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Designs Started On New Hospital

County Awards Plan Contract

A completely new Harbor General Hospital came a step nearer Tuesday, as five architectural contracts calling for \$17,439,100 worth of work on a new medical center to replace the present outdated facilities were awarded by the Board of Supervisors.

Funds for the new structure were voted in a \$15,400,000 bond issue at the November election, while another \$2,000,000 will come from general funds in the current county budget. Under the contracts, the architects will receive about 6 1/4 per cent of the estimated cost.

French Pianist To Appear Here With Youth Band

Jean Casadesus, renowned French pianist and son of the famous Robert Casadesus, will be presented in joint recital with the Torrance Area Youth Band in the Torrance Civic Auditorium on Monday night, Jan. 28. This will be the second of a series of five major musical events sponsored by the Youth Band-Artists Concerts Assn. of Torrance and the Bay Cities Area.

Casadesus is currently on a nationwide concert tour and his appearance in Torrance will be his only engagement in Southern California this year. His tour will include engagements with the Philadelphia Orchestra and the New York Philharmonic.

The Torrance Area Youth Band, which will perform on the first half of the concert, will feature as soloists David Breidenthal, bassoonist, and a flute sextet composed of Mary Pedersen, Judy Bowles, Tom Scanlon, Regis Stevens, Bonnie Lewis, and Mary Sippel.

Nearly 1000 season tickets were sold for this current concert series. However, a few seats will be available for those wishing to hear individual concerts. Tickets may be purchased at the box office.

Torrance Best, Says Senior LA Realty Agent

Although L. M. Larson, who was recently appointed senior real estate agent for the city of Los Angeles and has bought and investigated property in all parts of that city, he still prefers to live in Torrance.

Larson lives at 1515 Acacia Ave. and for the past five years has been a real estate agent with the Los Angeles Board of Public Works. In his new capacity as senior agent, he will supervise the acquisition of land required by Los Angeles for various public uses—police and fire stations, airport expansion, streets, storm drains, buildings, and parks.

The local man says that in his job he has looked at property from the San Fernando Valley to San Pedro in many enormous real estate transactions. Still, he thinks Torrance is an "All-American" place to live.

"If this be treason, then make the most of it," he declared, remembering Patrick Henry's immortal words.

TEAC Hears Mayor, Learns About Itself

The Torrance Educational Advisory Committee heard Mayor Albert Isen's speech presenting the case for Torrance as an "All-America" city and learned more about itself at a meeting held Tuesday noon at the YWCA.

The meeting hosted Look writer Ben Kocivar, who is here gathering material for an feature article on Torrance as an "All-America City."

Mayor Isen praised the TEAC and the school board for their part in winning the award for Torrance, reading a few of the 18,000 letters which local school children wrote to him to tell him why the city should be named among the 11 select cities.

Kocivar also spoke briefly, noting that he had enjoyed his stay in the city and would be leaving shortly.

In the second part of the program, Superintendent J. H. Hull; Mrs. Grace Wright, the only member of the original school board still serving and first TEAC moderator; Robert Plomert Jr., industry representative; and Ed Morang, labor representative, gave a history and comments about the TEAC.

"The community is our classroom," Hull declared in outlining the purposes of the group. It is one of only 30 such groups throughout the country, he said, and one of the most successful.

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BLOW, BOB, BLOW . . . Blowing on his trumpet is what won a first chair spot in the All-California High School Symphony Orchestra for Bob Wyatt, a senior at North High School. A resident at 3605 W. 190th St., he has won three gold medals in appearances at various California music festivals.

Council Okays Petitions to Annex Lomita

By a four to one vote, the City Council this week authorized circulation of petitions in the Lomita area seeking approval of voters there to call an annexation election to join the area to Torrance.

Councilman Willys G. Blount ment told the Council that an inspection showed it to be a well run dump. The North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn. also approved the present operation.

Several representatives of the Lomita community were in the Council chambers, and some were identified as ready to start circulating the petitions.

One, however, was not. Mrs. Desie Myers, who was later re-elected as president of the Lomita Property Owners and Registered Voters Assn., sat through several unrelated hearings and discussions before making her brief appearance before the Council.

"Why doesn't Torrance leave us alone?" she asked.

Favor Status Quo Mrs. Myers and her group favor the present status of Lomita as an unincorporated area, and have taken issue with both those seeking incorporation of the area, and those seeking to annex it to Torrance.

In other action of the Council, 18 persons were put under oath by Mayor Albert Isen to testify about burning in a north Torrance dump operated by LeRoy Forsythe. The Council put Forsythe on a 30-day notice that all burning must cease in the dump.

To Be Park The area, to be deeded to the city for park purposes, will take another six months to fill and cap, Forsythe said.

The Council was given a report by Battalion Chief Robert Lucas of the Fire Department that two fires were on record, one in October which required Torrance help in extinguishing, and another in November which dump personnel were able to handle with no help.

The County Health Department told the Council that

Looters Get Wine, Junk, Some Money

Champagne, junk, cash and whisky were taken by burglars in three forays reported to police Tuesday.

The wine and whisky, as well as an undetermined amount of money, was stolen by thieves who entered the Retreat Restaurant at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Madison St. They forced open a door to loot the bar and a juke box.

Scrap metal was taken by burglars who broke into sheds owned by Phillip Karaly and Ed Bowney on Madrona Ave., north of the City Dump. Value of the loss was estimated at a total of more than \$300.

Police Chief Willard Haslam to write to Assemblymen Chapel and Thomas to seek their assistance in keeping the left turn lane open on Pacific Coast Hwy. from Paseo de Gracia in the Riviera section. The State has indicated that it may be closed if signals are put in at Vista Del Parque.

Approval of Councilman Jahn's recommendations for installing lights, a control tower, and a touch and go strip, on the airport also was granted on recommendation of the airport commission. Councilman Blount opposed the "package" improvements because he said it was not the right time to put in the runway lights. He said later that the light should not be installed until the runways are moved west, and the safety zone established west of the airport.

City Manager George Stevens was instructed to contact Quinton Engrs. to design the improvements, and to make application to the CAA for airport improvement funds.

Thief Gets \$131 in Till, Top at Station Someone took \$131 from his cash register while his back was turned, Lowden M. Booth, of Booth's Service, 2301 Pacific Coast Hwy., told sheriff's deputies Sunday.

Union to Vote On Agreement

Bright hopes of returning National Supply Co. workers to their jobs on Monday were expressed here yesterday following a marathon meeting between company officials and union representatives which broke up about 5 a.m. yesterday. Agreement on four disputed points of the contract between the company and the union was reached, and will be put to members of the union for ratification at two meetings Saturday, according to union representatives.

Al Chandler, representative of the Oil, Chemical & Atomic Workers International Union Local No. 1-128, said meetings had been scheduled for the membership at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday at the Oil Workers hall, 2100 Willow, Long Beach, to vote on ratification of the settlement. The negotiating committee of the union is prepared to recommend ratification, other officials said.

Get Wage Boost Under the terms of the agreement reached early yesterday, the company agreed to pay premium scale for Saturday and Sunday work, a 15-cent general wage boost plus a cost of living raise, retroactive pay to Nov. 6, 1956, and to permit the chairman of the grievance committee to spend 12 hours weekly on company time processing grievances.

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Couple Chase Thief, Recover Own Stolen Car

A Torrance woman and her husband recovered her stolen car Tuesday night, just after she had reported to Torrance Police that it was missing.

Mrs. Elise Smith, 444 W. 214th St., came out of her place of work at 220th and Abalone St. Tuesday, to find her car missing. She called Torrance police to report the theft, and then called her husband, L. C. Smith, to pick her up.

Enroute home on Carson St., the Smiths saw a youth driving her car and started to follow it. After a two-mile chase, the youth had to stop for a light at Hall-dale and Carson St. Smith jumped out of his car, grabbed the youth, and held him while his wife called police.

Los Angeles Police turned the thief, a 15-year-old Long Beach youth, over to Torrance Police, and Mrs. Smith got her car back, only a few gallons emptier of gas than when it was stolen.

ALL-STATE SYMPHONY TAPS WYATT

North High School senior Bob Wyatt has blown his way into first chair in the All-California High School Symphony Orchestra, it was announced Monday.

A trumpet player in the North High Band, he has won three gold medals during his high school career for trumpet solos in various music festivals in Southern California.

He was recommended by NHS Band Director J. M. Baum for a spot in the All-California orchestra, which will play a concert in Santa Barbara on Feb. 8, 9, and 10.

Bob has played the trumpet for six years and after a stint in the service, hopes to attend Eastman College of Music in New York. He is a member of the Saxon School Band, the Torrance Area Youth Band, and a private dance band.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Wyatt, 3605 W. 190th St.

Officer Hurt In Traffic Crash Sunday

A local policeman and a Los Angeles woman suffered minor injuries in a collision on Torrance Blvd., east of Hawthorne Ave., police reported Sunday.

Officer Edward G. Boyce, 23, of 1023 Felbar Ave., and Thora Delahunty, 31, of Los Angeles, were treated at Torrance Emergency Hospital for bruises. Drivers were Charles Delahunty, 31, of Los Angeles, and Officer Myles Hamilton, 36, of 122 Paseo de Gracia.

Dora Moore, 57, of Inglewood, suffered cuts and bruises when her auto was involved in a Monday evening collision with another car at Hawthorne Ave. and 177th St. The other motorist was Jack R. Martin, 23, of 2334 W. 241st St., Lomita.

Plans Completed for Gala All-America Celebrations

Plans are completed for the gigantic "All-America Cities" celebration Jan. 25 and 26, it was announced today by General Chairman Doug Horlander.

Horlander stated the first event will be held at Torrance High School at 9:30 a.m. where Dr. J. H. Hull and Mayor Albert Isen will present duplicates of the official "All-America City" flag to representatives of each Torrance public and parochial school. Following this general assembly there will be additional presentations at each school later in the day.

A mobile parade will start at 1 p.m. Saturday at the corner of Maple and Torrance Blvd. and will proceed to cover the entire Torrance area with sirens, whistles, etc. All organizations in the community have been asked to enter decorated moving vehicles in the parade which will conclude at 2:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

The recently completed Civic Center will be open for public inspection and tours from 1 to 3 p.m.

At 3 p.m. the Torrance Youth Band and musical organizations from both Torrance and North High Schools will appear at the Civic Center led by a posse from the Torrance Mounted Police. A brief presentation ceremony highlighted by the awarding and raising of the official "All-America City" flag will commence shortly after 3 p.m.

All citizens are invited to attend this ceremony which will be attended by Attorney General Edmund Brown, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, State Senator Richard Richards, Frank Vanderlip Jr. of the National Municipal League, and other civic and governmental leaders from all over California.

At 4 p.m. a reception will be held for out of town guests. Banquet Set The official "All-America" Award presentations will be made at the banquet starting

at 6:30 p.m. in the Torrance Civic Auditorium. Horlander stated that this affair would be most colorful and stirring and urged that citizens secure tickets soon at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce office.

At last reports there are still a few tickets remaining although sales have been brisk. Due to restrictions holding the attendance to 500 at the banquet the "All-America City" celebration committee, composed of civic leaders from community organizations, have scheduled a free dance to be held in the Torrance American Legion Hall, 1109 Border Ave., starting at 9 p.m. on the 26th.

A top orchestra has been secured for this portion of the celebration.

Chamber of Commerce officials report that all of the 30,000 window stickers have been distributed through cooperation of the school system but that there remain a few 8" x 6" decals that may be obtained at the Chamber office.