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Driver Aids Foot Police In Crash Near Station

"Now, we've seen everything," was the comment of Police Sergeant Willard Haslam and Patrolman Swain Johnson of the Torrance police department who, although on foot, trailed a car driving with a flat tire and in an erratic manner as it turned into a driveway and crashed into the side of the City Hall directly in front of the police station.

Investigation by the police led to the discovery that the alleged driver of the vehicle, Roy Johnson, 20, of 15280 Raymond avenue, Gardena earlier had crashed into a parked car owned by Robert Einar Peterson, of Hollywood, and had driven away without stopping. Johnson was arrested by police for drunk driving, hit and run property damage, and driving without an operator's license, and was subsequently sentenced by City Judge Otto B. Willett to pay a fine of \$155, pay for all damages and was restrained from driving a car for 90 days, official records showed.

THE OPPRESSED
In Akron, an eleven-year-old boy admitted to police that he had set fire to his schoolhouse in three places, explaining that Teacher James Appleby made him brush his teeth.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

March 29, 1948
Editor Torrance Herald:
Through you, I wish to express my appreciation to the Chamber of Commerce and to the business men of Torrance for their cooperation in the closing of the stores on Good Friday. I realize full well that it is not an easy matter to close the doors of any establishment, but the cause in which you supported the churches was well worth the effort. They were by far the most successful Good Friday services we have had in Torrance, according to reports that came from the churches participating.

As president of the Torrance Ministerial Association, I here publicly wish to express my thanks for your support, that of the merchants and the Chamber of Commerce.

THOMAS R. OLSEN
President, Torrance Ministerial Association

March 31, 1948
Editor, Torrance Herald:
It would appear that I am being purposely misquoted in some quarters as being against any school bond issue, and particularly against new school buildings in the newer and rapidly growing areas of Torrance.

Speaking directly to the people of North Torrance, Wai-te-ria, Hollywood Riviera and Seaside Ranchos, I wish them to know that I am aware of their present school needs and hope to see these needs satisfied by the passage of a reasonable bond issue.

I earnestly call to their attention that bond issues require a two-thirds majority vote in order to carry, and that the \$750,000 bond issue which I have proposed would have a good chance of carrying, while it is very doubtful that the excessive \$1,500,000 issue proposed and advocated by the present Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools would have popular support.

I believe that this solution is reasonable, founded on the facts, and the best way of dealing with the present problem.

Sincerely,
Albert Isen

Park Barracks Occupied By C.N.G. Company

The military returned to Torrance ball park Tuesday night. The barracks building which served throughout the war as the armory of State Guard company in Torrance was occupied by A Company of the 578th Engineer Combat Battalion, California National Guard. The company is commanded by 1st Lt. Merle R. Gibb. William Garcia is first sergeant.

The move of A Company to Torrance was forced by the growth of the 578th, according to Major Clyde Carpenter, commanding officer. Headquarters and service companies will remain at the Torrance Municipal Airport administration building, which is serving as a temporary armory.

Capt. Tom Ramskill, battalion officer, will be stationed in the Torrance ball park armory, according to Major Carpenter.

He said that B Company will be activated soon and stationed in Redondo Beach.

Construction of a permanent armory in Torrance is being contemplated at this time, probably to be located on the park property on Cabrillo avenue between Lincoln avenue and the Santa Fe tracks.

CORRECTION
In Boston, City Registrar Michael J. Manning regretfully turned down a woman who wanted her birth date changed from 1909 to 1913.

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B. C. Buxton Is Asking Return To City Council

Editor, Torrance Herald:
I am not sure that the ethics of the situation permit me as President of the Torrance City Board of Education, to speak word in favor of those incumbents who are up for re-election on April 13th. However, I am being asked repeatedly for my judgment as to the value of the board members individually relative to the work of the board, and their several abilities and loyalty to the best interest of the Torrance School System.

As one who has attended every twice monthly meeting but one, and all the special called meetings since the board was elected, I feel that ethical or not, it is my duty to express, at least in general terms, my feeling regarding these board members and their contributions to the considerable work that has already been accomplished.

First I would state that my record of attendance is not unique as each member of the board has a comparable record and at no meeting has there been less than four or five members present. The few absences have been unavoidable and attendance has often meant financial loss to individual members.

The incumbents on the ballot have each at different times given of their time and substance to attend conventions, trustees meetings, out of town and local school functions and to study school house construction on the spot and at architectural exhibits in order to become better informed in the field in which your votes have placed them. They are each receiving and studying several school publications to the same end.

I point out these activities to indicate that though these Board members entered on their service as school trustees relatively inexperienced and less than a year ago, they by intensified and faithful application and unusual unselfishness, have in this short time become better informed in the duties and functioning of an up-to-date Board of Education than many who have served one or more complete terms of office.

When it is considered that a board member's normal term allows him four years in which to demonstrate his abilities and that the incumbents were limited to one year as the result of a "first board" election, it can be readily understood to deny any of them the opportunity and satisfaction of continuing the difficult task of organization and unification if by their work they have shown themselves to be competent.

As chairman of the board it has been a source of pride and gratification to me to work with these fellow board members who by independent thinking and willingness to be critical of problems brought before them, would thrash out a subject to a final harmonious agreement. The Board is fully aware of the hard work and worry involved in the difficult problems which lie in the immediate future for the Board of Education and the administration of the Torrance City Schools, and the fact that Grace Wright, George Thatcher and Carl Steele each willingly offers his continued service, is, to me, an added proof of their loyalty and deep interest in the schools of Torrance.

With no thought of discrediting the ability or intent of any other candidates for these offices, I should be sorry to see the school system deprived of the hard won experience of any of these incumbents.

Howard A. Wood, M.D., President, Board of Education, Torrance City Schools.

CUT-COVER AREA NEAR TORRANCE IS GIVEN PERMIT

The granting of two special permits by the Board of Supervisors for dumps in the Laguna-Dominguez area, to be operated by the cut-cover method, was reported today by the Chairman of the Board, Raymond V. Darby.

Darby revealed that one dump will be located at 406 West Griffith in the Laguna-Dominguez District, and the other is located opposite 19005 South Figueroa street.

OUT OF FOCUS
In Detroit, Douglas C. Giles, working as a civilian photographer's assistant, told the FBI that he had deserted the Army because of "the utter monotony of . . . working with cameras day after day."

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Vets To Sell Fireworks

Veterans of Foreign Wars post No. 3251 has been granted a permit by the City of Torrance to sell "safe and sane" fireworks in Torrance on July 4, Independence day.

The permit is in accordance with local fire ordinances, it was said.

A plea of the post for relief from the \$45 per night fee for use of the Civic auditorium for dances now is under consideration by City Administrator George W. Stevens, at the City Council's request.

Second Division Enlists Open Says Sergeant

More than 55 senior boys at Torrance high school heard First Sergeant John W. Dush of the Second Division Recruiting team tell of the advantages of an Army life, pay rates, and of other privileges accorded men serving in the United States Army in a special session held last Monday.

Dush told the high school boys that enlistments in the Second Division stationed in Fort Lewis, Washington were now open and that housing facilities for married enlisted men were available on the post.

High School To End Quarter On Friday, April 9
The end of the third quarter will be Friday, April 9, for Torrance High School.

Quarter examinations will be April 5, 6 and 7. Report cards for the third quarter will be distributed Wednesday, April 14.

CLOSE SQUEAK

In Rochester, N. Y., Elliott T. Baker searched his house from top to bottom for that annoying squeak, finally found it in the clips of his suspenders.

"During my residence here I have consistently tried to make Torrance a better place to live in, a better place in which to bring up our children.

"In answer to your questionnaire about city management, elimination of the \$50 a month now paid each Councilman, the outlawing of public draw poker, all of which I helped place on the April 13 ballot, I again heartily endorse all these measures, especially the change to the city manager form of government.

Regarding this form of government I would say that the Council's job is to make the laws and to plan the conduct of the various departments of the city. It is necessary to have someone in an administrative position such as a full time Mayor or as now proposed a City Manager who will see that the decisions of the City Council are carried out.

"The City Manager is always under the direction of the Council and it is always the Council and not the City Manager which will be responsible for all expenditures of the public's money.

"I am asking to be returned to the Council because of some of the unfinished business that I am greatly interested in, such as the city airport, some new sub-divisions and many other improvements, which I would like to be able to help in bringing to a successful conclusion, in order to forward the growth of our beautiful little city."

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SEWERS FOR AREA EAST OF CITY ARE PLANNED

Proceedings have been instituted, surveys have been partially completed and plans started for the installation of sanitary sewers in Jamison avenue and other rights of way, which will serve the Laguna-Dominguez District between East road, Main street, Carson street and Dominguez Slough, according to Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Raymond V. Darby.

Darby said that the plans are expected to be completed and ready for adoption by June 1, 1948.

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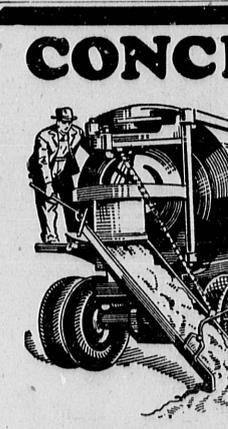
In Springfield, Mass., Bulldozer Driver Joseph A. Passineau was acquitted of drunkenness when he explained that he was a bulldozer driver, persuaded the jury that his stagger was really an "occupational sway."

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