

POLLY WATTS NAMED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

College 'Scare Tactics' Hit

Luckman, Dumke Accused

Charles Luckman, new head of the state college board of trustees, and Dr. Glenn Dumke, chancellor of the state college system, today stood accused of attempting to "railroad" the Palos Verdes Peninsula site for the new state college.

Luckman, in a meeting Monday with a group of Peninsula civic leaders, was reported by the Palos Verdes News as saying the general opinion of the college people was that the Palos Verdes site is about their last resort. The paper added "He (Luckman) said there is no likelihood that the college would be located in Torrance and that if the Peninsula site were not approved, then there might not be a South Bay State college."

Refused to Talk
Luckman refused to talk directly to The Press on the subject, but issued a denial through his secretary. His secretary reported that Luckman said his actual comment was "There is no evidence that the trustees would support the Torrance site."

However, several persons at the meeting confirmed that Luckman's remarks were actually as quoted by the Palos Verdes paper.

Luckman's secretary said the architect, who had headed the site selection committee that chose the peninsula site, had been requested by the college officials not to talk to newspapermen, and to refer all questions to the college's press agent, someone named Bob Reardon.

A call to Dr. Dumke's office produced the same result. Dr. Dumke's secretary said he was "unavailable" until next week, and suggested that Reardon could answer questions about the college.

'Scare Tactics'
Thus, the two leaders of the drive to put the college on the Peninsula are reluctant to talk to The Press or to anyone pushing for the Torrance college site.

Torrance college backers meanwhile accused Luckman and Dumke of "scare tactics" and of playing "dirty pool."

Dumke "is determined to put the college on the Peninsula, regardless, and Luckman is right with him," one spokesman charged.

The report on the "four conditions" necessary to put the college on the Peninsula is nothing but a "white-wash," it was charged. The report will show that there are community services, that there is a segment of the population against the college, etc., but while the facts are that none of the four conditions can actually be satisfied, the report by the hand-picked investigators will most likely produce a "satisfactory" report.

Wires Urged
There is only one solution now — high level political pressure, a spokesman for the Torrance group suggested last night.

The people to contact are Gov. Brown and Lt. Gov. Anderson, and Paul Spencer, the new head of the site selection committee.

"It is pointless to write to Luckman or Dumke," one man said. "There is some evidence that communications sent to them will have little or no bearing."

He urged as a last-ditch
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YOUTH DRAMA WORKSHOP again is offered this summer by Torrance Recreation Dept. Youngsters Val Shidler, Wendy Larson and Tina Shidler are shown in rehearsal of scene during last year's course.

EIGHT PARKS, 5 FACILITIES NOW OPEN

Eight parks and five special facilities with activities directed by the Torrance Recreation Dept. are now open to the public. All the park areas will be available seven days a week and all except one, Los Arboles, are supervised. Crafts, sports, storytelling, creative dramatics, movies, field trips and special events are a few of the scheduled events.

Also open are five special facilities which cater to a more specialized type of activity. These areas are the Torrance Adult Center, Arts and Crafts Center, Torrance

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PRESS READERS GREET A NEW COLUMNIST

The Press proudly introduces a brand-new columnist to its readers today: Hannah Sampson. Hannah's first regular column, "Hannah's Harpoons," appears on page A5 of this issue. Hereafter Hannah's penetrating and varied, always sharp and provocative pieces will appear on Wednesdays.

Hannah's introduction to Press readers came two weeks ago with her fictional, humorous presentation of a PTA president's re-election blues. Last Wednesday, on the woman's page, the whimsical "It Might as Well Be Spring" — unfortunately, unsigned — was another of her scintillating contributions.

Look for Hannah's Harpoons regularly on Wednesdays — on the women's page of The Press.

ELEVEN TOP BUILDINGS CITED FOR MERIT BY CHAMBER

Eleven outstanding buildings in the city of Torrance received architectural merit awards for exemplary architectural planning and landscaping at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce annual banquet held last night.

The 1963 awards included industrial, commercial and public buildings and apartment houses situated in the city of Torrance proper.

In presenting the awards, William Burchfield, chairman of the architectural awards jury, said "This marks the second year that the Torrance Chamber of Commerce has given these awards in order to publicly express our appreciation to the owners, architects and builders who have been responsible for the erection of fine quality buildings and attendant good landscaping."

Burchfield added that in addition to outstanding architectural structure and landscaping factors, the 1963 awards were also based on good building and grounds maintenance, and how well the particular structure blends into and generally improves the surrounding area.

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COUNCIL, SCHOOLS WEIGH BUDGETS

Final budget hearings on tentative budgets for 1963-64 are set this week by both the Torrance city council and the Torrance board of education.

The school board meets Monday at 7:30 p.m. to adopt its tentative \$15 million budget, and to resolve numerous program changes for next year, among them remedial reading, foreign language, transportation, instruction for handicapped, and the

question of a full-time public information staff assistant.

The council will hold its second and final budget hearing at 8 p.m. Tuesday, and in addition will consider numerous routine items.

The city's \$9 million budget includes no provision for municipal pay increases, and calls for a hike in the city's rubbish collection fee from \$1 to \$1.50 per month.

Mrs. Watts is also the re-



POLLY WATTS
... Honored by City

School Board Member Gets Award at Chamber Dinner

Mrs. Kenneth E. (Polly) Watts, a woman with a proved genuine civic interest in her community, won the "Distinguished Citizen of the Year" award for 1962 at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce annual banquet held last night.

The perpetual Laughon-Whyte trophy, first awarded in 1953 to an outstanding resident of Torrance, was presented to Mrs. Watts by Harold G. Frenz, the 1961 recipient of the award, before hundreds of banquet guests at the Pen and Quill restaurant.

In making the presentation, Frenz cited the activities listed in the nomination which included her efforts in promoting the Torrance site for the proposed South Bay State College, service as a member of the city library commission and her being instrumental in obtaining the El Retiro Library and installation of services in the Hollywood Riviera district, as a contributing member of the Citizen's Committee which created the master plan for the City of Torrance governmental complex, and for taking an active part in the problems of zoning and rezoning within the city.

She is also a leader in Girl Scouting, active in the women's auxiliary of the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, a member of the American Red Cross, past secretary and treasurer of the Hollywood Riviera Home Owner's Association, past secretary of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee, and was elected in April to the Board of Education of the Torrance Unified School District.

OWENS TO TALK AT BREAKFAST

J. Walker Owens, new manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, will make a presentation at the Chamber's monthly membership breakfast meeting Tuesday at 7:20 a.m. at International House of Pancakes, Hawthorne Boulevard at Carson Street, followed by a discussion of the Chamber's "Program of Action for a Challenging Era." Early coffee will be served, starting at 7 a.m.

Buckle Your Seat Belts—We're Taking to the Open Road!



Three views of safety with seat belts are offered by Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce, Torrance Traffic Safety Council, and Torrance police to publicize another Seat Belt Clinic and 10-point safety check. This repeat, by popular demand, of successful May event, will be staged Saturday and Sunday, June 29 and 30, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Bank of America parking lot, Sepulveda and Hawthorne Boulevards. In the picture at left,



Doug Brewster, 3, in harness, and Jeffrey Smith, 3, illustrate two ways of riding in car. Jeffrey's head in theory would go up against windshield in case of crash, while Doug would be restrained by belt. In center picture, Carri Burbank, 4, is strapped into toy auto with seat belt, as Bill Faulds, left, and Jim Ackroyd, of Jaycees instruct her. Ackroyd is chairman of seat belt clinic. In picture at right, Ackroyd, at wheel, shows Deryle



Faulds, 14, that even ancient vintage Model T, such as this one belonging to Vel's Ford, can use seat belts. Rev. H. Percy of traffic safety council reports that another free auto safety 10-point check will be offered along with the seat belt clinic. It will be possible to buy auto belts and baby seat belts, installation free, reports Don Hartel of police department.