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GET DEGREES . . . Adell Smiley and Robert George Cunningham are pictured as they received their master of fine arts degrees during commencement exercises at Otis Art Institute of Los Angeles County. Miss Smiley, who received her undergraduate training in Torrance, submitted the ceramic work pictured as part of her master's project. Cunningham is from Bellflower.

No Tax Hike Seen in New City Budget Due Tuesday

Faulty Brakes Blamed

Faulty brakes were blamed for an accident in which three persons were injured Friday evening and mechanical failure was the cause of a crash in which another person sustained slight injuries.

In all, five persons suffered minor injuries in a series of three accidents Friday.

Jack Lyle Hammel, 37, of Inglewood and two passengers in his car were hurt in a crash on Western Avenue near the entrance to the Douglas Aircraft plant. Hammel suffered facial cuts.

Katherine Smith, 38, of 1011 Cerise Ave., and her 3-year-old daughter, Dauphine, suffered minor injuries. All three persons were taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Investigating officers said Hammel was northbound on Western Avenue when a car driven by Mervyn William Verran, 59, of San Rafael, Calif., strayed from the southbound lanes and collided with the Hammel vehicle. Officers blamed the crash on defective brakes on the Verran vehicle, which was a rented car. The crash occurred about 7:30 p.m.

Earlier Friday afternoon, Tommy Eugene Harris, 18, of 805 Hickory St., suffered a possible broken leg when his car collided with a car in the Del Amo Center parking lot.

Harris was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital. He was northbound in the parking lot when he struck a car driven by Kanoso Fujikawa of Gardena from the rear.

Fujikawa was not hurt in the crash, which occurred about 3:55.

Herman Ranzenhofer of Los Angeles suffered minor injuries when his truck collided with a car driven by Chester Ovis Briner, 23622

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS . . . Members of the Torrance Education Association (TEA), which represents most of the teachers in Torrance, have awarded scholarships to four future teachers. Three of the winners visit TEA headquarters to accept their awards. Pictured are, from left, Garth Belknap, president of TEA, presenting a check to Louise Kassebaum of North; Henry Sturat, handing Susan M. Ropp of South High her check, and Darold Kusch, TEA president-elect, giving Janis Albright of Torrance High her check. Carol Mas, the award winner from West High, was unable to attend the presentation. (Press-Herald Photo)

City Manager Rushing With Budget Message

Beleagued taxpayers in Torrance may manage a faint smile Tuesday evening when City Manager Edward J. Ferraro delivers his 1965-66 preliminary budget to the City Council.

The budget, which Ferraro's office is just completing, will call for no increase in the city's tax rate of \$1.238 per \$100 assessed valuation. It will mark the fifth consecutive year in which no increase has been sought in the city tax rate.

Ferraro told the Press-Herald Friday his budget message is in the "wrapping up stage." He said the massive document will be handed to councilmen during Tuesday's 8 p.m. meeting.

The city manager will ask the council to schedule public hearings on the budget June 22 and June 29. The preliminary budget must be adopted by July 1.

Ferraro said his staff is working on the premise that there will be no increase in taxes. He also said that because of "questionable and unexplained assessment practices by the County Assessor" his staff is estimating a 2 per cent increase only in the assessed valuation of the city.

A hike of 15 per cent in sales taxes, compared to last year's estimated revenue from sales taxes, has been anticipated.

Ferraro has not released any details of the budget, but expenditures can be expected to approach \$12 million. The figure will include money to be appropriated for major projects under the capital improvements program.

City councilmen and a citizen's committee are now studying the five-year capital improvements program which has been adopted "in principle by the council.

Recreation activities can be expected to take a major portion of the new budget funds. Half the city's population is under 19 years of age, Ferraro said.

At least two extraordinary expenses are included in the budget. A municipal election is scheduled for April, 1966, while a salary survey of the city's job classification system has been ordered by the council.

Ferraro said his office is completing interviews with department chiefs in an effort to pull the budget together for presentation Tuesday. Copies will be on file in the city clerks office once the document has been delivered to councilmen.

Hope Sunday

Chairman Calls for Generosity

Volunteer "Citizens of Hope" will knock on hundreds of local doors in the annual "Hope Sunday" drive for the free, nonsectarian City of Hope. The one-day, door-to-door appeal, is today and Sam Levy, Torrance chairman, called on all residents to "respond generously when your City of Hope neighbor calls."

"Funds raised in the Hope Sunday solicitation are vital to the medical center's continuing services to the men, women and children of the community," he emphasized.

The chairman pointed out that no patient pays at the City of Hope and admittance is without regard to race, creed or national origin.

"THE CITY of Hope's remarkable record of humanitarianism is made possible only through the help of the general public," he noted. "That's why it is so important to open your hearts as you open your doors on Hope Sunday."

STARTS JUNE 21

13,000 Due for Summer Classes

Preliminary estimates indicate that more than 13,000 Torrance students will enroll in summer school, according to Dr. Lloyd Jones, curriculum consultant.

Students may register at any time through the first day of school, Jones stated.

The six-week summer session will begin June 21 and run through July 30. Classes will be held at all elementary and high schools in the district.

OFFERED as a continuation of the regular year-around program, summer school will emphasize the academics. Special classes will be offered in remedial reading for students who need special help. Academically talented seventh-graders will have a chance to go to high school for the summer.

Graduating eighth-graders also will be offered an opportunity to take high school courses for credit.

ELEMENTARY classes will give students a chance to

study the regular courses more fully. Top students will be able to delve deeper into various subjects, while slower students may get help in subjects in which they need it, Jones said.

Enrollment is limited to students who live in Torrance. This includes students who attend private or parochial schools during the regular school year, Jones stated. They may register at the nearest school.

Two Torrance Men Elected to Top Lions Posts

George N. Cullum Jr., of the North Torrance Lions Club, has been elected deputy district governor, southern region, of Lions district 4-L3. The district convention was held on Catalina Island.

Glen Ison of the West Torrance Lions Club was elected Zone C chairman, southern region.

TRAIN LOCAL LEADERS

Chamber to Participate In Development Program

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce will under take a new approach to the solution of community problems through a "Total Community Development" program, sponsored nationally by the United States Chamber of Commerce.

J. Walker Owens, general manager of the Torrance chamber said the three-prong plan will be an "all-out effort to stimulate local business-

men to assume the leadership in developing their home city."

"One result of the new Total Community Development program," Owens said, "could be that the federal government could concentrate more on international and national affairs and leave local problems to local leaders."

UNDER THE new program



WITH TROPHIES . . . Donald Wolf, Torrance mortgage broker and a member of the Downtown Lions Club, has been honored at the Lions Catalina District 4-L3 convention for his work as club bulletin editor. Wolf won both the individual trophy and the William Busher Memorial trophy which is awarded annually by the Morningside Park Lions Club. He topped 49 other club bulletin editors in winning the twin honors.

Board Will Get Report On 'Tainted' Recordings

Members of the Torrance Board of Education will get a report on children's records alleged to be subversive during their meeting tomorrow evening.

Trustees will be told the firm — Young People's Records Co. — is not the same firm cited 17 years ago as a subversive organization. The board also will hear that the children's records made by the firm have no hypnotic effect on children.

The report was compiled after a group of parents charged the record firm was cited as subversive in reports on un-American activities. Parents also charged the records have a hypnotic effect and demanded that they be removed from classrooms.

Dr. Albert Posner, assistant superintendent of schools for educational services, said his staff has carefully re-

searched the reports and consulted music authorities.

"The staff finds no listing of this company, directly or indirectly, in the latest 1961 edition (of the Guide to Subversive Activities and Publications of the House Un-American Activities Committee)," Dr. Posner said. "The last listing for the company was in the 1951 edition and was deleted from the 1957 edition."

The firm was sold 15 years ago to Traffic Publishing Co., the report declares.

Dr. J. J. Hull, superintendent of schools, said the company "is for all intents and purposes not the same company in ownership or management that employed the editors cited in the report issued 17 years ago." He also said the firm enjoys a national reputation for quality and

its products are "considered to be effective for the primary music instructional program in schools."

"The district can find no qualified evaluator who considers the recordings to be hypnotic," Dr. Hull said.

The recordings were endorsed by Good Housekeeping and have the Parents Magazine recommendation, Dr. Hull added.

Trustees are expected to consider the report in depth when they convene at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Hull has made no recommendation to the board, but he did quote from the 1961 report on Un-American Activities in California. The quotation warns of an "unfortunate tendency by laymen to use any list of alleged subversive persons or organizations improperly."

Marijuana Charge Puts Man in Jail

A 29-year-old Torrance man was booked on suspicion of possession of marijuana Friday morning following his appearance in the Torrance Municipal Court on a traffic citation.

Torrance Police took Robert Sebastian Dario of 527 E. 220th St., into custody when they discovered a brown cigarette believed to be marijuana during a routine search.

Dario had been sentenced to the Los Angeles County jail for one day on the traffic charge. He was searched while awaiting transportation to the county jail, then taken to the Torrance police station and booked on the charge.

Railroad Report Delayed . . .

City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier said Friday the analysis and report regarding complaints against conditions caused by trains using the Madrid Avenue railway will be given to the City Council June 22 at 8 p.m. The council had ordered the report placed on Tuesday's agenda, but delayed the deadline because of a long agenda. Remelmeier said Tuesday's agenda is double its usual size because no meeting was held last week.

Teachers to Install . . .

Darold Kusch, a teacher at Fern-Greenwood Elementary School, will be installed as president of the Torrance Education Association tonight. Kusch succeeds Garth Belknap, a Torrance High teacher, as president of the group. Ceremonies will follow a dinner at the Los Verdes Country Club.

First Appraisal Near . . .

The City Council, acting as the Redevelopment Agency for the Meadow Park Urban Renewal Project, will be asked to hire an appraiser for the first evaluation of the redevelopment area Tuesday evening. The agency will meet at 9 p.m. Eight bids have been received for the appraisal. Federal funds will be used to finance the project.