

1000-Seat Show Rejected by Council

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CRASH VICTIMS — Dr. and Mrs. Donald W. Johnson died in Torrance last Sunday when their Bellanca crashed just a few minutes after leaving the local airport. The couple, who were residents of Malibu, will be interred in a Santa Monica cemetery Friday. The Johnson plane was based at Santa Monica. (Photo by Bill Schell)

CAB Investigates Accident; Two Lose Lives in Crash

The Civil Aeronautics Board is investigating an accident which last Sunday took the lives of Dr. and Mrs. W. Johnson of Malibu, according to Jack Egan, Torrance Airport Manager.

The couple's single-engine Bellanca crashed in a vacant lot at Crenshaw and Sepulveda Blvds. shortly after taking off from Torrance Airport.

The late Dr. Johnson's plane is tied down at Santa Monica. He and his wife landed at Torrance when he was having some trouble with his fuel line.

FUEL PROBLEM
At the time of the crash, there was some speculation that the Johnson plane was either out of fuel, or nearly out of fuel. No confirmation on the fuel problem could be obtained from Torrance police who arrived on the scene shortly after the accident.

While Torrance Airport had no jurisdiction over the plane, the airport crew lent its assistance in clearing the wreckage from the vacant

field. By 9 p.m. Sunday, the Bellanca was removed to the airport.

TOTALED OUT
"From what I can see, the plane is totaled out," Airport Manager Jack Egan said. "Oh, it's possible a few parts might be salvaged, but not too many."

Dr. and Mrs. Johnson were rushed to the Little Company of Mary Hospital. They were declared "dead upon arrival."

They are now resting at Halverson-Leavell Mortuary in Torrance. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at Gates-Kingsley and Gates Mortuary, Santa Monica. The couple will be interred at Woodlawn Cemetery, also in Santa Monica.



TOTALED OUT — Realtor Bill McEwen combed the plane crash area at Crenshaw and Sepulveda Blvds. to see if he could find some souvenirs. McEwen found part of an exhaust pipe, some plywood from the plane's body and a band from a generator. The rest of the plane had been lifted out by crane shortly after the crash and taken over to Torrance Airport.

Offer City New Deal

A 1000-seat theater, proposed on airport property at Rolling Hills Plaza, was turned down by the City Council last night by a 4-3 vote.

Councilman Nick Draie had made the move to turn down the theater at a previous session of the council. So, his motion became the first order of business.

However, Councilman J. A. Beasley introduced a substitute motion which would have given the council a chance to study all the factors before any decision was made. This move was rejected by the same 4-3 vote.

OPPOSITION
Opposing the theater in the vicinity of Crenshaw and Pacific Coast Highway were Councilmen Victor Benstead, Nick Draie, George Vico and Ross Sclarrotta, Sr.

Favoring the substitute motion were Mayor Albert Isen, and Councilmen J. A. Beasley and Ken Miller.

Sciarrotta, after the vote was taken, said he was willing to change his view if Jefferson, Inc., the developers of Rolling Hills Plaza, would be willing to pay the market value for the land. Sciarrotta made it clear he was not voting against the theater because he feared it might be in the flight pattern of the airport.

CONCERNED
Councilman Ken Miller expressed concern over the safety factor. He said that this would be his prime apprehension, and a secondary one, to make sure the city received a fair revenue return from the developers.

During the meeting, both Jefferson Inc. firm representatives addressed the council. They offered to pay more money for the lease if the theater were permitted on the airport property.

As a last resort, Jefferson Inc. asked for an early meeting with the council so that they could explain what financial concessions they would make for a theater.

Library Opens At Dedication At 11 Saturday

The official dedication of the Isabel Henderson Library will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday.

The facility, located at 4805 Emerald St., is the largest branch in the Torrance System. It is a model which also will be used for two other proposed libraries in Welteria and North Torrance.

Mrs. Lois Borman will serve as head librarian. Registration and open house will follow the dedication.

Mayor Albert Isen, assisted by Miss Torrance, Bobette King, will dedicate the library in honor of Isabel Henderson who opened the first library in Torrance in 1913 in her home with borrowed books. Mrs. Henderson was a niece of Jared Sidney Torrance, founder of the city.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend, stated Mrs. W. L. Saville, library commissioner in charge of the ceremony.

Ferrero Chosen Asst. Manager

Lawndale City Manager Ed Ferrero will take over duties as Torrance Assistant City Manager, Aug. 14.

City Manager Wade Peables announced his selection of Ferrero for the Torrance position at the City Council meeting last night.

Ferrero is the charter city manager of Lawndale. He was hired shortly after the community was incorporated.

Man Killed in Plant Accident

Tragedy struck two families swiftly Monday at 3:12 p.m. in an industrial accident at the Mobil West Coast Pipelines, 3700 W. 190th St., Torrance.

The mishap resulted in the death of Harvey Allen Kimberlin, 51, of 2867 W. Elmlawn, Anaheim, and a serious fracturing of the foot-bone for Vincent A. Barnato, 51, 3323 Whitfox, Palos Verdes Estates.

The accident occurred when the late Kimberlin was checking out a meter prover device which measures the calibration of a meter to make sure it is operating properly, according to Ed Fulham, a public relations spokesman for Mobiloil.

WATER PRESSURE
Fulham said that Kimberlin did not work for the Mobil West Coast Pipelines. He was employed by an outside contractor.

Fulham reported that at Kimberlin's suggestion, water pressure was run in back of the piston. Kimberlin was working with Barnato when the pressure built up, and the piston flew out of the tube with an explosive force, Fulham said.

As a result of this explosion Kimberlin died and Barnato was "seriously injured."

HOSPITALIZED
Both Kimberlin and Barnato were rushed to Little Company of Mary Hospital. Kimberlin was declared "dead upon arrival." Barnato, according to Hospital officials, is expected to remain incapacitated for quite some time.

"It could have been



HARVEY A. KIMBERLIN — Accident Victim

worse," Barnato said feebly when he was contacted at the hospital. "I could be dead."

Mrs. Nellie Kimberlin tearfully began to make final arrangements for her husband.

The late Mr. Kimberlin is at Rice's Mortuary, in Maywood. Funeral services will be held there Friday, and he will be interred at Rose Hills Cemetery, Whittier.

The late Mr. Kimberlin is a Mason, and Masonic rites will be held.

At the time of his death he was employed by Power, Rig and Equipment Co., 3001 Cherry Ave., Long Beach. He was engaged in research and design work.

His wife reported that her husband had designed the prover which took his life. The Kimberlins were married 27 years.

Unique Businesses Licensed

Name the business, and in most cases, the city will license the operation.

One of the more unusual commercial establishments is a swap meet which functions every Friday and Saturday at 2500 Redondo Beach Blvd.

Here people can bring products for exchange, or for sale. It makes little difference whether a person desires to dispose of used doll furniture or a refrigerator, he still can avail himself of this operation.

Another specialized business is the Poodle Parlor. There are several in Torrance. It's a good place to groom a dog, and in many cases the animal receives as fancy a treatment as a man or woman may be given in an exclusive barber shop.

Most businesses in the city pay \$25 annually, but there

are exceptions to the rule. A few are charged \$524 annually. Even so, the Torrance License Department has nominal fees, according to Gale Whitaker, license inspector.

He anticipates licenses will bring in a minimum of \$200,000 this year. Out of this money will come the salaries and operation of the department, estimated at \$42,000. This means the city will earn nearly \$160,000 from licenses. The surplus funds will be put in the municipality's general fund.

For the last seven years Whitaker has been in charge of the department. His staff includes two full-time deputies and two full-time girls in the office.

Before Whitaker took over the license group was under the direction of the City Clerk.

Residents Raise Funeral Funds

Tomorrow night a group of Torrance residents will meet at a dance benefit for 20-year-old Tony Furtado — now deceased.

Funds for the dance, originally scheduled to provide for the needs of the dying Furtado while alive, will now go to guarantee that the boy will not be buried by the county.

The lung-cancer victim died Friday morning at Harbor General Hospital.

The benefit was planned by Mrs. William Hiatt, who responded to the boy's plight by holding an event to raise funds for the dying Furtado's comfort.

In death the boy, who lived a tragedy-filled, short life, will have his only wish fulfilled.

UN Program To Be Held

The Pilot Club of Torrance will hear "What the United Nations Means to the United States," at a dinner meeting to be held at the Pen and Quill Restaurant, Manhattan Beach, at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

The speaker will be Robert W. Dunn, an associate professor of political science at Harbor College. He teaches American and European government.

Dunn has been interested in the United Nations since its inception and is sponsor of the World Affairs Club at the college. He also is vice-president of the Harbor Area Chapter of the American Association for the United Nations.

The Pilot Club program is being arranged by Mrs. Charles Mitchell, chairman of the international relations and education committee.

Rooster Disturbs Peace

What a rooster was crowing about at 5:41 a.m. yesterday might be anyone's guess.

Torrance police became cognizant of the noise when a resident in the area of Newton and Hawthorne asked that the disturbance be quelled.

Lieut. Governor Anderson Receives Honors Here

Residents from this city and surrounding communities will participate in a fund-raising campaign to aid Lt. Governor Glenn Anderson, who is running for reelection.

As a kick-off for the drive Anderson will attend a cocktail party from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Aug. 3 at the Jump 'n Jack Restaurant, according to Councilman J. A. Beasley.

Beasley is serving as 17th Congressional District chairman for the Anderson campaign.

"The cocktail party will be open to the public," Beasley said. "We're taking into consideration that Anderson's many friends will want a chance to visit with him and shake his hand so we are keeping the cost down to \$3 per person."

HONORS WIFE
In addition to Anderson, the party will honor his wife, and Actress Jan Sterling, an academy award winner.

Plans also call for an invitational special dinner for mayors and councilmen, scheduled from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Here the Andersons and Miss Sterling also will serve as guests of honor.

Later the same evening, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Butcher will stage a cocktail party at their home, 4211 Maloma Dr., Palos Verdes Estates.

Also expected to attend will be Assemblymen Vin-



GLENN ANDERSON — To Be Honored



MORE UNUSUAL — One of the most novel licensed businesses in the Torrance area is the Pride and Groom Shop, 2521 Pacific Coast Hwy., where dogs can be clipped and groomed. Ronald Harrahill is clipping a fox terrier.



LIBRARY OPENS — More than 11,000 books will be housed in the Isabel Henderson Library, which will be ready to serve the public Saturday following dedication exercises at 11 a.m. Shown here is Mrs. Lois Borman, librarian at the new facility, located at 4805 Emerald. (Photo by Alan Titelman)