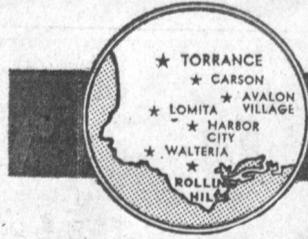


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State to Take Action on Two Dangerous Highway Crossings



RAPID ACTION—City and state officials Tuesday surveyed dangerous intersections on Hawthorne Blvd. to see if adequate signalization could be installed without waiting for the proposed widening program on the street. Crossings at Torrance and Sepulveda, scene of 36 accidents since the first of the year, and at Lomita, where a traffic death occurred two

weeks ago, received particular scrutiny. Officials recommended work begin immediately. Shown surveying maps of the area are, standing, Jim Whitmer, traffic engineer; Councilman J. A. Beasley, Chapman Bone, assistant city manager. Seated are state officials William K. Hashimoto, design engineer; and Donald Frisher, district traffic engineer.

Hanson Resigns From Library Commission

William J. Hanson, elected to the Torrance Unified School Board last week after a spirited campaign, Tuesday evening submitted his resignation from the City Library Commission to the council.

Hanson said that he was submitting his resignation not because of a lack of interest but because he felt that he should devote all of his time to school problems.

Council authorized a letter of commendation for Hanson, listing his outstanding contributions to the city.

Lomita Street Improvements Okayed by County

Reconstruction of the pavement on Eshelman Ave. northerly of Lomita Blvd. in Lomita has been scheduled by the Los Angeles County Road Department to begin during this week, Supervisor Burton W. Chace's office announced Tuesday.

"Maintenance costs will be lowered, roadway riding qualities improved, and drainage problems decreased upon the completion of this project," Chace's office said.

Eshelman Ave. is designated a county master plan secondary highway with approximately 2,000 vehicles using the vicinity of the proposed improvement daily.

STREET LIGHTS
Chace also reported that eleven street lights will be installed on Applan Way between 263rd St. and Pacific Coast Highway during the first part of May.

The Los Angeles county road department has instructed the Southern California Edison Co. to mount the new lights on poles between the existing section lights.

According to the Supervisor's office, this lighting improvement project was recently petitioned by project owners and approved by the Board.

The County Board of supervisors has also approved the location and extent of right of way for the proposed Lomita Spreading Basin in the City of Rolling Hills, the office of the Supervisor disclosed.

Involving about 60 acres, the site is located between Narbonne avenue and Pennsylvania Drive and lies north of 262nd Street.

County Slates Improvements On Sepulveda

Authorization of \$3,241,40 for the improvement of the Vermont Ave. Sepulveda Blvd. intersection in Carson was made by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday.

Supervisor Burton W. Chace's office said that work will consist of modifying the existing traffic signals in order to expedite traffic flow through the intersection.

Both Vermont Ave. and Sepulveda Blvd. are designated as major highways on the county master plan. Recent traffic counts indicate that a daily average of 15,000 vehicles cross the intersection.

Recommend Placing Adequate Signals At 'Killer-Corners'

State highway engineers descended upon the city of Torrance Tuesday to conduct an investigation on two crash-ridden corners of Hawthorne Blvd. Concensus of opinion was that new poly-phase signals should be installed on the two corners immediately and additional safety factors were recommended for other dangerous intersections.

Action followed an editorial campaign in the Torrance Press for the signals to be installed at the corner of Hawthorne and Sepulveda and at Hawthorne and Torrance.

ACCIDENTS
Two intersection have been the scene of 36 accidents since the first of the year.

Heading the deputation were William K. Hashimoto, design engineer, and Donald Frisher, district traffic engineer. Representing the city were Jim Whitmer, traffic engineer, Councilman J. A. Beasley, who headed the drive on the city level, and Chapman Bone, assistant city manager.

Group also recommended that additional lighting be placed at Lomita Blvd. intersection, scene of traffic death two weeks ago.

Work will be started by the state immediately, without waiting for the far-in-the-future widening program for Hawthorne Blvd.

"Some jurisdiction must be accepted by Torrance, Beasley pointed out. State work can only effect Hawthorne Blvd., which is a state highway. Work on the city streets which cross it are the responsibility of the city."

Project will be presented to the Torrance Traffic Committee for a study and recommendation at the first May meeting. Work will consist primarily of installing left turn lanes at each intersection.

Beasley said that the city must expect at least five years of increased traffic problems because of growth in the community and advent of the new freeway.

THIRD IN A ROW . . .

Chapman Bone, Assistant City Manager, Announces He'll Accept Position as Administrative Head of La Mirada

Chapman Bone, assistant city manager, Tuesday evening told the city council that he accepted the position of city manager at La Mirada, and would leave Torrance on May 15.

Bone is the third city employee on the executive level to submit his resignation within the past two weeks. Others who recently announced their resignations

were George Stevens, city manager for 13½ years, and George Powell, city planner for the past several years. Bone has been employed by the city for the past 2½ years.

The retiring assistant city manager emphasized that he was not leaving the employ of the city because of any factional disputes among administrators here, but because of the advantages offered by the new job.

La Mirada, located east of Norwalk, is a residential-industrial area of 25,000 population, covering an area of about five square miles.

City manager's post in that community pays about \$18,000 per year.

Council commended Bone for his devotion to the city and expressed regret at his departure.

In a second action the council set May 20 as the closing date for receiving application for a new city manager.



QUEEN AND COURT—Giggling princesses surround Queen Elsie Newman, named this week as Queen of the Lomita Little League by the organization's team members. Princesses are Joann Bailey and Christi Sher-

wood. Queen and the two princesses will participate in all activities of the league and will make personal appearance at opening day ceremonies Saturday.

Torrance Road Work to Begin This Week

Kenwood Ave., from Milton St. to 208th St., has been scheduled by the Los Angeles County Road Department for improvement to begin this week, according to the office of Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Work will consist of reconstructing the pavement on Kenwood Ave. According to Supervisor Chace's office completion of the project will result in a smoother roadway riding surface, improved drainage conditions, and decreased maintenance costs.



ANCIENT GIFT—An ancient parchment page from a hand-painted hymnal more than 500 years old was presented Tuesday morning to the city of Torrance by Stanley Slotkin, president of Abbey Rents. Shown with

the old religious relic are Raymond Filion, manager of the local Abbey Rents, Don Reining, new manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Albert Isen, and Slotkin.

500 YEARS OLD . . .

Ancient Parchment Donated to City by Stanley Slotkin, Abbey Rents Owner

Torrance Chamber of Commerce Tuesday morning hosted a special guest Stanley Slotkin, owner of Abbey Rents, at their monthly breakfast meeting. Slotkin, who expressed an intense interest in archeology, presented to the City of Torrance a beautifully illuminated sheepskin parchment dating back to about 1450 a.d., which is embossed with a religious chant and a scriptural verse in Latin.

Parchment was found in a buried room under the cathedral in Valencia, Spain by workmen.

Slotkin, whose major philanthropy is a plastic surgery clinic, also brought along several people who have benefited from the clinic. Clinic is the only one of its kind in the nation and is carried on from Slotkin's office through various hospitals specializing in this type of surgery. Thus far he has personally taken care of 3506 needy cases.

The Chamber guest also told of the growth of his unique business from a small rental business to its present huge size. Abbey Rents presently has about 40 stores in the continental United States and fac-

tories in Japan, Sweden, Yugoslavia, Denmark and Hong Kong.

He reported that his firm exports about 95 percent of the furniture brought into the U. S. from Japan.

Slotkin also told the Chamber members that he has recently accepted a chairmanship in a worldwide multiple sclerosis campaign. Unique idea, developed by Slotkin, would be to have world renowned figures donate articles, with accompanying letters authenticating their source, which would be auctioned off for MS funds.

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