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# CITY MAY COMBINE FIRE, POLICE

## McNary Named To D.A. Post In South Bay

Assignment of T. B. McNary to the South Bay Judicial District as Deputy District Attorney has been announced by District Atty. William B. McKesson. McNary a Torrance resident, has succeeded William B. Keene, who resigned to enter private practice.

A resident of 5304 Reese Rd. in the Seaside Ranchos area of Torrance, McNary has been a deputy district attorney for 20 years. He assumed his new post here this week.

### Son in Air Force

McNary and his wife, Dorothy, have a son, Thomas B. Jr., 22, an Airman first class at Lackland AFB in Texas. Another son, David Ray, 21, is a graduate of Torrance High School and attended El Camino College, while the couple's daughter, Susan, now 9, attends Marymount School in Palos Verdes.

The new D.A. for the area was graduated from Stanford University and received his law degree from the University of Southern California.

### Served in Italy

During World War II he was a major in the U.S. Army's Military Government Division, and served as governor of the Mantua Province in Italy during American occupation.

Keene has joined the Los Angeles law firm of Dryden, Harrington, Horgan & Schwartz where he will serve as a trial lawyer for the group. He has been at the South Bay post since it was created in January, 1954.

### Joycees Pick Dussell

Frank Dussell was elected president of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce at a meeting held Thursday in the Club Alondra, succeeding Dale M. Stanton.

A resident at 5314 Palos Verdes Blvd., Dussell has served as a member of the group's board of directors. He is employed in the purchasing department at North American Aircraft.

### AV to Pick Officers

The Torrance-South Bay Chapter 92 of Disabled American Veterans will elect officers Friday night at 8 p.m. in a meeting to be held at the Torrance YMCA, 2080 Washington St.

## Torrance High's Spring Music Festival Tomorrow

The accent will be on spring as the Torrance High School music department presents its third annual Spring Music Festival tomorrow night at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Two hundred choristers and instrumentalists from the Concert Band, Tartar Choir, Girls' Glee Club, and orchestra will participate.

The program, featuring a variety of choral numbers and instrumental pieces, will mark the sixth appearance of the music organizations in a combined festival. Highlights of the performance will be "Warrior's Concerto," with Michael Mullen as piano soloist, and selections from "The King and I" and "Carousel."

Parton Designed Art Associate Gary Parton designed spring decorations as a background.



**SUCCESSOR SEATED . . . Retiring Deputy District Atty. William Keene (standing) seats his successor, T. B. McNary of 5304 Reese Rd., who has been named to head the D.A. staff for the South Bay Judicial District. Keene resigned to enter private law practice in Los Angeles.**

## Meet Airmen 'Gripes' Of South Torrance

City officials got an earful of complaints from south Torrance residents at a meeting sponsored by the Southwest Torrance Coordinating Council Tuesday night.

In general, the city officials' answer to the complaints of the residents was: "We need more money and more time."

Questions discussed and the answers given included: 1. William Barclay of the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Assn. called for added police protection, both against traffic violators and criminals. He called for more stop signs.

Police Chief Percy Bennett said that more patrol cars and officers are included in the budget.

### Sumps Hit

2. "We live in fear of sumps during storms," Frank Bartley, Riviera resident said, in an attack on a 35-acre "sump of sumps."

City Manager George Stevens said plans are being stud-

ied and that a storm drain bond issue may be put on the ballot. The sump may, in time, become a recreational lake.

3. Don Matthews of the Welteria Business Men's Club said talk of expansion of the Torrance Airport had led to unsettled conditions in home building nearby.

Councilman Robert Jahn said a master plan had been developed and that a bond election is planned for acquisition of the land in the fall.

### Plan Asked

4. Art Kinane of the Southwest Park Civic Assn. said a city master plan was needed to end "strip development."

Councilman Nickolas O. Draie said that with the city's rapid development a master plan would be outdated. The Council has picked residents of different areas to study problems of those areas, he said.

5. Joe Bellante of the Welteria Kiwanis Club urged the development of Hawthorne Ave. from a "snake trail" into the Palos Verdes peninsula area to bring shoppers into the area.

Councilman Draie said the project would be under the control of the state and county and urged residents to write their assemblymen and supervisors.

### Utilities Needed

6. Elvin Schoonover of the Pacific Hills Homeowners complained of the low water pressure, inadequate street lighting, and lack of telephones in some areas.

Assistant City Manager Don Mansfield said that street lighting could be initiated by the residents themselves if they were willing to pay for them. Telephone service will soon be available, he said, and the council has approved plans for a new water main in the area.

7. Ben Russell of the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners called for a full-time library in South Torrance and a branch

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## Study Ordered On Single Unit

Recommendations that the city's police and fire departments combined into a public safety force has been handed to City Manager for study and a recommendation by the City Council.

Consolidation of the two public safety agencies into one unit was recommended in a letter to the Council by a Hollywood Riviera resident, Robert Sable.

In his letter, Sable referred to the consolidated forces which have achieved national recognition at Oak Park, Ill., a city that pioneered the system. Other cities with combined forces were cited to the Council.

### Draie Opposed

Immediate opposition to the suggestion was voiced by Councilman Nick Draie. He even opposed sending the matter to City Manager for study.

"I am unalterably opposed to consolidating the city's police and fire forces," Draie said.

Bob Jahn, who asked to have the study made, said he was not sold on the idea, but wanted to have the facts before deciding.

Draie's objection to having the proposal studied was overruled as the Council voted to have the combined system studied.

### Other Matters

In other actions, the Council: 1. Ordered a study of the actions taken recently by the city's waiver board, with special checks into signs and billboards which were allegedly erected here recently in violation of the city ordinance.

2. Approved installation of four-corner signal lights at Torrance Blvd. at Crenshaw and at 182nd St. and Crenshaw, and removal of the present Torrance and Crenshaw signals to 182nd St. and Prairie.

### Change Asked

3. Asked City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier to exclude the downtown area covered by the off-street parking assessment district in a proposed ordinance requiring a certain ratio of off-street parking for new commercial construction.

4. Voted to support the Inter-City Highway Committee on its opposition to changes in the San Diego Freeway.

5. Approved final tract map 23151 for 93 new homes in north Torrance, tentative tract map 18363 for 29 homes at 174th and Ainsworth.

6. Proclaimed month of May Kenny Month.

## Torrance Man Injured As Truck Upsets

A Torrance truck driver received only arm cuts when his lumber truck overturned on the Hollywood Freeway Friday in what police called "the granddaddy of all traffic tie-ups."

David Sosic, 39, 3338 W. 174th St., received only arm cuts when his truck and one of two trailers of lumber turned over on the freeway. Traffic was tied up for miles for over an hour.

The tie-up started when a station wagon towing a trailer in the outbound lane went out of control and jumped the center divider into the inbound lane. Sosic was driving in the inbound lane and had to swerve sharply to miss the station wagon, but his truck overturned. He pulled himself from his truck, unaided.

The station wagon driver, Bill Carrigan, Reseda, said his trailer, loaded with carpets, "went crazy."

## Public Invited To Inspect Local Fire Department

"Fire Service Day" will be observed at Torrance fire stations this Saturday with a public open house at all four facilities, according to Fire Chief J. J. Benner.

Firemen will show fire equipment and answer questions about their work between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. or 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Torrance fire stations are located at 1701 Crenshaw Blvd., 3774 W. 242nd St., 3610 W. 174th St., and 3205 Calle Mayor.

## Gas Dispute Flares Up At Airport Meet

The controversy over who has the right to dispense what gasoline to whom at the Torrance Airport continued Thursday as the city Airport Commission failed to approve a motion to prevent servicing of airplanes with other than gas in underground storage tanks.

Although Commission President Jack White moved that the commission recommend that the City Council adopt an ordinance to prevent dispensing of gas from other than those at the airport, the move died for lack of a second.

The proposal was the latest development after the commission was informed last month that Vegas Airways, Inc. was servicing its planes with a tank truck.

White said he believed that an action of the commission last month leaves the city and the commissioners "liable to suit."

An opinion by City Atty. Stanley Remelmeier indicated that Vegas has the right to refuel its aircraft by truck, under terms of its contract with the city. He did not rule on the possibility that such action might be in violation of the city's agreement with Collins-Dietrich, airport managers.

Currently, the city is studying regulations for safety in fueling operations.

## \$100,000 Plant Project Begins

In the first phase of a \$100,000 plant improvement program intended to extend the leadership of THE HERALD in the fast-growing Torrance area, workmen will start next week on foundations for a high speed rotary press in The HERALD plant at 1619 Gramercy Ave.

The press, capable of producing at high speeds up to 64 pages in a single operation, will be one of the most versatile in the Los Angeles area because of special equipment that will bring color to almost any page in the paper. Advertisers, who want it, will be able to use three colors and black in their advertising and, when that time arrives, comic sections in full color will be printed right here in Torrance.

### Faith in the Future

Purchase of the press is another manifestation of the publisher's faith in the future

Photos of the new press are published today on page 21 of THE HERALD.

of Torrance. This announcement comes on the eve of the third anniversary of the new ownership which has seen many changes in Torrance and many changes in THE HERALD.

Other announcements of interest to the future role THE HERALD will play in this ever expanding area, will be made in the coming weeks.

### Future Needs Studied

Plans for acquisition of the press have been carefully made. It was necessary to consider not only the present

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## Early Torrance Developer Dies

The death of Brian Welch, executor of the estate of the late Jared Sidney Torrance, and one of the early benefactors of Torrance, was learned here this week.

A graduate of the Class of '16 at Yale, Mr. Welch took an active part in the early history of the city, and was president of the parent Dominguez Land Co. when it was dissolved. He came to California at the end of World War I, and took over as executor of Mr. Torrance's estate when the city's founder died in 1921. He was Torrance's nephew.

Two of the city's important facilities, the Torrance Memorial Hospital and the Torrance Women's Club, were constructed largely through the efforts of Mr. Welch. He had followed through on Mr. Torrance's wishes that a hospital be established here by getting the heirs — many who were not connected in the city in any manner — to put up \$100,000 for the hospital. He also was active on his own behalf in constructing the Women's Clubhouse.

The location which the Los Angeles district is seeking is bounded by Via Pacheco, Chelsea Rd., Montemalaga Rd. and Dalton Rd.

## Firemen Rescue Boy Who Caught Finger in Tube

A curious 18-month-old boy who stuck his finger in a radio tube shield was rescued by firemen Tuesday.

Firemen answered a call from Mrs. Clarence Fend, 4202 W. 177th St., who reported that her son, James, had gotten his little finger entangled. They took him to the fire station, where, with the aid of tin snips and a hacksaw, they managed to remove the shield. A little iodine repaired the damage.



**"EVERYBODY LEARNED SOMETHING" . . . That was the observation of J. A. Beasley (left), chairman of a South Torrance meeting on the problems of the area Tuesday as he discussed the meet with John J. Barton, publicity chairman. At the meeting, representatives of the area presented their "gripes" to city officials.**

## North High Band To Give Concert Here Saturday

The North High School band will give a concert at the Torrance High School auditorium Saturday evening, May 4, beginning at 8. The concert will be under the direction of J. M. Baum.

One of the featured numbers will be a trumpet trio, "Bolego," by Walter Smith, and will feature Bob Wyatt, Sam Fillon and his brother Reuben Fillon. Wyatt was named to the first chair in the All Southern California band and in the All California High School Symphony orchestra this year. Sam Fillon has been band captain for two years.

Flute and piccolo sections of the band will be showcased in John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever." Baum reports.

The 90-minute program will also highlight such talented young musicians as Rod Collins, Mike Deasy, Mike Henderson, and Toxey French, all members of the All Southern California band. French, who gained first chair snare drums in the band, was the only freshman in Southern California to do so.

## Recommend Palos Verdes High School

Acquisition of a 27.5 acre site for the proposed Palos Verdes senior high school — now being held for a possible intermediate school by the Palos Verdes School District — was recommended to the Los Angeles City Board of Education by Superintendent of Schools Ellis A. Jarvis.

As a result, Jarvis asked the board to request the Palos Verdes School District to turn over the location — known as the lower school site — to the Los Angeles City School System for development of the school.

The location which the Los Angeles district is seeking is bounded by Via Pacheco, Chelsea Rd., Montemalaga Rd. and Dalton Rd.

## Ralphs to Open New Market In South Bay Center Today

"We want everybody in this whole wonderful area to visit Ralphs magnificent store," Manager Earl Miller said during a preview of the market here yesterday. The new market on the South Bay Shopping Center at 174th St. and Hawthorne Ave. will open today.

Opening new stores for Ralphs is no new experience for Miller—he opened and was manager of the Ralphs store at

National and Sepulveda when it started almost seven years ago. He has been manager there since that time.

### With Ralphs 24 Years

Miller's Ralphs career started in 1933 shortly after his family moved here from Oklahoma and young Earl got a job as bakery boy at Ralphs old 7th St. store.

He and Mrs. Miller live in View Park at 3925 Mt. Vernon

Dr. They have a daughter, Jill, 16, and son, Jack, 15.

Miller's chief interest, outside of Ralphs, is in Scouting. He is institutional representative for both the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. He also is a member of the Kiwanis Club and the Masonic Lodge.

### Is Largest Store

The new store Miller is opening today for the growing Ralphs chain will admit the

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