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WEATHER

Variable clouds today and tomorrow, with high temperature tomorrow near 68. Mostly sunny in the afternoon. High yesterday was 70, with low at 55.

Pledges To Keep Policy

"Upon reading the campaign statement of my opponent which appeared as a lead story in the Oct. 28 issue of the TORRANCE HERALD, I was not too much surprised to find that Mr. Finch was again up to his old trick of trying to confuse the voters by misquoting my voting record," Congressman Cecil R. King said today.

"His latest attempt to mislead the voters of the 17th District in respect to my record as set forth in my annual report to

A last minute attempt to smear Candidate Robert Finch and his supporters, was distributed throughout the area in the form of a yellow dodger. Crude cartooning lampooned Finch, portrayed as a dunce with Vice-President Nixon holding a big stick over him. In the background, Finch's campaign manager Jack Brown of Rolling Hills, is shown leading on a magazine counter portraying sex and lewd comics. Credit for the piece is taken by "King Visual Education Comm." J. MacDonald, chairman.

the people refers to my relative support of recommendations of President Eisenhower's Administration during the 83rd Congress.

"For the purpose of keeping the record straight, I quote the following paragraph from my report which appeared in the

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KIWANIANS TO HEAR OF CONCLAVE

Dr. Gerald Eastham and Jay Barrington will report on the results of the 34th annual district Kiwanis Convention at Las Vegas, as they address the local club tonight at 8:30 in the American Legion Hall.

The regular meeting of the Optimists is set tonight at 7 o'clock in the Ding How Cafe. The Lions will honor the Torrance High School football team and coaches at their meeting tomorrow noon in the American Legion Hall.

A regular business meeting is slated for the Elks Wednesday night at 8 o'clock in Alan-Richards Hall.

The Rotary Club will hear two of its own members discuss craft topics at their meeting Thursday in the Woman's Club. They are Art Oates, of the California Bank, and Harry Pettie, of the Southern California Gas Co.

Bob Belken will wield the gavel for the first time as the Citizen Club meets in Alan-Richards Hall Thursday at 7 p.m. The Mid-Day Toastmasters Club will gather Friday noon in the Lone Pine Inn.

New Smog Guards Installed by GP

Another step by major refinery operations in the Southland toward reducing emission of pollutants into the air was demonstrated here at the General Petroleum Refinery last Thursday for representatives of every major news agency in the area and for members of the petroleum industry.

On display was a new vapor recovery system for gasoline loading racks at the refinery. Designed by General Petroleum engineers, the system will be installed at the loading points of all major refineries in the Southland, according to P. S. Magruder, executive vice-president of GP and chairman of the smoke and fumes committee of the Western Oil and Gas Assn.

Essentially, the recovery system consists of a hood which fits over the loading aperture of a tank truck or railroad tank car. When gasoline is being loaded into the tank, the displaced air is caught in the neoprene hood and pumped into the refinery's fuel system to be burned in furnaces and other gas-powered facilities.

17 Tons Less
When all refineries in the Los Angeles area are equipped with similar devices, hydrocarbon emissions from refineries will be reduced by 17 tons per day, officials reported.

C. A. Day of the Richfield Oil Corp. told newsmen that the petroleum industry has made all the major hydrocarbon recovery installations and that from now on, its ability to reduce pollutants getting into the air will become more difficult.

Much of the work now being done, however, he said, was voluntary and outside of the requirements of the law.

"We are carrying out the intent of the ordinance as well as the letter of the law," he said.

Newsmen were shown the loading rack in operation, and then were given free run of the refinery area to look it over as they pleased.

Considerable interest was shown in the "floating roof" tanks installed at major refineries in compliance with the publicized "Rule 56."

Wentworth Heads Business Group

Hampden Wentworth, president of Longren Aircraft, and first president of the Small Defense Industries Assn., told an SDIA meeting recently that the position of small industries in the defense program.

More than 300 small producers met to hear plans for "Operation Teamwork," directed toward more effective coordination of the joint production potential of prime and subcontractors for the nation's defense work.

One of the organizers of the SDIA, Wentworth employs 370 persons in his firm, Longren Aircraft, in Torrance.

The purpose of the SDIA is to insure quality in defense material production at the most economical cost to the government. Representatives of leading prime contractors, subcontractors, and armed forces met to discuss problems.

Speakers were Robert Finch, 17th District Congressional candidate, also representing Congressman Craig Hosmer, and Edgar Hiestand. Also speaking were Col. Thomas L. McKnight, deputy chief of the Los Angeles Procurement District of the Air Force, and Gen. W. W. Kratz, a member of the SDIA board of directors and retired Air Force general.

Plate Glass Door Shot
Someone shot a BB gun at his plate glass sliding door, M. M. Taylor, of 220 Camino de las Colinas, reported to police.

Pie Firm Buys Torrance Plant

Sale of the Mead Johnson Building at Western Ave. and Torrance Blvd. to Mrs. Lee's Pie Company, bakers of Simple Simon products, was revealed here this morning.

A spokesman for the bakery firm said no definite date for occupancy has been set. The firm will make frozen pies at its new location.

Sale price of the building was said to exceed \$300,000.



(Herald Photo) NEW CIVITAN HEAD
Robert Belken, local insurance man, was named new president of the Civitan Club Thursday night, succeeding Robert Owens, who resigned. Ferrell Miller will succeed Belken as first vice-president. Both will serve until July, 1955.

20,289 Local Voters Eligible To Mark Ballot

Torrance voters will join the parade tomorrow as the nation goes to the polls to elect governors, congressmen, senators, and other officials to fill public offices.

A total of 20,289 Torrance residents are eligible to vote tomorrow, but estimates of local observers on how many of those 20,000 will vote range from 10,000 to 15,000. Somewhere in the middle of that range might be a good rule-of-thumb estimate.

Topping the ballot for local voters are the offices of governor, Congressman, Senator, Assemblyman, and State Board of Equalization. Voters also will be asked to decide on 20 state constitution amendments and eight county propositions.

Hot Issues
Most hotly contested local issue is the Congressional race between incumbent Cecil R. King and his opponent, Robert H. Finch, a young Inglewood attorney.

Congressman King, who has represented the 17th District since 1942, was opposed by Finch two years ago in one of the closest races the veteran Congressman has faced. Finch, who is pledged to support the Eisenhower program, has the backing of Republican.

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AT RECEPTION HERE... Governor and Mrs. Goodwin J. Knight were honored here Friday as nearly half a hundred prominent Torrance area residents met at the Palms to meet the couple. Shown here with the Governor are Attorney Donald Armstrong on the left and Paul Loranger on the right.

Powell Offers 4 Business Sites

Four North Torrance areas—174th and Crenshaw, 174th and Hawthorne, 182nd and Hawthorne, and 182nd and Arlington—would lend themselves to commercial zoning.

That is what Planning Commission Secretary George Powell told an overflow crowd at McMaster Hall Wednesday night, as the Torrance Planning Commission and the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn. met to consider various aspects of zoning in the area.

Questioned about the effect of the proposed Sepulveda Freeway on any commercial zoning, Powell declared that although the freeway would divide the area, it would not affect zoning, much. Adequate passage over or under the freeway would be provided, he said.

Business Zone Asked
Considerable discussion revolved around 174th St. zoning. A group of homeowners presented a petition asking permission to set up small businesses along 174th to compensate for losses in property value as a result of the highway.

Opponents declared that such zoning would not be desirable, and that businesses in such places would, in turn, affect the value of surrounding property.

Street Crossers Critically Hurt In Auto Mishaps

Two small boys who were thinking more about Halloween fun than the traffic on Normandie Ave. darted into a moving auto and were gravely injured, this week-end, as they were walking home from Halldale Ave. School.

And another pedestrian, crossing a dark North Torrance street, was critically hurt when he was struck by a car in one of four injury accidents.

In critical condition with a head injury is David Falls, of 1027 W. 225th St., who was knocked 35 feet after he and a friend, Ronnie Markley, of 22032 S. Meyler St., walked into a car at Carson and Normandie, late Friday.

Halldale Ave. School Pupils
Ronnie suffered a fractured leg. Both boys are 7, and attend the Halldale Ave. School. Witnesses told police the boys were walking across the highway against a red traffic light. Driver of the auto, Thomas K. Stuard, 49, of Manhattan Beach, told officers he was watching the traffic at the cross street and did not see the boys.

A girl walking with the pair apparently was uninjured, but (Continued on Page 2)

Building Totals Hit \$36,696,458

October was the banner month of a banner building year in Torrance, as \$5,365,618 in permits was taken out, pushing the year's record total to \$36,696,458.

Although this was the largest month of 1954, the total for the month was not the largest in history. During August, 1953, more than \$7,000,000 in permits were taken out.

The year's total seems sure to top 40 million dollars. At this time last year, \$24,359,293 in permits had been taken out.

The largest item during last week was permits for 72 houses in a tract near 182nd St. and Prairie Ave., valued at \$655,400, taken out by the Avis Building Corp.

Permit for a \$30,000 workingmen's hotel, The Pride of Compton, at 1860 Cabrillo Ave., was taken out today by builder Monty Robson. The 41-room structure is similar to hotels already built in Compton and Hawthorne, he said.

Prank Brings Near Tragedy To Motorist

A playful trick nearly resulted in tragedy for a motorist last week, as a balloon full of water hurled at his car crashed through the windshield, injuring the driver.

Cut above the eye and on the cheek was Jim Anderson, of 23405 Catskill Ave., who drove to Harbor General Hospital after the incident, where doctors put ten stitches in his face.

Anderson said that he thought other teen-agers should be warned of the practice to prevent any really serious injury to other motorists. The balloon pooped at 8-inch hole in a safety-glass windshield.

Doctors told Anderson he was lucky he didn't lose the sight of his eyes. The mishap took place on Pacific Coast Hwy. near Pennsylvania Ave.

Hot Wires in Road as Car Hits Light Pole
A 24-year-old Torrance man was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving after his car struck a light pole on Normandie Ave. near Lomita Blvd., early Sunday morning, causing hot wires to fall across the road.

Giant Graders Push 174th St. Eastward

When the giant road graders, diggers, and paving machines finish their work on the extension of 174th St., between Normandie Ave. and Alameda St., the county will have the only beach-to-Orange County through route in this area.

Designed to link Redondo Beach to Orange County, the street will be the only major east-west link between Pacific Coast Hwy., six miles south, and Firestone Blvd. (Manchester Blvd.), six miles north.

Throughout its 23-mile length, the street bears four names. At its western end in Hermosa Beach, it is Gould Lane; as it travels through Redondo Beach, it becomes Redondo Beach Blvd. The motorist driving through Torrance on 174th St., but when he moves east, past Alameda St., he is on Artesia St.

Only a narrow, two-lane street two years ago, the street will connect with 10 state highways when completed. Workmen are still grading the area between Normandie Ave. and Alameda St., designated as a freeway by the California Highway Commission.

From Inglewood Ave. in Redondo Beach to Casimir Ave. in Torrance, the road is 100 feet wide, with each half of the divided roadway 32 feet. From Casimir to Normandie, the road widens to 110 feet, with 36 feet roadways.



SMOG STOPPER... Loader Leo Martin places a new loading device for gasoline into the opening of a tank truck demonstrating General Petroleum's new gas-vapor remover. Escaping fumes are pumped into the plastic bag and sucked out to a storage tank where they are burned for fuel. Experts say the gasoline vapors usually released during the loading of thousands of trucks daily add to eye-irritating smog.



VOTEGETERS... Members of the JayCettes will be out in full regalia Tuesday, to remind Torrance citizens it's election day. Wearing Uncle Sam hats and armbands inscribed: "Exercise Your X," the girls will pass out little reminders to all corners. Here, Wanda Johnston, left, Gracye Hansen, and Jean Herren, get ready to do their job. Their motto is: "Vote as you please, but vote."