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**TOO MUCH SMOKE**—Fire Engineer Charles Reintsma gives aid to U. H. MacDonald, who appeared to be overcome by smoke which filled his home at 1909 Cabrillo Ave. Friday morning. Although fire damage was confined to a bed, the house was full of choking smoke. —Press Photo



**ANNUAL EVENT**—Torrance High School members of the annual staff, Diane Hunter and Carol Bruvold, get a sneak preview of the 1959 "Torch." The books will be distributed to the students Friday.

## Use of Radar in Speeder Crackdown OK'd by City

Experimental use of radar equipment to cut down speeding was approved by the City Council despite protests by one councilman that it is premature.

The Traffic Commission had recommended the purchase of radar equipment of approximately \$1800 in the new budget.

"The present slaughter on our highways justifies every possible method of combatting it," the commission wrote.

But Councilman Robert Jahn objected to the use of radar at this time.

"It's more important to have a traffic engineer to see if we can't eliminate these problems without a radar system. First we've got to get our house in order," he said.

**Get Engineer**  
City Manager George Stevens said that a provision for a full-time traffic engineer will be

made in the next budget.

Councilman Nicholas O. Drale, chairman of the Traffic Commission, argued that no traffic engineer can cut down the high speed on such highways as Pacific Coast Hwy., 174th St., Crenshaw and Hawthorne Blvds.

"It's a known fact that where the radar signs are posted, it cuts down on speed," he argued.

**Design Signals**  
Jahn said that the traffic expert should be hired first in order. (Continued on Page Two)

## Man Treated for Exposure to Smoke

A resident was taken to Torrance Memorial Hospital Friday morning after he suffered from lengthy exposure to smoke in a house fire.

U. H. MacDonald, 1909 Cabrillo Ave., was found in his smoke-filled home when firemen were called to the scene by neighbors in the court.

The fire, which was confined to a bed in the bedroom, had apparently emitted smoke throughout the house for some time.

Although Battalion Chief Gordon Northington said he himself had to drop to the floor because of the stinging smoke, MacDonald was calmly seated in the living room when he arrived.

He was led outside and advised to seek medical treatment.

In another house fire Thursday night, neighbors put out flames which started in the residence of Robert Green, 21229 Talisman St., with a garden hose.

# Council Will Choose Tax Hikes or Cuts

## Pay Hike Asked by Employes

Councilmen will have a choice of raising property taxes or trimming approximately \$700,000 off the budget requests for the coming fiscal year.

The decision will be asked Monday at 5:30 p. m. when City Manager George Stevens will inform them that city revenues for 1959-60 will be only about 10 per cent higher than this year's.

"I want to know from the council which way to move," said Stevens.

**Salary Hikes**  
The ballooning requests from all municipal departments do not include requests for salary raises asked by three city employe groups. If granted in full, this would add another \$300,000 to the expenditures, the city manager estimated.

The \$700,000 lag between revenues and proposed spending is based on the continuance of the present city tax rate of \$1.22 per \$100 assessed valuation.

The levy includes the present 99.1 cents general tax rate, library, retirement and bond taxes.

**Longevity Plan**  
Police and firemen have asked for a 10 per cent salary hike, while general employes are seeking a \$30 per month across the board boost. All employe groups also are asking for longevity pay, which principally benefits the more senior employes as well as other benefits.

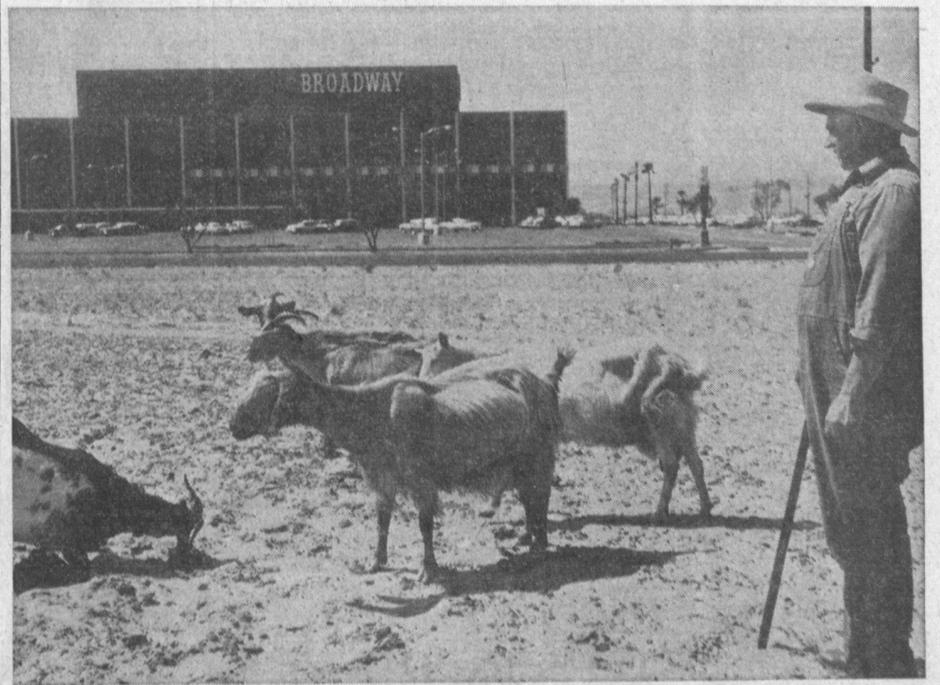
Stevens estimates that increased revenues will not be in excess of 10 per cent, partially due to a decrease in some city incomes reflected through last year's recession.

Hit hard was the motor vehicle license income, which actually decreased.

**Raise or Chop**  
Stevens said that unless the councilmen are willing to hike the tax rate, he will start chopping down requests in order to bring them down to the anticipated income.

As it stands, the requests do not include major capital improvements.

**CHANGE BOARD RULE**  
An ordinance under which the City Council can fire a city commissioner after failure to attend more than three meetings, will be introduced Tuesday.



**RUSTIC SCENE**—This pastoral scene reflects the contrast between the days past and the future. Thomas Brice of 21701 Madonna Ave., who has been a goatherder here for the past four years and makes his own cheese, looks reflectively over to the Del Amo Shopping Center, just across Carson St., as he tends his flock.

## Committee Proposes Changes on 'Red Ink' City Bus Lines

Chopped service on the Torrance Municipal Bus Los Angeles and Long Beach lines is expected to be proposed shortly.

But Councilman J. A. Beasley, chairman of the transportation committee, pointed out that the suggestions are only tentative and have not received City Council approval.

The recommendations are expected to stop the present Los Angeles run at 102nd St. and Vermont Ave., where patrons can transfer to either an MTA bus or street car. The line presently goes into downtown Los Angeles.

Another suggestion is to stop the Long Beach line at Avalon Village, at Avalon and Sepulveda Blvds.

Beasley said the plan is designed to permit the city to give

## Alley Dwellers Get Legal Aid to Get on Map

Councilman J. A. Beasley wants to have better contact with his constituents who seem to have trouble finding him.

The city father told his colleagues Tuesday that his and eight neighbors' homes front on an alley, described as Via Lado, which can't be found in any city map.

The homes were built on the alley which comes off Bluff St. in Welteria, but since it's now designated as an alley rather than a street, the map-makers refuse to show it in their directories.

"People just can't find me," he complained.

His request to have a resolution drawn to designate Via Lado as a street so that it can be shown on a map, was finally approved by helpful councilmen who live on streets, rather than alleys.

## NCO Graduate

Sgt. Ronald J. Karpinski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley S. Karpinski, 22909 Petroleum Ave., recently graduated from the Seventh Army Non-Commissioned Officer Academy in Bad Tolz, Germany.

Sergeant Karpinski received four weeks of refresher training in map reading, combat tactics and leadership.

## Ranchero Parade Changed

The third annual Ranchero Days Invitational Parade has been moved back from the usual 10 a. m. starting time to 6 p. m., July 25, it was announced today by the sponsoring Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Lt. D. C. Cook, chairman of the event, said the change was made to allow more people who work on Saturdays an opportunity to see the parade, which in two short years is recognized as one of Southern California's finest.

The earlier time also created a traffic problem which strangled downtown shopping. Last but not least, Lt. Cook said, the heat has created a problem for marchers and spectators alike, whereas the early evening schedule would allow for cooler weather.

Instead of the three-hour marathon of last year, the 1959 parade will be limited to 1½ hours. No one will be allowed in the parade except local groups, without an invitation.

No decision has been reached as yet to whether or not it will be televised, the later time creating tremendous scheduling problems for TV channels.

## 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.



**CONGRATULATIONS**—Outgoing King Jerry Reynolds and Queen Charlene MacLachlan of the North High Valiants and Julians give incoming King Bob Bereskin a look at the cake made in order for the installation ceremonies held Thursday in the school cafeteria. The outgoing presidents are seniors and incoming officers are juniors. Peggy Gutsch, incoming queen, was absent when this picture was taken.



**GRADUATION ROUTE**—North High School members of the commencement and baccalaureate committee Mike Cummings and Susan Matson look over the marching route graduates will take commencement night. Mike is chairman of the committee. Commencement exercises will start at 8 p. m. June 11 at El Camino College.