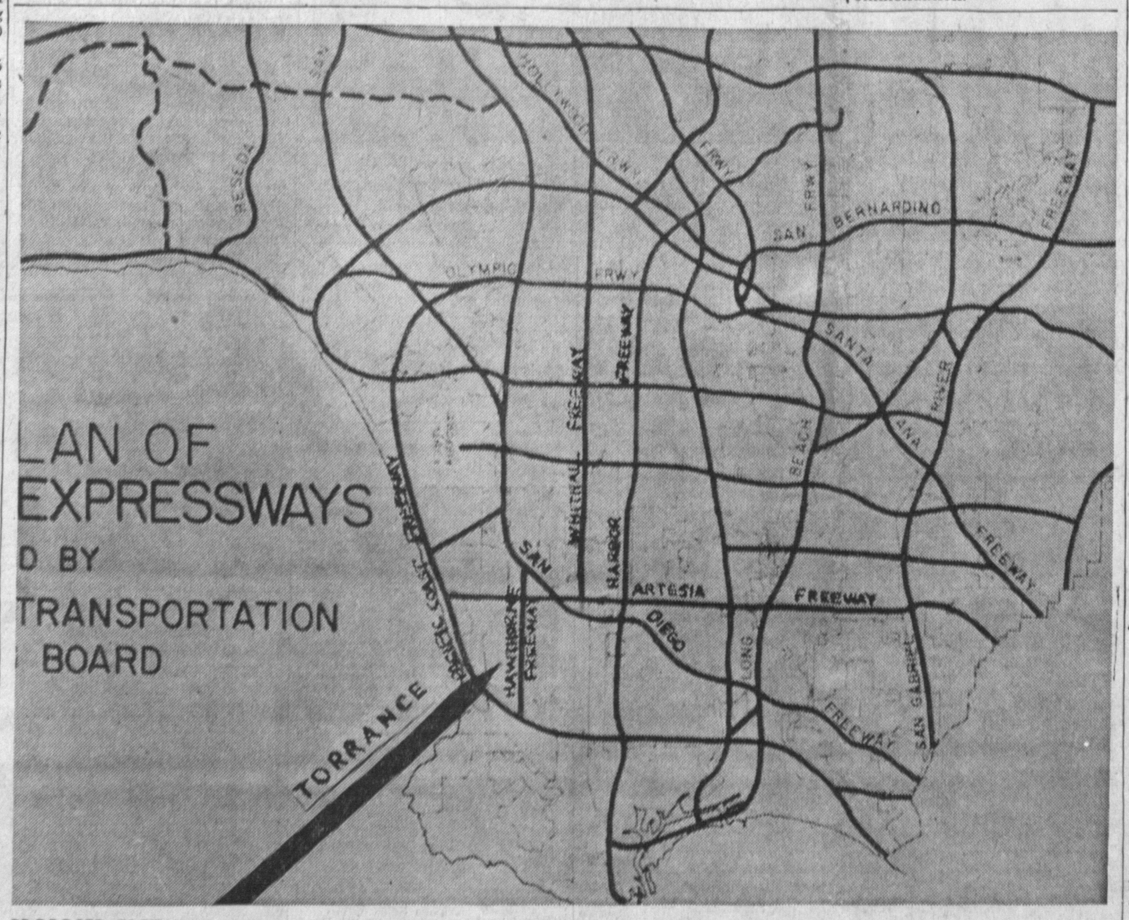
Experiments Seen at Riviera School

Dr. Arnold H. Anderegg and Richard Dodge, Shell Chemical employes and parents of children at Riviera Elementary School, Thursday spoke to the school Chemistry Club and performed experiments in making synthetic rubber.

The two men also told the children about the requirements for careers in science. Ronald Hall is sponsor of the Chemistry Club. Karen Anderegg and Cheryl Dodge, daughters of the speakers attend Riviera.

OK WATER TANK

Installation of a 1,000,000 gallon water tank for $50,000, to store water and to help in separating gas and sand from a well at Sepulveda west of Hawthorne blvd., was authorized by the city council Monday.



PROPOSED FREEWAYS—Map in city engineer's office shows proposed freeways which will enter Torrance as outlined by Metropolitan Engineering Board. Torrance officials favor speed-up of San Diego and Harbor Freeways, but want three other proposed freeways to be changed to expressways. These are the Pacific Coast, Hawthorne and Riverside Freeways. City also wants Whitnall Freeway eliminated altogether.

North Torrance Group Supports Dairy Ouster

Strong support for the proposed ordinance which will ban dairies from the city after Jan. 1, 1960, was given this week by the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association.

President John G. L. Crain said that the action to back the law was taken as result of a membership meeting Thursday in McMasters Hall.

A report made by a committee stressed that fly breeding in dairies is probably the strongest argument in favor of the law.

Top Student Program Studied

Plans to expand the program for top students in Torrance high schools are being studied by a committee of principals, and instruction staff members in the Torrance Unified School District.

Some changes have been made in the summer school program this year and further changes probably will be made this fall. The committee is studying plans used in other districts and will make its recommendations based on this program. Also under study is the program by which the top students are selected for special training.

FETE A. H. BARTLETT

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, veteran city official who was just elected to his 10th term, will be honored at a testimonial dinner June 22 at the Moose Hall, 1744 Carson st.

Man Faces Trial on Assault of Two Policemen

A Torrance man charged with assault with a deadly weapon on two policemen will be arraigned in Superior Court June 20.

Two charges of assault with intent to commit murder against Andres Alarcon of 1807 Schilling ct., were dismissed by Municipal Judge John A. Shidler after the preliminary hearing Friday.

The defendant was accused of holding off six policemen last Sunday after blasting a shotgun shell into the ceiling of his home.

Police finally talked him into surrendering peacefully, after he had previously leveled the gun at the officers, the report said.

Bail on the defendant was continued at $1500.

Victims of the asserted assault were Officers Frank Solis and Richard Thompson.

Torrance Asked to Adopt City

Torrance will be asked to "adopt" a foreign city of its own size for "people to people" communication.

Mayor Albert Isen announced that representatives of service, fraternal and civic organizations will meet Monday at 8 p.m. in the city hall to hear a proposal from the U. S. Information Agency to discuss the program.

The plan conceived by the American Municipal Association, calls for residents to write and communicate with the citizens of the "adopted" city for closer relations.

San Diego Freeway Speed-up Asked

Full speed ahead on the San Diego Freeway was urged by the city council Monday, but it indicated it wants no part of four other proposed freeways which will enter Torrance by 1980.

The resolution, submitted by Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel asks the State Highway Commission to allocate funds for the construction of the San Diego Freeway between Los Angeles International Airport and its juncture with the Harbor Freeway at 190th st., in the 1959-60 budget.

Regional Support

Speedup of this construction has the full support of the Inter-City Highway Committee which includes all beach cities.

But the council took a dimmer view of four other freeway routes recommended by the Metropolitan Transportation Engineering Board for eventual inclusion in the state master plan.

The council asked the Torrance engineering staff to rewrite a resolution in which it will ask that the Whitnall Freeway be eliminated and that three other proposed freeways be changed to expressways.

Ask Elimination

The Whitnall Freeway would run north and south from the San Fernando Valley to its juncture with the San Diego Freeway and would parallel Arlington ave.

The three freeways which the city wants to convert to expressway in order not to isolate portions of Torrance are the Pacific Coast, Hawthorne and Riverside Freeways.

Beach Route

The Pacific Coast route would roughly parallel Pacific Coast hwy. and run close to the beach. The Hawthorne Freeway would connect the San Diego Freeway with Pacific Coast Freeway in the vicinity of Hawthorne blvd. The Riverside Freeway would parallel 174ht st., from the ocean east to Riverside.

Torrance's position will also be made known to the Inter-City Highway Committee which will be requested to concur.