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Beasley Shakes Up Washington to Bring Turkish Mayor to U. S.



WINNER—Carolyn Tuck, seventh grade pupil at Howard Wood School, walked off with first prize in contest with friendship theme. Her Compensation was a \$25 bond.

Little League OKs Victor Tract Field

Request for Paradise Park Site Withdrawn

The Southwood Little League withdrew its request for use of a ball diamond in Paradise Park at the City Council meeting—Tuesday night.

Proponents of the plan accepted a council committee's recommendation of an alternate site in the Victor tract, which is to be condemned by the city.

Ray Watt, owner of the tract, told the council in a letter that he had no objection to the league's taking over there at once.

In addition, the city agreed to lease one lot to the league for no more than \$1 a year, with the standard 30-day cancellation privilege.

The city, which will have to survey the land for grading anyway, will install surveyor's stakes at no cost to the league.

Torrance also will remove service poles and either remove an oil well now standing on the property or fence it in.

The council chambers were more sparsely filled with proponents and opponents of the Paradise Park location.

The governing body voted to file indefinitely the Park and Recreation Department's recommendation to deny use of Paradise to the league.



COUNCILMAN NICK DRALE PRESENTS PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION TO JOHN V. RUSSELL

City Workers Get Blue Cross, Will Pay More

Torrance city employees, in an election monitored by A. H. Bartlett, city clerk, this week voted 430-42 for Blue Cross group insurance over Pacific Mutual.

Basic cost per employee for Blue Cross will be \$6.49. The other carrier would have charged \$5.75.

The employees previously told the City Council they would be pleased to make the difference. Regardless, Mayor Isen was disposed to introduce a motion that the city pay 40 cents of the difference. His grounds were that better employee relationships and loyalty would result.

But Councilman J. A. Beasley said the workers had made an offer and should be prepared to back it up. The council then decided unanimously the employees will pay the entire difference of their wider coverage.

Resolution No. 8860 City of Torrance

WHEREAS, John V. Russell entered into employment with the City of Torrance on May 4, 1954, and thus interrupted his retirement from a long career of public service; and

WHEREAS, John V. Russell served the City as Superintendent of Building until March 4, 1957, and reorganized the Torrance City Building Department with more efficient methods of inspection and record keeping; and

WHEREAS, John V. Russell on July 1, 1957, was appointed Torrance's first Director of Public Works and organized this vital arm of municipal government; and

WHEREAS, John Russell Aug 17, 1959, kindly consented to serve as Senior Structural Inspector until this post could be filled by permanent appointment on Dec. 1, 1959; and

WHEREAS, John V. Russell has retired after capably serving in these capacities during a period in which Torrance's population more than doubled and new construction evaluations in the City exceeded One Hundred Million Dollars;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Torrance highly commends JOHN V. RUSSELL for exercising fully his sound professional competence in helping to guide Torrance through a vital period of its history and wishes him all possible happiness during his well-earned retirement.

Introduced, approved and adopted this 9th day of February, 1960.

ALBERT ISEN
Mayor, City of Torrance

White House Hearing of Konya Snafu

President's Assistant to Call Councilman

City Councilman J. A. Beasley yesterday took the bull by the horns and went straight to the White House to get plane seats so the Mayor of Konya, Turkey, and his wife can attend the Konya Days celebration here Feb. 26-27.

Beasley is a member of the City-to-City Committee and has charge of VIPs during the celebration.

Torrance already has put up the money for the Turkish couple's flight from the East Coast here and their keep for a week.

Beasley first called James C. Evans, assistant to the secretary of defense. It is the Defense Department that must arrange any transoceanic hop through the Military Air Transport Service.

He told him the city-to-city program was started at suggestion of the U.S. Information Office and noted that 42 Turkish newsmen are bidding their time in San Francisco as guests of the U.S. government, taking all this in.

"There are going to be some red faces if the Konya mayor and his wife don't show up," he told Evans.

He said this will build much ill will and set a real poor example in international relationships.

Evans told Beasley he could not make a commitment for the Defense Department.

Next the Torrance councilman called Wilton B. Persons, assistant to President Eisenhower. At press time, Persons was to return the call.

Beasley, who has friends capable of creating a mighty stir in the capital, is calling others in the meantime.

Mrs. Easley's Last Rites Set for Tomorrow

Funeral services for Mrs. Clifford Easley, wife of a well-known Torrance physician, will be conducted at 2 p.m. tomorrow from Stone and Myers Mortuary.

Mrs. Easley, who lived at the family home, 234 Camino del Campo, Hollywood Riviera, was killed Monday in a head-on crash on Highway 101 near Ventura. Cause of the crash has not yet been fully explained.

She was taking her daughter, Mrs. Leo Borns, home to San Luis Obispo for a visit at the time of the crash. Mrs. Borns was injured and today was reported improving in Torrance Memorial Hospital. A man who was an occupant in the other car also was killed.

In addition to Mrs. Borns, Mrs. Easley leaves another daughter, Cynthia of Palo Alto.

Airport Traffic Rises

Passenger traffic at Los Angeles International Airport established a new high record for 1959 with 5,893,387 travelers using the airport. This was an increase of more than a 1,000,000, or 21.6%, over the previous year.

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COAST-TO-COAST—Mayor Isen grabs phone to tell Torrance's Konya story to nationwide network after recessing City Council meeting. Entire interview, over CBS, was extemporaneous.

Isen Recesses Council, Goes on Radio Network for Konya

Mayor Albert Isen, in an impromptu broadcast, Tuesday night told the nation of Torrance's plans for Konya Days and the lack of cooperation the city is getting on transporting the Konya Mayor and his wife to this country.

He told George Walsh on the CBS "This is Los Angeles" program that the Turks are the best friends the United States has in Europe and the Middle East.

The entire celebration, he said while the City Council and audience listened to the radio, is built around the Turkish couple.

The Mayor said we spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to entertain a Russian delegation

Carolyn Tuck Wins Konya Day Poster Contest

Carolyn Tuck, 12, seventh-grade pupil at Howard Wood School, won first prize in the Konya Committee-Chamber of Commerce poster contest to theme the Konya Days celebration Feb. 26-27.

Her theme of friendship and freedom captured approval of the judges who were J. H. Paget, chamber president; the Rev. H. Milton Sippel; and Mrs. William Poser, president of the Torrance council, PTA.

Carolyn's effort won her a \$25 savings bond.

Second prize, \$10 in savings stamps, went to Susie Ulrich, Edison School pupil, for a large poster with a theme of brotherhood.

Third prize, \$5 in stamps, was won by Jan Kimbrell of Madrona School. Her theme centered on the sister cities, with a large horseshoe carrying it out.

New Classrooms to Cut Double Sessions Here

Opening of classroom additions at four elementary schools will take three off double sessions it was announced by J. H. Hull, superintendent.

Additions opened this week at Edison, Madrona, and Steele schools. Another at Walteria is expected to open next week.

Also slated for opening is the Torrance Elementary School cafeteria. The additions will take Edison, Madrona, and Walteria off double sessions.

Bids are expected to be sought within 30 days for additions to Carr, Crenshaw, Flavian, Meadow Park, and Magruder schools.

World War Vets to Elect Officers

The Veterans of World War I, Barracks 1920, will nominate its officers for 1960 at a meeting tomorrow at 8 p.m. in Walteria Park recreation hall.

A pot luck supper will be served by the ladies' auxiliary.



FREE BUS RIDES—Starting Monday for a week the city's residents will be able to ride free to downtown Torrance after "Ride a Bus Week" was proclaimed by City Council. The council took the action to acquaint residents with services offered by the bus lines and in the hope of attracting more patrons. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bus crew gets ready.