

Dominguez Asks 36% Water Rate Hike



FAMILIAR?—A famous moment of history re-created in Edith Pruitt's fifth-grade class at Jefferson School. Tom McKinney, Danny Butcher, and Mike Martin re-enact World War II flag raising at Iwo Jima while Charles Carmona, Richard Dollarhide, and Gilbert Fisher portray Revolutionary War minute men in special program for students.

\$1.75 Bill Would Go to \$2.50

Firm Declares Net Earnings Going Down

The California Public Utilities Commission has on file an application from the Dominguez Water Corp. for a general increase in its rates of about \$533,450 a year, or approximately 36%.

The company serves some 17,000 domestic, commercial, industrial and irrigation customers in a 35-square mile area south of Los Angeles. Part of Torrance is in the service area.

According to the application, "There has been a constant decline in the net earnings and the rate of return occasioned by the ever increasing cost of labor, transportation, and materials."

The application said it has become necessary to buy increasing amounts of water from the Metropolitan Water District at substantially greater costs and pumpage charges from the newly formed replenishment district will increase operating expenses.

The company said its rate of return under present rates would amount to 1.4% in 1960 and 6.9% under the proposed rates.

The company seeks to increase the minimum metered rate from the present \$1.75 for 600 cubic feet of water to \$2.50.

It also proposes to discontinue irrigation rates and combination domestic-irrigation service, placing both on general metered service.

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City Council Keeps Pie Out of Sky

No Ping Pong Balls to Rain on Torrance

If it rains in Torrance, it won't be ping-pong balls—not this week anyway.

The Downtown Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce wanted to drop the light globes over the city next Thursday as a sales promotion.

Notices of prizes, redeemable at downtown stores, would be contained inside.

The council filed the matter, hoping if they forget it, it will go away.

It was pointed out that, although the balls can do no physical damage, someone might receive an unexpected blessing atop the head and expire of a heart attack.

Car Kills Boy; Drunk Charge Jails Driver

BULLETIN: The district attorney's office has declined to issue a manslaughter complaint in the case of Theodore McGill.

A 6-year-old boy was killed Sunday as he was crossing a street after buying an ice cream bar.

Ralph Edgar Lane of Hawthorne was killed instantly when hit by a car driven by Theodore McGill, 69, of 18322 Kingsdale Ave.

The youngster had been visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Blagg, at 18322 Burin Ave., when he crossed the street to buy the ice cream from a vendor.

McGill was being held on suspicion of felonious drunk driving and manslaughter.

Torrance GOP Club Opens Headquarters

The Torrance Republican Club was host at the formal opening at the 68th Assembly Republican headquarters, 1406 Cravens Ave., according to an announcement by its president, Tom Brewer.

More than 100 guests attended the meeting and heard Republican candidates Isham, Coffee and Glasier discuss issues in the 17th Congressional and 68th Assembly districts.

Featured speaker was Bruce Reagan, Assembly incumbent of the 47th District, who deplored the rising state budget and recent creation of so many costly state agencies and commissions.

According to Reagan, unless the present state administration curtails the cost of government spending, the California taxpayers will be faced with a \$3,000,000,000 budget at the next session of the Legislature.

Many prominent Republicans in the district attended the meeting, including Jean Haley of San Pedro, Robert Gulliver of Gardena, and Mrs. Boris Wooley of Torrance.

Torrance Man Hurt; 3 Held

Three men were arrested on battery charges in Redondo after a bar dispute in which a Torrance man was beaten with a club and broken bottle.

Wesley Johnson, 5216 Beran St., is suffering a skull fracture at Harbor Hospital. Booked were Leslie W. Van Luben, 25, James T. Binns, 22, and Henry Brodine, 40, all of Redondo Beach.

Twenty stitches were required to close cuts Johnson incurred.



JUDY WOLF

Torrance Girl Will Travel Through India for Summer

Judy Wolf of 21804 Halldale has been selected as one of 14 students from the University of California to travel through India this summer.

The university branches of Riverside and UCLA and Santa Barbara are included in the program.

The program is known as Project India and is cosponsored by the University Religious Conference and the State Department.

The project's intent is to visit Indian colleges and to promote good will between Indian and American students. The tour will occupy the entire summer.

The students will leave from Los Angeles International Airport June 25.

They will travel first to Washington, D.C., where they will be briefed by the State

Department. From New York they will go to Zurich, where it is hoped they will prepare for the summer in India. They will have one more stop in Rome before arriving in Bombay July 4.

The group will carry on its travels through India under the direction of the United States Information Agency.

After the mission through India, the group will return via Paris and London where they will view sights for several days before returning to the United States.

They will arrive in Los Angeles Sept. 8.

Miss Wolf is a junior at Santa Barbara. She is a sociology major and president of the Chi Omega sorority, major in the Colonels Coeds, and active in campus events.

300 Gather to Pay Tribute to Kenny Hahn at El Camino

More than 300 southwest Los Angeles county civic and community leaders honored Supervisor Kenneth Hahn Tuesday night at El Camino College.

Recognition resolutions were presented to Hahn by mayors representing Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, and Torrance.

James Rush, veteran Gardena civic leader, was chairman of the event assisted by a large citizen's committee from area organizations.

Margaret Clark of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association was assistant chairman with the Torrance Chamber of Commerce manager, Dick Fitzgerald, as master of ceremonies.

Recognition plaques and scrolls were presented to

Hahn by the following organizations: North Torrance Civic Improvement Association; Hollypark Home Owners Association; Victor Tract Property Owners; Los Angeles County Lifeguards, Local 921; Surf Lifesaving Association; Southern California Public Pools Operators Association; Los Angeles County Lifeguard Association; Swimming Pool Association of California; Los Angeles City Life Guard Association; Gardena Chamber of Commerce; and Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Torrance Man Still Missing

A Torrance service-station manager still was missing yesterday after leaving for a skin-diving excursion off Point Fermin Monday morning.

Raymond Stewart, 30, of 20927 Halldale St., left the station at 21138 S. Western Ave. at 6 a.m.

He told his brother, Edward, he was going diving off the San Pedro promontory and would return by 9.

When he had failed to show up by 10:30, Edward drove to the point to look for him. He found Raymond's car parked at the point, then located his clothing on a shelf of rocks at the water's edge.

City May Stop Trash Sorting

Isen Urges Longer Pact With Collector

Torrance residents may get out of the trash-sorting business after all this year.

As a result of action by the City Council Tuesday night, methods are being studied whereby the city will arrange to collect cans and combustible trash or farm the whole business out to a private contractor.

Mayor Isen noted that bids should be called on a long-term contract.

He said that too often a contractor will submit a low bid to get the job, whereupon the city gets rid of all its equipment.

The next result is the contractor finds his costs going up and raises the price.

City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer was instructed to check into the legality of writing a five-year contract with any disposal firm.

Proposition 2 Backed by School Board

"Proposition 2," a measure on the June primary ballot that would provide an additional \$300,000,000 in bonds for building new schools throughout California, has been endorsed by the Torrance Board of Education.

The proposition would be used to provide building loans to districts with high rates of growth.

In endorsing the measure, the board noted that the Local district has received more than \$4,000,000 in building loans since local voters authorized taking part in the program in 1956. Since then, 12 new elementary schools have been built.

Torrance's elementary school building program is handled through the state loan program, but the high school construction is not.

"If the state does not get more money through this bond issue, our elementary building program will come to a halt," Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip noted. "All our funds for elementary building must come through the state loan. If they have no more money, then we are out of luck too."

State loan funds have been used to construct classrooms and schools for more than 1,000,000 children since the program was started. From 1930 to 1952, the number of school youngsters increased from one to two million. Between 1952 and 1958, enrollment rose another million, and by 1963, it is expected to pass the four million mark.

Senator to Fete Winners of Scholarships

Los Angeles County students who have been awarded state scholarships for 1960-61 will be honored at a reception by State Sen. Richard Richards in his office in the state building next Wednesday from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Torrance winners are Edward Leroy Deck, 20513 Toluca Ave., Carol Lea Mathlin, 1115 Cerise Ave., and Frank William Peterson, 20704 Tomler Ave.

Award winners are selected each year by the State Scholarship Commission on basis of competitive examinations and other qualifications.

Each scholarship is to be used for payment of tuition and fees to a maximum of \$600 a year, at the college or university chosen by the award winner.

Learn-to-Swim Lessons Will Start Next Week

Registration for learn-to-swim lessons offered by the Torrance Recreation Department will begin June 2, according to Harry Van Bellehem, recreation director.

Registrations must be made in person at the municipal plunge, 3331 Torrance Blvd.

Sign-ups will be conducted June 2 and 3 from 1 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m., June 4 from 9 a.m. to noon and 5 to 8 p.m., and June 5 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Classes are scheduled weekdays at 9, 10 and 11 a.m. starting June 13, June 27, July 11, July 25, Aug. 8 and Aug. 22. There will be a charge of \$2 for each series of lessons.

Youngsters must be at least 3½ feet tall and from 7 through 12 years of age. More than 3300 children participated in last year's program.

Farm Worker Stabbed in Bunkhouse Fight

A farm worker suffered severe stab wounds early Monday in a fight with a co-worker.

George B. Shaw, 36, was rushed to Harbor General Hospital, where he was treated and released.

Jailed was Roberto P. Garcia, 23.

Shaw and Garcia grappled in the bunkhouse of a farm at 3601 Lomita Blvd. after Garcia refused to turn out the lights. Garcia pulled a knife witnesses said, and stabbed Shaw in the side.

Garcia was booked on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon.

Bookkeeper Held in Thefts from Sav-On Drugs

A woman bookkeeper is facing grand-theft charges after she admitted embezzling \$15,300 from a former employer. Annette Elizabeth Conway, 19521 Inglewood Ave., was jailed on a warrant charging grand theft from the Sav-On Drug Co., by whom she was employed until January.

Police said the woman admitted altering refund slips and pocketing the difference. Mrs. Conway said she took about \$30 a day over a 17-month period.

El Camino Fires Coordinator, Refuses to Tell People Why

A college coordinator, subpoenaed to appear in the House un-American Activities Committee—fired last year has been fired by El Camino College. The hearings, which served only to

harm and embarrass a number of educators, never came off.

The college trustees declined to give any reason for firing Robert L. Schlihs, who to this day hasn't had any word on why he was served a subpoena to the inquisition.

Replying to questions from the audience, Board President Wallace Fraser said, "For the benefit of those of you who are not familiar with the tenure law in California, it, in brief, is a protective law for teachers which says that after a teacher has been employed for three years, he may not be dismissed."

"We believe that there are great advantages in this law, but it also has its disadvantages. One of those disadvantages is that it makes it necessary for us to refuse to re-hire probationary instructors unless we feel certain, beyond a reasonable doubt that they will become a definite asset to the college community."

"There are times when it is not practical to give the reasons for our actions dealing with the rehiring of instructors."

Speaking in behalf of Schlihs as a character witness was a neighbor, Robert Ames of Topanga Canyon.

Jack Mills represented the executive council of the Faculty Association in urging the Board to spell out in writing the reasons for the dismissal.

A student, Neal Jardine, presented a petition in behalf of students objecting to the instructor's dismissal.

"We regret the manner in which the dismissal has been effected, but it is being done in accordance with the advice of the office of the Los Angeles County Counsel," Dr. Stuart E. Marsee, president of the college, said.

Rites Conducted for Girl, 6, of Rolling Hills

Funeral services were conducted yesterday for Patricia Ann Smith, 6, of 26362 Shady Vista, Rolling Hills.

Patricia died Monday after a short illness. She leaves her parents, the Jack Smiths; a sister, Sandra Lea; her grandmother, Molly Ritchie of Torrance; grandfather, Alec Ritchie of British Columbia; her grandmother, Ethel Smith of Torrance; and an uncle John Ritchie of Palos Verdes Estates.

The Rev. H. Milton Sippel officiated. Interment was in Green Hills Memorial Park.

Retail Sales Up 45% in Torrance

Torrance experienced a greater percentage increase in taxable retail sales than any other major city in 14 near-by counties, according to a report of the statistical department of the Chamber of Commerce.

The report showed Torrance ranked first in sales increases from 1958 to 1959 with a tremendous 45.3% boost.

Inside the Press

Perhaps the greatest peril facing the nation today is the tendency of government agencies, candidates for office, and private, illegal vigilante committees to censor or permit censorship of what the American citizen may look at or read.

A report on the censors' thinking and what leads him to think only he knows what is printable starts today on Page 8-C.

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50,000 View First Armed Forces Parade

The first annual Armed Forces Day parade was hailed by an estimated 50,000 to 60,000 persons, according to sponsoring Torrance Chamber of Commerce officials.

Although the crowd was under that enjoyed by previous Rancho Days Parades, it still was a good turnout for a first time. Lt. D. C. Cook, parade coordinator said, "Universally acclaimed as the Southland's largest Armed Forces Day celebration, the events included a gigantic static display area behind the Civic Center."

Helicopters, missiles, rockets, and armored equipment were featured. Lt. Col. Robert Lewellyn was in charge of this phase of the celebration.

Undersecretary of the Army Hugh M. Milton II, spoke at a military luncheon at the Jump 'N Jack. His words were relayed through the nation.

Winners of major trophies were:

Secretary of Defense Trophy: United States Army Honor Guard, Color Guard, and 72nd United States Army Band, Ft. MacArthur.
Governor's Trophy: 132nd Engineering Battalion, 40th Armored Division, California National Guard.

Mayor's Trophy: Torrance Mounted Police.

Plans are under way for the 1961 event, scheduled for May 20, with indications that the parade will be much larger, according to military officials.

Appeal Ordered on Annexation

The City Council Tuesday authorized filing an appeal in the Lomita-Crenshaw annexation battle the city lost in superior court.

Judge Eugene Fay last week ruled Torrance should have considered the objection of a property owner, which would have put protestants in the majority.

If the ruling stands, the city cannot move on the annexation for another year.

Bids Will Be Opened for Channel Project

Construction bids for the permanent widening and improvement of Dominguez channel between Redondo Beach and Compton Blvds. will be opened by engineers of the county Flood Control District tomorrow.

The project is the fourth in a series of major improvements to the channel which will improve its between 120th St. and Crenshaw Blvd.