

GROUP HOPEFUL ON HARBOR FREEWAY

Airport Board, Manager Clash

The manager of the Torrance Airport told the Airport Commission Thursday night that he will refuse to turn on the newly installed runway lights unless his firm is relieved of liability for night use of the field.

17-Year-Old Badly Hurt In Accident

A 17-year-old Torrance girl was reported in critical condition yesterday, as the result of injuries received in a two-car collision at Del Amo Blvd. and Anza Ave., Wednesday night. Another accident victim was reported out of danger.

Dixie Stein, 17, 19725 Anza Ave., was in Harbor General Hospital with a critical head injury. She was a passenger in a car driven by Edward M. Bajuk, 20, San Diego, who was removed from the critical list yesterday.

Their car collided with one driven by Benjamin Franklin Pauling, 38, 21918 Redbeam Ave., who was not hurt. According to police, Pauling was going south on Anza, while Bajuk was headed east on Del Amo at the time of the crash.

Incorporation Campaign Mapped by Lomita Chamber

Expansion of the United Lomita Group into a community-wide "Committee of 1000 for Incorporation" and official endorsement and sponsorship by the Lomita Chamber of Commerce of the current campaign for "home rule" were announced Friday by Werner H. Benson, Chamber president. Authorization for this move "to insure keeping Lomita the kind of a community the majority of its residents want it to be by permanently eliminating the constant threat of piecemeal dismemberment through annexation," stemmed from a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce on Aug. 16, and was concluded last Monday evening at a joint conference of Chamber representatives and the United Lomita Group, according to President Benson.

Chandler Named
Appointment of Linden H. Chandler as general chairman of the newly expanded committee for cityhood, was also announced by President Benson. Serving with him as members of an executive committee will be E. E. Meyers, Glenn Keith, and President Benson, in an ex-officio capacity.

Selection of a chairman to direct the activities of a women's division of the community-wide organization will be made within the next week, Chandler stated in explaining that the incorporation group would have active representation from every area of the community and from all walks of life.

"Now or Never"
"Incorporation is a matter of community survival," Ray Ferrin, who made the motion for the Chamber endorsement of the cityhood drive, declared today in commenting on his action. "It's now or never," he stated. "Lomita stands at the crossroads of her future destiny and faces extinction as a public entity unless home rule is approved. Only through self-government, with direct and local control over our elected officials can we insure Lomita's future prosperity and orderly development."

Other Chamber members who were active in consummating the program for Chamber sponsorship of the incorporation movement were Glenn Keith, Linden Chandler, Gregg Doyle, Lloyd Orr, E. E. Meyers and Tim McCormick.

Campaign Planned
"Every resident of the community will be invited to join the newly organized committee for incorporation," Chandler declared in announcing plans for a continuous campaign of public education, regarding the need and feasibility of cityhood, between now and the incorporation election on Oct. 29. "When the people are fully informed on the question and are given the facts from authoritative sources, there will be no question about their decision," he declared in warning.

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'Paper' Streets in Oil Fields Opposed by Several Residents

Proposals for setting up streets for possible future development in the South Torrance oil fields were eyed by planning commissioners Wednesday night, with three residents objecting. "The commission is eyeing an ordinance which would set up 'paper streets' in the area in case of future residential development. The area is located roughly between Crenshaw and Walnut, south of Sepulveda.

Development Eyed
However, Planning Commission Secretary George Powell explained that the 54-foot streets are being plotted only to assure that property would not be landlocked in case of future development. Some houses have been built in the area now. A second hearing will be held Sept. 4 on the issue. The planners also studied the zoning situation in the Victor Tract, where requests for

Local Chamber Sets Friendship Tour of Mexico

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a "friendship tour" of Mexico early next year for Torrance residents and friends, according to President A. E. Thompson.

The nine-day tour will begin on Saturday, April 18, and will include round-trip transportation via Western Airlines' famous "champagne flight" to Mexico City and return, first-class hotel facilities in Mexico City, Taxco, and Acapulco. All meals are included except three breakfasts, one luncheon, and one dinner. All other meals are part of the package which also features tours of many of the scenic and historical highlights of Mexico.

Thompson pointed out that this tour will leave from Los Angeles International Airport, not Tijuana. Western Airlines is the only American air carrier that has a franchise to fly to Mexico City. It was granted only recently after a determined effort led by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and assisted by a strong resolution from the local chamber to government officials in Washington, D.C.

Western officials told this chamber's board of directors at their last meeting that Torrance would be the first city ever to schedule a "good will" tour to Mexico from the West Coast on an American air carrier.

Rivets Reports

Today should be cool and pleasant, with early morning low clouds, according to the HERALD weather dog, Rivets. Yesterday the temperature dipped some, what, to 79, after a hot, humid week.

Highs and lows this week included Thursday (84-60); Friday (83-63); and Saturday (79-62).



COOL



A LOVELY REMINDER . . . Miss Kathryn Gabriel, "Miss Ohio" in the recent Miss Universe Beauty Pageant and a runnerup to Miss United States, points out for Torrance residents that Sept. 5 is the deadline for registering for the Oct. 29 bond and charter amendment election. Miss Gabriel visited The HERALD this week.

JUDGE ASKS LIFE TERM FOR RAPIST

John Marvin Ginter, 20, found guilty of four counts of forcible rape, was sentenced to four consecutive 1 to 50 year terms in state prison, with the recommendation that he be jailed for life.

Superior Court Judge Beach Vasey said he would recommend life imprisonment to the California Adult Authority for Ginter, who pleaded guilty to four forcible rape counts, which were among 10 felony charges filed against him June 7, after an 18-year-old Long Beach woman was kidnapped.

The attack allegedly occurred in Lomita, after Ginter and two companions grabbed the woman of the street in Long Beach. Ginter lives at 25351 Oak St., Lomita.

Ginter was ruled legally sane after Judge Vasey read reports by two court-appointed psychiatrists. The examiners said Ginter admitted so many kidnappings and rapes since he was 14 that he had lost count. Ginter claimed he never worked, but got spending money by selling narcotics to Narbonne High School students, the examiners said. He was released from an Oklahoma prison only two days before the alleged offense.

A co-defendant, Raymond L. Butler, 17, Wilmington, will be tried in Superior Court Monday.

Man Slightly Hurt As Gun Blows Apart

A 27-year-old Torrance man considered himself lucky yesterday after his gun blew up in about 30 pieces while he was practicing at the Torrance Gun Club.

Howard McCusker, 18035 Ermanita Ave., suffered only minor injuries when his weapon blew up in his face. He was firing a 30 caliber German gun. Observers were amazed that more serious injuries did not result.

Lutherans Will Dedicate School

The new educational building at the First Lutheran Church, Carson and Flower Sts. will be dedicated today at services at 3 p.m.

Guest speaker for the occasion will be the Rev. Elmer Hoffman, pastor of Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bellflower.

The educational building is the second in a series of buildings to be constructed on the three and one-half acre plot of ground owned by the church. The first building, at present being used as the church, and the office wing was constructed in 1954. The main church and two more educational buildings are planned for future construction.

The new building will be used for a Christian day school, for Sunday school and for organizational meetings. There are three large rooms in the building and nine smaller rooms, an office for the Sunday school superintendent, and rest rooms.

First Lutheran Church will open its Christian Elementary school this fall with first, second, and third grades. A kindergarten class will also be started if enough students are registered.

Officers Told
Edward E. Davies was the architect and Eilert Vogt was the general contractor. Milton Carlson, a member of the church, is chairman of the building committee. Paul C. Wenske is pastor of the church, and Orville Sletten is the Sunday school superintendent.

The new building contains seven thousand square feet. It contains the most modern equipment and fenced-in playground.

Local Firm Recipient of New Contract

Horkey-Moore Associates, Torrance, has received a call-type contract from the Air Force for the complete qualification testing of four advanced type bomb racks, according to Joseph H. Moore, vice president of manufacturing and testing for the engineering firm. Dollar value of the contract was not revealed. The test program will make use of the company's large environmental chamber and their new 1500 force pounds Caldyne vibration table. The chamber is 16 feet long and six feet in diameter and will be used for high altitude functional tests, high temperature, low temperature and humidity testing. Horkey-Moore Associates, recently formed from a merger of Horkey Associates and Moore Development Corp., provides a package service for the performance of engineering research, design and development, prototype and pilot fabrication, and complete environmental testing.

Need Outlined In Sacramento

Optimism that completion of the Harbor Freeway as far south as 190th St. might be done without endangering the San Diego Freeway project was expressed yesterday by city officials and members of the Inter-City Highway Committee after an appearance before the California Highway Commission in Sacramento Thursday.

The Torrance delegation, headed by Councilman Nick Drale, who is also chairman of the San Diego Freeway committee for the Inter-City group, joined representatives of other cities and areas in Sacramento where they reiterated the need for freeway development in the southwest area.

Dills Leads Talks
Leading the presentation before the commissioners in the capitol city Thursday was Assemblyman Clayton Dills, of Gardena, who introduced Supervisor Kenneth Hahn and Drale.

In an answer to a direct question by Commissioner Robert McClure of Santa Monica if the appearance of a representative of the Inter-City Highway Committee meant that the group was now more interested in the Harbor than the San Diego Freeway, Drale said the San Diego Freeway was still the group's No. 1 project. "We are here to show the unanimity of the area for the completion of the Harbor Freeway," Drale said.

"Any freeway in the area will help us all," he added. Many of the representatives making the trip to Sacramento this week joined in a blistering denunciation of Supervisor Burton Chace for asking that the supervisors refrain from asking for freeway priorities.

"If all of us took that attitude, we might never get our freeways," Inter-City Chairman Wilburn E. Baker, of El Segundo, commented. His group had appeared before the commission last March, and he believes they were successful in moving up the date of the San Diego project by several years, he said. "This is not a pressure movement," Drale said. "We are merely presenting our case before the members of the state group in a public hearing."

Rotary to Hear Of Security
S. E. Comstock, general manager of Rogers and Associates Secret Service and Security Audits, will speak to the Hollywood Riviera Rotary Club this Thursday noon at the Rav-On Club on "Security vs. Calculated Risks."

He will discuss problems involving employees in such things as inventory shrinkages and the approach of "do-it-yourself" training programs to strengthen a business. He will present slides showing the high risks an employer may take in certain departments.

Cleaners Get Cleaned Out

A cash register, containing \$40 in cash was stolen from Jack's Cleaners, 16610 Crenshaw Blvd., according to police reports. Jack Bienstock, 17230 Ardath Ave., told police a man came to the rear door of the cleaning establishment Thursday and wanted to sell him a German-made clock.

When he returned to the front of the shop, the cash register was missing. During the time Bienstock was talking to the man in the rear of the store, a second man obviously entered and made off with the cash, police said.

Robber Calls Taxi; No Fare This Trip

Leaving the scene where he assertedly committed an armed robbery, a Lawndale man stopped nearby to call a taxi.

Before the taxi arrived, police officers arrived and gave the suspect a free ride—to the police station.

Gerald Thomas Julian, 23, of 4732 W. 173rd St., is in Torrance jail today, according to local police, following an armed robbery of Manor Liquor store, 17310 South Crenshaw Blvd. Julian used a pellet gun to holdup the store clerk, officers said.

"Open the cash box and give me your paper money," the bandit declared. Leaving the store with \$127 in cash, the suspect left and called a cab from a nearby store. Gardena police officers spotted the suspect running across the street and took him into custody. The suspect is married, the father of a son, and he told police his wife was expecting another child any day. He needed the money to pay bills, Julian told officers.