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QUEEN DRIVE OPENS . . . Pretty Linda Knox, who has been reigning during the past year as "Miss Torrance," chats with Jim Ackroyd (left), president of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Keith Pischel, representing the Chamber of Commerce, about a contest to select her successor. Jayese and Chamber officials now are working out details for the citywide contest. (Press-Herald Photo)

Police Led on 100 MPH Chase; Driver Arrested

Scouts To Try Again

Some 8,000 Boy Scouts will make another attempt to stage a parade through Torrance this Saturday in celebration of the 55th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

The parade, originally scheduled for last Saturday, was canceled when the weatherman turned his back on the Scouts. If the weatherman cooperates and the skies are dry, the parade will move from the formation area on Cabrillo Avenue at 10:30 a.m.

H. Ted Olson, general chairman for the parade, said several bands have canceled their appearances because of prior commitments, but he added that several other entries have been received.

From Cabrillo Avenue, parade units will march up Cravens Avenue and turn on Torrance Boulevard to pass riving stands at the civic center.



SHELTERED WORKSHOP . . . Presenting a check are, from left, John Kesson, vice president and Vurly Smith, president of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn., to Mrs. Dean Thurman, president of the Southwest Association for Retarded Children. The money is to be used for the purchase of equipment to provide a new sheltered workshop program for mentally retarded adults.

6 Hurt In City Traffic

A high speed chase that began here at Crenshaw and Torrance boulevards early today and ended more than half an hour later at Hillcrest and Western Avenue in the Morningside area sent the speeding motorist to jail with a list of traffic violations which could be lengthy if officers stop and add it all up.

Taken into custody was Robert M. Dool of 2469 W. 238th St., who police said was the driver of a late model station wagon that led a dozen Southland units on the early morning chase.

Torrance officer James S. Foster was attracted to the vehicle about 2:10 a.m. today when it turned east onto Torrance Boulevard from Crenshaw and moved off at speeds reaching 65 miles an hour.

SERGEANT FOSTER reported later that he followed the vehicle to Cabrillo and Carson Street where it ran through a red signal and went eastbound on Carson to Western Avenue. At Western Avenue, Foster said, the vehicle stopped for the light, then turned in front of an oncoming car when it changed green, nearly causing an accident.

"At the time Artesia Blvd. was opened and developed, we pushed for and obtained the widening and paving of Prairie Avenue. And it was through our interest and persistence that a city dump was purchased, filled in, and developed into what is now Guenser Park," he continued. Disbandment of the association was attributed to lack of public response for organized civic improvement, due to the influx of newcomers and maturity of this area of the city, said Kesson.

Two Gardena units joined the pursuit north of Artesia Boulevard and Los Angeles (Continued on Page A-2)

Council Sets New Policy On Commissioners' Trips

A formal policy setting forth rules for convention trips by members of the city's several advisory commissions was adopted by the City Council last night.

The policy was prepared by City Manager Edward J. Ferraro, who has been studying the problem since late November. Ferraro told the council he had surveyed several area cities and had found only Long Beach and Los Angeles had written policies.

"We must conclude that the attendance of all commissioners at conferences pertaining to their field is in the public interest," Ferraro said. "In addition, if such attendance is in the public interest it should be authorized, regardless of the location of the conference."

Members of the commissions are required to become "as expert as possible in their specific fields," Ferraro told the council. He also said personal attendance provides an opportunity to ask questions and to "engage in face-to-face conversations which others in the same field to learn of their problems and solutions."

Provisions of the new policy include:

'Job Corps' Plan Wins Approval

Jobs for 37 Torrance students under a provision of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 were approved by the Board of Education Monday evening, pending actual receipt of federal funds for the program.

Trustees approved the hiring of Delmar I. Smith, a Torrance High School teacher (Continued on A-2)

Attendance at organized conferences sanctioned and held by recognized professional organizations concerned with a special field of community service shall be considered as being in the public interest.

A commissioner shall participate in no more than one conference per fiscal year.

A commissioner shall be reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses for himself caused by attendance at a conference.

One commissioner shall be permitted to attend a conference from the commissions.

Commissions must determine if the attendance at a specific conference is in the public interest and designate a member to attend.

All recommendations must be approved by the City Council prior to attendance at the conference or convention.

In addition, the Planning Commission and the Civil Service Commission, both of which serve as a hearing board, will be permitted to send two representatives to any authorized convention or conference.

In reply to a question raised by Councilman H. Ted Olson, Ferraro said the policy was intended to permit commissioners to attend one conference per year. It is not a mandate for the commissioner to make at least one trip, he said.

Population Now Pegged At 128,739

Torrance showed the fourth largest numerical increase—and one of the largest percentage increases of any major city—in population during 1964, according to statistics just released by the Regional Planning Commission.

Estimated population of the city on Jan. 1 was 128,739—an increase of 7,474 over Jan. 1, 1964. The growth rate was 6.2 per cent, greatest of any of the county's 19 largest cities.

Only Los Angeles, Lakewood, and Long Beach showed larger numerical increases. The Lakewood increase (Continued on A-2)

Civic Group Disbands With Check for PAR

Funds accumulated since the organization of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, Inc., in 1948

were presented to the Southwest Association for Retarded Children (SARC) to purchase needed equipment to provide occupational training for mentally retarded adults.

The donation was the result of the improvement association board's vote to disband and direct all funds into a constructive community project.

Vurly Smith, president, and John Kesson, vice president of NTCIA presented the contribution to Mrs. Dean Thurman, president of SARC, at an open house for the membership of both organizations

held at the PAR Workshops Southwest, 1725 W. 180th St. Garden.

PAR WORKSHOPS Southwest is a recently opened sheltered workshop and occupational training program for mentally retarded adults and is a cooperative effort of the Exceptional Children's Foundation of Los Angeles and the Southwest Association for Retarded Children.

The NTCIA, oldest civic organization in the city of Torrance, has been instrumental in bringing about many major improvements in this fast-growing community.

Installation of street lights in the area when new streets

Proposed Speed Limits Vetoed by City Council

Speed limits on three streets in the Southwood area will remain at 25 miles per hour, despite recommendations by the city's Traffic Commission for 30 and 35 mile per hour limits.

The streets—Calle Mayor from Pacific Coast Highway to Anza Avenue, Anza from 238th Street, Sepulveda Boulevard, and Palos Verdes Boulevard from Sepulveda to Torrance Boulevard—are located in residential areas. Calle Mayor School is adjacent to Calle Mayor, as is South High.

City Engineer Walter Nollac and Albert G. Kovach, traffic and lighting superintendent, asked that the 35 mile limit be established on Calle Mayor. Members of the Calle Mayor PTA opposed the recommendation, asking that the 25 mile limit be retained.

WHEN THE council voted to retain the 25 mile limits on all three streets, Nollac told the council they were selling "speed limits on streets by emotions, not facts."

"You've argued enough tonight," Mayor Albert Ison told Nollac.

Efforts to raise the limit on Anza Avenue to 30 or 35 miles per hour have failed twice in the past. Residents of the area argued the increased limit would endanger children in the area.

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REVISE CONSTITUTION . . . Hal Johnston, chief justice of the Bishop Montgomery High student court, and two secretaries, Pat Parvis and Mary Green, preside over student trials each Friday noon. The student court constitution has just been revised to clarify the court's procedure and jurisdiction.

Club Foe in Court ---

Seventy-year-old Louis Koullapis of 1720 W. 153rd St. was taken into South Bay Municipal Court Tuesday to hear charges accusing him of murdering 74-year-old Arthur A. Archbold of Burbank during a wild shooting spree Jan. 12 at three Gardena poker parlors. Koullapis also was charged with three counts of assault with intent to commit murder and three counts of assault with a deadly weapon. Judge William B. Keen set preliminary hearings for Feb. 16.

Unification Vote Fails ---

Proposed unification of the three elementary school districts serving Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, and Manhattan Beach with the high school district serving the area was rejected by voters in the three South Bay cities Tuesday. Nearly complete returns gave 3,095 no and 3,291 yes.

Vandals Raid School ---

An adding machine valued at \$190 and a portable radio were taken by vandals who entered Harbor City Elementary School at 1508 W. 254th St. Monday night, school officials told police. The radio, taken from the ransacked principal's office, was found later near the school. Juveniles were believed to be responsible for the thefts.

Loan Firm Robbed ---

A bandit wearing a baseball cap fled with \$130 in currency after holding up manager Ralph A. Eaton of the Local Loan Co. office at 17505 Hawthorne Ave. Monday afternoon according to police. The bandit fled on foot, investigators were told.