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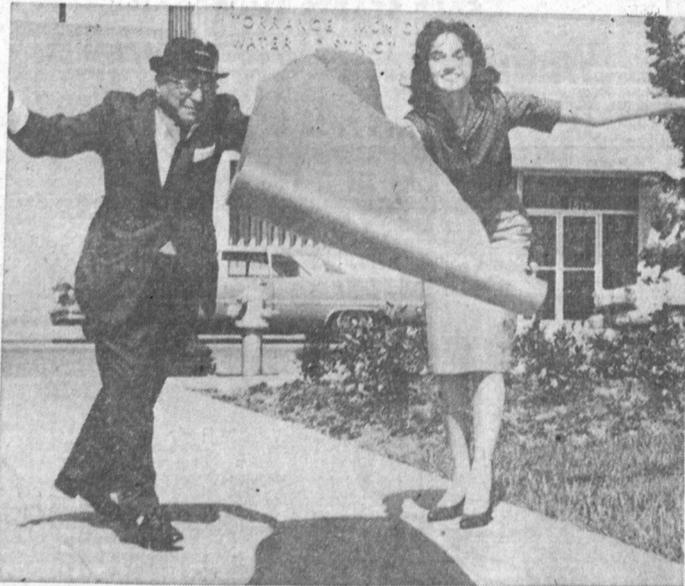
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JUST FOR YOU—Abe Robinson, chairman of Downtown Merchants, roll out red carpet for shoppers with Kay Adams, Miss Red Carpet Days. Event starts today, features top-hat bargains in all stores. Free bus rides are offered downtown today through Saturday. —Press Photo

Wrangling Delays Removal of Meters

School Unit Eyes Special Tax Election

Board Told Override of \$1 May be Needed

The possibility of holding a special override tax election in October should be investigated, the Torrance Board of Education decided Tuesday night.

Noting that costs and enrollment continue to increase while the district has reached a tax ceiling, the board directed Superintendent J. H. Hull to investigate possibility of a tax election.

Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip said it will cost an additional 55 cents during the next five years to maintain the present system of salary raises.

If pay increases are granted, an additional 35 cents would be required.

The possibility of a \$1 tax override was discussed. The district is collecting the maximum taxes allowable. Next year's school-tax rate will be the same as this year's \$3.49 per \$100 assessed valuation.

More money will be needed in future years, the board was told, because of a continuing increase in the number of children and facilities needed.

A 75-cent override tax was approved by Torrance voters in October, 1956, to meet increased costs. Since then, school enrollment has risen from 15,000 to 25,000 and the number of school from 19 to 32. Inflation also has been a factor in higher costs.



MYSTERY GUESTS—Who are cleaning Torrance streets for Clean-up Month? Guess the right names and win two hours free parking in city lot. Correct answer will be found on Page 2.

Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up Month Declared by Mayor

Mayor Isen today proclaimed, "Clean-Up-Paint-Up-Fix-Up" Month and urged every citizen to participate.

He said the aims of the campaign are in preventing fire, safeguarding health, promoting safety, building citizenship, and improving property.

"For yourself, your family, and your city, Clean Up, Paint Up, Fix Up," the Mayor said.

The campaign is being sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce clean-up committee, headed by Mary Pagac.

Report Asked On Methods and Revenue

Isen Beaten Down On Immediate Action

The City Council Tuesday night agreed all parking meters should come out of the downtown area, but wrangled over methods.

Nick Dralle revived his pre-election motion to eliminate the meters, but requested a report from George Stevens, city manager, on how they would be removed, whether the posts will stay or come out, what will be done with the meters, and how the area will be policed.

Mayor Isen countered with a motion to take meters out post haste, arguing that the legal machinery will take weeks, and in the meantime the council can get all the reports it needs.

Victor Benstead blew up at the Mayor's one-sentence motion and wanted to know how the city will pay off the cost of two parking lots set up to be bought with money from the meters.

He said he is opposed to using money from the general fund to buy property for which a fund already had been setup though meter revenue.

Isen and Dralle agreed increased sales tax from merchants and increased property values as a result of eliminating the meters amply would compensate for the loss of meter money.

Dralle's motion carried, and the city manager will prepare a report for the council next week.



WILLIAM FITZPATRICK With Sgt. Don Hamilton —Press Photo

Murder Suspect Held for Trial

Appearing before Municipal Judge Donald Armstrong Tuesday, William Fitzpatrick of 2021 W. 177th St., was held without bail for arraignment on a charge of murder in the fatal beating of his wife, Barbara.

Their children, age 3 and 4, slept through the fracas Sunday night and were taken by juvenile officers Monday. Sgt. Don Hamilton said Fitzpatrick told him he hit his wife three times after a drinking bout, carried her to a bed, then spent the night in a motel.

She died of brain hemorrhage.

District Won't Observe Public Schools Weeks

Since parents are welcome to visit Torrance schools any time, there will be no district-wide observance of Public Schools Week next week, it was announced by Albert N. Posner, assistant superintendent.

Major efforts during the week will be devoted to individual conferences between parents and teachers to discuss the child's progress in school, he said.

A few schools plan observances of various types.

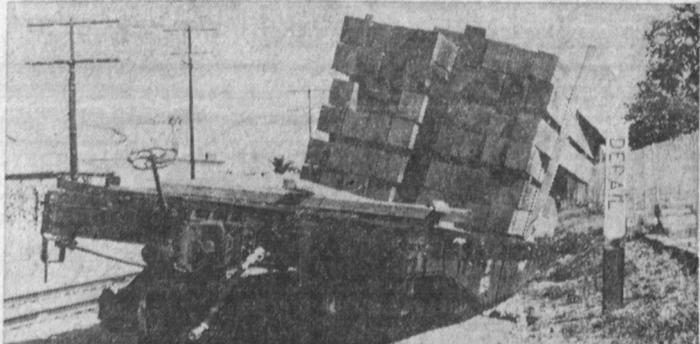
OLD FOLKS' HOME WITH BONGO BEAT

Attorney Alfred G. Cagle, appearing for Jessie J. Lounsbury, last night asked the Planning Commission to consider a city license for a rest home now operating at 3315 W. 187th Place.

The proprietor has a county license, but some neighbors are objecting, it was declared by Planning Director George Powell—hence the hearing.

The neighbors don't care about parking or zoning or things like that. Residents of the home, whose average age is about 80, have few visitors.

The complaints specifically requested that the ladies cease playing bongo drums at midnight.



DERAIL—That's what the sign said, and that is what the flatcar did outside the navy yard near Arlington Ave. It got away from workers at the facility Tuesday afternoon. —Press Photos

Torrance Fliers Ready for Powder Puff Derby



TWO JUDIES—Judy Wagner (left), wife of Torrance oral surgeon, checks out Judy Sibley, still a student, who wants to fly as co-pilot in Powder Puff Derby this summer.



CHECKING—Margaret Ross, who will preside at flight line at takeoff time for Powder Puff Derby, goes over plane engine.



FLIGHT PLAN—Mary Pinkney, operator of Gravel Mary's building supplies, goes over flight plan for race to east coast. Sponsors are needed. (Stories on pages 3 and 5.) —Press Photos

Red Carpet Days Start Today (Top Values in Section B)