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HOPEFUL TRIO... These three Torrance High seniors today will be interviewed by a panel of judges who are out to select winners from Zone VII, for the annual achievement awards presented by the Bank of America. With fingers crossed—hoping—are Kelvin Figlius, at left; Martha Gruber and William Wilcox.

Temporary Relief Assured For 'Deplorable' Highway

Immediate "temporary improvement" of the "deplorable" condition of 174th St. in North Torrance is expected to be made in the very near future, Assemblyman Vincent Thomas told the Herald this week.

P. O. Harding, district engineer for the California Highway Commission, has asked the commission to take temporary action to remedy the unpaved, narrow situation which prevails along the state thoroughfare. The commission was slated to meet yesterday afternoon in Sacramento.

Exactly what "temporary improvement" meant was not clear to Thomas, he said, but he assured that some action was to be taken. A recent request by

the City Council to the Governor allegedly started the ball rolling.

The street is included in the proposed freeway system plans for this area, and within the next two years permanent work is slated to begin.

Two Women Hurt As Cars Collide

Two women suffered minor injuries and another man escaped injury in a two-car smash at Carson and Main Sts. Tuesday, the California Highway Patrol reports.

Injured were Betty Jo Caylor, 22, of 25338 Walnut St., Lomita; driver of one of the cars and Alta Vollmer, 30 of Wilmington, a passenger in Miss Caylor's car.

Driver of the second auto, Glen Holcomb, 56, of Long Beach, was unhurt.

The injured women were treated at Harbor General Hospital.

Narbonne Coed Struck by Car Slightly Hurt

A pretty Narbonne High School coed was struck down by a car in front of the high school Tuesday afternoon, but escaped serious injury, police report.

Marlene Davies, 17, of 1637 W. 226th St., was hit by an auto driven by Mrs. Mildred Domke, 39, of 1850 W. 254th St., as the girl reportedly crossed to board a waiting school bus, deputies said.

Treated at the Hillside Emergency Clinic, Miss Davies suffered abrasions, cuts and shock, attendants at the clinic said, but was well enough to be released two hours after she had been admitted.

The accident occurred several minutes after school closed and a crowd of curious students blocked traffic for more than half an hour before they could be cleared away by officers.

Aircraft Company Gets Navy Contract

Conversion of the former Alcoa plant at 190th and Normandie into an aircraft manufacturing plant got under way in earnest this week following an announcement by Douglas Aircraft that the company had signed a contract with the Navy to rehabilitate the World War II aluminum plant.

Preliminary steps in a \$5,000,000 rehabilitation project have been made, a company spokesman said. The plant will be converted into a sub-assembly

unit for El Segundo, officials said. No construction of complete aircraft is planned.

Wallace Accepts Arcadia Post For September

Vice-Principal Charles E. Wallace has accepted the post as principal of the Arcadia High School, it was learned here yesterday.

Wallace, who has been in Torrance during the formative years of the Torrance Unified School District, will step into the same situation in Arcadia, he said.

The school has just withdrawn from the Arcadia-Monrovia-Duarte school district to set up its own system.

"Professionally, it is the promotion which I've been working toward," Wallace said. He emphasized his reluctance to leave Torrance, "a city which has come to be my hometown."

Both Wallace and Mrs. Wallace have been active in civic affairs here. He is a member of the Kiwanis club and an active leader in youth work in the club.

Mrs. Wallace is presently president of the Junior Woman's Club and had been active in club and YWCA work during her stay in Torrance.

The Wallaces and their three daughters live in Rolling Hills. Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, said yesterday that he hated to see Wallace leave the Torrance school system, but that it was a nice promotion.

No successor has been named, Hull said, although a search was started immediately when it was learned that Wallace had accepted the Arcadia post.

Vital Parking Meeting Slated For 8 Tonight

Details of a survey recently completed on parking in the central business section of Torrance will be revealed tonight at a meeting scheduled for 8 o'clock in the City Council chambers.

Calling the meeting is C. T. Rippey, chairman of the city's Parking Authority, who has been overseeing the survey in progress during the past several months.

"Preliminary reports indicate that new light will be thrown on the entire matter of parking on-street and off-street parking."

J. H. Paget, who has collected the survey questionnaires as a member of the committee, said last week that the Authority would have some recommendations to make as a result of the survey and that anyone interested in the parking situation in town should attend tonight's meeting.

Other members of the committee include Charles V. Jones, Mrs. Emma Roberts and Dean Sears.

The plant property, which consists of about 214 acres and has approximately 1,000,000 square feet of manufacturing area, is being acquired by the Navy under condemnation action against the Columbia-Geneva division of U. S. Steel. The action was filed in Federal Court, Los Angeles, several weeks ago, but was not made public until late Saturday.

The Douglas option to lease or purchase the site was nullified by the Navy action to condemn the property.

"The present contract authorizes Douglas to prepare the buildings as a manufacturing facility to fabricate parts of Navy aircraft produced by the El Segundo division," a company statement said.

No disclosure was made on what would be manufactured at the plant. Some authorities expressed the belief that the nature of the fabrication contemplated had been classified by the government.

Douglas officials could give no details on the number of persons to be employed here or transferred in from other plants.

A company spokesman indicated that it might be a year before actual production in the plant will get under way as considerable work had to be done in the plant first. He indicated that walls had to be strengthened, floors replaced and other alterations made.

The factory will be administered from the El Segundo plant. Announcement of the move by the aircraft company confirms the story carried in the Torrance Herald last Sunday which said the Navy had filed suit in Federal Court in Los Angeles to acquire the plant by condemnation.

The plant was operated by the Aluminum Company of America (Alcoa) for the government during World War II.

The Columbia Steel Co. purchased the site and buildings in 1948 for a sum in excess of \$4,000,000 from the War Assets Administration. Plans to convert the facility into a cold reduction mill were announced at the time, but actual conversion of the plant never materialized.

Douglas officials said yesterday that more complete details on the project would probably be known "in two or three weeks."

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LITTLE BRENDA BISHOP ... Catches Sixty Winks

SDTLEP Issues Bulletin for Clock Watchers

We all might take a tip from Little Brenda Bishop, pictured above.

Little Brenda, only 18 months old but wise to the machinations of modern civilization, was caught cat-napping in El Prado Park the other day by a roving Herald photographer. Inquiry brought out the fact that she is storing up shuteye for the impending switch to daylight savings time next Sunday morning.

That annual confuser will go into effect at 2 a.m. April 27. To make certain that all Herald readers were informed on just what to do with their clocks at that time, Herald reporters called on the Sun Dial Technicians of Lower El Prado for their instructions in the matter.

An SDTLEP spokesman said it was just as simple as it was a year ago—letting on that he was bored slightly with the whole business.

"You just sit up until 2 a.m. Sunday morning and then turn your clock ahead to 3 p.m. and go to bed," he said. "And don't quote me."

Now it is just the reverse come next September 28, the SDTLEP spokesman said. At that time, when 2 a.m. comes, you're kidding yourself if you think you are staying up late because it will only be 1 a.m.

He said something about school kids being able to fly kites an hour longer than usual, and a mama being able to leave the lawn mowing to dad now that he was getting home an hour earlier, but the Herald reporter had wandered off to other haunts by then and missed most of it.

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City Okays County Request To Improve Crenshaw Blvd.

The City of Torrance Tuesday night granted permission to the county to pave Crenshaw Blvd. from Lomita Blvd. to Pacific Coast Hwy.

"That clears one of the hurdles we have to get over before we can make Crenshaw a through highway to the sea," commented Supervisor Raymond V. Darby yesterday.

"Now come the real hurdle. We must obtain the right of way from more than 2000 property owners before we can pave Crenshaw from Sepulveda Blvd. to Lomita Blvd.," said Darby.

"We solicit the cooperation of those who own property along the proposed highway to help us in the county complete this project."

"Within 30 days Crenshaw will be paved south of Hwy. 101 to Crest Rd. Leading down to Portuguese Bend from Crest Rd. we are starting to grade the roadbed which will eventually create a cross-peninsula highway across the Palos Verdes hills."

"We have allocated \$108,000 for the Crenshaw project in next year's county budget," Darby said. "We've got the money for the road. All we need is the land on which to put the road. Now starts the long legal struggle to acquire by negotiation or condemnation the 2000 parcels of land between Sepulveda and Lomita Blvd."

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HERALD TO STREAMLINE CLASSIFIED SECTION

Next Sunday's edition of the Torrance Herald will mark another step forward in the progress of the community's leading newspaper.

Beginning Sunday, the Herald classified section will be streamlined and modernized with a completely new type and classification design, it was announced yesterday by E. B. Brown, business manager of the paper.

"We are patterning our new classified section after those of the most progressive and successful newspapers in America," Brown said.

The new typographic pattern of the section, designed and recommended by a widely-known classified specialist, will be neat, appealing, and easy to read.

Changes in the style of heading on the various sections will make it easier for the reader to select the ads which interest him, quickly, according to Brown.

An index of classification, telling readers where they can find the items they are interested in, will head up the section. "The Herald is no longer a country weekly, and there is no reason why its classified section should not look like those of other progressive metropolitan newspapers," Brown said.

COUNTY HEALTH OFFICIAL INVITES MOTHERS TO CONFAB

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Drale Protests Paying \$1250 To Local C of C

Claiming he saw "no reason for the city to subsidize the Torrance Chamber of Commerce," Councilman Nick Drale cast a no vote Tuesday night against paying a \$1250 bill tendered the City Council by the Chamber.

"I've been on the council for four years, starting on my second four-year hitch, and I have never seen a new itemized invoice."

"Our population has jumped to 31,000, yet we still have the same old population signs which read 22,000. I don't believe a self-supported organization like the Chamber should ask for city funds," the councilman explained.

"With the moving of the City Court to the South Bay the city is going to lose between \$50,000 and \$60,000 in revenue this year. I think this calls for economy action on our part. The Chamber's bill is a good place to start."

City Manager George Stevens said that invoices were available for inspection.

"These bills from the Chamber are for services the Chamber renders the city," Stevens explained after the meeting. "The Chamber prints thousands of street maps, brochures, post cards and serves as the city's agent in answering requests for information about Torrance."

Drale's motion was defeated, however, and the council approved of Stevens' recommendation to pay the bill. The motion passed 4-1, Drale dissenting.

Steelworkers' Wage Increases Delayed a Week

Steelworkers will probably have to wait another week before they find out what the government will set for their wage hikes, it was announced in Washington yesterday.

Economic Stabilizer Roger L. Fuhrman of the Office of Price Stabilization ordered steel price ceilings boosted by nearly \$3 a ton and said it would probably be next week before he recommended the amount of increases which the government would decree.

Workers at Columbia Steel had anticipated news of the increase sometime yesterday, it was learned.

The steel industry was seized by the government recently when it appeared that no settlement of wage disputes between the industry and the United Steelworkers of America (CIO) could be reached.

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Suicide Victim Found by Auto

A 47-year-old Los Angeles man pointed a shotgun at his head and pulled the trigger early Monday afternoon, according to sheriff's officers.

The victim, William Clifton Ray, was found lying beside his parked auto by two Los Angeles Parks Department employees moments after he committed suicide, Police said that Ray was dependent over recent ill health.

Funerary services are pending at a Compton mortuary. His body was found on Avalon Blvd. near 197th St.