

Union Speaker Seeks Law Minimum



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PREVIEW LOOK at the 1963 license plates—to be yellow on black rather than present black on yellow—is taken by Torrance policeman Harry Waugaman.

Although all vehicles will get new plates next year, city and state-owned cars bought now are being equipped early. —Press Photo

City Beautiful Commission Discusses 'Pretty Up' Plans

In addition to being an All American city, Torrance may eventually be a beautiful city if the new Torrance Beautiful Commission gets its way.

The commission, which held its initial meeting Aug. 23, is headed by Mrs. Roy Apsey and includes Mrs. V. E. Benstead, Mrs. Frank Sciarrotta, Mrs. Albert Wolinsky, Flavio Bisignano, Don Walker and Mrs. Tony Santaelia. Each member is noted for outstanding contributions in the past to the city.

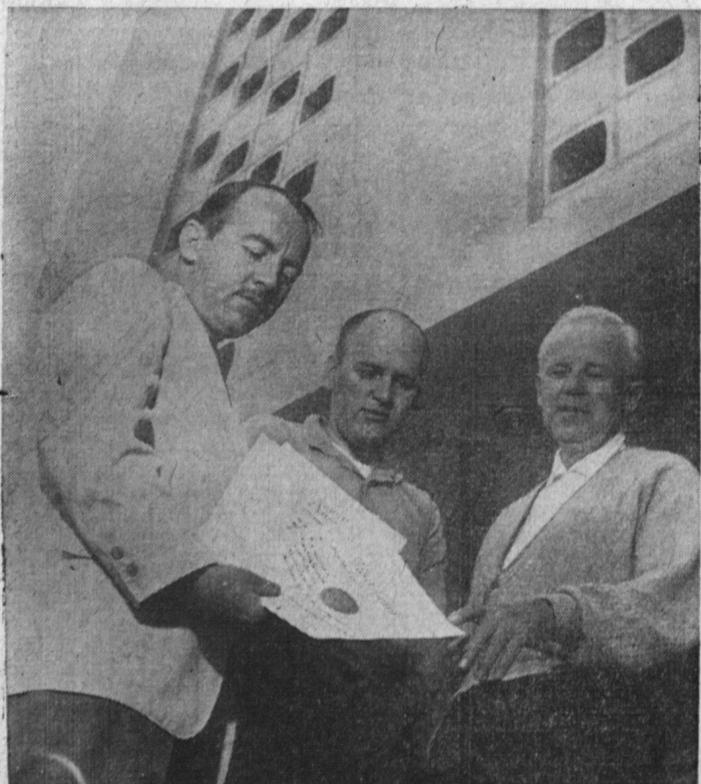
A beautification project suggested by Walker, roads and highways, was the replacement of eucalyptus trees which have died. A long-range project suggested was beautification of state highways in Torrance.

FIRST CONCERN

Bisignano, whose assignment is the city's business section, reported of first concern to merchants is a new parking lot. He said downtown businessmen plan to do considerable painting and clean-up work.

Mrs. Sciarrotta suggested planting near the city's railroad tracks. She announced that weeds have been removed.

Mrs. Benstead said she talked with Kenny Uyeda about placing an authentic replica of the Japanese sunken gardens on Civic Center. She also told of her hope to convert Torrance



AWARDS JURY displays certificates to be awarded in current City Beautiful campaign. Men are members of Chamber of Commerce city beautification committee, which made city-wide survey of industrial, commercial and public buildings Saturday. Committee

comprises (from left) William Burchfield, chairman; Don Walker, committeeman and member of city-appointed Torrance Beautiful Commission; and Carrington H. Lewis, committeeman. —Press Photo

Argument Erupts Over Hours At City Playgrounds

TORRANCE — A city councilman and a member of the council - appointed Park and Recreation Commission exchanged verbal fire last night in a controversy over playgrounds.

But the brief encounter between Councilman George Vico and Commissioner Milton Sipple ended as quickly as it started — without being resolved.

Vico lashed out at the commission halfway through Tuesday night's council session during discussion of playground construction at Guenser Park.

He charged youngsters are kept off city and school playgrounds during normal hours, saying, "I have driven by playgrounds and haven't seen any kids on them." He demanded an explanation as to why the grounds were closed.

"If there weren't kids on the playgrounds," Sipple replied, "it was because they didn't want to be."

NO SUPERVISION

Told the playgrounds are open only when supervision is available, Vico argued: "They should be able to use them without supervision."

"I don't agree with that," Sipple countered.

Discussion ended abruptly with the matter being deferred for further study.

In other action, City Council voted tentative approval of a proposal which might bring a new car dealership to property adjoining Torrance Airport. Councilmen indicated they sanction this type of business in the vast land area adjacent to the airport.

Forecast Service Gets New Number

Newly inaugurated beach weather information service installed by the County Department of Parks and Recreation at its Lifeguard Headquarters in Redondo Beach has been so popular that the lines have been jammed since its inception last week.

In order to accommodate the unusual number of calls for information about the weather, water temperature, visibility and other facts pertinent to swimmers, fishermen, boaters, skin and SCUBA divers, and picnickers it was necessary to install a new circuit at beach Lifeguard Headquarters.

The original line was not capable of handling the additional trunks, therefore, the number has been changed from FRontier 4-4811 to FRontier 9-8471.

Boy Injured In Accident Near Home

TORRANCE—An 11-year-old boy is in serious condition at Little Company of Mary Hospital today with head injuries suffered in a fall from a homemade skateboard.

Police identified the youngster as Paul Anderson, 4216 Calle Mayor.

Officers said the boy apparently was riding near his home when he fell backwards from the wheeled scooter. His head struck the pavement, knocking him unconscious.

He had not regained consciousness early today, police said.

Democrats Slate Campaign Meet

Members of the recently organized Democratic Coordinating Council of the 68th Assembly District will meet Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Operating Engineer's Hall, 735 Broad Ave., Wilmington.

The group is planning a central campaign with a headquarters in San Pedro, Wilmington, Harbor City, Lomita and Torrance.

Membership is composed of the County Central Committee, the state committee, delegates from Democratic clubs, business leaders, union leaders and professional people.

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'Teachers Won't Join if Named'

A request that the "minimum rather than the maximum requirements of the law" be asked of Torrance Unified School District employees was made last night to the board of education by a representative of the American Federation of Teachers.

The representative, Glen Schwendemann of the Torrance chapter, Local 1301, Centinella-South Bay Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, asked the board not to require members' names as verification for recognition of an organization.

He claimed that the requirement of a name roster from his organization tends to make teachers reluctant to join it.

SATISFY REQUEST

The representative said the organization would satisfy the board's request to know whether the union actually represents employees of the district by submitting a complete roster of its membership to the labor conciliation service of the State Department of Industrial Relations.

Responding to the request, Al Charles, chairman of the board, said, "You have an organizational problem." He asked whether it was up to the board to make it "easier" for an organization to get members.

STIGMA STILL

Schwendemann replied that there is still a stigma on membership to a union and when rosters are made available to school boards, teachers are reluctant to join.

Action on the request will be considered after school board members attend several association conventions slated for this semester and see how other boards deal with the problem.

In other action of the board, it approved a night pay differential for regular full-time custodial classifications.

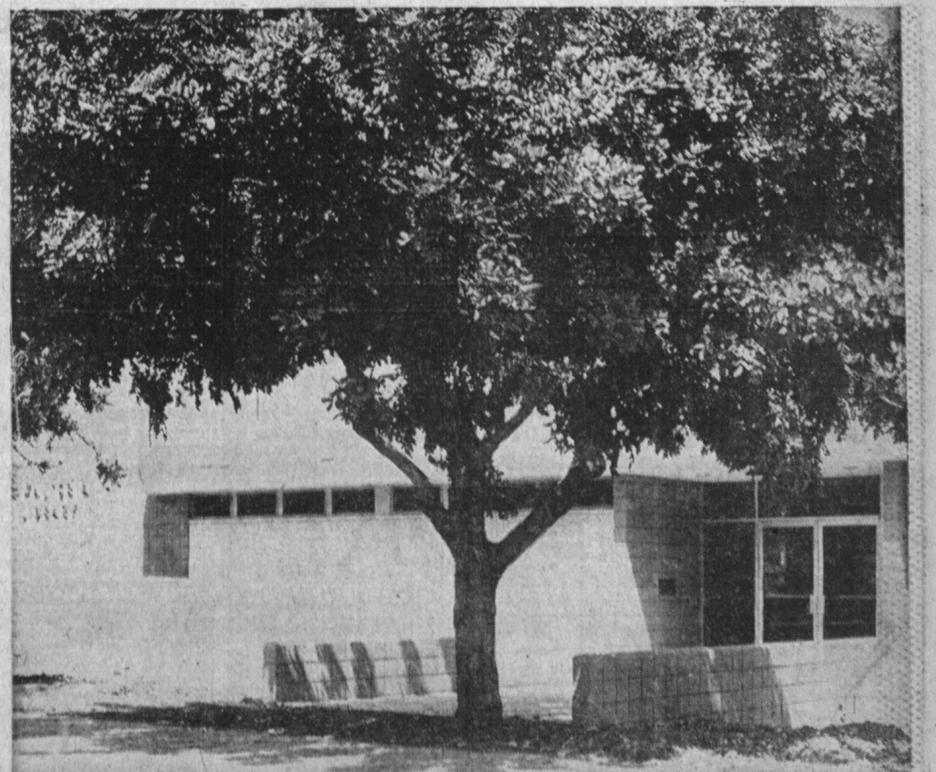
PROVISIONS

The board made provisions for the differential to be paid when over 50 per cent of the eight-hour shift is worked between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m.

It qualified that eligibility for the differential will not be affected in the event of temporary shift changes involving 10 working days or less.



COLLAPSIBLE FLAGPOLE designed by James O. Whitmer (right), city traffic engineer, is demonstrated in miniature for Harry Van Bellehem, director of recreation. Pole was designed to prevent tangled halyards and vandalism, which have caused lines to be replaced in parks as often as twice weekly. Pole swings on a hinged joint, drops to ground level. Caretaker removes flag from end of pole, then swings it back into erect position and locks it there with pierced bolt. Actual pole will be completed in near future, city officials say. —Press Photo



BRANCH LIBRARY in Welteria section of Torrance nears completion, with opening scheduled in approximately two weeks. Library, costing an estimated \$45,000, contains 4000 square feet of floor space, will be equipped with fluorescent lighting and other

modern conveniences. Architects for 1-story structure were Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp and Wright, well known in municipal building field. Library uses same plan as that for Isabel Henderson Library. —PRESS photo