

HARBOR EMERGENCY CARE HIT

Bands Named For Middle-West Clinic

Names of the eight bands selected to perform for the Mid-West National Band Clinic to be held at the world-famous Sherman Hotel in Chicago in December was announced this week by National Band Clinic headquarters.

Besides the Torrance Area Youth Band, which is the only representative from the Western States, other bands include the Maury High School Band, Norfolk, Va., the Centerville, Iowa, High School Band, the Larsen Junior High School Band of Elgin, Ill., the Rochester, Minn., High School Band, the Lockport, Ill., High School Band, the London, Ontario, Canada, Police Boys Band, and the VanderCook College Band of Chicago.

Only eight bands from the United States and Canada are selected each year to perform for this Clinic—the nation's largest annual music teachers convention of its kind. Bands are chosen strictly on their playing ability and are required to play one two hour concert for the visiting music teachers.

This event will bring national recognition to the Torrance Area Youth Band as well as to the city. Pictures, articles and announcements of the band's appearance there will be published in several national music magazines. 15,000 brochures carrying the band's picture and a story are being mailed out from Chicago this month to school band directors all over the United States and Canada. The band's performance there will be recorded on the spot and made available to all visiting music teachers and students.

The Youth Band plans to make the trip by plane, leaving on Sunday, Dec. 15, and returning the following Sunday, Dec. 22.

City Denies Variance for Paint Store

Efforts of a Los Angeles paint retailer to obtain a variance to use R-2 property for use as a new paint store on Crenshaw Blvd. between 178th St. and 177th St. was defeated before the council this week.

Residents of the area, filling the council chambers to overflowing, protested the requested variance and won. The council voted to turn over the planning commission's recommendation that the variance be granted.

This week's session was the third in the past two years in the same area, which includes vacant land between 182nd St. and the Edison Co. power lines to the north. Several apartment houses have been built and are planned on property near the disputed lots.

City Taxes Now \$1.224

The city pegged its 1957-58 tax rate at \$1.224, up about four cents over last year's tax, as it adopted the final budget this week.

Of this amount, the general fund tax is \$1.00, the retirement fund 10½ cents, the library fund 5.9 cents, bond funds for fire stations 1.8 cents, and the civic center bonds at 4.2 cents.

The final figure was about two cents lower than first estimates because of the tremendous growth in assessed valuation.

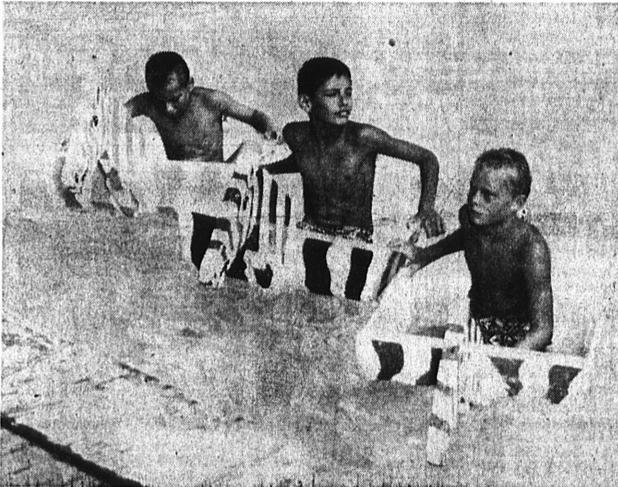
Small Gun Explodes

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, 16035 Ermanita Ave., suffered only minor injuries when his weapon blew up in his face. He was firing a 30 caliber German gun.



CANOES YET . . . Dorothy Allison, left, and Diana Clark paddle their own canoe right across the Torrance municipal plunge. A canoe race will be featured at the Aqua Fun Festival Sept. 6.



SEA HORSE RACE . . . Young Steve Terre, Bill Gilliland and Donald Bittner are shown practicing on the sea horse race—one of the features in the forthcoming Aqua Fun Carnival, Sept. 6, at the Torrance municipal plunge. The event will be sponsored by the City Recreation Dept.

Member Calls Recreation Commission 'Farce'; Quits

The mass exodus of city recreation commissioners continued yesterday when Mrs. William Boswell ended a six-year term by resigning.

Mrs. Boswell, the first woman to serve on the commission, tendered her resignation to Mayor Albert Isen and promptly termed the city recreation commission a farce.

"Our decisions not only were ignored but hopelessly debilitated by the City Council," she declared. To continue serving the city in this capacity, would only be a waste of time.

She also termed the Council's action regarding city recreation as irresponsible. "I can work privately for

Replace Inmates With Primates At Old City Jail

The bars which formerly held inmates at the old Torrance jail, now will house primates.

Inebriates, murders, thieves and robbers have been replaced by apes, according to the Los Angeles City Recreation and Park Dept.

The barred cage in the old police station will be used at Griffith Park zoo to house the apes which must be isolated because of sickness or injury.

recreational facilities to better advantage, so why should I but my head against a brick wall," she averred.

Commission Chairman Herma Hill and J. H. Gaget resigned earlier in protest over the Council's handling of the recreation bond issue.

The Recreation Commission had requested a bond issue of \$5,000,000. Councilmen cut the

Council OKs New Landing Strip Delay

Plans to construct a touch and go landing strip at Torrance Municipal Airport hit a snag this week when several members of the city's airport commission appeared before the council and said the estimated cost of the strip had been tripled since they approved it several months ago.

Appearing and asking that the council hold up an order to start construction of the strip were Commissioners Robert Herrick and Malcolm Neal. The two commissioners, who said they also spoke for Jack White, commission president, said they were given \$9000 as an estimate for the job while the current estimate is \$25,000 to \$28,000.

The council agreed to check into the matter.

10-Ton Tractor Taken; 'Twas an Error, Says Man

If to err is to be human, a Los Angeles truck driver was real human Tuesday.

William Beal made a slight mistake in a street address and for awhile became involved in the theft of a \$18,000 tractor.

Object of a county-wide search, Beal was more than a little disturbed when he was stopped by police officers.

He told officers he was sent by his construction firm to pick up the little 10-ton beauty at 190th St. and Arlington Ave.

By error, he went to 190th St. and Hawthorne Ave., and loaded his truck with the tractor belonging to Ernie Beach.

Valenzuela irately informed officers his \$18,000 10-ton tractor was missing and an all-points bulletin was issued.

Informed of his error, Beal packed up the tractor, hauled it back, then went on to 190th St. and Arlington Ave., where once again he took on board a 10-ton cargo—this time the right one.

\$35 Doctors Hard to Find

"Overcrowded conditions" and "unreasonable waits for treatment of critical accident cases."

These were the charges leveled by Supervisor Burton W. Chace, yesterday, against emergency clinic services at Harbor General Hospital.

Chace backed up his charges by citing several recent cases wherein accident victims were forced to wait for "unreasonable periods of time because the only available doctor was already performing emergency surgery.

\$35 a Night
A shortage of physicians who will work the eight-hour graveyard shift for \$35 a night was blamed for the lack of proper emergency service.

Superintendent of Charities, William A. Barr, told the Board of Supervisors that delays in the treatment of critical accident cases at the Torrance facility during recent months was largely due to the shortage of doctors.

Supervisors called on the Los Angeles Medical Assn. and a committee of lay people for assistance in solving the recruitment problem and study of the overcrowded conditions at General Hospital.

Recent Criticism
The need for improvement of the Harbor Area emergency facilities was brought out during a general discussion of recent criticism of the overcrowded conditions at the Los Angeles General Hospital.

Chace declared his criticism was not directed at either Barr, or the manager of Harbor General, Alfred Thomas.

Thomas agreed with Chace's opinion of the recruitment problem and said that some emergency patients have had to wait for care due to the shortage of medical help.

He denied, however, that patients in a serious condition have had to wait an unreasonable time.

Officers Nab Two Suspects For Forgery

Sheriff's deputies won out in a 90-mile-an-hour race to capture two forgery suspects between Lomita and San Pedro Tuesday.

Victor Sanchez, 23, who refused to give his address, and Robert Zamudio, 26, of 1412 W. 2nd St., San Pedro, were arrested by deputy D. L. Robertson.

The chase began after Raymond Guillion, manager of a service station at 1752 W. Pacific Coast Hwy., recognized Sanchez from a Merchants Protective bulletin when the pair tried to cash an \$80 check.

Guillion detained the duo under the guise that he had to get additional funds in order to cash the check. Meanwhile, he had an attendant call Lennox Sheriff's Station.

Sanchez roared his car from the station when he saw the patrol car driven by Robertson approach. The two cars raced south on Western Ave. until the machine driven by Sanchez spun out of control and smashed against a car parked at Summerland Ave.

Robertson captured Sanchez almost immediately and left him in the custody of a bystander. Then, on foot, he pursued the other man over seven fences for five blocks until he caught him in the 1300 block of Summerland Ave.

Robertson said the check the pair attempted to pass was a forged payroll voucher from a Los Angeles furniture and appliance company. A number of such checks have been passed in the harbor area in recent weeks, he said.

Car Collides With Train

Not many people live to tell about being hit by a train.

Especially when the car they are driving is completely demolished.

But Jesse Rowdy Walters, 36, of Wilmington, can consider himself among the lucky ones. Walters' car collided with a switch engine Monday morning on Sepulveda Blvd., west of Western Ave.

He told officers he did not see the train or hear the warning signal, at the Santa Fe Railroad crossing.

Walters was taken to Harbor General Hospital and later released, after treatment for a slight cut on his forehead and minor lacerations on his arms.



GLEN KOGER . . . Leads Chest Drive

Name G. Koger Chairman of Local Campaign

Glen Koger, manager of the Rome Cable Corp., Torrance plant, will head the '57-'58 Community Chest campaign in this city.

Announcement of Koger's appointment was made yesterday by J. A. Robinson, Community Chest Harbor Area chairman.

In accepting the appointment Koger urged united support for the campaign. "I'd like to see each individual, man, woman and child make a contribution, no matter how small," he said.

Koger was the chairman of the recent City of Hope Drive and is on the board of directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and is chairman of the Chamber's Industrial Development committee.

Psychologist To Speak to Unitarians

"Can We Understand Ourselves?" is the topic of the sermon to be delivered by Dr. William F. Hull, clinical psychologist, Sunday, Sept. 1, 1957 at the Pacific Unitarian Church Society. Dr. Hull's sermon will stress the fact that we cannot know ourselves by our selves, but that we need outside help.

Dr. Hull is a clinical psychologist having practiced in Torrance, since 1948, and then moving his office to Hollywood Riviera in 1955. He received a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Colorado, with honors, and was a practicing engineer prior to entering the clinical psychology field.

He received his degree in psychology at the Western Institute of Psycho Analysis prior to entering private practice. His practice includes both individual and group therapy. Dr. Hull is married and has three children.

Schools Expect 21,000 Students In Fall Classes

The Torrance Unified School District reports that an anticipated enrollment of over 21,000 students is expected when school opens in September. Due to replacements, growth, and retirements on the elementary and secondary levels approximately 175 new teaching and administrative personnel have been added. This represents an increase of one hundred twenty-seven certificated personnel above that required for the 1965-57 school year.

The 22 elementary schools added 83 women and 37 men to their staffs. The three high schools added 16 women and 37 men teachers. In total teaching experience the district is 500 years wealthier. Teachers were recruited from all areas of the United States and its territories, but the largest percentage came from California. Torrance schools will provide the first teaching experience for over one-third of these new teachers.

Due to long-term planning, the problem of adding new teachers during this school year will not be an important factor. Four schools were completed during last year and it is anticipated that the present staff will be able to absorb the expected growth.

New teachers are to report for work on Sept. 5 while returning teachers will report on Sept. 9. Students will return to their classes on Sept. 12.

A Penny for your Thoughts

The HERALD today brings you the first "Penny for your Thoughts" column, reflecting the views of Torrance area people on topics of the day. Contributors to today's column received a penny and a card identifying them as a "Guest Contributor" to the HERALD. The "Penny for your Thoughts" column will be a regular feature in the HERALD each Thursday and Sunday. Watch for it.

Here's what a group of Torrance people answered when asked the following question: "Do you think elected officials should have their names put on public facilities such as parks, lakes, playgrounds, and such?"

George Schinneller, 39, of 415 Sierra Vista Dr., an aircraft inspector:

"Not particularly, I've always thought those things should be done for those who have made outstanding contributions to the city or county. I think names of local heroes or community founders are more deserving."

Mrs. Mary Nestlerode, 36, of 5403 Reese Rd., housewife: "I do not think so. Public officials should not want that type of publicity. If they want the publicity then they aren't the right men for the job."

Lorraine Smith, 35, of 5036 Sepulveda Blvd., a housewife: "I do not think they should be named for elected officials. I do not think that's the place for it. Founders or nationally-known names are much better."

Betty Trenberth, 14, of 710 Sapphire St., Redondo Beach: "I do not think public places should be named for officials unless they've done something really great. I believe they should not be named for living persons."

J. H. Stauts, 47, of 2136 W. 169th Pl., an aircraft inspector: "It all depends on what they have done for the city, and not just because they are elected officials. Time, effort and contribution should be considered."