

# North Torrance Residents Gird for Zoning Battle

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**MUSIC MAKEUP . . .** Trumpeter Raphael Mendez takes time out during rehearsal to play a special request for Shirlee Salzman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Salzman of 1639 W. 305th St. Mendez will play here tomorrow night in the first of six concerts with the Torrance Area Youth Band. (Herald photo)

# YOUNG FATHER KILLED WHEN CYCLE COLLIDES WITH AUTO

## Cyclist Dies Instantly in Holiday Crash

A 21-year-old father of an infant son was dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital just before noon Thanksgiving Day after a motorcycle he was riding here crashed head-on with an auto.

Dead was Thomas James Regan II, of 26810 Bucks Lane, Rolling Hills. He was killed when he swung out to pass an auto on Palos Verdes Blvd. just south of Calle Mayor and collided with an auto driven by Paul F. O'Brien, 48, of 2128 Charles Rd., Palos Verdes Estates.

Regan was thrown from his bike and through the windshield of the O'Brien auto, police reported. He was apparently killed instantly.

The young father was the son of Thomas J. Regan, co-owner of the Regan Forge and Engineering Co. of San Pedro.

His death Thursday was the third here due to traffic in 1953.



**SWEET NOTHINGS . . .** Dianna Powers and Ronnie Jaussen strike a pose from the coming Torrance High School Variety Show in which the pair sing "Make Believe" from Showboat. The show will be staged at Torrance High School Auditorium Dec. 4. (Herald photo)

## Crash Ties Up Evening Traffic On Hawthorne

Heavy evening traffic was tied up several minutes here Friday evening on a two-lane section of Hawthorne Ave. when four cars were involved in a collision. One driver received minor injuries.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital for treatment of injuries was Constantine George Salmas, 37, of Redondo Beach.

Also involved in the dusk collision were autos driven by Ralph W. Hilton, of 204 Palos Verdes Blvd.; Marvel Fairchild, 51, of Long Beach; and Robert Earl Morton, of 4325 W. 165th St.

None of the autos received more than minor damage.

In another traffic collision here Friday evening, an auto driven by Tracy Earl Hall, 17, of 25365 Woodward Ave., Lomita, was struck in the rear by an auto driven by Oscar Lawrence Deaton, 58, of 1657 W. 203rd St.

## Fluoridation Of City Water Supply Studied

By MARV HALL

Fluoridation—miracle or menace?

As a result of the recently instigated investigation by the local Chamber of Commerce on the advisability of fluoridating the Torrance water supply, this question has become a vital one here.

The country has divided into two warring camps on the question of fluoridation of water. One side says that fluorine is a deadly poison, and that it causes mottled teeth and kidney trouble. The other side points out that adding fluorides to drinking water in the proper amounts, will reduce dental caries (decay) in children by about 50 per cent.

What Experts Say

Experts on the question of fluoridation have the following things to say:

In a report to the 82nd Congress on July 10, 1952, on the fluoridation of public drinking water it was stated: "Fluorine is a gas, and is found naturally in combination with various mineral salts as a fluoride compound. These compounds are very poisonous. The acute toxic effects of fluorides have little bearing upon the hazards which may be associated with its use in public drinking water for the purpose of reducing dental decay. As in the case of most chemicals used or proposed for use in food, the hazard, if any, will result from the cumulative action of small quantities ingested over a relatively long period of time."

George A. Swendiman, DDS, writes in a pamphlet on fluoridation: "Who will guarantee that if fluoride is diluted one part to a million of water, as advocated by Public Health officials, that it may not have some prolonged, insidious effect?"

Dr. Swendiman goes on to say: "In my opinion, the dental association proposes to treat an effect rather than to eliminate a cause. The prime causes of tooth decay as every dentist knows, are candy, soft drinks, and refined foods."

Effect on Adults

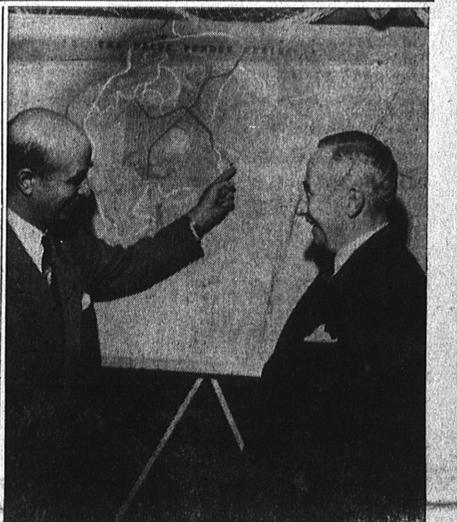
On another front, it is felt that there has not been adequate study made of the effect of fluoridation on adults, who suffer from kidney diseases.

In the report to the 82nd Congress it states: ". . . no study has been made of the effect of fluoridated drinking water, if any, on adults or the aged who may be suffering from chronic diseases or impaired kidney function. Proponents of fluoridation believe that the likelihood of injury to anyone from the ingestion of fluoridated water in the amounts recommended is very remote, although it is admitted that investigative work on this problem has not been completed."

Water a Necessity

Since water is a necessity of life on this planet, it is felt by many that the national addition of fluorides to all water, so that every person, regardless of his age, state of health, or possible personal reactions to fluorine, has to drink it, should be carefully considered and studied before being adopted.

From the report to Congress again: "They (scientists) believed that the reduction of dental decay in the population is a highly commendable goal, but that the situation is not so serious that risks should (Continued on Page 13)



**DEVELOPMENT CHECKED . . .** George Skakel (left), founder and chairman of the board of the Great Lakes Carbon Corp., discusses development planned in Palos Verdes with Robert I. Plomert Jr., president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Skakel spoke at a luncheon for Torrance industry and business leaders here Tuesday. (Herald photo)

## Council to Decide On Yukon Rezoning

North Torrance residents, who nearly filled the Council chambers last Tuesday evening, were rallying forces this week to present protests or approvals of a proposed rezoning of portions of Yukon Ave. for apartment house development when it comes up for a final hearing before the City Council on Dec. 8.

Next week's hearing will climax a drawn-out series of discussions and revisions on the proposal to convert a portion of Yukon Ave. to R-3 zone from its present R-1.

The Council will have the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the proposal be

approved, when it sits as a hearing board on the matter.

More than 100 property owners in the area have signified they favor the change to R-3, according to F. R. Major, 17815 Yukon Ave., who told the planners that he had made a complete survey of the petitions presented.

During the Council meeting last week, the city fathers voted against rezoning a portion of the airport tract for apartment buildings. Residents of that area were almost unanimous in their disapproval of the proposal.

The area in question involves a major portion of Yukon Ave. between 174th St. and Redondo Beach Blvd. The original plans submitted to the city last summer called for the rezoning of portions of 174th St. also, but most of these have been eliminated in the latest maps.

## Mounted Police To Ride Today

Members of the Torrance Mounted Police will participate in the Twedeby Blvd. parade in the Golden West Gymkhana at the Golden West Stables on 190th west of Torrance today.

The troop has been busy the past week polishing saddles and other equipment in preparation for today's events. Trophies and ribbons will be given for prize-winning entries.

On Dec. 6, the mounted police will participate in the Twedeby Blvd. parade in South Gate, according to Sgt. D. C. Cook, of the Torrance Police Department.

The unit, formed here this summer, has about 20 members who participate in its parade activities.

## Realtor Has Free Tip for Home Seekers

Ken Perdew, Realtor, 15342 Crenshaw Blvd., told the classified department of the Herald, and we're passing it on to you—for only \$1000 down and GI financing, the Ken Perdew Realty can establish an employed couple or small family in a two-bedroom stucco, attached gar-



**REGAL COURT . . .** Reigning over homecoming activities at El Camino College during the past week have been the three lovely coeds shown above as they appeared at the Thanksgiving Day Homecoming football game in Warrior Stadium. Left to right are Princess Nancy Smith, Queen Barbara Ellis, and Princess Marian McDonald. Marian wrote "Tartar Teen Talk" for the Herald prior to entering El Camino. (Herald photo)

## Council Delays Dress Rehearsal Big Development Slated for THS 'Blackouts' Show

Tract maps for the first 380 homes of the huge Milton Kaufman development planned to be constructed west of Hawthorne Ave. and south of 190th St. were held up by the City Council last Tuesday until some agreement could be reached regarding proposed oil drilling in the area.

The Council voted unanimously to hold up the tract when it was informed that "islands" in the tract had been retained by the Dominguez Estates Co. for "future oil development."

The proposed development would eventually contain about 2500 homes.

## Dress Rehearsal Slated for THS 'Blackouts' Show

First dress rehearsal is scheduled to be held tomorrow for "Blackouts on Review," the annual Torrance High School variety show.

"Blackouts on Review" enters its last week of rehearsals tomorrow and will open on Friday night in the school auditorium. The cast will rehearse every day this week in preparation for the opening.

The setting for the first act of the show will be a typical sidewalk cafe, school spokesman said. A chorus line will start the show, and will be followed by various acts and specialty numbers.

Latest additions to the program include Terry Ackers, who will sing "Hi Lily, Hi Low." She will be followed by a song and dance done to the tune "Anna" by Sylvia Baliga and Vivian De La Cruz.

## Thumber Robs Kind Driver

A hitch hiker he picked up in Walteria Friday evening robbed him of \$50 before he had traveled 100 yards. Dr. LeRoy Hammer, of 11838 So. Main St., told Torrance police.

## Chamber Names Parkin, Plomert, Wagen, Diamond to Directorships

Three incumbents and a member of a former board were named to the 1953-54 board of directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce in balloting concluded this week; it was announced yesterday by Executive Secretary Dale Isenberg.

Returned to the board were Reed H. Parkin, of Doak Aircraft; Robert I. Plomert Jr., president of the current board and manager of the property tax department of the General Petroleum Corp.; A. D. Wagen, division director of Pittsburgh Paint; and Paul Diamond, owner and operator of the Gay Shop. All but Wagen are members of the current board and Wagen has been a member of previous Chamber boards here.

The four new members, with the 10 held over, will meet Dec. 7 to select a 15th member of the board, Isenberg said. Selection of a new president may be done at that time also, he said. President Plomert has stated that he is not a candidate for re-election as president.

An installation banquet for the new directors is being planned for sometime in January.



**TOM WOLFORD**  
At Texas Air Force Base

## Airman Trains At Texas Base

Tommy Wolford, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Wolford of 22928 Petroleum Ave., is completing his AF basic airman indoctrination course at Lackland Air Force Base, the "Gateway to the Air Force."

Lackland, situated near San Antonio, is the world's largest air force base, site of Air Force basic training, for men and women, headquarters of the Human Resource Research Center, and home of AF's Officer Candidate School.

Wolford's basic training is preparing him for entrance into Air Force technical training and for assignment in specialized work. The course includes a scientific evaluation of his aptitude and inclination for following a particular vocation and career.

## WEATHER

The Weather Bureau says that today will be mostly clear and sunny, with fog patches near the coast in the early morning. The high temperature should be around 53, with a low of 50 in the pre-dawn hours.

## Driver Voted Neatest Trick Of Week Honor

Neatest trick of the week honors go this week to James Michael Laven, of 1806 Arington Ave. He turned his car into a house Friday afternoon.

Turning a corner near Torrance High School Friday evening, Laven and his passenger, Robert Wayne Cigliano of San Pedro, didn't get the auto straightened out. It cut up across the curb, through a white picket fence, and into the corner of a house at 1726 Watson Ave., former residence of Ex-Mayor Bob Hagyard.