

# CITY LIGHTING DISTRICT PLANNED

## City to Save \$30-40,000

Plans to form a citywide street lighting maintenance district to defray costs of providing street lights throughout Torrance were explained to members of the city council this week by City Manager George Stevens.

Stevens said details of the plan were being worked out by city staffs, and would be presented to the council in the near future for approval. Effective date probably would be July 1, 1958—beginning of the city's new fiscal year, he said.

Under the plan outlined by Stevens, property owners would be assessed to pay for maintenance and power for lights in residential districts. The city would continue to pay the costs of intersection lighting from its general funds. Cost to the average homeowner would be about 25 cents a month, he said.

The present city expenditures total about \$60,000 a year and this could be cut by \$30,000 to \$40,000 by formation of the lighting district, Stevens said.

In addition to cutting the city's costs on the lighting, it would open the way for vastly improved residential street lighting, he said.

## Del Nadeau President of Retail Group

Del Nadeau of Allen's Jewelers, 1321 Sartori Ave., has been elected president of the Downtown Businessmen's Division of the Chamber of Commerce to succeed J. H. Paget of the J. J. Newberry store.

Plans to enlarge the activities of the group were announced immediately by Nadeau, who has been an active leader of the businessmen's organization.

Elected to serve with him were Paul Diamond of the Gay Shop, vice president; and Vern Lovelady of Lovelady Hardware, secretary-treasurer.

Speaking to the merchants at their election meeting were Paget, Sam Levy and Chamber Manager Dick Fitzgerald.

## Anti-Narcotic Committee to Meet Tonight

Continuing their battle against the use of narcotics, civic and fraternal organization will send representatives to a meeting tonight at the Elks Lodge, 1851 W. Carson St., 8 o'clock.

A working committee will be organized at the meeting to plan a program of education on the subject of narcotics.

The anti-narcotic committee met Jan. 9 for the first time, and heard police officers and other authorities tell of the danger to teenagers caused by narcotic traffic.

Joe Yates, of the Elks Lodge, is chairman of the committee.

## Man Sent to County Jail

Sentenced to 30 days in the county jail Tuesday was Claude Dewell Parker, 20, of 23429 S. Western Ave.

Parker, arrested Friday, was convicted of burglarizing a newspaper stand. Local police officers caught him in the act of trying to break the money box open, according to Ralph E. Walker, detective.



NEW BROADWAY . . . Checking a detailed model of the new Torrance Chamber of Commerce, secretary at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. The model, now on display at the Chamber's office at 1345 El Prado, is a scale reproduction of the building now under construction at Hawthorne and Sepulveda. (Herald Photo)

## Driver Cited After Crash

Charles Raymond Fox, 29, of 420 B Monterey Ave., was treated at Harbor General Hospital Tuesday for head injuries received in an auto accident.

Fox's car and one driven by Alvin P. Hunter, 29, of 1555 W. 226th St., collided on Del Amo Blvd. Hunter, police said, had stopped to make a left turn when the accident occurred.

Cited by Police

Kenneth Malcolm Brown, 39, of Long Beach, was booked on drunk charges and cited for driving to the left of a divided highway, no brakes and only one headlight burning following another accident Monday at Hawthorne Ave. and Hallison St.

The other driven, Henning Christiansen, 34, of Los Angeles, was traveling south on Hawthorne. The Brown car was proceeding north in the same lane, investigators said.

Youngster Hurt  
A six-year-old girl was injured Saturday in an accident at Crenshaw Blvd. and 174th St.

Janet Marie Bell, a passenger in a car driven by Dolores Mary Bell, 28, of Anaheim, was treated by a private physician. Harry Jay Hopkins, 51, of 2819 Danaha Ave., was driving the other car.

Torrance Blvd. and Anza Ave. was the scene of an accident Sunday injuring two persons. Both drivers were treated for injuries at Harbor General Hospital.

They were Robert Lee Spradling Jr., 36, of 22304 Charlotte Ave., and Arne Laine, of Redondo Beach.

## Bandit Gets \$3400 From Area Theater

A well-dressed gunman took \$3400 from the Vermont Drive-in theater at Vermont Ave. north of 182nd St., Sunday, escaping in the manager's auto.

Lawrence Cozzins, assistant manager of the theater, told sheriff's deputies that he and another employe were in an office counting receipts when the man entered, locked them in a projection room, and scooped up the cash.

The man fled in Cozzins' auto, which was found later near Gardena High School a few blocks away.

## Hull's Protest on TV Show Brings Reply from Official

School Superintendent J. H. Hull sent a letter to the sponsors of a recent television program on education, protesting an "irresponsible kind of reporting," he told the Torrance School Board Tuesday night.

His letter was in connection with a recent television program, "Where We Stand," in which an Alhambra High School student was quoted as saying he took cooking classes because they were easier. This was contrasted with good educational programs in Eastern schools. The program has created a national furor with Alhambra officials claiming that the student was not representative and tended to put the Alhambra schools in an unfavorable light.

Protest Entered  
"As the superintendent of a school system to whom the

same irresponsible kind of reporting might have happened, I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere regrets that the Columbia Broadcasting System would do such a thing as it did to Alhambra on a national hook-up," Hull said, in a letter to the Prudential Insurance Co., program sponsor.

A New Low

"It seems to me that a new low has been reached—the circumstances and facts which I have pertaining to this incident are so far out of line with fairness and justice and honest reporting.

"As a sponsor, it would seem that you should require some integrity in the kind of reporting that goes out over your name."

Reply Sent  
Hull's letter brought a reply from J. Edward Day, Prudential-sponsored program on education.

vice president, which said in part:

"The reaction in the news and editorial columns of the daily press, and the response from our policyholders and others, has been overwhelmingly favorable to the program as a whole. I think the two school episodes in the telecast usefully highlighted the fact that the educational process in the United States warrants re-examination not only by educators and the people in authority, but by businessmen and the public generally.

"We regret very much that the handling of the Alhambra sequence was objectionable to you. We very much desire to further, certainly not hinder, the cause of better education."

Day said the complete Alhambra interview would be on TV soon, as well as another Prudential-sponsored program on education.

## City Race Opens, 2 Make Bid

Nominations for the April 8 city elections opens today with at least two candidates poised on the starting line for vacancies coming up on the city council.

First in line to announce their candidacies for the council race were J. A. Beasley of Walteria, a veteran of the city's recreation and planning commissions; and Thirvin Fleetwood of north Torrance, a member of the planning commission.

At stake in the election this spring will be three council seats and the new elective post of mayor. Also up for the voters this year will be the city clerk's post, held for the past 36 years by A. H. Bartlett. Mrs. Herma Tillim, member of the city's recreation commission until recently, is expected to seek that office.

Nominations will be open until 5 p.m., Feb. 13.

Beasley is one of the founders of the Walteria Business Men's club and served as its first president. He also helped found the Walteria Community Methodist Church and was its first lay reader.

He is employed at Felker Manufacturing as foreman of the electroplating department.

Fleetwood is employed by the Southern California Gas Co. and has held important offices in Local 132, Utility Workers Union of America. He served as president of Torrance Democrats, Inc., from 1954 through June, 1956, and has since served on the Democratic County Central Committee.

## Senior Trips Outlawed By School Board

Senior day trips by students in Torrance high schools got sidetracked by the Torrance School Board, as it voted to withdraw sanction from the trips Tuesday night.

Instead, the board approved a resolution confining senior day activities to high school grounds.

Reason for the change was new state laws providing that school districts will not receive state support funds for such trips and that school districts will be liable for any mishaps which might occur. Under the new state laws, the costs become prohibitive, local officials said.

## School Lunch Prices Hiked To 30 Cents

The price of school lunches in elementary schools will be raised from 25 to 30 cents effective Feb. 1, the Torrance School Board decided.

Inflation has hit the local cafeteria operations, Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip told the board, and raising prices of food seems to be the only way to solve the problem. Cafeterias have been operating in the red for several months, he said, and the number of cafeteria workers has been reduced.

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SPACE RACE . . . Col. Dean Hess and Ben Smith, chairman of the YMCA board of directors took over some of the model missiles which emphasized the theme of the YMCA fund-raising kick-off banquet, "Space Race." Col. Hess, the keynote speaker, said that Americans will need lots of "heart" in the coming space era. (Herald Photo)

## COL. HESS SAYS

## Heart Needed For Space Age

Americans will need plenty of heart in the coming space era, Col. Dean Hess told YMCA campaigners, as the Torrance YMCA kicked off its fund-raising campaign with a banquet at the Civic Auditorium Monday night.

The banquet, attended by some 300 persons, was the start of the Y's drive to raise \$30,000 for operation of the program during the coming year. The theme of the campaign is "Space Race."

In his keynote speech, Col. Hess, the famed pilot-pastor of the Korean war who is now with Air Force public relations in Hollywood, predicted that space travel would be common in the future.

Spiritual Values  
He emphasized the importance of spiritual values in the

## Mother Who Left Tots in Auto Warned

A young mother who left her three tots locked in a parked car while she went shopping escaped with a severe talking-up by Torrance Police early yesterday morning.

Police were called to the municipal parking lot, El Prado and Cravens, by a passerby, who reported that one of the children was crying. Police were told that the children had been in the car for an hour and a half. None of the windows in the car were open.

The mother arrived on the scene just as a wrecker arrived to break into the car. She denied that she had been gone for more than 20 minutes.

Leaving children in a locked car is illegal.

## Rivets Reports

California has its advantages, murmured HERALD weatherdog Rivets as he studied the "blizzard" forecast for the midwest. While other parts of the nation are shoveling snow, Torrance should have sunny, windy, and cool weather today.

High and low temperatures this week included Sunday (73-40); Monday (70-40); Tuesday (65-40); and Wednesday (70-36).



HAPPY BAND MEMBERS . . . Tooting for joy is Darel Kelley, while Rosemary Erbilla displays the "outstanding" plaque which the Torrance Area Youth Band received for its appearance at the Midwest Band Clinic in Chicago in December. The local youth band was the only one from west of the Mississippi to appear in the clinic. (Herald Photo)

## A Penny for your Thoughts

"Should 18-year-olds be allowed to vote?"

The adults split 3-3 on that question Sunday, so the HERALD's inquiring photographer popped that question to six students at Torrance High. Here's what they said:

Janice Jones, 18, 2667 Carson St.

"Some are mature and some aren't. If they're old enough to go to the Army, they should be able to vote. The majority of them are qualified."

Terry McMillan, 17, 1926 Arlington Ave.

"Yes. If guys are old enough to be drafted, they should be able to vote. Most people know pretty well what they're doing by the time they're 18."

Jane Lilley, 17, 707 Cota Ave.

"Yes, they should vote. Maybe there should be a provision that they can vote if they're 18 and have a diploma. There are a lot who wouldn't know how to vote otherwise."

Don Hammond, 16, 2311 Carson St.

"No. A person 18 hasn't had enough experience to make a good choice in voting. Lots of them don't take it seriously enough."

Becky Candler, 203 Via la Cirula

"Definitely. If they're old enough to fight for us, they're old enough to know what's going on. There are a lot of older people who are more immature than a lot of 18-year-olds."

Jack Boos, 19, 2267 Sierra St.

"They should be able to vote. By the time he's 18, a person is mature enough to know about political affairs. If he's able to fight, he's able to have his say in running the government."

## Model Home Burglary

Furnishings in a model home at 20916 Avis Ave., were reported missing Sunday night, local police reported.

Pillows, vases, pictures and other decorative pieces, valued at \$185.82, were stolen according to the furniture firm which furnished the model.