

# Traffic Threatens to Strangle Entire Southwest Area

Concluding that the entire southwest section of the County faced a serious threat in the rapidly mounting traffic flows in the area, the subcommittee on the San Diego Freeway of the Inter-City Highway Committee this week moved to launch an all-out campaign to acquaint the area's representatives here, in Sacramento, and Washington of the crisis.

"From what we can determine now, the whole area appears to be facing the prospect

of strangling in the traffic trying to use our inadequate roads and highways," Committee Chairman Nick Draie said after a Thursday luncheon with his group.

Draie pointed out that projected construction of freeways in the southwest area was so indefinite that an alarming situation was arising here on traffic matters.

The entire southwest area extending from Inglewood south has no freeway appropriations, members of the com-

mittee were told.

No dates for extension of the San Diego Freeway south of Venice Blvd. have been announced, extension of the Harbor Freeway southward into this area apparently is to be delayed, and the Inglewood freeway is still in the planning stages.

"We have an area of about 500,000 persons without a single mile of freeway construction budgeted," Draie said.

The committee drafted letters to be sent to Governor

Knights, Assemblyman Charles Chapel, Vincent Thomas, and Clayton Dills; State Senator Richard Richards; and Congressman Cecil King and U.S. Senators Knowland and Kuchel.

**Seek Federal Aid**

The congressional representatives are to be contacted because the San Diego Freeway is an inter-regional defense highway and is eligible for federal participation in construction funds.

The San Diego Freeway,

which will come into Torrance near Redondo Beach Blvd. and Prairie Ave., swing eastward between 182nd St. and 190th St., and go on east and south around Long Beach has been budgeted only to Venice Blvd. from the San Fernando Valley. Best estimates are that it will be another five years before it will reach this area under present planning.

**Problem Here Now**

"Our terrible traffic problems are here now, not five years from now," Chairman

Draie said.

More than 100,000 cars are on the area streets each morning and evening as the workers in the area's steel, aircraft, petroleum, and other industries are on the roads, committee members reported.

In addition to this traffic, the thousands of cars which daily visit the beaches of the area and such attractions as Marineland further congest the inadequate roads. The early construction of a huge yacht harbor at Playa Del Rey and

the Redondo Boat Harbor will attract still thousands more into the area with no provisions made to handle the traffic on the roadways.

**To Visit Sacramento**

The Inter-City Highway Committee has made plans to send a delegation to Sacramento in March to appear before the annual hearing of the California Highway Commission to present the case of the region to that body, according to Wilburn E. Baker, El Segundo City Councilman and

chairman of the group.

Other members of Draie's subcommittee on the San Diego Freeway which met this week include Ralph T. Dorsey, former head of the traffic department for the city of Los Angeles; Brig. Gen. Ralph W. Coane (ret.); F. C. Nybe, Redondo Beach, and Bob Webb Jr., El Segundo engineer.

A complete report of the freeway outlook for the area is being prepared for the parent group's February meeting, Draie said.

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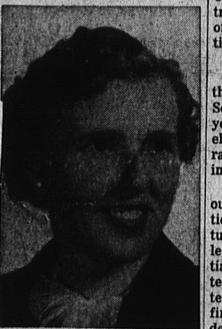
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## Leader in Fight for Local Schools Takes Teaching Job

A woman who has been active in nearly every phase of school work in Torrance will soon take on one part of the work that she has never tried before—that of classroom teaching. Mrs. Evelyn Carr, 1544 Marcelina Ave., one of the "mothers" of the Torrance Unified School District and a member of the first school board, has been hired by the present board of education as an elementary school teacher. She has not yet been assigned, but will begin work next month.

After nearly 10 years of lay participation in school activities, Mrs. Carr decided to return to college two years ago to get a teaching credential. Now that she has that degree, she is ready to go to work. She laughingly admits that her road to teaching was just the reverse of the path that most people take.

**Writes Letter**  
It all happened like this: The mother of three school age children, Mrs. Carr read



MRS. EVELYN CARR  
... Now a Teacher

## Frank Vanderlip To Present City National Award

Frank A. Vanderlip Jr. of the National Municipal League will present the "All-America City" award to Torrance at the "All-America City" Banquet to be held in Torrance on Jan. 28th at the Municipal Auditorium it was announced today by Ed Karlow, program and invitations chairman for the celebration.

Vanderlip has extensive business interests in both the east and in California and was one of the members of the screening committee which selected the 22 finalists for the 1956 "All-America City" contest. In addition to his many business interests he has long been associated with the National Municipal League. At the present time he is a member of the Governing Council.

Karlow stated that this committee is proud that Vanderlip has accepted an invitation to hurry to Torrance from New York to present the official "All-America" certificate on behalf of the National Municipal League.

Vanderlip is president of the Scarborough Properties Corp., vice president of the Flirium Corp., a member of the International Committee YWCA, director of Oceanarium, Inc., director of the American Opera Assn., vice president of the Palos Verdes Corp., vice president of the New York Young Men's Board of Trade, director of the Sound Scriber, Inc., and a director of the New York Board of Trade.

a HERALD editorial urging the separation of the Torrance school from the Los Angeles School District about 10 years ago. Moved by the experiences of her own children, she wrote a letter to the paper, urging action.

Her letter brought so many responses that the movement for a separate Torrance school district snowballed and Mrs. Carr found herself as chairman of the movement which led to the formation of the Torrance Unified School District in 1947. She also served on the first school board, retiring in 1950.

**Heads PTA**  
She was named president of the Torrance Elementary School PTA and served two years, 1951-53. She then was elected president of the Torrance Council PTA the following year.

After becoming pretty thoroughly acquainted with education, Mrs. Carr decided to return to Long Beach State College to get a teaching credential. She did her practice teaching at Seaside and Walteria schools in Torrance and finally won the coveted credential.

She decided that she would like to teach in Torrance, since she liked the philosophy of the district and the pay scale. She also has lived in the city for 24 years.

**Taught Sunday School**  
Her only previous teaching experience was as a Sunday school teacher at the First Baptist Church, where she has been active for the past 10 years.

Her husband, Hartley E. Carr, and three children all are delighted by Mrs. Carr's decision. Of the children, Jeff attends El Camino College, Lorraine goes to Torrance High School, and Joanne is a Torrance Elementary School student.

Whatever success Mrs. Carr has in teaching, her name in Torrance educational circles is secure, however. The board of education, honoring her work in setting up the local schools, called one of the city's elementary schools after her—Evelyn Carr School—located at 3404 W. 188th St., and opened in 1953.

## Little Boy Dies in Crib

Two-month-old Robert Wayne Hancock was found dead in his crib Saturday morning, according to police.

Reports indicated that the youngster was found by his mother, Mrs. George Hancock of 24012 Neece St., when she went to check him.

An attending physician, who said the infant had been dead for several hours, stated that the tot was somehow asphyxiated.

The body was removed to Halverson-Leavell Mortuary, where an autopsy was to be performed. Funeral arrangements are pending.

## Jury Finds Horsley Not Guilty of Wife's Murder

After deliberating for six hours, a Superior Court jury Thursday found Fred Elijah Horsley, 35-year-old aircraft worker accused of killing his wife last Oct. 16, not guilty.

Horsley nearly collapsed and several members of the four-man, eight-woman jury in Judge Clement D. Nye's court also were in tears. He left almost immediately for Alabama, where his two children, Lucy, 2, and Fred, 1, are being cared for by relatives.

Horsley was charged with the murder of his wife, Maudie, 34, last Oct. 16 at the couple's home at 3221 W. 190th St. Mrs. Horsley was found strangled and beaten in her kitchen shortly after she returned from her night job at a Santa Monica aircraft factory.

Horsley and his attorney, Harold Rhoden, Los Angeles, were congratulated by a number of the victim's family, who testified that Horsley was a devoted father and family man. He went immediately to the home of a brother, and friends said he probably will not return to his north Torrance home.

## 'Simba' Reported Again in PV Hills

Citizens were organizing search parties yesterday after reports that "Simba," the elusive mountain lion which has been reported occasionally in the Palos Verdes Hills, had made a reappearance in the area.

Two Palos Verdes Water Co. employees, John Fruchey and Jim Stowe, were checking a meter at 14 Cinchring Rd., told sheriff's deputies that they saw a large tan cat walking up a slope above them. They said the animal was about five feet in length.

Investigating, deputies found tracks about five inches in diameter with three toes and a rear foot pad, about three inches in diameter. Authorities disagreed as to whether the tracks were those of a large member of the cat or dog family.

Meanwhile, George Doran, 27017 Strawberry Lane, some distance away, reported that a goat and a rabbit which he owned apparently had been killed by a large animal. Deputies found what appeared to be claw marks on the frame. Capt. Walter Putnam, of the California Department of Fish and Game, said that because of the soil, he could not say whether the tracks were those of a large cat or dog, but declared that the killing was not done by a cat.

"Due to the fact that no report has been made of animal killings in the past 10 years, a professional hunter will not be brought in," he declared. More proof is needed, he said.

Residents, however, were organizing search parties and rounding up dogs to seek the animal.

At various times in the past few years, a mountain lion has been reported in the Palos

## Tire Slashers Damage 11 Cars

Vandals who punctured 15 tires on 11 cars in the downtown area were being sought by police Saturday.

The tires were punctured

while the cars were parked near the Prudential Insurance Co. building at Cravens and Marcelina Sts., a city parking lot at 1401 Cravens Ave., and behind the Chamber of Commerce building on Thursday.

Investigators said a pocket knife with a wide blade was used by the culprits, believed to be juveniles.

Four tires were punctured on a car belonging to Fred Newman and two were deflated on the car of Mrs. Valda Wilkins, office manager of the Chamber of Commerce.

One tire each was punctured on autos belonging to Olaf Neldiand, William Cunniff, Wanda Webster, Nadine Eberwin, Mildred Taylor, Sidney Gans, Elliott Hazell, Rosemary Flacy and Bob Reinson.

Friday, a 14-year-old boy was nabbed after he was seen prowling through cars at the back of the Prudential building. However, police doubt that the youngster was implicated in the vandalism.

**Temperatures**

	High	Low
Sunday	62	57
Monday	61	42
Tuesday	65	39
Wednesday	74	38
Thursday	74	38
Friday	73	37

## Suncrest Bus Line to End

The Suncrest Park line operated by the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines on a 90-day trial basis will be discontinued on Jan. 25, it was announced yesterday by Bus Superintendent Marshall E. Chamberlain. Chamberlain said the Council authorized discontinuance of the line when it was found that revenues had averaged 8 cents a mile while costs to operate the service was 33 cents a mile.

## County Rejects District Hospital Bid for Error

Executives of more than 20 leading industries in the Torrance area have indicated that their companies will give financial support to the \$775,000 Little Company of Mary Hospital campaign in order to assure adequate tax-free hospital facilities here.

Action of representatives of these firms who promised immediate consideration of gifts for the new 125-bed Catholic hospital, to be located on Torrance Blvd. near the intersection of Hawthorne Blvd., was taken at a meeting Thursday of the combined executive and industry committees. The factor of urgency was injected by industry men who had attended on Wednesday a meeting of the Los Angeles County Boundary Commission at which the Commission temporarily rejected proposed boundaries for a Torrance hospital district.

**Missed El Nido**  
The Commission action was based on the technicality that the El Nido area, which recently has voted annexation to the city of Torrance, was not included in the proposed district, and because of this the Commission could not recommend approval of the proposed dis-



FATHER McNULTY  
... New Principal

## Rev. McNulty To Speak at K of C Meet

Father Michael McNulty, newly appointed principal of Bishop Montgomery Catholic High School, will be guest speaker at the dinner meeting of the Knights of Columbus tomorrow night at the Knights' Hall.

He will head the new high school on Torrance Blvd. at the Redondo Beach line which will serve Catholic students from this area.

A record attendance was predicted for the meeting by Chairman Tony Fazio. Members may make reservations with Fazio, FR 5-8845; Dick Burch, FR 5-4223; Joe Drnochi, FR 4-3570; or Lou Fucci, FR 5-5833.

The dinner will start at 6:30 p.m., while the talk will start about 8. Only members who have made reservations will be served dinner, but all members will be welcome for the talk which will follow.

## El Nido Zoning Hearing Slated

Plans for setting a public hearing on rezoning of the El Nido tract recently annexed to Torrance were made at a meeting of the Torrance Planning Commission Wednesday night.

Planning Commission Secretary George Powell was instructed to make plans for the hearing at a time convenient to the residents of the area, which includes a triangular tract southwest of 186th and Hawthorne Ave. Commissioner Thirvin Fleetwood will head a committee studying zoning, assisted by Kenneth Uyeda and John Mulvihill.

**Controversy Continues**  
The controversy continued over an eight-unit apartment which Mrs. Estelle Wheaton has moved onto property she owns at 3300 Redondo Beach Blvd. Mrs. Wheaton told the commission that the building is being ruined by rain, since it is still sitting on the moving blocks, pending a decision as to where it should be placed.

Commissioner John Mulvihill said he believed no new variance would be needed if Mrs. Wheaton would have the house moved to the front of the property away from the homes nearby. However, Mrs. Wheaton said she could not do this.

She originally received a permit to build seven or eight duplexes on the property, but instead moved the apartment house. Controversy rages over whether this comes under the terms of the variance. It will be discussed again at a Feb. 6 hearing.

**Streets Studied**  
The request of the Columbia Broadcasting System for a zoning change on property northeast of 190th and Hawthorne Ave. was held over, pending final agreement over streets in the area. A golf course and sports center is planned if the land receives commercial zoning.

Commissioner Bert Lynn was added to the committee which is studying a request for commercial and manufacturing zoning for a six-block tract bounded by Del Amo Blvd., Torrance Blvd., Hawthorne Ave. and Madrona Ave. just west of the Civic Center. The land is now zoned for agriculture. First hearing on the matter will be Feb. 6. Other committee members are Dave Figueroa and William King.

**Car Crasher Hits Garage**  
Two women were injured in a pair of local accidents reported to police Friday night and early Saturday.

Mrs. Verna Porter, 39, of 19325 Donora Ave., suffered cuts and bruises when her car was involved in a collision with another auto and then careened into a garage.

The other motorist in the mishap at Towers Ave. and Beckworth St. was Thomas Herrmann, 20, of Inglewood. One corner of the garage at 19209 Anza Ave. was smashed by Mrs. Porter's machine.

Mary M. Owens, 20, of 2173 W. 237th St., suffered a possible head injury when the car she was driving collided with a power pole at 237th St. and Lucille Ave. She was taken to Harbor General Hospital.

## GEORGE POST TO HEAD HOSPITAL GIFT DRIVE

George W. Post, California Bank official and member of a pioneer Torrance family, has been named director of General Gifts program of the Little Company of Mary Hospital campaign.

Post's executive task will entail the organization of an army of volunteer canvassers working under the leadership of 16 majors, 80 captains, and 400 team volunteers.

According to the hospital's campaign headquarters, the home-to-home campaign will be conducted within the city limits of Torrance and will be on a selective and personal appeal basis.

Kickoff for the concentrated campaign is set for Wednesday, Feb. 20, although general organization effort will commence at once.



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