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# TWO KILLED IN AREA ACCIDENTS

### A Penny for your Thoughts

... of the leading churchmen of the country this week and members of his church tout drinking rather than sex in moderation, as they have formerly been advised. Do you think of his suggestion?

... at was the question the Herald's inquiring photographer asked several persons in Torrance this week. Their pictures and answers appear below.

... Pickett, 1616 Gramercy, Torrance, goes along with the clergyman's way of thinking. I do not use alcohol and I do not think any good comes of drinking. People should total abstain."

... Ward Wicker, 1723 Andree, steelworker: "I think everyone should use his own judgment. It should be up to the individual to decide how much or how little he chooses to drink—not for any other reason."

... Gee Hatt, 3714 W. 225th St., housewife: "I think what it is all about is alcoholism. It's not just say top completely. Although I don't drink I think most people do, and it's their business, not mine."

... Raymond Hatt, 3714 W. 225th St., machinist: "Drinking in moderation is preferable advice. People are bound to drink anyhow; so therefore it is wiser to caution them to do so in moderation. Maybe then they won't overdo it."

... Kemit E. Axelson, 1613 1/2 Cravis, dental technician: "I see a person in a drinker's shoes. I go along with his advice. Because you can't change what a person is."

### Two Women Hurt As Car Hits Pole

Two women were injured Saturday night when their car hit a power pole on Anza Ave. just north of Torrance Blvd., according to police department reports.

Eloise G. Prevatt, 34, of Los Angeles, listed as driver of the car, received a deep scalp laceration and hand wounds. Her passenger, Dorothy Jeame, 38, of 2112 Anza Ave., also received scalp wounds and mouth injuries.

## Council Tiff Marks Action

Creation of a 15-man committee to advise the council on the development of the civic center property at Torrance Blvd. and Maple Ave. was ordered by a majority of the city council here Tuesday night over the bitter protests of Mayor Albert Isen, who labels the method of appointing members "bulky, cumbersome, and unworkable."

"I'll certainly vote against it in its present form," he said during discussion of the proposal. He kept his word later.

Point of argument among members of the council and the mayor was a section in the resolution pertaining to appointments which said each councilman "shall appoint two members of the committee. At the first meeting of the committee, it shall select a person not then a member of the committee as chairman."

AN ALTERNATE section on appointments which had been added for consideration would permit the mayor to appoint three members.

The tiff started when Councilman Bob Jahn moved to adopt the resolution after deleting the alternate section giving the mayor more appointments than the councilmen.

"I can see the horns of jealousy rising here," Isen snapped. "We'd never be able to follow the lines of succession under this proposal."

"SOMEBODY'S TRYING to make problems where none exist," Jay Beasley answered. "This resolution should follow our ordinances which govern commissions," Isen snapped back. "It has proven very satisfactory."

Under the rules governing commission memberships, the mayor makes all appointments, subject to ratification by the council. Only rarely has he been overridden on his appointments.

Isen suggested that if the council wanted to change the method of appointments here, other appointment procedures should be changed.

"LET'S AMEND all your ordinances and let's have complete chaos," he said.

"What's wrong?" Bob Jahn asked the mayor.

"This is not a commission... I think someone is being a little touchy," he added.

When a roll call vote on Jahn's motion to approve the resolution setting up the com-

mittees was called, the mayor was defeated 6-1. Vic Benstead later changed his vote to join the mayor making the final tally 5-2.

UNDER TERMS of the act setting up the committee, the group would advise the council on the preparation of a master plan of development for the civic center; selection of a manner of financing the program; determine a time for development; hiring experts and consultants; and other related matters which it deems necessary or proper.

### On Spending Spree

## Four Teeners Jailed For Theft of \$1000

Four teenage boys, including the son of a prominent Torrance civic leader, were arrested on suspicion of burglary here early yesterday after they showed sudden evidence of wealth at about the same time a neighbor reported theft of more than \$1000 from his home.

Lt. Gus Rethwisch, head of the police juvenile bureau, said the four boys, ranging in age from 14 through 17, had been on a wild spending spree, buying transistor radios, food, clothing, and other articles.

THE MONEY was allegedly taken by three of the four boys from the home of Joseph A. Risse, 3712 W. 168th St., while the family was away Monday

afternoon. The fourth member of the group, who was employed in a neighborhood market, was charged with using his position to make change for some of the \$100 bills taken from the Risse home.

"We had a latent fingerprint to start with," Lieutenant Rethwisch told the Herald. He said he ordered a "round-the-clock" check for the suspects immediately after the burglary was reported.

THE BOYS, all of whom admitted implication in the burglary, will be turned over to juvenile authorities for disposition.

All but \$250 was recovered from the quartet, Rethwisch said, and all but about \$67 of

the \$1004 taken in the burglary has been accounted for.

INVESTIGATING officers

## Find Goat In Sump

Latest victim of inadequately fenced oil sumps in the Victor Tract was Billy Buttons, a stray goat, who wandered into the oily mess west of Valeria Street Monday afternoon.

Immersed almost to his head when officers of the South Bay Humane Society arrived, the animal is the one and one-half month old pet of Lorraine Gough, 5021 Lee St., who told police the animal wandered away from Dick Cook's Riding

Stable, 20911 Valeria St. A near-tragedy earlier this month was averted by Eddie Cradit, 2 1/2, of 20323 Valeria St., who extricated himself after walking into a sump near his home. Cause of the incident was blamed at the time on rusted fencing and ripped wire. City officials have since asked oil firm officials to pump out all sumps and properly fence them.

entruders had left the home. The money stolen included 10 \$100 bills which were taken from the pocket of a suit hanging in a bedroom closet. Signs of a methodical search of the bedroom were present, officers said.

One of the teenagers arrested had formerly done yard work for the victim, officers reported. All lived in the general area and were together often, police said.

### Road Probe Asked

Councilman Victor Benstead asked Tuesday that a Grand Jury probe be made on recent road projects in the city. "There's more involved here than Mr. Patrick," he said. He did not explain what he meant.

## LEAGUE STANDS PLAYED

A request by Richard Carpenter, executive director of the League of California Cities that cities not give any official support to a plan to reapportion the state's senatorial districts drew blasts from several city councilmen here this week.

Carpenter, speaking for the League's board of directors, said such an issue on the 1960 general election ballot would destroy the statewide unity necessary "to insure passage of the State Water Bond issue which will appear on the same ballot."

"Oh, no!" Councilman Willys Blount moaned.

"LET'S DON'T make them (the so-called cow county senators) mad this year, let's wait until next year."

The composition of the California Senate, which includes a heavy proportionate representation for the sparsely populated mountain and inland counties, has been the target of Southland legislators who claim generally that "we pay the bill and they get the benefits."

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## Council Tempers Rise On Airport Proposals

Tempers flared at City Council Tuesday evening when Councilman J. A. Beasley was thwarted in an attempt to present a rough draft of suggestions for policy concerning leasing of the city-owned property located at Crenshaw and Pacific Coast Hwy.

The draft was tabled without a reading after Councilman Victor Benstead suggested the group study it for a week.

Also submitted for study at the same time was a tentative lease prepared by City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer, prepared in conjunction with City

Manager George Stevens, which includes rents and dates of suggested building in addition to policy.

LATER IN the meeting the matter was brought up again when Councilman Robert John asked to reopen discussion, but was defeated.

The draft submitted by Beasley would require prospective developments to be beneficial to the airport area and construction costs to be in proportion to land value. Under provisions of the draft, final leases would not be approved until after a developer satisfied the council that he conformed with its standards during a short term option period.

ENTERTAINING only proposals for a 50-year lease, the tabled draft would further require a minimum of from one-half to three-quarters cents per gallon revenue should a gas station be built and a percentage of gross rental fee over and above the lease fee on all non-sales tax-producing operations. It further required satisfactory evidence of completion bond, financial reports, and insurance factors.

The mayor opposed the option clause. He stated that he approved of leasing the 150 by 150 corner to a major service station immediately. It was hinted by councilmen that two major developments that would have located on the property had gone elsewhere while the council procrastinated.



DONALD MULLANEY ... To Wood Elementary



VICTOR KILBURN ... Now at Waleria



R. E. COLLINS ... Back to Adult School

## Three Schools Getting New Principals in Fall

Three Torrance elementary schools and the adult school will have new principals this fall as the result of assignments announced this week.

Donald F. Mullaney, Waleria School principal, will move to Wood Elementary School, while his spot at Waleria will be filled by Victor Kilburn, adult school principal. C. Richard Wallner, newly-named principal, will take over at Newton Elementary School.

Returning to the adult school principalship will be R. E. Collins, who formerly held that position. He now is North High assistant principal. Backgrounds of the principals include:

MULLANEY—42, member of Torrance school staff since 1951, serving at North Torrance (Casimir) teacher; ele-

mentary attendance supervisor; Waleria and Casimir vice principal; and Waleria principal since 1956. Former Wisconsin teacher. Ohio native. Graduate of University of California, Santa Barbara. Married, one son. Lives at 348 Palos Verdes Blvd.

KILBURN—37, adult school principal for last three years. Former Newton, Riviera, Seaside, and Torrance High School teacher. Native of Flint, Mich. Graduate of Eastern Michigan, and U.S.C. Master's degree, U.S.C. Ex-Navy lieutenant. Married, two children. Lives at 4913 Sharynne Lane.

COLLINS—53, assistant principal, North High, and former adult principal. Former high school principal at Kearney, York and Waco, Neb. Former director of training, War De-

partment Signal Corps and now commander, 322nd Signal Battalion, Army Reserve. Bachelor's and master's degrees, University of Nebraska and graduate work, University of Iowa, Long Beach State, and University of Southern California. Ex-president, Nebraska Kiwanis, and vice president, Nebraska State Teachers Assn. district; and president, York (Neb.) Junior Chamber. Married, two children. Lives at 3101 W. Carson St.

WALLNER—31, vice principal at Howard Wood Elementary School and former Fern-Greenwood and San Jacinto teacher. Graduate, Newport Harbor High School and University of Redlands. Graduate work at S.C. Former Navy lieutenant. Married, one daughter. Lives at 23634 Gunter Rd., San Pedro.



RESOLUTION RECEIVED... Cemal Goktan, general director of Internal Security of Turkey, presents copy of a California Assembly resolution congratulating Torrance and Konya, Turkey, for their participation in the President's city-to-city program. An original letter sent by Torrance to Konya also was presented at a dinner in Konya. The event was widely publicized in the Medeniyet Daily, Ankara morning paper.