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Former City Aides Hit by Road Probe

Mayor Lashes at Officials

"The grossest type of mismanagement" was blamed for shoddy construction of Arlington Ave. after the City Council received results of an investigation by Wade E. Peebles, public works director, Tuesday night.

The probe disclosed that while the city had not been shorted in materials in the road construction, city inspection of the \$90,000 project was so negligent that it will cost at least \$10,000 to repair it.

Peebles reported that a soil report by an outside engineering firm disclosed that "the inspector on the job was rather negligent . . . also that management in the engineering department was not up to the level desired."

Clear Contractor

While a group of former engineering officials came under blistering attack by Mayor Albert Isen, who last week demanded an investigation of the road between 190th St. and Del Amo Blvd., the contractor, Warren-Southwest, was completely cleared by the report.

Peebles blamed premature crumbling of the 17-month-old "nowhere" section on "base material failures," and said cause of improper workmanship rested with the inspector who passed it. The inspector involved was reportedly fired for drunkenness last Feb. 28. Since that time several top engineering officials, including Ronald W. Bishop, acting city engineer, and his assistant, John Patrick, have resigned.

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EARLY COPY

Because of Memorial Day holiday, Saturday, deadlines for the Torrance Press Sunday issue have been advanced. All classified and editorial copy must be received in this office by 5 p. m. today, while the display advertising copy deadline is 2 p. m. today.



MEMORIAL TRIBUTE—David K. Lyman, Americanism chairman of Torrance American Legion Post No. 170, places wreath at civic center war memorial pylon as part of the Memorial Day observance Saturday.

Bull and Bear Market No Mystery to Eighth Graders

When students in Roy Adamson's eighth grade class at Madrona Elementary School talk about bulls and bears, they aren't referring to the kind that are found in the zoos.

The students eagerly scan financial pages these days to watch the behavior of the stock market variety of bulls and bears, because they plan to set up a mutual trust fund to buy stock themselves. They have been studying the listings eagerly to choose a stock and have just about decided to buy Kaiser shares.

Adamson will buy the stock and act as their agent, after signing an agreement with each student. With their parents' consent, each child will bring up to \$3 to invest in the stock.

Although the students will be in high school next year, they agreed to hold a stockholder's meeting in May, 1960, to see how their stock fared during the current year. At that time, they will divide up the profits (they hope). Any student who moves away from Torrance in the meantime can sell his stock to Adamson or have his "profits" sent to him. The youngsters have spent con-

City Eyes Mountain Camping

The Recreation Department is investigating the possibility of sponsoring a summer mountain camp to supplement crowded private camping programs.

Harry B. Van Bellehem, director of the Recreation Department, told the Park and Recreation Commission last night that tentative dates of the camp would be Aug. 22 to 29.

The week's stay at Bellow Lodge, near Big Bear, will cost \$30 per youth. The program would include swimming, boating, hiking, outdoor cooking and camp craft skills.

Van Bellehem said that privately sponsored mountain programs in Torrance are so crowded that every year some boys and girls are unable to attend.

He said that Los Angeles, Long Beach, Lynwood and El Monte sponsor similar activities in addition to the summer day camp program.

An immediate decision was requested on the idea.

DELAY OIL LAW

Consideration of a new and tighter oil ordinance was postponed for one week Tuesday, in order to have additional provisions included.

Early Construction Bared for Torrance Plant Here

A hydrogen plant will be completed on property of the Union Carbide Company at Del Amo and Hawthorne Blvds. in approximately one year.

Officials of the Linde Company, a division of Union Carbide, said that groundbreaking on the plant, which will produce 3,300,000 pounds of liquid hydrogen a year, is slated for September.

Construction plans were advanced because the company has been awarded a contract by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Space Production

W. M. Halle, president of Linde Co., pointed out that although NASA's maximum requirements will be for about five tons of liquid hydrogen per day, the new plant will be capable of production in excess of this volume.

"Torrance is an ideal site for this plant," Halle said, "because the location is close to both the growing liquid hydrogen market and to a good source of crude hydrogen."

Present plans call for an impure hydrogen gas stream to be brought to the Linde plant from a Union Carbide Cleftus Company facilities on the Torrance property. Before it leaves the Linde plant, it will be processed to contain less than two parts per million impurities, and be liquefied for transport to NASA and other consumers.

The most advanced cryogenic container designs and insulating techniques will be used in the construction of trailers to transport the liquid hydrogen. These large 7800-gal. capacity trailers will be fabricated at the Linde factory in Tonawanda, New York.

The liquid hydrogen plant at Torrance, is the third major "space age" construction announced by Linde during the past year. A liquid oxygen-liquid nitrogen plant, primarily to supply the missile industry, is now being built by the company at Pittsburgh. The second announced construction is a liquid oxygen-liquid nitrogen plant at Huntsville, Alabama.

Boy Hurt Critically 'in Beef'

Police braced themselves for possible revenge action after an East Los Angeles youth was injured critically in what appeared to be an ambush attack last week-end.

James Maestas, 15, suffered a depressed skull fracture Saturday when he was struck on the head by a brick hurled through the window of a car in which he was a passenger.

The boy's brother, Daniel, 18, and his uncle, Victor Martinez, 24, of 25400 Doble St., Harbor City, were booked on drunk charges after they broke down the door of a doctor's office.

Break Door

Police arrested the pair after they assertedly kicked down the door of a medical center at 1104 Sartori Ave. and argued with Dr. Carl A. Tabellerio when they brought the younger boy for treatment.

The injured youth was taken to Harbor General Hospital, where he was in a coma for two days. He regained consciousness Tuesday and juvenile officers prepared to question him.

The brick was flung through the car window while the machine sped east on 203rd St. in the Pueblo section, police said.

No Motive

No motive was given by the victims or four suspects who were questioned by officers. Lt. Gus Rethwisch, head of the juvenile bureau, discounted the theory that a gang fight was brewing, but said that police will be alert for possible revenge.

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A THINKING DOG'S SMOKE—Joe, a Belgian Shepherd, takes a contented puff from his master's pipe. His owner, Peter A. Verhaar, says the only reason the dog doesn't make smoking a regular habit is because he doesn't know how to light matches. Photos by Dot Daniel

Pipe-Puffing Pooch Can Do 'Anything'

Joe is the type of guy that can take a pensive puff on his pipe, cock his hat back and go for the mail with a remark that goes something like:

"Bow wow."

Joe is a Belgian Shepherd, who according to his master, "can do just about anything."

Peter A. Verhaar, of 5500 Torrance Blvd., has owned Joe for seven of his seven and one-half years and is quite proud of the dog.

Not only does the pooch bring in the mail, but when it is hungry or thirsty, it brings the food pan to Verhaar so he can fill it.

Dog Hero

Joe turned into quite a hero sometime back when Verhaar was working as a night custodian in a Lawndale school.

He said that while he was munching his supper, Joe suddenly perked up and started dashing off. Verhaar went the opposite way and they came on several youths ready to climb into a class room.

All the boys except one who was crawling through a transom, took off. Verhaar collared the one in the transom.

"They weren't afraid of me, but they were of the dog," Verhaar said.

The dog was of great assistance in sending notes while Verhaar was on his school job. Saved him numerous slips.

At night Joe brings his owner's slippers to him, and when they go out for a stroll, the dog carries his leash in his mouth.

Carries Leash

While this may be in violation of the letter of the leash law, nobody has ever bothered to say anything to Verhaar.

"All the policemen tell me that he is such a well-behaved animal," the owner said proudly.

The dog will put almost anything in its mouth, including a pipe.

"Only reason he doesn't smoke it is because he can't light it," his owner chortled.

"Joe is so close to a human being that in his next reincarna-



EASY FOOTWORK—When Verhaar comes home at night he likes to wear something comfortable. When you have a dog like Joe, he can save you a lot of trouble by bringing your slippers.



CHOW TIME—Whenever he's hungry, which is quite often, Joe knows how to advise his master of the fact. He merely brings him his food dish to fill.



TO HECK WITH THE COMICS—The financial page is the most eagerly read section of the paper now among members of Roy Adamson's eighth grade class at Madrona Elementary School. The class, which has been studying the stock market, plans to set up a mutual trust fund and buy some stock. Eagerly scanning the financial pages are Roger Batty and Meredith Young.

Press Service

Residents within the Torrance Press circulation area who have not received their copy by 2 p. m. on Thursdays will be assured of delivery if they call in their request by 4 p. m.

This is in line with the policy of delivering this newspaper to all homes in the circulation area regardless of whether the carrier boy is paid for his delivery.

However, it is pointed out, that the carrier boy's income depends to a great extent on the collections he makes on his route. The nominal charge of 25 cents per month is made if the Torrance Press is delivered on Thursday only. Boys will collect 45 cents if delivery is made both on Thursdays and Sundays.

All persons who reside in Torrance will be guaranteed twice-a-week delivery if they pay 45 cents to the carrier.

These boys are independent young businessmen who are building character as well as earning money by working their routes.

Be sure to demand a receipt whenever the boy calls to collect for the preceding month. Collections for May are now under way.