

Tartars-Gauchos May Renew Grid Rivalry

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City Lets Large Street Contracts

Funds amounting to \$42,871.98 for street improvements were among the \$56,377 in appropriations voted by the Torrance City Council Tuesday night.

Contracts were awarded for the improvement of Torrance boulevard, \$5,568.24; Crenshaw boulevard, \$16,538.20; Sepulveda boulevard, \$9,931.24 and Cravens avenue and others for \$10,831.30. The work will start immediately, according to City Manager George W. Stevens.

Other expenditures okayed by the council were \$3800 for a lighting system for McMaster Park baseball diamond, and for the purchase of five Ford coupes from Schultz and Peckham who submitted the low bid of \$1381.97 each plus California sales tax. To set up a modern system of cost accounting for maintenance and operation of equipment at the City Yard the Council authorized the expenditure of not more than \$2000 for the employment of a consultant to conduct the survey.

Payment of \$797.96 to Frazier and Wright for overhauling a bus engine was likewise authorized.

Under the street improvement contracts Torrance boulevard will lose the unpaved island which extends from Madrid avenue to west of Crenshaw boulevard. Crenshaw boulevard, starting at 203rd street, will become a divided highway with two lanes each way to 190th street thus eliminating the bottleneck between the two General Petroleum properties.

Sepulveda boulevard will be repaved from Arlington avenue to Crenshaw boulevard. Cravens avenue will be resurfaced from Marcelina avenue to Post avenue. Post avenue likewise will be resurfaced from Arlington avenue to Sartori avenue. The same holds true for Arlington avenue from Carson street to Torrance boulevard.

The funds for the street work are from State Gas Tax Funds.



WHEELS REACH SKYWARD . . . Sixteen year old Arnold Adkinson is wheeled to awaiting ambulance after the car in which he was a passenger ended wheels up in a single car mishap at 236th street and Western avenue Monday night. He was injured slightly. (Photo courtesy Steven Buckalew).

Auto Accident Lull Broken by 3 Wrecks

The lull that has existed in the accident rate since Christmas was pierced this week with a series of auto crashes in widely separated areas of the city.

Monday night two Lomita teenagers flipped over at 236th street and Western avenue, wiping out a street sign and crashing into a fence. The wreckage landed wheels up.

WIFE INJURED
Earlier the same day a motorist and his wife received minor injuries as they crashed into the side of a loaded dump truck shearing off the dual wheels on the two-ton vehicle. The mishap took place at 190th street and Hawthorne boulevard.

At 12:28 a.m. last Thursday three girls, two 18 years and one 19 years old, rolled over in a pickup truck as they attempted to pass another car at 235th street and Narbonne avenue. The trio were treated at the Harbor General Hospital for minor injuries.

INJURED SLIGHTLY
Injured only slightly in Monday night's crash at 236th and Western was Driver Danny Mack Richmond, 19, of 2337 W. 249th street, a longshoreman. With him was Arnold Adkinson, 16, of 1705 W. 253rd street, who was treated for small cuts at the Harbor General Hospital. Officers John Maestri and Jim Thompson of the Torrance Police Department reported that the youths turned over as they tried to dodge what they thought was another car making a left turn into the path of their auto. The duo climbed from their upside down auto after it struck a fence owned by Ben Vaughn, 1702 W. 236th street. Samuel Keller, 1707 W. 236th street, said he was standing in the divided section of Western avenue in his auto waiting for the two youths to pass when they flipped over.

CITATION SUGGESTED
Monday afternoon Mae Scanlon, 69, of Venice sustained cuts and bruises when the auto in which she was a passenger crashed into the side of a truck at 190th street and Hawthorne boulevard. Officer John Maestri, investigating the accident, recommended that the driver of the car, William Charles Scanlon, the injured woman's husband, be cited for failing to yield the right of way. Driver of the truck was Gallester Jesus Gonzales, 27, of Hermosa Beach.

Treated at the Harbor General Hospital last Thursday after their pickup truck turned over were Nancy Harris, 19, of 215 Paseo de las Delicias, driver of the truck; Lorraine Anderson, 19, of 1917 Cabrillo avenue, and Barbara Galloway, 18, of 1018 Santa Fe avenue. Sergeant A. S. Thompson and Patrolman Harvey Turentine reported the driver of the light truck was attempting to pass a deputy sheriff's patrol car when the accident occurred.

Accepts Monrovia Post
Harold Dunn, band director at Torrance High School, has been appointed band director of the Monrovia-Duarte High School, it was announced this week.

Secretary of the Torrance Rotary Club, Dunn has been at Torrance for two years. He was also assistant director of the All-Southern California Orchestra.

HAM STATION . . . Members of the Torrance High School Radio Club practice operating the recently authorized amateur station, W6YBD. The ham station has its own power plant and could serve the community in the event of an emergency. Pictured are Instructor Wayne Hilton, James Noall (seated) and Fred Langer. (Herald photo).

'In Middle of War' Ridgway Warns 578th Now in Japan

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Without a Scratch:

Stout Auto Parks Self Neatly In Short Garage

A driverless auto belonging to a Torrance resident got the wanderlust last Thursday and took off downhill, and after a block-long journey parked itself neatly in a private garage.

The two principals involved were Stout and Stout—that's their names, not their appearance.

At 8:05 Mrs. Harold Short, 500 South Francisca street, telephoned Redondo Beach police that a hit-and-run car had just clipped her parked auto.

At 8:10 R. G. Stout, of 132 Vista del Parque, Torrance, telephoned the police to report that someone had just stolen his auto.

Police officers picked up the second radio call while answering the first call. It was they who discovered the Stout car parked in the Short garage. The officers theorized that the auto coasted down hill, nicked the parked auto, and then made a gentle left turn into the private garage.

Police Matron Resigns Post

Lucille Stroth, police matron with the Torrance Police Department for the past nine years, resigned Tuesday night to accept the position of policeman with the Compton Police Department.

Miss Stroth, a daughter of Torrance Police Chief John Stroth, will start on her new position Tuesday morning. The chief said he will ask the council to call for a Civil Service examination to find a replacement.



CPL. WILLIAM GOSSETT . . . War Is Over

Facing Tragic Reunion

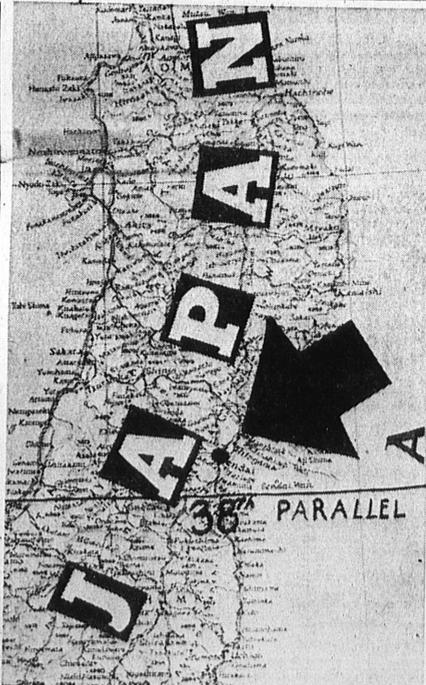
A bride, married but three days before her bridegroom left for overseas, will meet her husband this week when he returns from the war zone, but the meeting will be tragic rather than joyous.

Her husband, William Gossett, a corporal in the U. S. Marines, was killed in action near Seoul on September 26.

Wife of the war casualty is Mrs. Constance Gossett, 22, formerly Miss Palumbo of 22111 S. Halldale avenue.

The couple were married in a midnight ceremony last July 6—just three days before he left with the First Marine Division. Just two months later, Corporal Gossett, a radioman, was obnoxious by three enemy mortar shells as he and a buddy ran for a foxhole. He was 22.

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HOME OF THE 578th . . . Tip of arrow indicates location of Matsushima Airfield, Japanese camp of the 578th Combat Engineer Battalion now stationed on the east coast of Japan. Black dot locates Sendai where other units of the 40th Infantry Division are based. Both locations were visited last week by General Ridgway, successor to General MacArthur in the Far East.

General Ridgway Warns 578th Not To Forget War

Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, successor to General MacArthur, last week warned members of the 578th Combat Engineers now stationed at the Matsushima Airfield in Japan they were in Japan in the middle of a war and "not to forget it."

General Ridgway, as famous for his crumpled fatigue cap as was MacArthur for his gold-braided visor hat, made an inspection of the former National Guard Unit on April 19.

The 578th is composed of men from Torrance, Lomita, Harbor City and other communities in the South Bay area.

"Get it into your heads that you must meet terribly high standards whether you become part of the Eighth Army in Korea or anyplace else," General Ridgway told the engineers.

"I don't know when the chips will be down," he told the combat unit.

He said that in Korea the overriding factor had been good engineers. "That leaves it right up to you," he pointed out.

The former Torrance unit is based at an Army Airfield at Matsushima on the East coast of Japan approximately 35 miles North of Sendai between the 38th and 39th parallels. Major General Daniel H. Hudelson, commanding general of the 40th Infantry Division, has headquarters at Sendai where other units of the 40th are undergoing additional training.

Commenting on the conditions in Japan, Captain Willard McGlasson, Assistant Division Public Information Officer for the 40th, reported that in general the quarters were better than at Camp Cooke where the unit was last stationed before shipping out about March 25.

"Recreational facilities on the posts are more numerous and better operated but obviously, off-post recreation is strictly limited," wrote McGlasson in a personal letter to Jack Baldwin, managing editor of the Torrance Herald.

"The setup here isn't so bad but, naturally, everyone is a bit fed-up these days because of homesickness, etc. We'll all feel better after a few weeks, I suppose," McGlasson wrote.

When the 578th left here last September when the president activated the 40th Division approximately 165 men from the immediate area were members of the combat battalion.

Partly Cloudy, Forecaster Says

Some signs that the rains weren't here to stay were forecast by the weatherman late yesterday when he said today would be "partly cloudy with a temperature high of about 65."

Diamond Unopposed in 'Race' For Lions Club Presidency

Paul Diamond, former president of the Retail Merchants Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, won the unanimous nomination for next president of the Torrance Lions Club, it was announced this week.

Also running unopposed for the vice-presidency is L. Milton Isbell, executive secretary of the Torrance YMCA.

Nominated for second vice-president were Roy Peterson and Frank Stanley Selover.

Unopposed for the other offices are Fred Boren, secretary; Ken Olson, treasurer; Pete Radtsch, tall twister; Walt Schaefer, lion tamer; Warren Hamilton, director and Henry Berkowitz, director.

The nominating committee consisted of Past Presidents Al Isen, W. B. Hickox and Dr. Don C. Moskos.

Al Ewalt is the present president.

The election will be held on May 8 at a regular meeting of the club, to be held in the Torrance Woman's Club.

Diamond, long active in local civic affairs, is owner of the Gay Shop on Sartori avenue.



PAUL DIAMOND . . . Next Lion President