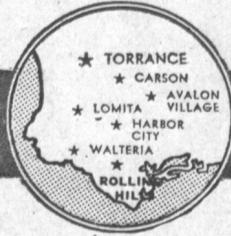


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Five Torrance Disposal Firms Will Merge Operations in City

Action Follows Council's Curtailed Service Policy

Following recent announcements that the City of Torrance would discontinue municipal rubbish collections for all but one and two family residences, five of the community's private rubbish collectors yesterday reported that they will merge their concerns.

Newly formed organization will be known as the All American Rubbish Company and will be composed of the Ser-Rite Disposal, South Bay Disposal, Perfect Disposal, Alert Disposal and Best-Way Disposal.

FIRST STEPS

Owners of the five concerns Tuesday initiated the steps necessary for incorporating the organization. Listed as owners of the new organization are: Ed-

ward A. Chandler, 13612 Yukon, Torrance; Virgil Thompson, Inglewood; Banks Bowling, Gardena; George Heboian, Palos Verde Estates; Edward G. Burr, 4802 Narrot St., Torrance; Raymond Winton, 2924 Cardiff, Torrance; Albert Avoian, 22018 Marjorie, Torrance; Phil Hohnstein, Long Beach; and George E. W. Blake, Inglewood.

Organization of the five firms followed recent Torrance city council actions aimed at unloading municipal responsibility in collect-

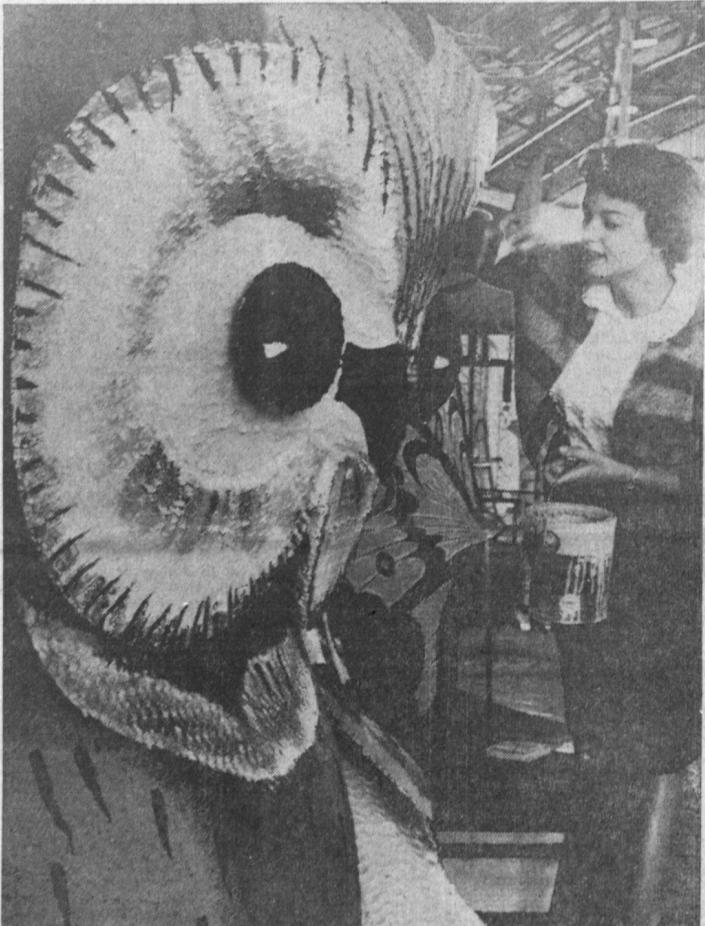
ing rubbish for industrial and large commercial firms, as well as multiple unit apartments.

ECONOMY REASONS

Council stated its policy would be to eliminate this factor in rubbish collection for economy reasons and turned the matter over to City Manager George W. Stevens to determine the best method of effecting the change-over.

Council also reported that they would attempt to put the new rule into effect after the first of the year.

Apply Finishing Touch



READY FOR MONDAY—Pretty Carol Malory, member of the crew of volunteers who have spent the week adding finishing touches to the Torrance entry in the Tournament of Roses Parade January 2, touches up the eyes of the huge owl that will dominate the float.

Funds to build the entry were donated by civic minded organizations in Torrance, with more than \$600 of the total raised from gate receipts of last week's Round Robin Basketball Tourney.

First Baby of 1961 Sponsored by Press

Continuing its annual tradition, the Torrance Press again will sponsor the First Baby of 1961 Contest.

An official entry blank, as well as rules of the contest and list of prizes, is contained in today's issue of this newspaper.

Purpose of the contest is to determine the first baby born in the new year. The contest is open to all expectant mothers who reside in the Torrance Press circulation area.

It will take only a few moments to have the entry blank filled out and return it to our office, 3238 W. Sepulveda Blvd., Torrance.

Although the baby may be delivered anywhere, records must be easily available for verification. The publisher and editor of the Torrance Press will be judges and their decision will be final.

PLANNING SESSION . . .

Carson Paves Way for Third Incorporation Try Tonight

The community of Carson will launch its third try at a special meeting called for 8 p.m. in the local library.

Called by Earl Swanson, president of the Carson Civic Betterment Association, purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the best methods of insuring a successful campaign and to form committees. Public is invited to attend the meeting.

Held in the foyer of the library, 22012 S. Main St., discussions will be led by Swanson and by R. B. Keith, local realtor serving as temporary chairman of the incorporation committee.

THIRD TRY

Two previous tries at incorporation failed by only a few votes, spokesmen of the group reported, and the present attempt has more support from the community than either of the preceding tries.

Unofficial incorporation committee, which will probably get a vote of confidence tonight, filed incorporation papers with the Board of Supervisors December 15.

Area shown on the incorporation maps is apparently

between 6-and 7-square miles, and would include the areas bounded by Sepulveda on the South, Wilmington Blvd. on the east, the general area of 190th St. on the north and the city boundary of Torrance on the west.

If campaign and subsequent election are successful, Carson would become the 69th city in Los Angeles County.

Local Burglars, Caught in Act, Held in Gardena

Gardena police Monday booked two Torrance men on suspicion of burglary after they were caught by their intended victim and a neighbor.

Charles L. Hill, 22, 18703 Crenshaw, and Richard E. Brown 23, of the same address, were lodged in Gardena jail following their arrest.

Homer Beauchamp, 25, and his wife, Janet, told police that they returned to their home, 17008 Brighton Way, about 6 p.m., and surprised the two in the house.

When he shouted at them the two jumped through an open bedroom window and fled. As he chased them he was joined by his neighbor, Thomas Monahan. The two pursuers ran down the two suspects and held them until police arrived.

A search outside the Beauchamp residence revealed a bag of burglar tools, brass knuckles and a loaded pistol.

Supervisors Open Bids for Work On 227th Street

Board of Supervisors and the office of the county engineer Tuesday took under submission opened bids for road improvements on 227th St. in Torrance area.

Decision on bids is expected at next Tuesday's Board session. Bids were closed December 23.

In a second action the Board also approved and accepted work done on sewers at 218th Place in Torrance. Work was done by the Aristo Construction Company.

County Allocates Crenshaw Blvd. Improvement Fund

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced this week that the Board of Supervisors has appropriated \$7,880 in aid to cities gas tax funds to the City of Torrance to be used in the improvement of Crenshaw boulevard between 176th and 177th streets.

The allocation was made on the basis that the street work to be done would be of general benefit to the motoring public.

Improvements will consist of construction of curbs and gutters and extension of pavement to the new curb line.

Supervisor Hahn pointed out that this section of Crenshaw is heavily traveled, and that completion of the project will expedite the movement of traffic in this area.



RESULTS TODAY . . .

Coroner's Jury Studies Accidental Death Story

A Lomita barber, booked on suspicion of murder, after a woman friend was shot to death in the front seat of his car, last night sweated out the results of a coroner's inquest.

Harold F. Townsend, 38, of 24321 Allene Ave., told arresting officers that the shooting was accidental.

He was arrested by Torrance police at South Bay Hospital where he had

taken the victim, Mrs. Mary M. Williams, 47, of 1635 W. 208th St., for treatment.

Suspect told police that he and the victim were driving on Sepulveda Blvd., between Crenshaw and Hawthorne when they decided to go rabbit hunting. Returning home he picked up a loaded .270 rifle and put it in the back seat of the car.

Along the way, he said he decided to show her how the safety catch on the rifle worked. As he reached into the back seat for the weapon the gun went off, shooting the woman through the chest.

Hospital authorities said the woman was dead on arrival at the medical facility.

Case was submitted to the coroner's office yesterday afternoon in Los Angeles. Findings of the jury, which will determine whether Townsend will be tried or released, were expected last night or this morning.



DEATH CAR—Local police impounded as evidence car driven by Harold F. Townsend, 38, booked on suspicion of murder after Mary M. Williams, 47, was shot to death on the front seat. Coroner's jury yesterday afternoon began study of circumstances surrounding her death, which Townsend claims was accidental.

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HOLIDAY CRACK-DOWN PLANNED—Torrance police officers this week promised to rigidly enforce traffic regulations during the New Year's weekend coming with special attention to be paid the inebriated driver. Above, Sgt. Flip Wilson demonstrates the

yawning door that will clank shut on the drunken driver picked up by local police. Below, Traffic Sgt. David Cook, Chief of Police Percy Bennett, and Lt. Don Nash, of traffic division, plan enforcement measures to protect lawful driver during the holidays.