

Torrance in Finals of All-American Cities Judging

Torrance has been selected as one of the 22 finalists in for judging in the final round in the All-American Cities Award competition sponsored annually by the National Municipal League and Look Magazine, it was announced in New York this week by Dr. George H. Gallup, president of the League.

Torrance and Oakland are the only California cities remaining in the final selections, according to the announcement.

The city council this week voted to send Mayor Albert Isen to Memphis, Tenn., to present the city's case to the judges Nov. 11 to 14 during the National Conference on Government. The Chamber of Commerce this week voted to appropriate \$500 toward the expenses of sending a representative to Memphis.

Torrance was nominated for consideration in the 1956 judging by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

In the presentation prepared by Chairman Douglas J. Horlander the city was referred to as "a balanced city of homes, commerce and industry embracing 20 square miles with over 300 miles of streets (which) has developed in an orderly fashion."

The nominating committee pointed out that the city's fantastic growth which exceeded 15,000 new residents a year had "taken place without incident. The water system continues to supply both new industries and residents without difficulty, and can do so for all time," the nomination said.

Other phases of the city's development stressed included the development of park sites, the new civic center, and the orderly development of public health and sanitation facilities.

"Educational standards of the local schools are recognized through California—a state which ranks

14 per cent higher than the national average," the report said.

Homeowners' groups, civic organizations, service clubs, and various clubs and organizations were cited by the Jaycees in submitting Torrance's name for the competition.

Horlander made an appeal this week for Torrance residents to write short letters to the mayor telling why Torrance should be the All America City for 1956.

"It is felt that a spontaneous outburst of citizen participation in the form of letters to the mayor . . . would impress the judges by the sheer magnitude of the participation," Horlander said.

To add interest to the campaign for letters, the Jaycees are offering awards for the best letters, he said. Letters must be received by Nov. 1, and awards will be made Nov. 5.

Letters should contain about 25 words on why Torrance should be the All America City.

Judging in the national contest will be done by a jury who will select 11 winners out of the 22 finalists.

Announcement of the winners will be made later this year.

The awards are made each year for intelligent and concerted citizen action leading to some major accomplishment or the solution of some tough civic problem of community-wide significance.

"This is the greatest chance Torrance has ever had to gain national publicity at practically no cost," Mayor Isen said this week.

Other city officials agree that the selection of Torrance as a finalist is a great honor for the city, and its selection as a winner would mean much in the way of national notice.

Crash Injuries Fatal to Cyclist

Injuries suffered in an accident last week proved fatal Monday for Gottlieb Wudzke, 70, of 4706 Ave. C, who had almost \$1400 in cash in his possession when his bicycle was hit by an auto.

Wudzke died at Torrance Memorial Hospital of internal

injuries sustained at Torrance Blvd. and Cravens Ave. on Oct. 18 when his two-wheeler was involved with a car driven by Dorothy Halladay, 24, of 18920 Yukon Ave.

Wudzke's body was removed to the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary.

Three Injured

A Sunday accident at Spencer St. and Amie Ave. resulted in possibly serious injuries for three persons, including two teen-aged girls.

Taken to Torrance Emergency Center in Wright's Ambulance were Linda Huffman, 15, of 20567 Amie Ave., Victor John, 31, of 20519 Kenwood Ave., the drivers, and Irene Masaki, 16, of 3591 Spencer St., a passenger with the Huffman girl.

A two-car crash at Sepulveda Blvd. and Western Ave. resulted in cuts and bruises for Stanton S. Davis, 53, of 1917 1/2 Amapola Ave., one of the drivers, and Joe King, 54, of the Murray Hotel. The other motorist was Paul Brown, 37, of Los Angeles.

Car Hits Fence

Robert L. Sinner, 23, and Evelyn Keibert, 45, both of Hermosa Beach, suffered minor hurts when their car collided with a chain-link fence along Lomita Blvd., west of Crenshaw Blvd.

Three young sisters were injured, one seriously, in a two-car crash Monday afternoon at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Crenshaw Blvd.

Diane Forbes, 5, suffered a broken right leg; Cecile Forbes, 6 1/2, and Angell Forbes, 9, sustained cuts and bruises. The girls, who reside at 2314 W. 238th St., was taken to Torrance Emergency Hospital in Wright's Ambulance.

They were riding with their uncle, Francis Forbes, 48, of 20315 Denker Ave. The other motorist was Delbert Bowman, 37, of Long Beach.

Police Nab Six Rioting Teenagers

Police arrested six teenagers Monday night following a near-riot that flared among almost 100 youths who had gathered at a drive-in cafe at 174th St. and Crenshaw Blvd.

The boys, aged 16 and 17 years, were taken into custody after most of the congregation scattered at the approach of police.

Officers said that one of the lads was carrying a wooden club.

Police were called after some members of the assemblage began fighting among themselves.

The youngsters, three from Compton, two from Torrance and one from Gardena, were arrested for investigation of disturbing the peace, carrying a concealed weapon, and unlawful assembly.

PARKED CAR ROLLS INTO RESTAURANT
Approximately \$200 damage was done to the rear wall of the Wayfarer's Restaurant, 2230 Pacific Coast Hwy., Lomita, Saturday when a parked car rolled through it, sheriff's deputies reported.

Robert L. Egner, 25432 Pennsylvania Ave., told deputies that he had parked the car behind the restaurant while he went to a nearby store.

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THURSDAY and Sunday

WEATHER
Decreasing winds in area, following strong northeasterly winds below canyons. Low about 50, high near 74 today.

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MURDER CHARGES ISSUED AGAINST VICTIM'S MATE

Coroner's Jury Blames Suspect

Fred E. Horsley, 3221 W. 190th St., whose wife, Maudie, was brutally slain as she returned home from work last week, was formally charged with murder in a complaint issued yesterday by Deputy District Atty. William B. Keene of the South Bay Municipal Court District.

Arraignment on the charges has been scheduled for today before Judge Otto B. Willett. The D.A. made no recommendation on bail.

Coroner's Jury Meets
The complaint against Horsley was issued after a Los Angeles coroner's jury Tuesday returned a verdict naming him "criminally responsible" for the death of his wife, Maudie Lee Horsley, 34.

The verdict was returned following an inquest at which Det. Capt. Ernest Ashton of the local police department testified that Horsley gave "conflicting statements" regarding the finding of his wife's body early on Oct. 16.

On advice of his attorneys, Horsley refused to reply to direct questions asked of him by the examiner at the inquest. He has denied to police that he killed his wife.

Neighbors Testify
Neighbors of the Horsleys testified that they heard screams coming from the home early on the morning the woman was bludgeoned.

An autopsy surgeon's report indicated that the woman died of injuries to the throat, including a fractured voice box, caused by an unknown instrument. She also suffered head wounds.

Horsley reportedly told police that he was awakened about 1:30 a.m. and heard his wife calling his name. He said he went into the kitchen to find a strange man bending over her body, from which some of her clothing had been ripped. The husband grappled with the assailant until the man fled out the adjacent kitchen door.

Held Since Murder
Mrs. Horsley, attractive mother of two small children, was brutally slain as she returned from her swing shift job at a Santa Monica aircraft plant. Her husband was employed days at a local aircraft plant.

The thin-faced Horsley, who displayed bruises and scratches he claimed to have received from his wife's attacker, was booked on an open charge several hours after his wife was pronounced dead at Harbor General Hospital.

Ashton said the woman drove her car from the aircraft plant parking lot shortly after 12:30 a.m. and apparently came straight home after dropping off a rider in Hawthorne.



FRED E. HORSLEY
... Charged With Slaying.

Man Who Missed Death Once Dies In Plane Mishap

A Harbor City man who narrowly escaped death in a plane crash two years ago that took the life of a Torrance flier was killed Sunday in a plane crash southwest of Bakersfield.

James Douglas Robb, 22, 1307 Rolling Knolls Dr., Harbor City, and Dale W. Lowe, 19, Metropolis, Ill., were killed when their light plane crashed 20 miles from Bakersfield.

Critically Hurt
On July 18, 1954, Robb was critically injured in a plane crash in Elstora, which took the life of David Vonderhebe, of Torrance. Robb recovered, however, and continued his own plane.

The plane in which the two men were killed Sunday had taken off from Torrance Municipal Airport and was headed for Taft. The pair apparently had taken off from Lancaster.

The accident was blamed on a structural failure.

A witness to the crash, a crop-dusting pilot who was driving on a nearby road, said he saw the plane overhead sputtering, and a few minutes later, heard the crash.

Narbonne Graduate
A native of Fresno, Robb had lived in this area for 15 years and graduated from Narbonne High School. He had been employed as a machinist at North America.

Funeral services are pending at McNeerney's Mortuary, San Pedro. Burial will be in Green Hills.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard O. Robb Sr., Harbor City; brother, Richard Jr., Lomita; and grandmother, Mrs. Emma Pence, Fresno.

Kuchel Talks Here Today

Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel is scheduled to make a campaign stop in Torrance today, speaking at two local markets.

Traveling in a campaign station wagon, Kuchel will appear at the Foods Co. Market, 174th and Crenshaw, at about 10:45 a.m. and at the Jim Dandy Market, Crenshaw and Torrance Blvd., about 11:30 a.m. The stops will be made in conjunction with his Southland motorcade.

Also in the party will be Charles Franklin, GOP nominee for Congress, and Thomas C. Brewer Jr., Assembly nominee. Other Torrance dignitaries will accompany the senator.



TARTAR QUEEN FINALISTS . . . These five lovelies will vie for Homecoming Queen honors at Torrance High School when they are selected this morning. Seated in the front are Gwen Chaffin and Wanda Cook. Behind them, left to right, are Diane Cook, Sally Reed, and Mary Yoshioka. The winner will be announced at an 11 a.m. rally at the high school.

Preliminary Census Hits 82,238; Final Due Later

Torrance has reached its goal of 82,000 residents, according to the preliminary census tabulation announced here Tuesday night by City Manager George Stevens.

According to the tabulation submitted to the city by Benjamin Kundin, special census supervisor, the city has a population of 82,238.

"Past experience has shown us that we can expect to add at least 100 to that figure when the final tabulation is confirmed in Washington, D.C., in November," Stevens said.

In reporting the figure to the City Council, Stevens said that the enumeration here had been completed and that all of the books and forms were being sent to Washington, D.C., by railway express.

"It will take about 30 days to get the official figure," he said.

Missed persons reports and additional figures will be accepted only until Oct. 29, he added. After that date, the final tabulations will be completed to permit the city to qualify for state fund allotments under the new census figure.

The added population will mean about \$115,000 additional revenue for the city, the city manager said.

"Each new resident is worth about \$7 to \$8 to the city," he told the Council.

Just over one year ago, a special census here found 67,439 persons.

College Drama Group Sets Thriller Debut Halloween

"Angel Street," a three-act Victorian thriller by Patrick Hamilton, will mark the first major El Camino College production of the fall semester.

The suspenseful drama will open Halloween night, Oct. 31, in the Campus Theater and continue its six performance run on Nov. 1, 2, 3, 9 and 10. Originally presented on the screen under the title "Gaslight," with Charles Boyer and Ingrid Bergman in leading roles, the play is under the direction and supervision of D. Patrick Shannon, a newcomer to the El Camino faculty.

Leads Named
Heading the five-player cast are John Ortiz and Sandra Yates in the roles of Mr. and Mrs. Manningham. Also prominent are Irving Joseph as Ser-

geant Rough, Barbara Clark as Nancy, and Elsie Pestoff in the role of Elizabeth.

Taking care of backstage activities are stage manager Sally Jensen and a student assistant to the director, Lucille Liberator. Bonnie Flagg and Carole Peterson are in charge of properties and Lorraine Bessett is making preparations for the costumes.

The scenery, lighting, and special effects for "Angel Street" are currently being created by the theater arts stage crafts class at the college.

Third in Theater
The October opening of "Angel Street" will mark the third presentation unveiled to the public in El Camino's new Campus Theater.

Judge Willett to Moderate Vote Forum Tuesday

Judge Otto B. Willett, resident of Hollywood Riviera and judge of the South Bay Municipal Court will preside as moderator of a Voters-Forum next Tuesday night.

At this time candidates seeking election as representatives of the South Bay district in the Congress and the State Assembly will be given an opportunity to present to the voters the program they will sponsor if elected.

Key speakers from both sides of the controversial oil measure appearing on the ballot as Proposition No. 4 will also be presented. Voters will be given an opportunity to question the candidates and speakers for the oil measure in a question and answer period to be conducted by Judge Willett.

The forum is being sponsored by the Redondo Beach Vigilance Committee as a non-partisan public service and will be held in the Eagles Hall, Catalina Ave. and Garnet St., Redondo Beach, at 8 p.m. All political organizations in the South Bay district have been invited by Martin Pritzkat, political education chairman of the Vigilance Committee to cooperate in getting out a large attendance.

Those who have accepted invitations to appear on the program are Congressman Cecil R. King and his opponent Charles Franklin; Assemblyman Clayton R. Dills of the 67th District and his opponent Richard L. Trehaway; Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel of the 46th District and his opponent Allan K. Jonas, and speakers from both sides of the oil question.

LONG-TIME RESIDENT DIES AT 89

Christopher Fredrick Fiesel, 89, a resident of this area for the past 63 years, died Sunday following a long illness. He was one of the earliest settlers in the Wilmington area.

Funeral services were held yesterday at Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel. Burial was in the family plot in Wilmington Cemetery.

A resident at 1442 W. Carson St., Mr. Fiesel was born in Germany on July 27, 1867. He came to the United States at 23 and settled in Chicago where he married Anna Marie Houck. She died in 1923, leaving her husband and 11 children. In 1929 he married Martha Klemfuss.

The Fiesels came to Wilmington in 1893. He farmed in that area until his retirement in 1929. They lived in Torrance until July of this year when he was stricken with a heart attack.

He is survived by his widow; five sons, Fred B. Henry, William, John, and Carl Fiesel; four daughters, Anna Maria Shepherd, Dr. Esther Townsend, Lucy Brimer, and Mary Liles; 14 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren, all of whom live in the harbor area.

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