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AT PLANNING SEMINAR . . . Mrs. James van Oppen, president of the Torrance League of Women Voters, discusses the success of a special seminar on urban planning held Wednesday with Edgardo Contini (left), a partner in Victor Gruen and Associates and designer of the Del Amo Financial Center, and Charles Shurtle, planning director for the city of Torrance. The seminar, preceded by a bus tour of the city, launched a two-year planning study to be completed by the League of Women Voters here. Contini was the featured speaker. (Press-Herald Photo)

Lomita Soldier Dies in Vietnam Truck Crash

Truck Forced Off Roadway, Army Reports

An 18-year-old Lomita soldier has died in Vietnam as a result of injuries sustained in a truck crash, it was learned here Friday.

Pfc. Raymond D. McGlothlin, son of Mrs. Virginia McGlothlin of 25625 Narbonne Ave., died Jan. 5 when a truck in which he was riding was forced off the road north of Saigon.

Army spokesmen said the crash was under investigation, but listed McGlothlin's death as non-combatant.

McGLOTHLIN, who left the day after Thanksgiving for Vietnam, was attached to the 84th Construction Engineers and stationed at An Nhon. His mother told the Press-Herald Friday he was riding in the truck on his way to work when the accident occurred.

He is the second Lomita youth to die in Vietnam this year. The death of Marine Lance Cpl. John G. Turk was announced by the Department of Defense last Tuesday. Turk was killed by a Viet Cong sniper.

McGlothlin, born in Hollywood June 17, 1949, had lived his entire life in Torrance and Lomita. He attended Nativity School, Fleming Junior High School, and Narbonne High School.

HE HAD volunteered for the Vietnam tour and had been assigned to a unit which is building an air strip in the An Nhon area.

Funeral services are pending at the Stone and Myers Mortuary.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by a sister.



RAYMOND McGLOTHLIN Dies in Vietnam

Linda McGlothlin of Alhambra; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Angeline Hayman of Lomita; three uncles; and two aunts.

UROC to Show Films at Meet

The San Pedro United Republicans of California (UROC) will show two films at its regular monthly meeting Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. in the San Pedro Seventh Street Elementary School Auditorium, 1530 7th St.

The films are "Supreme Court: Rule by Oligarchy" and "Communism: Blueprint for Conquest."

Aeronca Gets New Award ---

A contract valued at more than \$1 million for production of parts for the McDonnell Douglas F4 aircraft has been awarded to Aeronca, Inc., according to A. G. Handeschmacher, president of the firm. Work, which involves production of aluminum sub-structures, will be done at Aeronca's Torrance Aerospace Group. The F4 is used by the Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps.

Employees Suspected in Theft ---

More than \$31,000 worth of hand and power tools have been pilfered from Aeronca Corp., 24751 Crenshaw Blvd., during the past two months, police reports indicate. Aeronca officials discovered the loss Friday when a company investigator found one of the stolen tools offered for sale in a Torrance retail store. Scores of tools, some worth hundreds of dollars each, are missing from various places around the aircraft manufacturing plant. The missing articles are believed to have been stolen by company employees.

First Traffic Fatality ---

A 19-year-old Torrance boy who suffered a fractured skull in a car accident Tuesday gave up his fight for life Thursday evening after brain surgery failed to save him. Pronounced dead at 5:30 p.m. was Martin Archer Kline of 2539 W. 235th St., son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon A. Kline. Young Kline was fatally injured when he was thrown from his father's sports car as it fishtailed out of control on 235th Street near Elm. He underwent surgery early Thursday morning at Little Company of Mary Hospital. The car was driven by 21-year-old Daniel J. Shannon, 1642 W. Lomita Blvd. Kline was the first to die this year in a Torrance traffic mishap.

Election Slated April 9

Three seats on the Torrance City Council will be up for grabs at the next general municipal election April 9. Those councilmen whose terms expire this spring are David K. Lyman, Ed Talbert, and George Vico.

Nomination papers for candidates will be issued beginning Jan. 25, according to City Clerk Vernon W. Coll. Deadline for filing the papers is noon, Feb. 15.

Candidates must obtain the signatures of not less than five nor more than ten registered voters on nomination papers. Any registered voter may circulate a nominating petition. No voter may sign more than one nomination paper for the same office.

THE CITY Charter prohibits any person from holding an elective office unless he resided in the city for at least one year preceding the date of his election.

Each candidate for office may prepare a statement of his qualifications, not to exceed 150 words, on a standard form provided by the city clerk. This statement will be printed in pamphlet form and sent to all registered voters along with the sample ballot.

CANDIDATES wishing to file a statement of qualifications will be required to pay a deposit fee of \$100 at the time they file their nomination papers.

Should the fee exceed the printing costs, the City Clerk will refund the excess paid by candidates, and he also has authority to require payment of an additional amount if the printing exceeds the amount of the deposit.

Film Scheduled

A color travelogue, "Portraits of Italy," by Curtis Nagel and William Moore will be shown tomorrow at 8 p.m. in Seahawk Center, Harbor College, 1111 Figueroa Pl., Wilmington.

SECOND TIME AROUND

Council to Put Salary Hike on April 9 Ballot

City councilmen still want a raise. Voters will be asked to decide whether they get a raise at the polls April 9.

Councilmen, who now get \$100 per month, have asked City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier to draw up a ballot proposition which would make council salaries equal to those paid in general law cities of comparable size.

Torrance is a charter city and therefore the state legislature's recommendations for general law cities do not ordinarily apply.

If the ballot measure is passed, councilmen's salaries will be raised to \$300 per month. Fringe benefits, such as expense account and convention trips, will remain in effect.

If and when state salary recommendations change, Torrance council salaries automatically would change, according to provisions of the proposed measure.

Mayor Albert Isen feels that he and other city councilmen are greatly underpaid. "The city pays its management personnel on a par with industry," he said, noting that

councilmen get only a token salary by comparison.

The mayor, who says he spends a full half of his working hours on city business, stressed that cities with a population of only 10,000 people earn twice the salary of Torrance city councilmen. "Is the honor and glory of being on the council enough," Isen asked, "or can the people pay a little bit toward what it's worth?" Even the \$300 per month may not be adequate, he stated.

Isen also said higher council salaries would attract "higher caliber of citizens" to community service.

Lincoln Day Event Scheduled Feb. 14

Republicans in the 46th Assembly District will hold their second annual Lincoln Day Dinner Wednesday, Feb. 14, Dr. Merle Boyce, chairman of the district's Republican Central Committee, has announced.

Alan MacQuoid of Manhattan Beach has been named general chairman of the fund-raising dinner by Dr. Boyce. Mrs. Dorothy Natland of Rolling Hills and Michael Maier of El Segundo will assist MacQuoid.

The Lincoln Day event is a major feature of Republican groups throughout the nation, MacQuoid pointed out.

Dr. Max Rafferty, state superintendent of public instruction, was featured speaker at the 1967 event. MacQuoid said this year's speaker will be someone of equal note.

The committee also is looking for "a location with some special patriotic note" for the event, MacQuoid said. "Any hotel could accommodate us, but this one time when a different type of place seems called for, something that has national significance," he added.

The Lincoln Day celebration is a patriotic, rather than a purely political event, he stressed.

Tickets, are \$10 per person, may be ordered by contacting Dr. Merle Boyce, 1615, S. Pacific Coast Hwy., Redondo Beach.

City Ranks Fourth in Population

The city of Torrance ranks fourth in population in Los Angeles County, although it is only 34th on the list in terms of population density. These figures were released this week by the county Regional Planning Commission.

The current population of Torrance was listed at 132,210. The city has an area of about 20 square miles with (See POPULATION, Page A-2)

Need Dialogue for Effective Planning

By JERRY REYNOLDS
Press-Herald City Editor

Planning for people is the key issue facing urban centers in the nation, Edgardo Contini, designer of the Del Amo Financial Center, was declared here Wednesday.

Contini, an engineer and partner in the firm of Victor Gruen Associates, was the featured speaker at a seminar on urban planning sponsored by the Torrance League of Women Voters. The seminar was the first event of a two-year planning study to be conducted by the local League.

"Planning for people is the fundamental issue of our time—especially in a democratic society," Contini said. He also said that future planning will be socially oriented—"whether we like it or not."

Contini said planners cannot assume the responsibility

for telling people what is best for them in a democratic society. And, he added, conversely, planning cannot be done by the people.

This dilemma can only be resolved, the engineer declared, by extending and creating a dialogue between the public and the professional planners.

"Private involvement in planning has not been great in the past," Contini said. "When the housewives appear, it's generally to prevent something."

THE FUNCTION of planning, he explained, is to encourage and channel growth by evaluating alternatives. And the price, he declared, is not just the cost of the improvements. "At times, it is loss of freedom and choice," he said.

Southern California missed its first opportunity to develop

a planned and balanced community some 40 years ago, Contini told the 300 persons present.

At that time, he said, a central city could have been developed which would have been surrounded by urban centers and "tied together by a dependable transportation system—the red car." Ample provision could have been made for open space and agriculture areas, he added.

"Had we encouraged this," Contini added, "we would not have the mess we have today." One of the results of the urban sprawl, he added, is the loss of identity suffered by individual communities.

SOME CITIES, he declared, have no right to exist. Vernon, for example, was created as a "tax dodge device."

"There is a new opportunity that arises," Contini told the group. "We are going to (See PLANNING, Page A-2)

GUY OLING WINS TOP HONORS AS CARRIER

Twelve-year-old Guy Oling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Oling of 1017 Faysmith Ave., has been named the Press-Herald Carrier-of-the-Month for December, Darrell Westcott, Press-Herald circulation manager, announced today.

"Guy combines a very pleasing personality with careful personal attention to the needs and wishes of his Press-Herald subscribers," Westcott said in announcing the selection. "They can be assured of prompt, dependable delivery service at all times."

Guy, a seventh-grade student at Fern Greenwood School, says science is his favorite subject. He is active in the Junior Hi-Y Cobras and enjoys swimming, bowling, and surfing.



GUY OLING December Winner