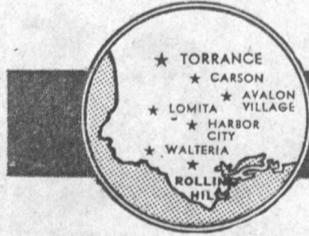


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OLD LANDMARK GONE—An ancient general store, lying along the Pacific Electric tracks near the intersection of Framp-ton and Lomita Blvd. in Lomita was destroyed by flames over the weekend. County and city firemen battled the fire for more than an hour before the last sparks were exhausted.

Causes of the fire were unknown. Traffic was blocked on busy Lomita Blvd. by coils of hose, fire trucks and police cars. Ancient building, which was not in use, has been standing in the same place for half a century.

Administrator Will Quit City

Education Board Okays Bid for New High School

A \$2,296,440 bid for construction of the first unit of the West High School was let by the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday night.

Crown Construction Co. was lowest of eight bidders. The first unit is slated to be ready for use in September, 1962. Bids were about \$100,000 less than previously estimated cost.

Architect Roy Donley's plans for the school won a citation from the American Institute of Architects for "careful planning, creative design, and excellent site treatment have added a distinctive quality to a relatively low-cost school."

40 ACRE SITE
The school will be located on a 40-acre site surrounded by Del Amo Blvd., Victor, Spencer, and Henrietta Sts. First unit of construction will include a library building, which also will double as administration quarters; a classroom wing to accommodate 1000 students; and industrial arts units which also will house a kitchen and temporary shower and locker facilities for athletics.

The school will be Torrance's fourth high school, serving the west Torrance area. It is located in the Victor Tract, where large new subdivisions currently are being built. A planning committee, including the architect and school officials, studied schools and designs from all parts of the country before plans were drawn.

The completed school will cost an estimated \$4½ million.

Chamber Program Lauds Shops in Del Amo Center

Monthly Membership breakfast meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will be held on Tuesday, March 28, at the Masonic Lodge of Torrance, 2326 Cabrillo Avenue. Serving begins promptly at 7:20 a.m. and the entire meeting is over at 8:30 a.m.

Combined story of the Del Amo shopping center, one of the nation's finest retail community developments, will be told. Six more new retail and specialty shops and one cafeteria, Leeds Shoe Company Lerner Shops, J. C. Penney Co., Silverwood's, Wetherby-Kayser Shoes, and F. W. Woolworth Co., together with Ontra Cafeteria will be honored at this special Del Amo meeting.

Co-chairmen William Belding and John G. Lowe asked that reservations be turned in to the Chamber office as soon as possible, due to the fact that breakfast attendance is steadily increasing and expected to continue.

TOURNAMENT FILM
In a second announcement Chamber officers reported that an "appreciation night" for float decorators, band participants, and their families, who participated in the Tournament of Roses Parade will be held at the Torrance YWCA, 2320 Carson Street this evening.

George Stevens Will Resign Post June 1

City manager George Stevens, who has held the top administrative post in the city for the past 13½ years. Tuesday evening announced that he would resign at the end of this fiscal year.

Announcement came as a shock to the councilmen, five of whom had been informed shortly before the meeting. Two councilmen, Willys Blount and Nicholas Dralle, heard of the impending resignation when the announcement was made by Stevens at the open council meeting.

Stevens emphasized that he was not looking for another post in city administration. He was formerly administrative officer in Culver City and assistant city engineer in Santa Barbara.

ENGINEER

For the first few years after coming to Torrance Stevens, who is a civil engineer, doubled in brass as city engineer here.

Immediate plans call for



GEORGE STEVENS
... To Quit Post

The city manager noted that he might seek a post overseas in an engineering-administrative capacity.

PAY HIKES
In a second action Tuesday evening councilmen okayed pay hikes of 2½ percent for all employees over grade 55 on the city's scale. Increase followed a similar hike for all city employees below grade 55 granted last year.

A similar increase in the salary of the city administrator was turned down last week.

Proposed increases in the upper levels of the city's employees had stirred up a storm of controversy among the councilmen. Increases were okayed by a 4-3 majority.

A second proposal, introduced immediately, to hike all salaries below grade 55 by another 2½ percent, was defeated by the same majority.

STARTS MAY 1 . . .

Chamber of Commerce Officers Select Indiana Man as Torrance Office Manager

Officials of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce yesterday announced that Don Reining, former manager of the Greater Lafayette, Indiana, Chamber has been appointed manager of the local office.

The 38-year old Reining will move to California late next month, and will assume his duties effective the first of May.

Reining has served as manager of the Indiana Chamber since 1952. Before that he served as manager of the Jeffersonville, Ind., Chamber for two and a half years.

Activities for which he has become reknown in Chamber circles include raising \$92,000 to establish parking improvements in the business district of La-



DON REINING
... to head Chamber

fayette; leadership in community activities leading to a new city, jail, city hall, city garage, city-township fire house and five year street and bridge improvement plan; promotion of a \$5,000,000 bridge over the Wabash River, plus planning the groundbreaking and bridge dedication ceremonies; a community hospital study that lead to a \$4,000,000 hospital improvement and expansion program.

His hobbies are golf, music, oil painting and yard work. He belongs to the American Chamber of Commerce Executives, F. and A.M. Lodge, Indiana Commerce Executives Ass'n, Indiana University Alumni Assn., Kiwanis Club, Elks, and the YMCA.

Incumbent to Education Board Tells Platform

Robert H. Ellis, 37-year old incumbent candidate to the board of education, this week announced his platform in seeking re-election to the post.

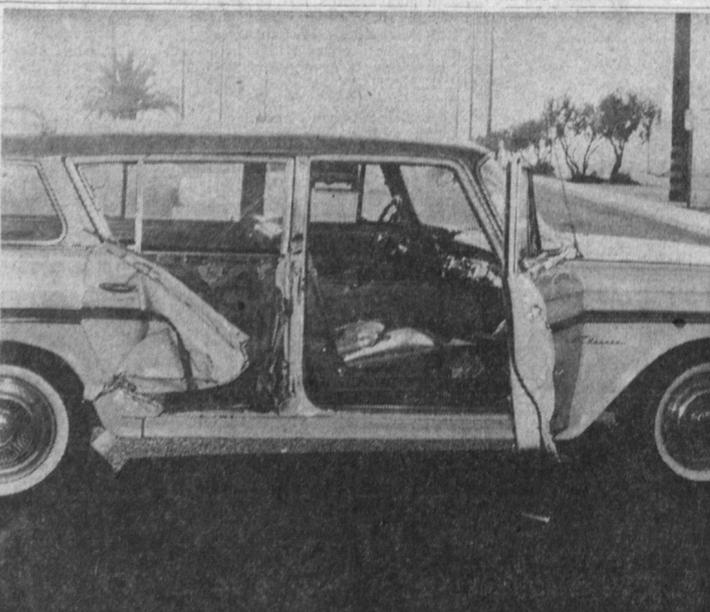


ROBERT ELLIS
... tells platform

Ellis was appointed to the board early this year to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of another member.

A plant engineer and purchasing agent for Parker Aircraft Ellis is actively engaged in Boy Scout programs, is a member of the Hollywood Riviera Home Owners Association, and served for two terms as treasurer of the T.E.A.C.

Platform advanced by Ellis includes, better evaluation of teachers and administrators as a representative of the community; support the needs of the pupils and their parents by making available an education program which will equip them for their place in society; maintain a two-way relationship with taxpayers and the public at large so that they will be informed and willing to support programs of school growth; find ways for the school system to better serve the community; individual instruction and progress evaluation for the student; improve public contact and public relations of the board itself; utilize to advantage the services of a number of interested citizens in evaluating different aspects of our system.



NARROW ESCAPE—Four persons narrowly escaped death or serious injury Tuesday afternoon in a two car collision near Sepulveda and Madrona. Four persons riding in above car, Mrs. Anna E. Guagenti, 38, 22722

Draille Drive, driver, Dorothy Lenler, 33, Eva Guagenti, 9, and Jonathan Lenler, 5, were badly shaken but uninjured. Driver of the second car, Richard D. Millar, 49, of 1410 12th St., Manhattan Beach, was unhurt.



GROUP OF ADMIRERS—Local law enforcement officials this week congratulated Torrance officer William O. Winther, named Monday as Outstanding Police Officer by the South Bay Bar Association. Shown extending

ing their congratulations for winning the trophy are Captain John Maestri, Torrance Police Chief Percy Bennett, Winther and City Prosecutor Charles Catterlin.

Torrance Police Officer Selected as 'Outstanding' by South Bay Attorneys

Members of the South Bay Bar Association Monday named Torrance police officer William O. Winther as Outstanding Police Officer of the South Bay area at a meeting held at the Jump 'N Jack Restaurant.

Charles Catterlin, chairman of the selection committee and Torrance city prosecutor.

Winther's activities in behalf of law and traffic enforcement include writing and producing a traffic manual, which has been accepted for use by Torrance officers, California Highway Patrol and by the Sheriff's

office.

Winther has also received several commendations from the Torrance City Council and from Police Chief Percy Bennett.

Runners-up for the honors were Lieutenant John Dollarhide, of Palos Verdes, and Deputy Martin Delro, assigned to the Sheriff's office in Lennox.