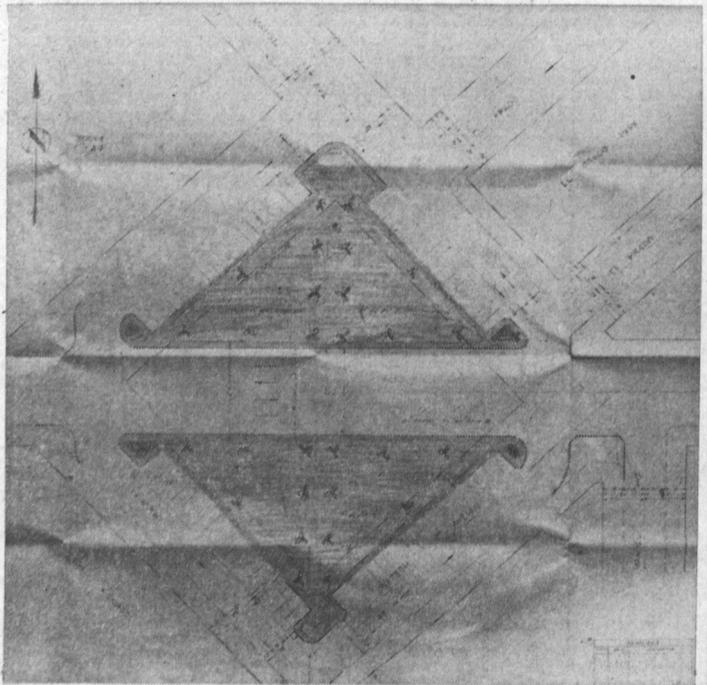


SPARTANS UPSET EAGLES 18-7 TO TIE FOR LEAGUE LEAD

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CARSON PLAN—Blueprint by former city engineer to eliminate dangerous Carson St. jog at Torrance High School will be viewed by Chamber of Commerce directors Tuesday. *Press Photo*

Residents OK Plan to Align Carson St. Jog

A plan to eliminate the dangerous and annoying bottleneck on Carson St. at Torrance High School has been approved by all residents within 200 feet of the park causing the trouble.

The proposal, drafted by a former Torrance city engineer, would retain the trees, beautify the park, and provide sidewalks. Rows of palm trees, which would appear to be threatened with oblivion by cutting the street through, would be moved. The Torrance Board of Education unanimously has declared that some plan should be adopted to remove the jog.

The Chamber of Commerce board will hear a report in favor of this plan from its traffic committee at a meeting Tuesday.

STOCK EXPERT TO ADDRESS CHAMBER MEET

Thomas P. Phelan, president of the Los Angeles division of the Pacific Coast Stock Exchange, will speak to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce at its breakfast meeting Tuesday at 7:20 in the Masonic lodge.

Phelan is known as one of the top national speakers on economics.



FULL OF LIFE—Little Debbie Hodges is fully recovered and at home, 21926 N. Ocean Ave., after a unique ordeal. Her heart stopped functioning after she touched a vacuum cleaner two weeks ago. Two doctors applied respiration and cut into her chest to massage Debbie's heart. It was the only case on record where a person has been brought back to life in a doctor's office. *—Press Photo*

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Petitions Seek End of Parking Meters

Method Sought to Use Bank Site for Parking Lot

The Chamber of Commerce still is trying to work out a way for shoppers to use the site of the old city auditorium at Cravens and El Prado for a parking lot.

The corner, owned by Security-First National Bank, will be vacant through the Christmas season, and the bank is willing to have it used for parking. However, the bank won't buy insurance for this purpose. Coverage would be too expensive to be taken out by the downtown merchants or the Chamber, and the city has washed its hands of the proposal.

It would be least costly for the city to add the insurance to its present policy, but last week the Council decided to let the private operators work it out their own way.

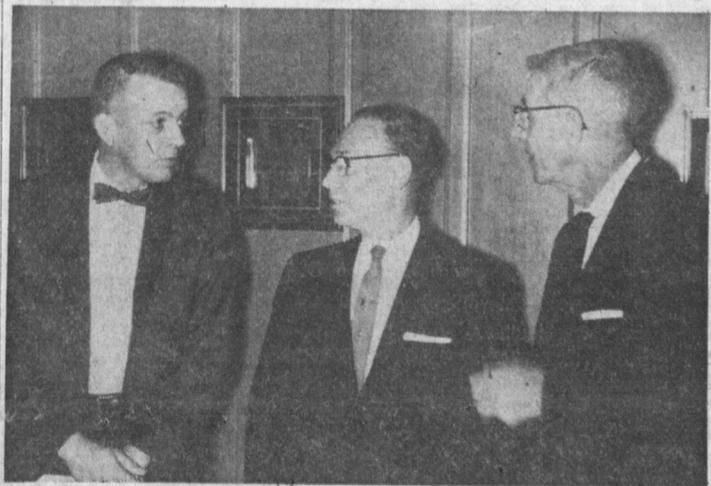
Meanwhile, the lot is open, and many cars are enjoying all-day parking.

Fred Spangler to Report on Trip to Turkey

Fred Spangler of 5210 Carmen has returned from a trip to Europe and the Middle East, which took him to Turkey as a representative of the Torrance-Kona City-to-City Committee.

Spangler, who was gone five weeks, made Turkey and Israel the major points of his journey. He brought back water pipes, liquors, scarves, and neckties from Turkey. These will be displayed during Konya-days celebration here in February.

He will make a report on his travels Monday night, Nov. 30, at the committee's meeting in the city hall council chambers.



TAX SPEAKER—Harry Williams, attorney for several cities (center) discusses problems with J. A. Beasley, Torrance councilman and program chairman, and Ray Slaney left, Rolling Hills Estates councilman who conducted the meeting of South Bay councilmen, mayors. *—Press Photo*

Councilmen Group Told How County Tax Structure Cheats Los Angeles Cities

How incorporated cities are gypped by the county through exorbitant taxation was described for councilmen and mayors of 12 South Bay municipalities Thursday night at the Plush Horse.

The speaker was Harry Williams, attorney for several cities, including Montebello and West Covina, who euphemistically referred to the outrage as the "tax subsidy."

In one year, for example, Williams noted, cities paid \$8,000,000 for park and recreation facilities in unincorporated county areas. The city of Los Angeles, he declared, pays more for parks than the county does, but it pays for county parks too.

If the county keeps up its present tendency to become more powerful while it shrinks, it might well become omnipotent when the area is entirely taken up by incorporated cities.

Imposition of the 4 per cent sales tax, Williams observed, was the first money paid by county areas and used for county expenses. However, in the case of cities like La Puente and Duarte that use county services under the so-called Lakewood plan, they turn the sales-tax rebate over to the county and gain no advantage.

"They are barely able to squeak by, paying all their tax money to the county," he told the councilmen.

If the contracting cities paid the county the true cost of services, there would be no need for a subsidy by self-sustaining cities, he said.

Williams called for a complete overhaul of the annexation laws, which he termed appalling. He said that badly as East Los Angeles needs to be annexed to Los Angeles, it probably never will be done, since about 10 per cent of the residents would favor the proposal and be opposed by the remaining 90 per cent for no other reason than that the minority was for it.

Among other inequities Williams listed was the practice of taxing cities for parks that are free to the unincorporated county. He believes the areas enjoying the facilities should be required to pay for them. "Let Torrance pay Torrance's share—no more," he concluded.

Torrance Councilman J. A. Beasley, program chairman, assailed the lack of representation on the Board of Supervisors. "It is easier to get the Governor on the phone than a supervisor," he said. The best that can be done usually is to be

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Stores Seek Signatures of 20,000

Long-Standing Gripe Reaches Climax Here

Petitions to get rid of all parking meters in Torrance are being circulated downtown for presentation to the earliest meeting of the City Council.

The petitions, distributed to major stores and business houses by Sid Gans, owner of Gans TV, 1409 Cravens, are the culmination of a long history of gripes by both merchants and customers in the central area.

The businessmen have contended the meter limits have been too strictly enforced, driving business away. Residents can see no need for the machines, since there invariably is space to park.

The City Council already has authorized sale of parking stickers for \$4 a month, to provide unlimited occupancy in two-hour lots. The effectiveness of this move would not be changed by eliminating meters, for many persons who work downtown need all-day parking.

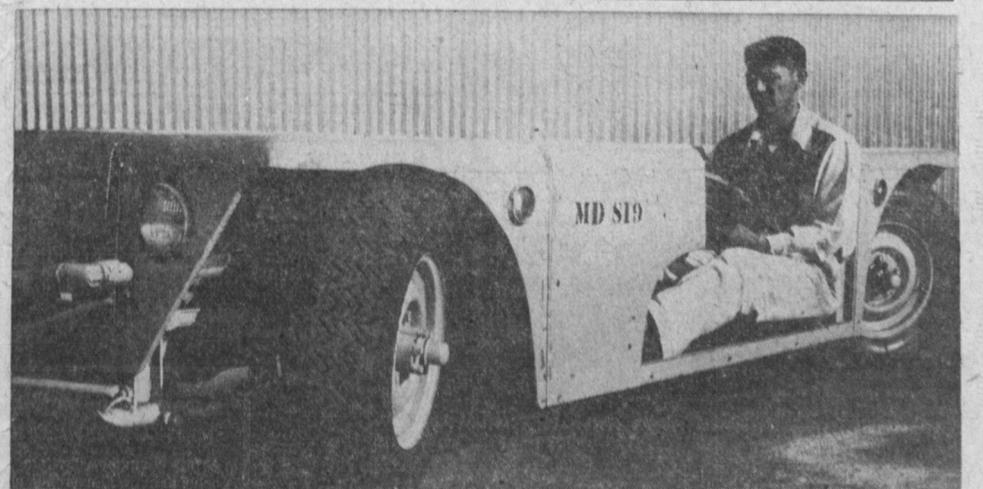
The mechanics of issuing the permits have yet to be determined; the city License Department will handle them when it is decided whether to charge users by the month, quarterly, or yearly. Also, the tags will have to be designed.

Meanwhile, major downtown stores have 500 petitions, and the proponents of meter abolition are hoping for 20,000 signatures by the end of the week.



SIGNALS SPEEDED—As a culmination of pressure from the state through Assemblyman Vincent Thomas and quick action by the City Council here, traffic signals will be in the pari-

ous Carson-Hawthorne intersection in time for Christmas rush. Here employees of the Westates Electrical Construction Co. have poured concrete and prepare to install standards. *—Press Photo*



CURIOSITY—Strange implement in city yard on Madrona was bought from the navy for slightly over \$100. It will be converted to a street striper at minimum cost. Bill Schultz,

paint leadman in Department of Public Works, shows how four wheels turn. Cost of the article was more than 100 times what the city had to pay. It is to be put in operation soon. *—Press Photo*