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FIRST-PLACE AWARD . . . Publisher Glenn W. Pfeil (right), publisher of the Press-Herald, accepts plaque from Gov. Edmund G. Brown honoring the Press-Herald for winning statewide competition for best front page among California's large nondaily newspapers.

## Press-Herald Wins Statewide Honors

The Press-Herald has won top-honors among California's largest nondaily newspapers for 1965, it was announced at the conclusion of the California Newspaper Publishers Association convention held in Palm Springs last week.

## Tax Assessment Boards Proposed by Supervisor

Creation of "tax control boards" in California to insure equal and fair assessments on all property has been proposed by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

## 'I Was Stunned,' New Winner Says

"I was absolutely stunned . . . I couldn't believe it." That's the way Mrs. T. E. Donovan, of 2775 W. 225th St., described her reaction to the announcement that she had won the Press-Herald's February Cash Award Bonus and jackpot totaling \$80.

the convention honoring the Press-Herald for having the best front page among the many entries submitted by California's large nondaily newspapers.

"I BELIEVE there is a lack of public confidence in all tax assessment matters since the wide publicity given the scandals in several California counties," Hahn said.

subscribers, the January and February jackpots of \$25 each were added in and she collected the full \$80.

creativity and variety of hometown news on the front page gave the edge to the Press-Herald," their report stated.

"I kept waiting for the pitch," she recalled. But it was for real, and when Mrs. Donovan produced a current subscription receipt for the Press-Herald, it was six times as real.

HITS JACKPOT . . . Mrs. T. E. Donovan couldn't believe it when informed by the Press-Herald this week that she was the February Cash Award Bonus winner. When she presented a current subscription receipt, she also won the cumulative jackpot, netting a cool \$80 in the Press-Herald contest.

## City's Voters Reject School Bond Proposal

### Gym Fire Blamed on Arsonists

Vandals did more than \$1,500 worth of damage to Torrance schools during October, November, and December of last year, including some \$1,000 in fire damage to the South High gymnasium Saturday night.

S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent of schools for business, told trustees Monday that another \$900 worth of school equipment was stolen during the three-month period.

Saturday's fire in the South High gymnasium damaged a double door and tile in the entry to the boy's locker room. It was started about 9 p.m., apparently by piling towels against the locker room doors and setting them on fire.



WINNING POSTER . . . Carol Gegenheimer of Meadow Park School displays a poster which was selected for one of four top awards by the Torrance Safety Council following awards ceremonies Monday. Other winners included Jane Davidson of Jefferson School; Janie Amaya of Perry School, and Teri Bennett of Meadow Park. The awards were presented by Bert M. Lynn, a member of the Torrance Board of Education, and Mrs. Albert Isen. The four girls were selected by the Safety Council for first-place awards. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Rule-of-One Hiring Policy Set for City

A "Rule on One" policy regarding promotional examinations for civil service positions in the city was adopted unanimously by the Torrance City Council last night.

ELIGIBILITY for a specific job is determined by scores on written and oral civil service examinations and by

points awarded for seniority and efficiency. Ranking on such a list is determined by combined scores.

THE NEW policy was

## It Is Now Official: The Mayor Runs Again

Mayor Albert Isen this week removed whatever suspense might have built up about his intentions: he is going to seek re-election to the post he has filled since 1955.

Such action would serve as a "safety valve," he said.

## Issues Beaten Easily

Two school bond issues totaling \$13.5 million were rejected by Torrance voters yesterday in unusually heavy voting for a school election.

Nearly 14,000 voters — about 28 per cent of those eligible to cast ballots — went to the polls. District officials had forecast a turnout of 15 to 20 per cent of the eligible voters.

Complete, but unofficial, returns from the 38 precincts gave Proposition 1, the \$12.5 million general school construction bonds, 7,628 "yes" votes and 8,259 "no" votes. A two-thirds majority was required for passage.

Proposition 1 received slightly less than 55 per cent of the 13,914 votes cast. The \$12.5 million proposal carried only 2 of the 38 consolidated precincts by the required two-thirds majority. Those precincts voted at Anza and Newton Schools. In contrast, votes against the issue carried a majority in 10 of the 38 precincts.

## Strike Quartet Sentenced

Four men who had pleaded "no contest" to charges of attempted arson growing out of the labor-management dispute at the Harvey Aluminum plant here last summer, were fined \$1,000 each and sentenced to a year in jail when they appeared before Superior Court Judge Max Z. Wisot Tuesday. Judge Wisot, however, suspended the jail sentences and a large portion of the monetary fine. Each was placed on three years probation. Defendants Gilbert Adams, 25, of 1618 W. 219th St.; Thomas Troy Cooper, 25, of 1655 W. 224th St.; and Patrick Rodrick, 26, of 1624 W. 219th St., were ordered to pay \$400 fines. The fourth defendant was William A. Felerabend, 32, of Westminster.

## Soderstrom Heads GOP

Charles Soderstrom of San Pedro was elected chairman of the Los Angeles County Republican Central Committee last night in Los Angeles to succeed Julius A. "Jud" Leetham, who gave up the post to run for state attorney general. Soderstrom won a first-ballot victory over Carl Lindstrom of Culver City and Edward Golden of Los Angeles. The new chairman has been the committee's treasurer and former finance committee chairman.