

COURT OKAYS MORTUARY VARIANCE

Death Claims Popular Grade School Principal

Plans on New Firm Due Soon

WEATHER

Weatherman calls for morning fog and clouds tomorrow, with hazy sunshine in the afternoon. High today and tomorrow is expected near 69, with a low of 53 this morning.

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Death Takes Principal of Carr School

The principal of Evelyn Carr School, Donald Dee Robison, 39, died suddenly Thursday morning of a heart attack at his home, 1307 Arlington Ave. Funeral services were held Saturday at Stone and Myers Chapel, with the Rev. John L. Taylor officiating. Mr. Robison was the first principal of Evelyn Carr School when it opened this fall, and had served as principal of the North Torrance Elementary School since 1950, when he joined the Torrance School System. Before that, he had been a principal in the Hudson School District, and a teacher in the Alhambra schools.

Headed Largo School
Mr. Robison was one of the key men in our organization, "School Superintendent J. H. Hull said. "He has always been principal of one of our largest schools, and has made a number of real contributions to Torrance schools."
A graduate of Whittier College, he received a Master's Degree from the University of Southern California. He was born in Union Star, Mo. During World War II, he served three and a half years in the Navy, emerging as a lieutenant junior grade.
He was a member of the California Teachers Assn., the National Education Assn., and the Rotary Club and Masons in Baldwin Park. He also belonged to the First Methodist Church.

Four Survivors
Mr. Robison is survived by his widow, Alice; two sons, Jack and Ted, both at home; his mother, Mrs. Austa Wave, of Baldwin Park, and a sister, Mrs. Thelma Spaulding, of Fullerton.
Burial was in Rose Hills Cemetery in Whittier.
Vice-principal Donald Duncan will be acting principal of Carr School in Robison's place, Superintendent Hull announced Friday.

Bike Rider Hits Auto

Ten-year old Robert Corazza, of 347 Calle Mayor, received a bruised chin and skinned knees when he reportedly rode his bike into an auto stopped at an intersection in Hollywood Riviera. Police reports show.
Driver of the car, Louis Regan, 265 Vista Del Parque, told (thorities the accident happened at Vista Del Parque and Pacific Coast Hwy. Regan said he took the boy to his home for bandaging.

Voter List Up 2043 from June

Although voter registration in Torrance increased by 2043 since the June primary elections, the relative strength of the two major parties remained about the same, according to figures released by the County Registrar of Voters, Benjamin S. Hite.
Democrats, whose margin over Republicans had been declining for several years, picked up a half percentage point in their registration, and now have 12,180 voters, or about 60 per cent of the total.
Republicans accounted for about 35 per cent of the total with 7302 registered voters. Of the remainder, 696 declined to give their party, 14 were Independent Progressives, 13 are Prohibitionists, and 84 belong to miscellaneous parties.

Totals Increase
The total number registered is 20,288, more than three times the number registered in 1948, and about 2043 more than the 18,246 who registered for the June primary elections. In the 1948 election, Democrats outnumbered Republicans nearly 2 to 1.
In Lomita, Democrats outnumbered Republicans 3261 to 1322, with six IPP members, 13 Prohibitionists, 20 miscellaneous, and 84 who declined to state a preference. The total registration was 4702.
Of the Keystone Strip's 6570 voters, 4772 registered as Democrats, 1563 as Republicans, and 15 claimed no party.
Registration for the fall election in Harbor City and the Shoreline district totaled 5717. A breakdown by parties was not available.

Democrats Lead
Registration figures in the 17th Congressional district show that Republican nominee Robert Finch may have to work hard at wooing Democratic voters, since Democrats led the GOP by 153,199 to 88,345.
Other parties included Independent Progressive with 267; Prohibitionists, 249; miscellaneous, 1280, and declined to state, 79.
Democratic Assemblyman Vincent Thomas should smile when he learns that his 68th district has 51,291 Democratic voters, 19,345 Republicans, 109 Progressives, 72 Prohibitionists, 283 miscellaneous, and 2069 declined to state.
Parties Split
The Republicans are now on nearly even terms in the 46th Assembly district, where they claim 45,444, compared with 50,447 Democrats, 56 Progressives, 87 Prohibitionists, 640 miscellaneous, and 3924 declined to state.
In the county as a whole, Democrats also led Republicans. Democrats totaled 1,356,994, while Republicans claimed 1,014,317, Progressives, 3930, Prohibitionists, 3371, miscellaneous, 12,086, and 81,116 declined to state.

Harvey Firm To Add Three New Presses

An 8000-ton forging press three stories high and two 4000-ton capacity forging presses are included in a major expansion program of the Harvey aluminum plant, according to board chairman Leo M. Harvey.
The additional presses and auxiliary equipment will make Harvey's forging operation the largest in the west.
According to Harvey, ground clearance is under way for the immediate construction of the new building, with the completion date slated for early 1955. Added production is scheduled for about the middle of next year. The new structures will also house additional facilities for secondary forging operations as trimming, heat treating, inspection, etc.

All three presses to be installed in the Harvey plant were designed, developed, and built in the United States. The giant 8000-ton capacity press will have an available forging area of 40 square feet. Designed to be exceptionally rigid, it will produce precision forgings no matter how complex or unsymmetrical.
In aluminum forgings currently in production at Harvey are used in vital parts for aircraft in automotive equipment, hand tools, portable industrial equipment, fittings, high-speed mechanisms, etc.

Ray Wright Service Set

Funeral services for Ray Daniel Wright, 65, a 20-year Torrance resident, will be held tomorrow, at 2 p.m., at the Wilmington Funeral Home. He died Friday at San Pedro Hospital.
Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Rosa L. Wright; two sons, Dale, of 1748 Martins Ave., and Clive, of Palm Springs; three daughters, Esta Showalter, of 1555 W. 215th St.; Altha Lencaster, of 21511 Figueroa St.; and Bernita Bendiksen, of Palos Verdes; and 11 grandchildren and one greatchild.
Interment will be at Green Hill Memorial Park.

Rabbit Food Stolen

Fifty pounds of rabbit feed was stolen from a shed in the rear of her home, Mary Friedman, of 18410 Hawthorne Ave., reported to Torrance police. She said the thief took down a portion of a fence to get to the lo-



WET HIGHWAY CRASH . . . Thousands of gallons of water flooded Pacific Coast Hwy., and nearby Vista del Parque after this 1953 Jaguar left the highway and snapped a fire hydrant, late last night. An 18-year-old sailor, a passenger in the car, is suffering critical head injuries at Harbor General Hospital. Driver of the auto also was hurt.

Man Stabbed By Drinking Companion

A 47-year-old man was reported in "good" condition at Harbor General Hospital today after receiving wounds in the stomach and on the hands from a drinking companion.
Amos Watson, of 20431 S. Lawrence Ave., told sheriff's deputies that he was drinking at his home with a companion, when the man demanded money. After giving him \$20, the man stabbed him several times, and received a severe stomach cut.
Found wandering in the street, Watson was taken to the hospital. Deputies found the assailant at Watson's home lying on the floor, with several pools of blood about.
Contacted in the hospital, Watson declined to prosecute the man.

Rock Thrown Through Window by 'Fighter'

A rock was thrown through his window at 1:30 a.m. Saturday morning after an unknown man shouted: "Babcock, come out and fight like a man," Robert Beard, of 20615 Florence Blvd., told sheriff's deputies.
Beard said that he did not know whom the rock thrower was referring to, unless he meant the owner of the house, Ray Bab.

Bond Committee To Meet Tonight

A final wrap-up of plans to promote bond issues for a new civic center and police station and a new swimming pool on the Oct. 19 special election ballot is scheduled this evening when the committee seeking a "Yes" vote on the two proposals meet in the City Council chambers of the City Hall at 7:30.
Spearheaded by Mrs. Herma Tillim, the committee has been active in promoting the two issues which will be put before Torrance voters a week from tomorrow.

Two proposals will be on the ballot. Proposition No. 1 called for bonds totaling \$700,000 to acquire sites and construct a new city hall and police station—both badly needed by the mushrooming city.
Proposition No. 2 is for bonds totaling \$250,000 to construct an Olympic swimming pool.

Groups Back Bonds
Endorsements of the two proposals have been voted by many Torrance civic organizations, including the Business and Professional Women's Club, the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn., the CIO Oilworkers and Steelworkers unions, and others.
No organized opposition to the proposals has been evident, although sporadic "rumors" have dropped up here and there.
Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of the Torrance Unified School District, spiked the latest one this morning when he pointed out that the city's bond issues had nothing to do with school financing.
Schools Not Involved
"Passing of these bond issues for sorely needed civic improvements will have no effect on any future bond issues proposed by the school district," Dr. Hull said.
He was commenting on a report being circulated that approval of the bonds would cut off further school bonds.
In evidence throughout the city today are bumper stickers saying VOTE "YES" OCT. 19th FOR GREATER TORRANCE. Also showing up this morning were windshield stickers and posters urging approval of the bonds.
Still planned are a number of activities including a huge parade next Saturday throughout the city's residential areas. Torrance police and members of the Youth Coordinating Council will parade throughout the area to draw attention to the need for the new civic center.

Week-end Road Crashes Injure Many Motorists

Two persons were critically injured and several others less seriously hurt in week-end highway crashes.
Listed as "critical" this morning at Harbor General Hospital was Guy D. Lazzaro, 18, a sailor stationed at San Diego. He was a passenger in a 1953 Jaguar which rammed into a fire hydrant at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Paseo de Gracia, late last night. Lazzaro suffered a concussion and multiple lacerations of the face. Driver of the small sports car was Reed A. Walker, 29, of Beverly Hills, who was cut on the face and hands.
Traffic Officer Miles Hamilton said the auto was headed east on the highway, left the pavement and hit the fire hydrant. Thousands of gallons of water poured through the car and onto the highway.
3 Thrown From Auto
Suffering a head injury from an accident at Sepulveda and Cabrillo Ave. Friday night, is Myrtle Clay, 64, of 2062 W. 231st St. She was dashed to the pavement after the car in which she was riding collided with one driven by Dale Lloyd, 33, of Long Beach.
Lloyd was booked on suspicion of drunk driving by Traffic Officer Don Nash.
Driving the car in which Mrs. Clay was riding was Ernest F. Kelley, 62, of the 231st St. address. He also suffered cuts and bruises. Both were transported to Harbor General Hospital by Torrance Ambulance.
Bill McEwen, of 1977 Reynosa Dr., told Officer Nash that Lloyd left the scene on foot after the crash and he ran onto a nearby field to capture him.

Neighbors Complain
The dispute had arisen after a number of adjacent property owners complained of the city's action in granting a variance for the mortuary—which will be located just across the street from the city's only existing mortuary.
The Council and Planning Commission had been challenged to defend their action by Earl P. Miller, who sought court help in stopping construction of the mortuary. Miller resides at 1304 Arlington, which is near the proposed mortuary site.
City Attorney James M. Hall prepared the city's answers to Miller's charges that several specified circumstances necessary for the granting of a variance had not been met by Halverson.
Principal point of contention was over ownership of the property. Opponents of the proposal to erect a mortuary at the Cravens-Engracia site contended that Halverson was not the true owner of the property but had merely taken an option to buy.
Council Compiled
Judge Praeger ruled that "there was a substantial and sufficient compliance by the Planning Commission and the City Council with the provisions of section 16 of the Zoning Ordinance." This section had been used as a basis for an appeal to the court for an order to halt construction of the edifice.
The courts should not interfere with the exercise of discretionary powers of administrative boards, Judge Praeger ruled. He pointed out that the courts could be used to force an administrative body to act but that "it may not substitute its discretion for the discretion properly vested in the administrative agency."

2 Women Get 'Neighbor' Nominations

Two Torrance women have been nominated as "good neighbors" for the award to be given at the YMCA Good Neighbor Breakfast on Oct. 23 at the Civic Auditorium, according to Sam Levy, awards chairman.
Mrs. Clara Davis, of 18337 Roslin Ave., was nominated by Mrs. Vera Wright, for "being the first to put forth her assistance when an emergency arises, or someone is ill in her neighborhood."
For her aid during a recent illness, Mrs. Martha Grumm nominated Mrs. Edward Vincent, of 17404 Kornblum Ave.

Thief Steals Four Rifles

A burglar with a yen for guns made off with four rifles and other goods from two neighboring Lomita homes Friday.
Two rifles, worth \$50, and two sport coats, valued at \$30 were taken from the home of Garfield T. Carr, of 2117 W. 247th St., he told sheriff's deputies. Arlo Royal Dalton, of 2111 W. 247th St., reported that thieves had pried off his kitchen door to take two rifles, valued at \$270, and a watch worth \$30.
A hearing was postponed for 30 days on an application by J. B. Brooks for a variance and conditional permit to build a multiple dwelling west of Arlington on Sepulveda Blvd. in an area now zoned for light agriculture.
Decision Delayed
A 1541-lot tract, between Torrance and Sepulveda Blvds., and between the west city limits, and a prolongation of Anza Ave., was held for further consideration, pending a decision on the width of Palos Verdes Blvd.
Presented by Milton Kauffman, the tract is No. 20473. Discussion will be centered about whether Palos Verdes Blvd. north of Sepulveda Blvd. should be 100 feet wide. Harold Tugart, engineer for the tract recently developed south of Sepulveda, said his understanding had been that the street would be 100 feet wide.
Permission was granted to the United Outdoor Advertising Co. to erect a sign advertising the Marineland Oceanarium near Ocean Ave. and Pacific Coast Hwy.
A committee was appointed to study a request to narrow ten feet of 242nd St. to 50 feet in tracts 7506 and 8202, John R. Patrick, assistant to the City Engineer, objected, declaring that the standard street width in Torrance is 60 feet.
Tract No. 17150, west of Westmore Ave. and north of Tract No. 15819, was recommended to the City Council for approval. Presented by John E. Kettler, the tract contains 31 lots.

New Business Zoning Discussed by Planners

North and South Torrance business zoning came under discussion at the City Planning Commission meeting Wednesday night.
A three-man committee headed by J. A. Beasley announced that they had made a survey of land which could be zoned for business in South Torrance, and presented a map showing their recommendations.
A hearing on the zoning was set for Nov. 3. The committee was appointed at the request of 50 residents, who had asked for rezoning of property between 238th and 240th Sts., near Hawthorne Ave.
North Torrance zoning also came under scrutiny, as a committee was appointed to study land to be rezoned for commercial use north of 190th St. The action followed a petition signed by property owners on 174th St., between Crenshaw Blvd. and Glenburn Ave.
Committee Named
H. R. Black was named chairman of the committee, with Commissioners Bert Lynn and Lawrence Wing as members. Black indicated that meetings with the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn. would be held, as well as other interested groups.
A request by Longren Aircraft to build a shed roof within their present plant was referred to George Powell for study, after protests from several homeowners in the area, who claimed that work in the company was noisy, and spread debris.

A request from Robert and Edward Shacala to build a drug store and other shops at 18721 Crenshaw Blvd. was recommended for approval. The stores would be on land now zoned for multiple family dwellings.
Business Rejected
In other action, the Commission turned down a request from Harold D. Rebadou to build a real estate, insurance, and contractor's office at 1227 Crenshaw Blvd., in an area now zoned for residential purposes.
Three letters were received from neighbors protesting the request. Commissioners Beverly Smith and J. A. Beasley voted to approve the request, since the commission is now considering rezoning the area for business, they said.

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