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# Board Plays Council on Split in Approval of New Appointments

## Council to Get Report Tuesday

Disagreement on the council over methods of appointing members to the city's boards and commissions was criticized by one of the commissioners in a formal resolution this week. It will go to the council Tuesday.

The Torrance Recreation Commission Wednesday passed a resolution asking that commissioners be reappointed solely on the basis of their ability.

The move was taken after dissenting votes were cast against the reappointments of Mrs. Naomi McVey and Ralph Morris to the commission in the City Council recently. Councilmen Nickolas Drale and Willy Blount indicated they objected to Mayor Albert Isen's failure to consult other council members before making the appointments.

### Members Praised

The resolution declared that the two commissioners "have given freely of their time and energy and should be rewarded by the confidence and support of the whole City Council."

Drale and Blount have consistently protested the manner in which Isen has taken over the job of appointing board and commission members with-

out accepting nominations from other members of the council.

Practice in past administrations has been for members of the council to have a voice in naming members of the important boards, Drale and Blount have stated on several occasions.

After his selection as mayor three years ago, Isen took over the matter of appointments, which is permitted by law, and has steadfastly ruled any other nominations "out of order."

"I have not been consulted at all during the past three years about the appointment of any board or commission member," Blount said yesterday.

"I thought it was about time I started expressing my displeasure at the dictatorial methods used by the present mayor," he explained.

### Meeting Asked

In other action, the Commission voted to ask the City Council for a meeting to make a combined tour of existing city parks and sites to study possible future developments.

The commission also voted to investigate the possibility of setting up a sprinkler system in Los Arboles Park, where there is new grass. It now must be watered by hand.

Action on use of Guenser Park for Babe Ruth or Little League baseball was held over for a clarification of which groups would be using the park.

## YMCA Drive Hits \$3350

Campaigners collected 11 per cent of the Torrance YMCA's 1958 goal of \$30,000 during the first three days of the fund drive, it was reported at the first report meeting Friday morning.

So far, campaigners have collected \$3350 of the total. The drive will run until Feb. 20.

A traveling rocket trophy was awarded to the club and church division heads, Mervin Schwab and Bill Speck, for having the highest percentage of their goal collected.

## A Penny for your Thoughts

With increasing informality nowadays, the HERALD's inquiring photographer popped this question:

"One commentator recently said he didn't think it was a good idea for children to call their parents' friends and older people by their first names. What do you think?"

Mrs. Ouida McNally, 1643 W. 208th St., groveler clerk: "I agree with him. There is little enough respect shown for older people. All of my children's friends call me by my last name and I think they should."

Jesse Lyerly, 1820 Torrance Blvd., pipe machine operator: "I don't think so either. Children should address older people either Mr. or Mrs. So-and-so. It shows a lot more respect for them."

Bonnie Prater, Long Beach, secretary: "I do it, but I don't really think it right. Calling them by last names is more respectful. The younger generation does not feel much respect for older people."

Leo Miller, Lakewood, butcher: "I feel the same way as the commentator. They ought to call older people by their last names. Very few children have respect for older people and half of them call their parents by their first names."

Pearl Richards, Redondo Beach, uniform maker: "I think older people should be more respected and not called by their first names. Children shouldn't call parents by their first names either."

D. L. Parker, Long Beach, sailor: "I don't believe kids should call older people by their first names. It wouldn't show respect. It just doesn't sound right to me, somehow."

**Age Limits Raised for Marine Reserves**  
An expanded age limit for entering the Marine Corps six month reserve training program has been authorized, it was announced yesterday. Previously the program was closed to men over 21 years of age, but the age limit was extended to include those up to 26 years of age.

## Crashes Claim 3 Victims

Two separate accidents claimed the lives of three Torrance residents Friday.

In a crash which occurred near Turlock, victims identified by the highway patrol as Fred Samuel Johnson, 65, and his wife, Beulah, 64, of 17404 Faysmith Ave., were pulled from the wreckage of their car.

The patrol said the accident occurred as the Johnsons were driving down a rural road, crashing into the side of a flat-bed truck. Driver of the truck was Henry Lohman, 47, Turlock, who was not hurt.

A 20-year-old Torrance woman died Friday in Harbor General Hospital of injuries received in a head-on collision at 208th and Main Sts.

Mrs. Cecelia P. Lechuga, 19, 20817 Jamison Ave., died as the result of injuries received when her car collided with a big oil trailer-truck at the intersection. Her car was eastbound on 208th St., while the truck was southbound on Main. The driver of the truck, Albert J. Schofield, 47, Los Angeles, was not injured, and five passengers in the Lechuga car received minor injuries.

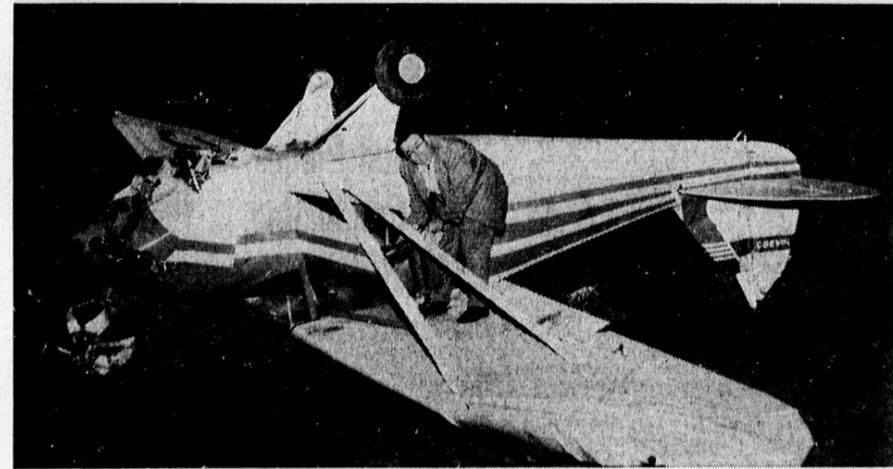
Funeral arrangements are pending at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary. Survivors include Mrs. Lechuga's husband, Gilbert Sr., and a son, Gilbert Jr.

## ADULT BOAT CLASS SET

A 12-week class in small boat handling and navigation meeting Thursday evenings begins Feb. 6 at Torrance High School cafeteria, located behind the main building, on Plaza del Amo, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The class is offered by the Torrance Evening High School in cooperation with the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary with Coast Guard certificates being issued upon completion of the course.

Instruction will include seamanship, rules of the road, aids to navigation, the compass, charts and charting courses, and legal requirements.



WHEELS UP LANDING . . . Councilman Willy G. Blount, who is a pilot, inspects damaged plane which flipped during a landing at Torrance Municipal Airport Thursday evening. The plane's pilot, Fred Fuld, 39, of San Pedro, and his wife, Gloria, were not injured in the mishap. (Herald Photo)

## Two Cited For Auto Accidents

Two motorists were cited by Torrance police this week after separate accidents in which one person was injured.

Arrested Friday following an accident in north Torrance was Tony Edward Warner-Brander, 29, of 18080 Prairie Ave. Driver of the other auto in the crash, Eugene Paul Habich, 41, of 2703 W. 183rd St., was not injured.

Cited as a suspect after being stopped by police in a hit-run crash was Robert Henry Sanderson, 22, of 4623 W. 153rd St. Police investigators on the way to the accident scene at Sepulveda and Arlington halted Sanderson a few blocks away. They charged that he failed to stop after his vehicle collided with an auto driven by Linda M. Huffman, 16, of 20567 Amie Ave.

A passenger in the Huffman car, Lola Ann Morgan, 27, of 1319 1/2 Crenshaw Blvd., received minor injuries.

A third accident Friday sent the driver of an auto to a private physician for treatment of a lacerated knee.

Investigators said an auto driven by Joan Reese, 19, of 2028 W. 259th Place, Lomita, struck the curbing in front of 1811 Torrance Blvd. and crashed into a utility pole.

## Construction Starts on New Catholic Hospital Facilities

Construction of the new Little Company of Mary Hospital in Torrance was begun last week, according to Gene Verge and R. N. Clatworthy, architects for the project.

The 150-bed hospital at Torrance Blvd. and Earl St. will be operated by the Little Company of Mary, Inc., an order of Catholic Sisters with headquarters in Chicago, who operate hospitals throughout this country and overseas.

The building, of concrete construction, features large areas of shaded glass. Exterior walls are of colorful glazed cement. One wing of the building will be elevated above the entrance drive, providing a spacious covered area at the main entrance.

### Surgical Wing

Surgical and other specialized treatment facilities are concentrated in the west wing of the building, while the other three wings, above the first floor, will be devoted to nursing care for all types of patients. Solaria are provided on each floor, at each end of the main nursing wings, conveniently accessible from all rooms.

The fourth floor contains the pediatric unit, with one of the

solaria being developed as a children's playroom. Nurseries and maternity nursing facilities occupy the third floor, with surgery and surgical patients being housed on the second floor. The nursing units are ingeniously planned so that patients in the four bed wards will enjoy a degree of privacy comparable to the semi-private rooms.

Hi-fi radio and recorded programs will be available to all patients through individual pillow-speakers, so that two patients in the same room can lis-

ten to separate programs without interference. Each patient's bedroom will be equipped with television.

A separate service building on the property houses the laundry and other mechanical equipment. Separate service and ambulance drives and ample parking areas for staff, employees and visitors are being provided.

### Eight Stories High

Future development plans call for the addition of three nursing floors above the initial unit, making the building eight stories high; expanded surgical facilities; a chapel for patients, visitors and hospital personnel; a small auditorium for staff meetings and other hospital teaching functions; a convent to replace the Sisters' quarters, now included within the main building, which will then be converted to a special chronic disease nursing wing.

Construction personnel, in addition to Verge and Clatworthy, are John J. Driskell of San Gabriel, structural engineer; J. F. Reardon and Associates of Reseda, mechanical and electrical engineers; and Steed Brothers of Alhambra, general contractors. Landscaping is planned by Robert Herick Carter of Los Angeles.

## City Extends Contract for Trash Routes

A recommendation that the city extend its garbage and trash pick-up agreement with a private collector for two more years has been approved by the city council, according to City Manager George W. Stevens.

The council approved extension of the agreement with George Green after Stevens pointed out that the city was in no position to take over the collection with city crews.

Labor costs alone would be about \$7344 a month, Stevens said. Added to those costs would be the problem of providing vehicles and, more important, a place to dispose of the materials.

The city's agreement with Green calls for payments of \$8504 a month for making residential and business collections. The fee is based on the number of electric meters in the city.

Combustible rubbish is collected by city crews and equipment.

## Rivets Reports

Intermittent rain and cloudy weather is in prospect today, according to Rivets, HERALD weather dog. The city had received .30 inch of rain late yesterday in a series of showers that started Friday.

High and low temperatures this week included Thursday (70-36); Friday (65-40); and Saturday (65-49).



SAFETY LESSONS . . . Members of the Flowering, Silver and Humming Bluebird groups joined to hear a lecture on safety by Officer Don Hartel of the Torrance Police Department Tuesday. The girls learned about bicycle safety and riding with strangers, among other things. Also present was Cynthia Keys, district leader. (Herald Photo)

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