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WEATHER

Considerable high cloudiness today, tonight, and tomorrow, with little change in temperature. High today, about 72. Temperatures yesterday ranged between 42 and 73.

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Hinds JC Tops ECG By 13-7

By JIM CRUMPACKER
Herald Sports Writer:

It was Renfroe day at Pasadena Saturday as Coach Joe Renfroe's Hinds Junior College eleven of Raymond, Miss., dumped the El Camino Warriors, 13-7, in the 9th annual rendition of the Junior Rose Bowl.

To make the Renfroe family's domination complete, Coach Joe's younger brother, Olin, tore away on two long runs to score both touchdowns for the Southerners.

It was only the second time in the nine-year history of the Junior college titanic that the visiting eastern squad emerged victorious. This was done before 61,559 paying fans, who set a new record in JRB attendance.

Using only 14 men, the Eagles, who were high-flying from the opening gun, ground out a grueling victory over the locals. Although the visitors gained only 11 first downs to El Camino's 17, they were deadly as the 185-pound Renfroe broke through the Warrior line for long gains.

Pass Only Once
The winners paced only once during the afternoon and then the attempt feebly fell incomplete. But the Eagles' running game was superb, sparked by a vicious line that featured heft and speed.

Hinds won the toss and elected to receive, but they couldn't keep the ball as Halfback Gordon King fumbled to the Warriors on the sixth play of the afternoon.

With the Warriors on their own 44, Quarterback Joe Contestable faded to pass but was smeared from the blind side by Hinds' tackle, Durwood Graham.

El Camino came back and moved steadily into Eagle territory until they had a first down on the Hinds' 9.

On second down, Warrior Fullback Dick Tiberto turned into the line but was bumped hard by Eagle Guard Ruddy Solleau and fumbled. Solleau claimed the ball for the Mississippians.

With Renfroe and Fullback Minor Hines moving the ball, the Eagles swept to the El Camino 42.

On third down, Renfroe was (Continued on Page 6)

Building Totals Near \$43 Million

Three large tracts helped boost Torrance's building totals close to \$43,000,000 for the year, according to figures released by Walter Bradford, senior clerk in the City Engineer's Office.

So far this month, there has been \$1,481,634 in building permits taken out, bringing the year's total to \$42,948,788.

Biggest of the tracts was filed by the Barclay Co. It will contain 81 houses valued at \$784,800, and located on 177th and 178th Sts.

A \$470,300 tract will be built near 184th and Wilton Pl. by the Arlington Development Co., containing 61 houses.

A 28-house development is planned in South Torrance by the G and G Construction Co., valued at \$208,850.

Post Office to Dedicate Branch This Wednesday

Torrance Post Office workers will take time out from the Christmas rush to dedicate the North Torrance Station opened Nov. 1, this Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Postmaster Clara Conner announced that a number of officials of the Post Office will be present at the Wednesday ceremonies.

At the same time, she reminded Christmas mailers that the downtown office will be open for packages and stamps until 8 p.m. all this week, and that Walteria and North Torrance branches will close at 6 p.m.

Final Lomita Zone Hearing Set Tuesday

Both friends and foes of the proposed re-zoning of Lomita have announced plans to attend the final hearing on a master plan in the Hall of Records in Los Angeles at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Those in favor of zoning will seek acceptance of the plan, while the anti's will ask for a vote before final action is taken.

Transportation will be provided for anyone who wants to attend, Tim McCormick, of the Lomita Committee for Zoning, said.

Two plans are involved—one for territory north of Pacific Coast Hwy., and the other for the area south of the highway.

Park Slates Yule Program

Normandale Playground children will present a Christmas play, "The Santa Clause Twins" at 7:30 tomorrow night at the park.

Also included in the program will be songs, dances, and a rhythm band. Christmas candy will be given to the children.

The playground will be open during the two-week school vacation, with activities including a children's party and a teen-age dance.

CITY HAS TWO-THIRDS OF BUILDING IN AREA

So far this year, the City of Torrance has had twice as much building as the other four cities in the South Bay area put together.

Two-thirds of the building—\$41,487,140—was done in Torrance, compared with \$19,198,009 for Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, and Hermosa Beach.

Torrance, which leads all other cities in the Southland except Los Angeles and San Diego, has done almost seven times as much building as Palos Verdes, its nearest competitor. Only these two of the five cities showed increases in building.

The breakdown:

	Nov. 1954	Nov. 1953	Year	Last Year
Torrance	\$4,770,696	\$1,920,722	\$41,487,140	\$26,280,080
Palos Verdes	729,270	859,000	6,108,304	4,481,250
Redondo	870,014	321,162	6,757,208	7,387,273
Manhattan	618,800	299,610	4,834,885	6,386,822
Hermosa	104,996	556,710	2,452,617	3,352,791
Totals	\$6,893,776	\$3,477,204	\$60,668,158	\$47,716,186

Caution Urged On Annexations

The City Council was asked this morning to take a long look at any annexation proposals with a view toward assuring that enough revenue was available in the new districts to support the necessary school construction program which would be necessary.

In a letter to the Torrance City Council signed by School Superintendent J. H. Hull, it was pointed out that the average house in this area brings in \$25 or so for educational purposes while "it costs better than \$200 to educate a child." This figure applies only to the operating cost of the schools and does not consider the vast capital outlay that is required for new elementary and high schools, Hull said.

Given as the recommendation of the Board of Education, the opposition to annexations in general was based on the fact that it costs about half a million dollars to build an elementary school and from two to three million dollars for a high school.

The letter will be presented formally to the City Council tomorrow night when they meet at 8 o'clock.

Figures Due
Facts and figures on the valuation of the 1800 acres proposed for annexation to Torrance in the Palos Verdes area will be presented to the Council by City Manager George Stevens tomorrow evening. The potential tax revenue from the area has been compiled by Stevens at the request of the Council.

In other action due before the Council tomorrow, City Engineer Ronald W. Bishop will report on the status of a proposal to install curbs, gutters, and sidewalks along a portion of 203rd St. east of Crenshaw Blvd. An oral report from the City Engineer last week brought out the information that the work was now being held up pending completion of a debt limit report required by law.

Parking Studied
A report from Councilmen who visited the area of 174th St. and Crenshaw to review the diagonal parking situation there is due. The Traffic Commission has recommended that diagonal parking be maintained in the area in front of business establishments between 174th St. and 171st St. on Crenshaw and that parallel parking be used in the residential areas. Residents of the area have petitioned for parallel parking throughout the area.

**Job Seekers
In City Drop
During Month**
Unemployment in Torrance dropped about 11 per cent during November, according to figures released by the local office of the Department of Employment.

The largest number of the 802 applicants—42 per cent—was between the ages of 21 and 25. Of the totals, 64 are 21; 397 between 21 and 25; 176 between 26 and 45; 193 between 46 and 64; and 32 are 65 or over.

Included in the totals are 369 women and 433 men, 36 per cent of whom are veterans.

The biggest drop was recorded among clerical help, which declined from 164 to 124. Unemployment totals for the last three months show:

	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.
Professional	18	25	30
Clerical	141	164	131
Sales	33	43	25
Service	96	106	114
Agriculture	—	—	—
and Fishing	27	25	32
Labor	179	180	192
Skilled	173	180	179
Semi-skilled	145	166	145
Totals	802	899	906

Skirts Stolen
Stolen from her parked car were the fender skirts, Delphi Ellington, of 1308 Sartori Ave., reported to police.



(Herald Photo)
FOR SAFE-KEEPING . . . Officers Myles Hamilton, kneeling, and Tom Pattishal check the safe which they found in the back of a car. They became a little suspicious when they saw a car, flat tire and all, plunking down Hawthorne Blvd. at 2 in the morning. The driver was hooked on suspicion of burglary. He reportedly admitted to have been on his way from a nearby tavern, where he swiped the heavy container.

Flat Tire Leads To Yegg's Arrest

A flat-tire and two helpful police officers were the undoing of a Hermosa Beach man who authorities say just had carted off a 200-pound safe, nine bottles of booze and a box of cigars.

Traffic officers Myles Hamilton and Tom Pattishal said they were on routine patrol, early Friday morning, when they spied an old car with a flat tire plodding along Hawthorne Ave. near 236th St.

They stopped to render assistance and put the driver, John William Klase, under arrest for suspicion of burglary and auto theft. A heavy, unopened safe, was in the trunk of the auto, along with a cardboard box containing nine fifths of whiskey.

The safe contained \$5600 in cash. About the same time officers Don Cook and Mal Bennett learned that a gaping hole had been sawed in the wall of a tavern at 3103 Pacific Coast Hwy. and radioed to the traffic men to hold on to their suspect.

Detective Captain Ernie Ashton said today a felony complaint charging burglary was filed against Klase. He reportedly has admitted the crime. Also found in the suspect's auto was a drill and a saw, officers said. Klase reportedly told officers he hid in a hangar at the adjacent airport where he keeps a small airplane, until the bar closed at 2 a.m. He had gone only a short distance when the tire blew out.

He said he was "out of a job and needed money for Christmas." Among other things found in his auto was a new pair of tennis shoes, purchased as a gift for his son.

Youngsters between 15 and 18 must have their parents' consent, and those under 15 are not eligible for the X-rays because of a very low infection rate.

Mrs. William Montgomery is general chairman for the X-ray campaign, while Mrs. Virginia Jones is assisting her.

Robbery Suspect In Court Today

Preliminary hearing for a suspect charged with the strong arm robbery of a construction worker was scheduled for this morning at South Bay Municipal Court. Free on \$1500 bail is Cornelius Young, 41, of Los Angeles.

Detective Captain Ernie Ashton said Young is charged with brandishing a shot-gun at Percy Roberts, also of Los Angeles, who was at work in a housing project at 182nd St. and Yukon Ave., last Dec. 3. Young and another man then removed Roberts pay-roll totaling \$157, the detective reported.

Army Official Visits Local Aluminum Co.

Frank H. Higgins, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Friday visited Harvey Machine Co., Inc. and the Harvey aluminum division, during an inspection tour of the Army's \$350,000,000 guided missile industry in Southern California.

He made an extensive tour of Harvey's high-production facilities including the screw machine plant, the aluminum extrusion and forging mill, and the foundry, commenting that the development of basic raw material industries such as Harvey Aluminum are great assets to the Pacific coast.

Responsible for design, procurement, and supply of all weapons, material, and equipment used by the Army, Secretary Higgins praised the organization of the Los Angeles Ordnance District.

Accompanying the Assistant Secretary of the Army on his tour of Harvey's operation were his aide, Lt. Col. William R. Campbell, Lt. Col. J. E. Johnston, district chief of the Los Angeles Ordnance District, and Major E. E. Risckard.

Police Seek Clean Slate On SD Day

SD—Safe Driving—Day will be observed in Torrance as in the rest of the nation Wednesday, as all America strives to hold to the President's wish of a 24-hour accident free period.

Traffic Sgt. Bill Evans of the Torrance Police Department said this morning that he is positive Torrance motorists and pedestrians can hold to the desired mark.

"December is our blackest month as far as traffic injuries and fatalities are concerned," Evans said, "but with a little effort on everyone's part, I know we can prevent accidents."

The idea of the SD Day is to see "if" it can be done—no accidents in the entire nation in the 24-hour day. Safety committees throughout the Southland are jumping on the bandwagon, sponsoring campaigns calling attention to SD Day.

Park Yule Activities Planned at Alondra

Pre-Christmas activities at the Alondra Park and Harbor Hills areas were scheduled last week by the County Department of Parks and Recreation.

Starting 10 a.m., Saturday, Christmas songs and games will begin at Alondra. Rehearsals for Christmas caroling will begin at 11 o'clock, Saturday, at Harbor Hills.

Crazed Soldier Shoots Lomitan

A 19-year-old Lomita soldier, Ralph E. Carlton, was shot and killed Saturday night when he sought to call the bluff of a crazed soldier out "to get the company commander."

The shooting occurred in the orderly room of Battery D, 93rd Aircraft Artillery battalion at Ladd Air Force Base at Fairbanks, Alaska.

Pvt. Bryant Read, 19, of Los Angeles, held a lieutenant and 15 enlisted men at bay for three and a half hours Saturday night, while he waited for the commanding officer.

Read said he didn't want to hurt any of them but wanted to get the commander, because he didn't like the way he was running the battalion. At gunpoint, he forced the lieutenant to call the captain's home at intervals, but he was not at home. When Carlton objected to having his hands tied, and declared Read was bluffing, he was shot five times and a sixth bullet nicked his shoulder. After the

shooting, Read surrendered to the other men.

Carlton, who lived at 2436 Lomita Blvd., Lomita, is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burl C. Carlton, of San Pedro.

Three Hurt In Head-On Auto Crash

Three persons were injured, two seriously, in a head-on crash on Crenshaw Blvd. near 186th St., early Sunday morning.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital with a possible concussion and a fractured right arm was Miss Judy Hodges, 21, of Hermosa Beach. She was a passenger in a car driven by William J. Brodie, 30, of Hermosa Beach. Brodie received minor hurts.

Driving the other auto was Henry Hernandez, 37, whose address was not immediately learned. He suffered a severe head injury and rib fractures.

Both cars were heavily damaged, according to Sgt. Ted Morris and Officer Phil Wilson.

Pair Slash, Bop, Rob Man

Two men knocked him out with a lead pipe and slashed him with razors before taking \$18 from his wallet, James Clark Ridge Jr. told sheriff's deputies Sunday night.

Ridge, who lives at 20435 Florence Blvd., told deputies he had stopped his car to check his tires near Torrance Blvd. and Earl St., when the two men came up behind him.

They attacked him with razors and knocked him out with the pipe, he said. When he recovered consciousness, the money from his billfold was missing, he said.

(Herald Photo)
DEFENSE OFFICIAL VISITS . . . Frank H. Higgins, Assistant Secretary of the Army (right) inspected facilities at Harvey Aluminum and Harvey Machine Co., Inc. Friday during a tour of the Army guided missile industries in Southern California. Leo M. Harvey, chairman of the board, accompanied Higgins on the tour.