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PAYING OFF A DEBT—Members of the Torrance Fire Department several months ago pledged blood to the Red Cross bank in return for the RC's contribution to the successful open-heart surgery of Steven Orr, 3 1/2, son of a Torrance fireman. Friday was 'pay-off' day, and the firemen descended upon the blood bank en masse to contribute the vital fluid. Shown are donors Bill Slo- necker, Tracy Dale, Milton Langum, Robert

Browning, Ed Katzorke, Paul Smith, Bill Wood, Mervin Mexico, Don Hold, Bill Kerr, Ray Stratton John Ferriolo, Gene Langford, Ronald Cannon, Don Minor, Jack Garland, Harlen Whitacre, Dick De Young, Robert Hill, Ed Graboski, George Fisk and Wilbur Orr. Three other firemen contributed at another blood bank. They were Frank Tuttle, Al Salcido and George Blahnik.

Council Studies Tax Slash Monday Night

Call Meeting To Work Out Revenue Cuts

Torrance city officials will meet tomorrow evening in a last-ditch effort to slash taxes. Special work and personnel session has been called for 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers.

Councilmen will take under advisement the views of Jerome Scharfman, city-finance director, who, last week, stated that any cuts in tax revenue at this time would leave the city's reserves "dangerously low."

Four weeks ago city councilmen voted to reduce the present rate by five cents per \$100 assessed valuation. Present rate is \$1.288 while the proposed new rate would be \$1.238.

NECESSARY

At last week's regular council meeting City Manager Wade Peebles reported that he had discussed the matter with Scharfman and that tomorrow's session would be necessary.

He pointed out that the city has been forced by state law to raise its retirement rate by one cent and that the increase, in addition to the five cent tax slash, would take approximately \$120,000 out of the estimated reserves allocated to the general fund.

He also stated that the slash would leave less than \$150,000 in reserves which might not be enough to meet an emergency such as a "heavy rain."

Councilman Nickolas Draie, who spearheaded the drive for a ten cent tax cut, reported that he still feels that a five cent cut is desirable.

Succinctly, he pointed out,

"We still have a quarter of a million dollars left over from last year."

David Halstead Named To Head Planning Group

David Halstead, Torrance contractor, was elected to the presidency of the local planning commission Wednesday night to serve out the unexpired term of former president Bert Lynn.

Vacancy occurred following Lynn's election to the Torrance Board of Education.

APPOINTMENT

Councilmen will discuss appointment of another planning commissioner to fill out the seven-man board at a special work and personnel session scheduled for tomorrow night in the council chambers.

Halstead, one of the partners in the firm of Spraker and Halstead, general contractors, has served on the planning commission for the past two years.

He makes his home with his wife, Mildred, and two daughters, at 374 Palos Verdes Blvd.



POLICE SHOW TICKET—First batch of tickets, of the non-speeding kind, were received this week by the Torrance Police Department. Duets are for the annual Torrance Police Show and Dance, October 28 at the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium. Local Police Department will take over the huge

auditorium, upstairs and down, for the event. Funds raised by the show will go into the benevolent and youth activity kitty maintained by the department. Shown with the first handful of tickets are Sgt. Jack P. Hahn and wife, Police Matron Maxine Hahn.

\$1,000,000-PLUS PROJECT ...

County Engineers Open Bids For Huge Torrance-Waltheria Storm Drain Project

An apparent low bid of \$1,014,563.40 has been filed by M. & J. Construction Co. and Vinson Construction Co., for construction of Waltheria storm drain and a portion of Torrance storm drain. Supervisor Burton W. Chase announced Friday.

Bids were opened under the supervision of County flood control district Chief Engineer M. E. Salsbury with a total of four proposals submitted. High offer was \$1,325,569.61.

District engineers will review all bids and recommend award of contract to the Supervisors in about 10 days, Chase said.

AFFECTED AREA

Streets to be partially affected by construction include Avenue I, Elena St.,

Pacific Coast Highway Paseo De Las Delicias, Paseo De Gracia, Madison St., Redondo Beach Blvd., Crenshaw Blvd., Elgar Ave., 170th St., Glenburn Ave., 182nd St., Prarie Ave., Torrance Blvd., Engracia Ave. and Madrid Ave.

Plans call for the construction of concrete box and pipe conduits plus supporting fixtures. The job is expected to take about 11

months to complete.

Project was designed under the supervision of Torrance City Engineer Walter M. Nollac. Construction, operation and maintenance will be the flood control district's responsibility, Supervisor Chace said.

Funds to finance the project were included in the \$225,000,000 storm drain bond issue approved in 1958, he added.

Local Ryan Plant Gets \$2 Million Hughes Contract

A \$2 million contract has been awarded Ryan Electronics by Hughes Aircraft Company for the design, development, and fabrication of radar altimeter and Doppler velocity sensor equipments for NASA's Surveyor lunar soft landing vehicle. The award of the space electronics contract was announced this week by T. Claude Ryan, president of the company.

The Surveyor spacecraft is being developed by Hughes under a contract from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory of the California Institute of Technology. It is the second of a series of spacecraft planned by JPL for moon landings. It involves a soft landing of an instrumented vehicle on the surface of the moon.

Ryan Electronics is involved in a number of space projects including efforts toward solving such space system problems as rendezvous terminal guidance, antisatellite terminal guidance, satellite vertical reference, gravitation control and communication antennas.



GOLDWATER HERE TUESDAY—South Bay Young Republicans go over final plans for the huge South Bay Republican Rally Tuesday evening, August 22, at El Camino Stadium at which U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater (R-Arizona) will be the principal speaker. Shown from left to right are: Vice President Hank Adams, Redondo Beach, Publicity Chairman Lyman Randall, Redondo Beach, Ticket Co-Chairman Mrs. Virginia Jones,

20812 South Dalton Avenue, Torrance, Arrangements Chairman Phil LeFevre, 5525 Michelle Drive, Torrance, and Club President Jim Murphy, Redondo Beach. Present indications are that the rally will be one of the largest in California this year. Gates will open at 6:30 p.m. with Goldwater scheduled to talk at 8 p.m. The stadium is located at Crenshaw and Redondo Beach Boulevards.

Teachers To Seek Pay Hikes Monday At Board Meeting

Members of the Torrance board of education, at their regular meeting tomorrow night, will hear delegates requesting blanket pay increases for teachers in the district.

Delegates will stress the need for increases to bring local salary schedules up to the scale in surrounding districts.

Present pay schedule for Torrance instructors ranges from \$5,000 to \$8,736, on a sliding scale based on educational background and years of service.

At a recent board meeting, Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of the district, recommended that a salary range for certificated personnel from \$5050 to \$9200 be adopted.

Board members had indicated that they intend to raise salaries for all employees, including teachers. Spokesmen for the instructors reported that they were 'alarmed' at the number of local teachers who are leaving Torrance to go to neighboring districts.

Sam E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent in charge of budget and finance, reported that salary increases for teachers could be covered by present reserves.

Permits Valued At \$544,000 OK'd

Permits totaling more than a half million dollars were logged last week with the Torrance building department.

Major item on the list was a permit for the \$305,000 discount house building, to be constructed at the corner of Crenshaw and Pacific Coast Highway. Structure will be built by the A. B. Easley Construction Co. for Airport Plaza, Inc.

EXPECT 'FULL HOUSE' ...

Senator Goldwater Speaks At Tuesday Night Rally

A "full house" is expected Tuesday night for U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater's speech to the huge South Bay Republican Rally at 8 p.m. at El Camino Stadium.

Jim Murphy, president of the sponsoring South Bay Young Republicans, said tickets had been selling briskly in the final few days and only a few are left. The stadium, at Crenshaw and Redondo Beach Boulevards, seats 7,000. Plans are being made to accommodate some overflow, he said.

The rally will kick-off at 8 p.m. with Congressman Al

phonso Bell scheduled to introduce Senator Goldwater. Bell, who represents the 16th District, will campaign for reelection in the 28th District which includes a large portion of the South Bay area. Music will be provided by the Torrance Youth Band directed by James Van Dyke.

Gates at the stadium will open at 6:30 p.m. Seats are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

'Remember When' Is Realty Board Meeting Theme

Joe LaBarbera, assistant community relations director for Title Insurance and Trust Company, Los Angeles, will present the company's new illustrated historical program at the membership luncheon meeting of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors on Wednesday.

Irene Baker, program chairman, states the meeting is scheduled for 12 noon at the Jump 'N Jack Restaurant, 2900 Pacific Coast Highway in Torrance.

The program, entitled "Remember When—?" is an illustrated story of the exploration, and development of Los Angeles County from the late 1800's. The slides included in the program were developed from the historical photographs which are a part of the famous historical library of Title Insurance and Trust Company.

Formal speeches were also presented by James Rippe, Redondo Beach; Frank Gibbs, Hollywood Riviera; and Leonard Gaines of Redondo Beach.