

# Torrance Herald

OFFICE AND PLANT AT 1619 GRAMERCY AVE., TORRANCE

IN THE HERALD TODAY

Ann Landers	18	Motorcade	24
City and Surf	14	Obituaries	21
Church	21-22	Society	9-14
Editorials	18	Sports	26
Feature Page	17	Want Ads	28-31

43rd Year—No. 53

12

TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, JULY 4, 1957

10¢ Per Copy

32 PAGES



**NEW SCHOOL YEAR . . .** The Torrance Unified School District started a new fiscal year with two new board officers and its superintendent back at work for the first time since his recent heart attack. Ready to start the new year are new School Board President Joseph G. Arnold, Superintendent J. H. Hull, and Board Vice President Clinton Cooke.

## Fire, Police Pay Demands Rejected By City Council

### City May Open Studies Later

Torrance firemen and policemen have demanded an increase in pay over and above the five and a half per cent hike already approved for city employees.

Action on the "demand" for an eight and one half per cent increase in pay, however, has been postponed by the city council until August when the final assessment figures are announced.

In a strongly worded letter to city councilmen, the fire and police wage committee Tuesday night accused the city fathers of paying substandard wages to employees of the two departments.

**Paid in Excuses**  
The council also was charged with compensating the employees with excuses, promises, and future surveys.

Councilmen voted to reopen the matter of wage increases for firemen and policemen this August when the final budget is adopted.

"Our sympathies are with you," declared Councilman Victor E. Benstead Jr.

"I'd like to see you get paid as much as Los Angeles city employees," he continued.

**Decision Withheld**  
However, all five councilmen agreed that a decision on the matter of wage increases should await the final assessment figures.

In asking for a \$503 monthly wage, representatives of the committee said fire and police wages were unjustly low and cited pay averages in six other cities to prove their point.

Officer Dave Cook also told the council laborers employed by the city enjoyed salaries three per cent above the average scale. Furthermore, he said, taxes have been raised \$0.225 per \$100 assessed valuation in order to grant miscellaneous employees benefits not to be shared by firemen and police.

The council also was accused of turning deaf ears to pleas for adequate wages, and giving no credit for the greater mental, physical, and moral standards necessary to perform duties of a fire fighter or police officer.

"Torrance is nationally famous as an All-America City. The praises are hollow when a decent American wage is not granted to a city's first line of defense," the letter stated.

The increase was estimated by the committee to cost the city an additional \$30,000. City Manager George Stevens, who said he had not been consulted about the wage increase, refused to confirm the figure.

**Four Workers**  
The original group which laid all the ground-work consisted of Billy McArthur, Ronald Cotta, Kenney Shenkel and Richard Williams, together with the help of Mrs. Morrow.

Mrs. Morrow, a stamp collector for more than 40 years, organized the stamp club nearly two years ago.

"I ran out of stamps to trade for nothing with the boys so I put them to work," she said. The youngsters mow her lawns, water, and do other things around the house in return for new stamps.

**40 Members**  
Now, some 40 youngsters meet at the Morrow home to work on their stamp books.

Not content with their success of helping to obtain a tri-colored stamp showing the American Flag, the youngsters already are at work setting up a new design for an airmail stamp.

**INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE . . .** Newly installed president of the Torrance Rotary Club, Dr. Joe Bay, receives a Japanese Rotary Club banner from Shinjiro Izumi, president of the Izumi Dairy Supply Co., near Tokyo. Presentation was part of the Rotary "demotion" party last week at which time Dr. Raymond Larsen was succeeded as president of the club by Dr. Bay.

### Superintendent Returns to Job

School Superintendent J. H. Hull attended a Torrance school board meeting Tuesday night for the first time since his April 5 heart attack.

"I feel very good right now," he said. "I've been working in my yard recently and feel good enough to go back to work again."

**To Resume Duties**  
The educator, somewhat thinner after his illness, told the board that he will resume a limited working schedule next week and will gradually take on more of his duties.

Stricken at an April 5 meeting with other school superintendents at Paramount, he was in critical condition for a time, but has improved steadily since that time. During recent weeks, he has been consulted at his home about school business.

In other action, Joseph G. Arnold was elected president of board for the coming year, with Clinton B. Cooke named as vice president. Charlton A. Mewborn has headed the board for the past year.

Preliminary drawings on Calle Mayor School, to be located just north of South High School, and Jefferson School, northwest of Carson and Tallman, were approved by the board. Plans for two other elementary schools—Hamilton, 182nd and Ardath Ave., and Yukon, 180th and Yukon—were sent back for revision of the plot plans.

### Council Okays Settlement of Tree Problems

City councilmen climbed down out of a \$65 tree Tuesday.

The group voted to permit Allen E. Kelly to remove the trees at his own cost from the property at Sepulveda Blvd., and Hawthorne Ave., when they were informed that if the trees were left in, they would extend three feet out into the street.

**Payment Asked**

When the original request to remove the trees, at his own cost, was made by Kelly, councilmen told him he would have to pay the city \$65 per tree.

The trees have to be taken out in order to install curbs and gutters.

In other action, the council referred to the city attorney, the Four Corners Pipe Line request for a blanket franchise to install a 16 inch pipe through Torrance.

**Plans Ordered**

The city engineer was instructed to prepare plans and specifications for Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 3. A request by 50 property owners in Palos Verdes Riviera for the city to hire an engineer to give his opinion on a proposed hillside housing tract near Newton and Bluff Sts., was heard.

City Manager George Stevens was requested to contact the county engineer to see if his office would survey the property to determine the amount of slippage and landslide danger.

### 3 Attend DAV Meet

Three officers from the South Bay Chapter No. 92, Disabled American Veterans, will attend the DAV state convention in San Jose today through Sunday. Attending will be Commander Henry Montoya, Adjutant Charles Portnoy, and Sergeant-at-Arms Walter Tasker.

### Only Safe, Sane Fireworks Okay For Use in City

Only "safe and sane" fireworks are allowed in Torrance for Fourth of July celebrations.

In case you're wondering what "safe and sane" fireworks are, they're the variety that are sold at fireworks stands in the city. The stands are inspected by firemen daily.

Firecrackers, cherry bombs, Roman candles, and similar merry-makers are banned in the city. Anyone shooting them is subject to fine.



**TRIP WINNERS . . .** Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Moreta, 1204 Cranbrook Ave., receive the happy tidings from Chamber Director O. R. Trueblood that they have won a trip to Hawaii in the Retail Merchants' Assn. contest. Here Trueblood (center) explains to them the details of their trip after the drawing.



**PHILATELISTS . . .** These stamp collectors are rejoicing over the fact that their design submitted to Washington, D. C., will appear today on a near tri-colored stamp picturing the Stars and Stripes. They are from left: Richard Williams, Mrs. Hilary Morrow, Kenney Shenkel and Ronnie Cotta.

### Philatelists View Results Of Drive for New Stamp

Allegiance to the American Flag is being paid today all over the nation—and here in Torrance a group of young philatelists have an extra reason to be proud of Stars and Stripes.

Two years of effort will be culminated today when the United States Post Office Department issues a tri-colored stamp showing the national emblem waving proudly.

Four young boys, together with Mrs. Hilary Morrow of 19305 Hinsdale Ave., couldn't figure out why the United States didn't issue a tri-colored stamp of the flag—especially since many other countries had stamps showing the American national emblem.

**Draw Design**

All members of the Torrance Stamp Club, the youngsters embarked on a project destined to end today when virtually the design they submitted appears in stamp form.

The stamp shows the American banner unfurled with the standard breaking the frame, done in the red, white, and blue colors.

The only noticeable difference in the design submitted by the Torrance youngsters is the line that says "Long May It Wave." The local group had suggested "What So Proudly We Hail."

**Write Letters**

For two years the boys have been writing letters urging the printing of the new stamps. Letters were sent to the Postmaster General, American Legion, Vice President Richard Nixon, General Douglas MacArthur, and others.

And in most cases, the boys received answers to their letters.

From Vice President Nixon's office came this reply:

"It is our understanding that the Post Office Department is also interested in such a stamp, but at the present time the equipment at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing does not lend itself to multi-color postage stamp work. However, the Bureau of Engraving is experimenting with such a press and it is hoped that sometime in the future

they will be able to issue a U.S. postage stamp similar to that which you have in mind."

**Four Workers**

The original group which laid all the ground-work consisted of Billy McArthur, Ronald Cotta, Kenney Shenkel and Richard Williams, together with the help of Mrs. Morrow.

Mrs. Morrow, a stamp collector for more than 40 years, organized the stamp club nearly two years ago.

"I ran out of stamps to trade for nothing with the boys so I put them to work," she said. The youngsters mow her lawns, water, and do other things around the house in return for new stamps.

**40 Members**

Now, some 40 youngsters meet at the Morrow home to work on their stamp books.

Not content with their success of helping to obtain a tri-colored stamp showing the American Flag, the youngsters already are at work setting up a new design for an airmail stamp.

### Sailor Critical After Collision

John Ivan Childress, 21, of Arlington, remained in critical condition yesterday following an accident early Tuesday morning.

Childress, who is in the U.S. Navy, was thrown from his car by the collision which occurred at 203rd St. and Hawthorne Ave.

**Firemen Fight Grass Fires**

Grass fires this week continued to break out in various parts of town, keeping Torrance firemen busy.

A fire blackened three acres of grass south of Carson St., east of Madrona Ave., with firemen battling the blaze for about 90 minutes, Tuesday.

Another fire swept over two acres in the 5100 block on Newton St., Tuesday taking firemen about 50 minutes to put it out. In both fires, the cause was undetermined.

A grass fire which also caught some scrap lumber behind 2037 W. 238th St., was extinguished by firemen. Covering an area 10 by 100 feet, it apparently started from a nearby incinerator. The property is owned by Selmer Langerud.

In another accident Monday, Fonzy Garrett of Gardena was injured when his car collided with one driven by Joseph Patrick Morrissey, 3930 Cherrywood Ave., police reported.

Garrett was taken to Harbor General Hospital and released after treatment. The accident occurred at 180th St. and Western Ave.

A third accident in Torrance occurred Sunday when Robert Sale Webber, 30, of 4715 Mindora Dr., reportedly fell asleep at the wheel and hit a signal pole at 182nd St. and Hawthorne Ave.

lowing him on a wild chase which ended in his bouncing over a car and house trailer.

Lyle Roger DeVore, 21429 Halldale Ave., was captured after a wild chase through Lomita, Saturday, which ended when he lost control of his cycle, plowed through a cactus bed, hit a car, was thrown over the car and a nearby house trailer, and landed in a ditch, according to deputies.

He was treated for head injuries at Hillside Clinic and transferred to the prison ward of the County General Hospital.

Deputies said they saw DeVore Saturday at the southeast corner of Pennsylvania and Pacific Coast Hwy., and were going to arrest him for going through a red light. DeVore sped away, they said, and led them on a chase which led down the highway, Cypress St., 262nd St., down a dirt road, and ended in front of 26002 Oak St. when he lost control of the vehicle.

"I don't know why I did it. I guess I got carried away," they quoted DeVore after the crash.

In court, DeVore was given the choice of a \$105 fine or 20 days in jail. He paid the fine.

**Fireworks Not Safe and Sane Sought Here**  
Fireworks of a different kind were being sought today.

In a race against time, Torrance police and Los Angeles Sheriff's Deputies continued their search for 30 sticks of dynamite and 85 blasting caps reported stolen in WALTERS, June 22.

Local officers warned that simply dropping one of the blasting caps could cause an explosion endangering the lives of anyone around.

The blasting caps were in a yellow cardboard box, 3 in. x 6 in. x 9 in. and each cap had a six foot lead wire. Also stolen from the Great Lakes Carbon Co. was a yellow air horn for a truck.

Police feared that the dynamite and blasting caps might be in the possession of juveniles.