

Teachers Protest 'Modernized' Pay Scale

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ESSAY WINNERS . . . First place winners in the annual essay contest sponsored by the Torrance Beautiful Commission, receive trophies from Mayor Albert Isen. With the mayor (from left) are Vicki Davis, 17, West High; Jan Mangiagli, 17, North High and grand prize winner; Paula Ogilby, 16, South High; and Lynn Stewart, 17, Torrance High. (Press-Herald Photo)

Officers Scuffle With Suspect During Arrest

Groups Oppose Hanson

A proposal by the president of the Torrance Board of Education to "modernize" salary scales has been hit by two teachers' organizations in newsletters to their members. The two groups—the Torrance Education Association (TEA) and the American Federation of Teachers (AFT)—represent nearly all the 1,400 teachers in Torrance. The proposal, advanced by William J. Hanson, calls for a "single sum across-the-board" salary increase for teachers this year. Hanson said such action will be a step toward a salary scale with a 50 per cent spread between starting and maximum salaries.

MAXIMUM salaries in Torrance now are nearly twice those paid to beginning teachers.

Hanson said a salary scale which permits a teacher to earn twice as much as a teacher in an adjoining classroom with "exactly the same responsibility" is not "fair, consistent or logical."

A 50 per cent range is the general practice in most industrial plants, Hanson added.

THE BOARD president also said that beginning teachers often work harder, are more enthusiastic, and more responsive to a principal's leadership.

Noell Marble, executive secretary of the Torrance Education Association, hit the proposal as likely to "produce a great deal more heat than light."

The proposal, he added, is of the type which most school districts abandoned in the 1930s. Comparing salaries paid to teachers and industrial employees is "unrealistic," Marble added.

"Educating children can no more be compared to mass producing automobiles, chemicals or other goods," he said. (See GROUP on A-3)



BEGIN LONG JOURNEY . . . Navymen load boxes of clothing, food stuffs, books, and other items at the start of a trip which will take the goods to Vietnam. Helping Quartermaster I.C. Robert Laudermilk check off the items are Virginia Cogbill, 16, and Bill Akana, also 16. The boxes were collected by students at Bishop Montgomery High School as part of Project Handclasp and will be shipped to Vietnam by the Navy. The drive is continuing at the school and students have appealed to the community for help in supplying goods for Vietnamese refugees. (Press-Herald Photo)

Police Pursue Teenager

Torrance police arrested a Hermosa Beach teenager on charges of assaulting a police officer and driving under the influence of narcotics early yesterday after he was observed driving the wrong way on a one-way street.

The youth also was charged with assault with a deadly weapon, possession of marijuana, possession of burglary tools, and five other violations of the state Vehicle Code.

Cesar R. Caballero, 18, of 2024 Pacific Coast Hwy., Hermosa Beach, was arrested in the 1800 block of Torrance Boulevard just before 3 a.m.

POLICE gave this account: Officers Donald P. Flaherty and Ronald H. Peterson, patrolling in the downtown business district, first spotted Caballero driving north on Cabrillo Avenue at 213th Street. When the youth turned onto a one-way street headed in the wrong direction, officers pulled him to the curb.

Flaherty, during a search of the vehicle, turned up a package of cigarettes which contained one marijuana cigarette and when he called Peterson and the youth back to the car, the youth struck Flaherty's hand and then fled.

POLICE followed the fleeing youth north across Torrance Boulevard and caught him. During an attempt to subdue Caballero, the youth kicked the two officers and began striking them. The youth was finally handcuffed with the aid of two passers-by. (See SCUFFLE on A-3)

Police Nab Escapee In Market Robbery

An escapee from the Lakewood Sheriff's Station was arrested Friday by Torrance police and charged with armed robbery in connection with the robbery Thursday of a Torrance market.

Douglas C. Miller, 23, of 11305 1/2 Burin Ave., Hawthorne, was arrested at his home shortly after 7 a.m. Police said Miller matches the description of one of two men who escaped with \$350 Thursday after holding up the Alpha Beta Market here.

Police said two men entered the market, located at 2720 Cabrillo Ave., about 8 p.m. One of the men stood just inside the door, while a second handed a clerk a paper bag and told him to "put it in a sack."

The second man then approached a clerk and also demanded that the money from the cash register be put into a paper sack, officers reported.

Both men were armed with revolvers police said.

One of the men was bearded and about 23 years old and the second man was about 30 years of age. Both men were about 5-foot-10.

Police said the two men matched the description of burglars who have robbed two markets in the chain.

Miller also was charged with possession of marijuana when a search of his home

turned up what police said was a "quantity of marijuana."

A 22-year-old widow, Jerlyn Faye Zimmerman, also was charged with possession of marijuana as a result of the arrest. Police said the woman listed the Burin Avenue address.

Two Convicted In Theft Case

Two men arrested March 12 by Torrance police have been convicted of second degree burglary in Southwest Superior Court.

Dennis La Raine, 27, of Hermosa Beach, and William J. Griswold, 31, who gave no address, have been ordered by Judge Bernard Lawler to appear May 12 for probation and sentencing.

New Drain Work Gets Go-Ahead

A \$570,592 contract for construction of additional Torrance storm drains has been awarded, County Supervisor Burton W. Chace said today.

The Board of Supervisors voted Tuesday to assign the project to the Paul Vukich Construction Co. of Arcadia, the low bidder.

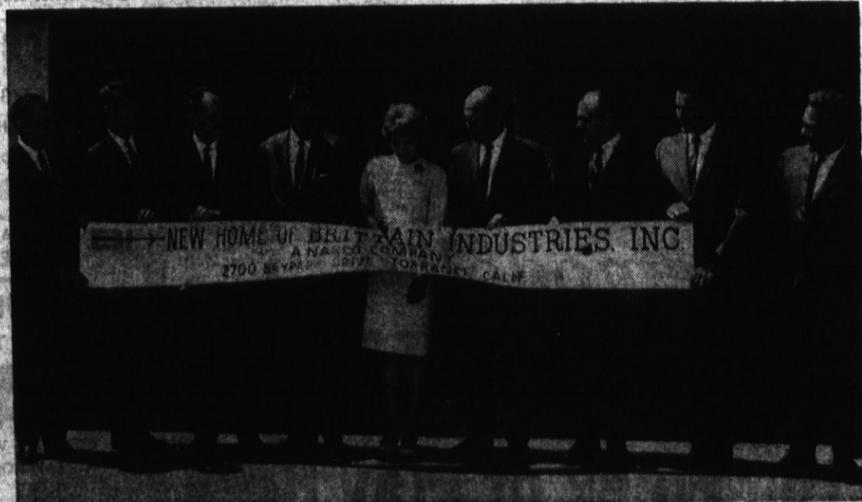
Work on the project, which will be constructed at a cost of \$148,724 less than the original engineer's estimates, will begin in approximately two weeks. Completion is expected in eight months, Chace said.

The job involves seven lines, with construction slated for sections of 238th Street, 234th Street, Ocean Avenue, Rolling Hills Road, Via Bonita, Via La Circula, Camino Del Campo, Paseo de Gracia, and Anza Avenue.

K. C. Fiesta Today

More than 40,000 persons are expected to attend the Knights of Columbus Barbecue-Fiesta today at Rancho San Antonio in Chatsworth, Rudy C. Wittal of Torrance, general chairman, said today.

The fiesta will benefit the Rancho, known as Boys Town of the West.



DEDICATE PLANT . . . Formal dedication ceremonies for Britain Industries, Inc., located at 2700 Skypark Drive, were conducted here Thursday. The new facility will house manufacturing operations and offices of Britain Industries Air Control, Narco, and Air Shields divisions and provide a new home for Condor Pacific Industries. Both firms are subsidiaries of National Aeronautical Corp. The lineup, from

left, includes: Allan Mills, vice president-engineering; Jack Burlew, vice president-marketing; Jack Eagen, manager of the Torrance airport; Dr. Karl Frudenberg, president of Britain Industries; Dorothy Robinson, director of employee welfare; Mayor Albert Isen; Stanton Halverson, president of Narco Scientific Industries; James Chipps, vice president-operations; and Harry Brittain, contractor.

INSPECTION CONTROVERSY

North Torrance Group Opposes Petition Drive

Efforts to repeal the city's Uniform Housing Code will be opposed by a North Torrance group which last Tuesday won a major battle in its fight to have the code amended.

Edward Kessler, of 4170 W. 172nd St., told the Press-Herald his group will oppose a petition currently being circulated by a group known as

Active Citizens of Torrance (ACT).

Kessler headed a petition campaign which culminated last Tuesday in success as the City Council voted to order an amendment to the housing code severely limiting the right of entry.

UNDER THE amendment, city inspectors will be granted entry to a home or other private building only on permission of the owner or occupant, or with a court order.

To secure a court order, the city would be required to show that an external defect exists which constitutes a "threat to the health, welfare, or safety of a person or persons or the community at large."

Kessler said his group is satisfied with the city's amended code since it affords homeowners protection from forced inspections.

HE SAID his group was taking no position on a second ACT petition which calls for the repeal of an ordinance which set up the city's Redevelopment Agency. Repeal of the ordinance, in effect would stop the Meadow Park Redevelopment Project.

A spokesman for ACT told the Press-Herald Friday the group has in excess of 3,000 signatures on each of the two petitions. A total of some 7,700 valid signatures will be required to place the proposals before the voters at a special election.

Goal of the petition drive

is 15,000 signatures, it was reported. ACT must complete the petition drive within six months under state law.

United Way Office Moves . . .

Offices of the United Way in the Harbor Area will be moved from San Pedro to Torrance tomorrow, it has been announced here. The new headquarters will be located at 2008 W. Carson St. The new local telephone number is 328-8650. In addition to the United Way offices, the Volunteer Bureau and the Welfare Planning Council will be located at the same address. Offices for the Catholic Welfare Bureau, the Family Service of Los Angeles, and the Salvation Army—all United Way counseling services—will be located at 1300 S. Beacon St., San Pedro, beginning tomorrow.

Urge City to Nix Dump Plan . . .

Establishment of a municipal dump on property near Madrona Avenue and Del Amo Boulevard now owned by Mobil Oil Co. is being opposed by the public works committee of the City Council. In a recommendation prepared for their colleagues, committeemen David K. Lyman, J. A. Beasley, and Ken Miller urged that the plan be dropped, saying the proposed site was too close to residential areas, that the city should not be in the dump business, and that the costs of acquiring the land could not be measured without a qualified appraisal.

School Board to Meet . . .

Members of the Torrance Board of Education will convene tomorrow for their first regular meeting since the April 18 election. Two incumbent members of the Board—Mrs. Pauline (Polly) Watts and Dr. Kurt T. Shery—will be seated for new terms. Board members will elect new officers for the coming year before getting down to a discussion of salary increases for the 1967-68 year. The meeting, scheduled for 7:30 p.m., will be held at the district's administrative offices, 2335 Plaza del Amo. A personnel session has been called for 7 p.m.