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HALF-MILLION DOLLAR PAY INCREASE SOUGHT BY TEACHERS



OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION—Members of the Torrance City Council last night proclaimed May 19 as Armed Forces Day in this city and indicated that this year's parade and display would be bigger than ever before. Annual celebration will be under the direction of the Chamber of Commerce. Here Bobbette King, "Miss Torrance," and Mayor Albert Isen display the official proclamation. (Press Photo)

SOUGHT BY TEACHERS

Councilman Begins Assembly Campaign

With the clamor of a municipal election still faintly ringing, another city official yesterday launched his campaign to gain the Assembly seat from the 67th District. Councilman Nickolas Drale will seek to unseat incumbent Assemblyman Clayton Dills in the Democratic primaries, he reported yesterday.

Campaigning on an anti-poker parlor platform, Drale said that he will also advocate a program for junior citizens, between the ages of 16 and 19, similar to the old C.C.C., paying minimum wages and providing jobs for youths who might constitute a problem in their own communities.

Drale, a realtor, has served on the Torrance city council for the past 14 years, including a one-year term as mayor.

Active in Democratic circles, Drale is a past president of the Torrance Democratic Club.

He reported that campaign headquarters will be located at the corner of Yukon and Redondo Beach Blvd. in Torrance.



NICKOLAS DRALE
... Hat in Ring

Board OK's Contract For New Grade School

Teachers in the Torrance Unified School District Monday night braced the school board for a revised salary schedule that would cost well over \$500,000 annually.

Figure was estimated by top school administrators and board members.

Demands include revision of the present three-step schedule to six steps, pro-rated increases for all teachers in the system, plus an overall six percent hike in pay.

Present minimum salary of \$5050 would be jumped to \$5350 annually if the demands are met, while maximum salaries would

go from the present \$9530 to \$10,200 each year.

Making the requests were Jack Knapp, representing the salary committee of the Torrance Educational Association, and James Armstrong, president of the group.

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The two representatives of the teacher's group indicated that the increased salary range would attract more qualified teachers into the district.

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, reported that he had instructed his staff to average out the salary scheduled of nearly two dozen other districts and that, when

completed, the survey could serve as a guide for the board members.

Knapp concluded his appeal for the revised system by stating that teachers in the Torrance district would average about \$1200 a year less than teachers in another district, over a 40-year period.

In a second action, board members awarded contracts totaling nearly \$750,000 for site development and the construction of the proposed Torrance Elementary School.

Total cost of the two contracts was approximately \$114,000 less than originally estimated.

Striking Workers, Plant Officials End Walkout; Settlement Reached at Vickers

Officials at Vickers Inc. and the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, AFY-CIO, Local 1512, finally reached an agreement Sunday, calling a halt to the month and a half employees' strike.

The strike, which affected more than 150 men, was ended with the signing of a three-year contract which was labeled a "compromise" by both the plant and the union.

The union, which called the strike on March 2, had wanted a closed shop, sick leave and pay

Council Tempers Flare Over Expense Vouchers

Two city officials, who made an unauthorized trip to Sacramento in a successful effort to gain ratification of the proposed airport revenue bond issue, may have to whistle for their expenses, it was learned last night.

Councilman J. A. Beasley and City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier Thursday learned that they would have only one day . . . Friday . . . to get the needed Assembly and Senate okay for the bond issue before the two houses went into recess. Otherwise the city would have to wait until after the first of the year to start work on improvements authorized by the voters.

Grabbing the first plane for the capital . . . without first gaining approval of the council . . . they succeeded in ramrodding the proposal through the legislature.

Back at the ranch, however, some councilmen had become miffed that their permission was not asked and when the inevitable expense vouchers were submitted there was a sad shaking of heads.

Tempers flared briefly at last night's council meeting when the matter was brought up and Mayor Albert Isen wisely deferred discussions . . . and further arguments . . . to the limbo of a personnel session next Tuesday evening.

Father, Son File Divorce Actions

Dual divorce suits in the Keele family were filed this week when James L. Keele of Wilmington and his son, James L. Keele, Jr., 21, of 1515 1/2 - 204th St., Torrance, filed complaints against their respective spouses.

Extreme cruelty was charged by the elder Keele against his wife, Eulama A. Keele, at Superior Court. Similar charges were filed in his son's divorce suit against Andrea F. Keele.

City Officers Sworn In

Incumbents Mayor Albert Isen, Councilman J. A. Beasley, and City Treasurer Harriet Leech, newly elected councilmen Ross Sciarrotta and Ken Miller, and City Clerk Vernon Coil, officially took office last night in ceremonies preceding the regular council session.

Following the official swearing in ceremonies, councilmen plunged into a topheavy agenda which included items held over from last week.

Heading the list of items was a letter from James P. Wrzensinski protesting the sale of chicks and small animals as promotional "gimmicks" during the Easter season.

Letter pointed out that several communities and unincorporated areas have banned the sales for humanitarian reasons and that organizations set up

to protect animals from cruel treatment oppose their sale for this purpose.

Council went on record as opposing the practice and turned the matter over to City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier to determine if the city presently had an ordinance prohibiting the practice.

Councilmen also delayed for 30 days a final decision on start of construction of a youth center at El Retiro Park.

RIVIERA ROTARY Building, which will be donated by the Hollywood Riviera Rotary Club, has been opposed by members of the local homeowners association as not fitting into an overall master plan of the park.

Delay in the final decision will enable city officials to check objections and to iron out difficulties.

Opposition to applying for federal aid to Torrance parks developed when newly elected Councilman Ross Sciarrotta stated he felt that "where the federal government gives . . . the federal government controls."

Indicating that he would listen to arguments on the subject, Sciarrotta said that he would advocate "solving our own problems" unless sufficient guarantees that the city would not lose autonomy in its own parks was given.

Torrance Press Carrier Wins Disneyland Tour; Title of 'Newsboy of the Month'

City's Youngest Businessman Is Your Newsboy

One happy Torrance youngster yesterday received the news that he had been named as the Torrance Press "Carrier of the Month" and that he and a friend would be guests of the paper on a tour of Disneyland.

Mike Fowler, 2703 W. 164th St., was selected on the basis of the number of satisfied customers on his route.

A competent and hard-working youngster, Mike typifies the energetic young businessmen who deliver your copy of the Torrance Press each Wednesday afternoon and Sunday morning.

Aware that he is performing a needed and vital service, he keeps you, the homeowner, constantly abreast of the latest news of community events, social activities, and the values in the city's leading merchandise establishments.

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The service that he renders is invaluable. Subscription rate of 25 cents a month that he charges for bringing your community newspaper twice a week he may use to pay his Scout dues, buy a noisier horn for his bike or take his pre-teen date to the Saturday matinee.

The important thing, of course, is that he earned it himself . . . and this is the way that character is built. He is your friend, and the



MIKE FOWLER
... Carrier of the Month

son of a friend, for he lives in your own neighborhood. With the exception of only a few routes still delivered by trucks, the Torrance Press is now delivered by newsboys. He should be treated courteously and with respect for he is an able and conscientious workman performing a vital job.



SWEARING IN CEREMONY — Newly elected and re-elected city officials were sworn into office last night at the opening of the regular Tuesday council session. Right, first action included the oath of office administered by Mayor Albert Isen to newly elected city clerk, Vernon Coil. Duly sworn in, Coil then administered the oath, below, to reelected Mayor Isen, Councilman J. A. Beasley and City Treasurer Harriet Leech, and new councilmen Ross Sciarrotta and Ken Miller.

