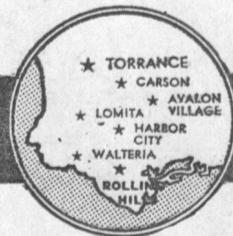


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Torrance Gets Recommendation For New Superior Courthouse



CLEAN UP WEEK—Mayor Albert Isen, right, Chief of Police Percy Bennett, and Mary Pagac, owner of Mary's Color Bar, donned street cleaners uniforms Monday to point out that this is "Clean Up, Week" in Torrance. Mrs. Pagac is chairman of the special com-

mittee of the Chamber of Commerce which is publishing the community beautification program. Merchants and homeowners are asked to "paint-up, fix-up and clean-up" their property in an overall campaign to "brighten-up" the city.

Council Approves Showing of Film

Attempts by the Torrance Police Association to show the controversial film "Operation Abolition," produced by the House Un-American Activities Committee, met with the wholehearted approval of the City Council Tuesday evening.

The council did point out, however, that the association is composed of off-duty policemen and is not a function of the city itself, and suggested that the group make such a public statement at each showing of the film.

CHURCH GROUP
Council chambers were packed with representatives of the Pacific Unitarian Church which has opposed the film because of alleged associations with the John Birch Society, with members of the society and of the local American Legion post.

Councilman Willys Blount pointed out that the film had the endorsement of the American Legion and

other patriotic organizations and that the association should receive a citation for bringing it to the community.

Some members of the council ruefully admitted that they had not seen the film, which shows methods used by Communist forces to attack the western civilizations. Former Congressman Kit Clardy, proponent of the film, who was in the audience offered to bring a copy for a personal showing to the city government.

City Council Returns 'Permit' Case To Manager

Open criticisms regarding the city's public works department were voiced Tuesday evening by Torrance councilmen, who took exception to procedures which allowed the building of sidewalks, curbs and gutters in residential areas without the posting of performance bonds or taking out permits.

In a letter to the council City Manager George Stevens pointed out that the installations were put in about a year ago in the 2300 block of West 165th St. in front of the home of Public Works Director Wade Peeble and neighbors.

In the letter Stevens said there was definite evidence of dereliction of duty in the department for failing to insist that the contractor follow the regulations.

Council turned the matter over to Stevens, as the city's personnel officer. If disciplinary action is called for, they said, a written report should be given to the council.

Narbonne Youths Take Over County 'Jobs' For Day

Roger Darnell, an honor student at Narbonne High School, was the "Supervisor" from the Fourth Supervisorial District Tuesday at the regular meeting of the County Board of Supervisors.

Darnell, who lives at 3305 Palos Verdes Drive North, "replaced" Supervisor Burton W. Chace during the 39th annual celebration of "Boys' Day in Government" throughout the County.

Active in the Key Club, Hi-Y and the Knights, he plans to attend Claremont College or Santa Barbara College in order to prepare himself for a career either in law or politics.

Other boys from the Fourth Supervisorial District who "held" top County jobs, according to Chace's office, today were: Rex Swanson, 4434 Ranchview Road, Rolling Hills, purchasing agent; Rick Mease, 1025 Via Zumaya, Palos Verdes Estates, recorder; and David Brown, 4125 Via Pica-poste, Palos Verdes, director of the Regional Planning Commission. They are all from Narbonne High School.

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Report Emphasizes 'Convenience' of Site

The City of Torrance drew ahead of other contestants for the proposed Southwest District superior court site Tuesday when the three-man committee appointed for the purpose recommended that the facility be built here.

Fight to get the court located in this city was led by the local bar association and was endorsed by city councils, chambers of commerce and civic associations throughout the area.

Groups interested in the site had attended hearings in Los Angeles last week

and told of the many advantages offered to the district by locating in Torrance rather than the previously recommended Inglewood and Hawthorne areas.

Many local communities had requested the Board of Supervisors to take them out of the Long Beach district and include them in the proposed Southwest district.

All available and potential sites were viewed by the committee and more than a score of public officials and interested groups presented arguments at the

public hearing.

3-MAN TEAM
Three superior court judges which composed the study team are Chairman Lloyd S. Nix, William P. Haughton and Ben Koenig.

Group gave as their reasons for recommending the Torrance site over other proposed locations the availability of parking and land for building, easy accessibility through free-ways and highways, growth of the area in population and its geographical location at almost the midpoint of the district.

City of Torrance had offered the site, cost free, in their new civic center.

Board To Name School After Retiring Member

The Board of Education Tuesday evening moved unanimously to name the soon-to-be constructed elementary school at 236th St. and Ocean after retiring veteran school board member Grace Wright.

Mrs. Wright, who has served on the board since it was founded 13 years ago, will leave office on July 1.

Motion was made by board member Robert Ellis. School will probably be built next year.

Three other schools in the district are named after charter members of the board.

Speed Limit Set at 35 MPH On Silver Spur

The County Board of Supervisors this week established a 35-mile-per-hour speed limit on Silver Spur Road between Hawthorne Blvd. and the boundary of the city of Rolling Hills Estates south of Willow Wood Way.

Office of Supervisor Burton W. Chace said the speed limit was set in order to extend speed limit regulations established on the adjoining portion of Silver Spur Road by the city of Rolling Hills Estates.

The action was taken following traffic and engineering studies by the County Highway Safety Commission.

Torrance Police Authorized To Form Vice Squad

Torrance City Council Tuesday night gave their approval to the creation of an administrative vice detail within the structure of the Torrance police department.

Following a suggestion made last week by Mayor Albert Isen that a narcotics bureau be formed employing specially trained men, Chief of Police Percy Bennett recommended that the original idea be expanded to encompass other vice problems, including prostitution and gambling.

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School Officials Report Transfer of Navy Site to District Nearly Complete

Transfer of the 26-acre surplus Navy site to the Torrance Unified School District is nearly complete as the result of approval by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, according to Torrance School Board officials.

The land was sought to expand present Torrance High facilities. Torrance High currently is located on a 17-acre site, which school officials say prevents its expansion to accommodate more enrollments. North and South high schools are on 40-acre sites.

In a second report the Board stated that the threat

of legal action apparently has resulted in enrollment of four Torrance children in school.

After hearing a report on two separate sets of parents who refused to send their children to school, the Board on April 4 authorized

filing of court action, required under state law, against the parents. The parents were notified that legal action was pending of the children were not enrolled. All four children now attend school, the board was told.

According to recent traffic counts, this County Plan major highway carries an average of 10,000 vehicles daily in this vicinity while the traffic proceeding through the Crenshaw-Lomita Boulevard intersection daily totals over 20,000.



BEE-LIGERANT HORDE—Swarms of bees this week plagued residents of South Torrance areas, swarming in trees, garages and into the open windows of cars. Swarm below plastered themselves over the hood of parked Volkswagen, and staved off all attempts to

oust them. Joe Komara, barber in southeast Hawthorne and Pacific Coast Highway, and owner of the car, finally called professional beekeeper who scooped them into a box and carted them home.



QUEEN AND COURT—Judges at the Southwest Park Civic Association's annual community fair last weekend selected 15-year old Janet Speaks to reign as "Miss La Romeria Park." Shown below, the new Queen, center,

is flanked by runners-up Peggy Lowry, 15, Kathleen Giza, 14, Shirley Loyd, 14, and Elaine Wilkerson, 15. Judges were Mayor Albert Isen, Councilman J. A. Beasley, Herma Tillin, Margaret Clark and Dick White.



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