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# PROPOSED OIL BAN KILLED

**A Penny for your Thoughts**

"Do you think news photographers should be allowed to take pictures at trials?" the Pennies inquirer asked shoppers at the Lucky Market, Torrance and Crenshaw boulevards.

Mrs. Birger Holm, 1008 Maple Ave.:

"I don't see what it would profit. Looking at it from my point of view, if I were in the courtroom and on trial it would be distressing to me."

Jack Foyt, Lawndale:

"I can't see any point in it. Trials are open to the public and they can attend if they wish. I just can't see the object of it. Photography gets out of hand."

Mrs. Irvin King, 1316 Florwood Ave.:

"I should think it would be one of the freedoms. If a person is on trial he should not mind anyway. With modern camera equipment available, taking of pictures wouldn't disrupt the court."

Miss Robin Thomas, 1525 Marcelina Ave.:

"No, I don't think so. I do not think people's freedom would be violated but it would disrupt the court. It disturbs people to have their picture taken."

Gary Cooke, 724 Border Ave.:

"Yes I do. I don't think the trial would be disturbed, and I don't think the individual's freedom would be violated by being photographed. I am all for it."

## Legal Check Requested on New Program

A new program designed to drive magazines considered offensive to general public tastes from the city's newsstands received praise of City Council members Tuesday night and will be launched as soon as an opinion on legal aspects of the measures can be obtained.

The program, drawn up by the city's Youth Welfare Commission, calls for voluntary efforts on the part of the city's retailers, a working committee of citizens, and an established set of forms and letters to be used in the campaign.

COMMISSION Chairman John C. Babbitt reported that the commission would provide the administrative machinery to investigate and evaluate complaints turned in by individuals or groups throughout the city.

## Chamber Aid Leads Board With Pledge

Edwin W. Sullivan, coordinator of Torrance Armed Forces Day celebration, this week led the flag salute opening the meeting of the County Board of Supervisors.

A retired Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army Reserve, Sullivan was welcomed to the Board meeting by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Lt. Col. Sullivan, a 24-year Army veteran of World War II and the Korean War, saw service with the transportation corps, antiaircraft artillery, and as information officer.

He holds the Army Commendation medal in addition to numerous campaign ribbons. He currently is civic affairs director for the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.



NEW CLUB SALUTED... Hal Peary, right, better known as radio's The Great Gildersleeve, takes off his hat in salute to a new senior citizens club being formed in the Hollywood Riviera area. Peary will serve as master of ceremonies at a charter meeting Friday. Taking part will be, left to right, Mrs. Edwin F. Fay, acting chairman; William Cameron, representing the Sportsman Club, and Mrs. John Decker, acting secretary. (Herald Photo)

## Riviera's Senior Citizens Organize, Meet Tomorrow

The charter meeting of the newly-formed Riviera Senior Citizens Club will be held Friday at 12:30 p.m. in the El Retiro Park Recreational building, 126 Vista Del Parque.

As a project undertaken by the Hollywood Riviera Sportsman Club, the new citizens club was initiated through the combined efforts of William J. Cameron, 81-year-old retired business executive and chairman of the Sportsman Senior Citizens Committee; and Mrs. Humphrey Owen.

The first meeting proved the interest in and need for such a club in this area when 32 senior men and women turned out to organize the club. This meeting was held on Feb. 27 in El Retiro Park.

## Mayor Cites Need to Have Fresh Start

A city regulation which would ban all new oil drilling operations and would ban secondary recovery in Torrance oil fields was killed by the City Council Tuesday night "so we can make some fresh starts."

The proposal, Ordinance 1361, was approved at its first reading last month, but had not been offered for final adoption. It was brought from the table on the motion of Mayor Albert Isen, the first reading approval recinded, and the matter ordered filed.

MAYOR ISEN prefaced his series of motions killing the proposal with the observation that its constitutionality might be subject to challenge, and that any legal dispute would be an added bar to establishment of a new state college in Torrance.

"I think before too many weeks have elapsed, we will have a recommendation for a smaller site for a high rise college which will have no oil problems and no legal strings," Isen said.

IN OTHER action Tuesday, the City Council authorized finance director Jerry Scharfman to audit the city's sales tax records in Sacramento to see that tax due from firms within the city are being credited to Torrance; referred to a Council committee a suggestion that arrangements be made for a Metropolitan Water District trip to Parker Dam area for members of the City Council on the final weekend in May; and ordered title reports on airport property in connection with improvements under the revenue bond issue sold recently by the city.

A proposed ordinance creating a C-5 zone which would provide for a conditional commercial district was approved in a 4-3 vote of the councilmen.

THE ORDINANCE will provide that property zoned C-5 can be used for commercial purposes only after residential buildings have been removed. The zoning would prohibit conversion of residential buildings under the zoning into commercial uses. A public hearing on the proposal was held before the City Council Tuesday.

Two Torrance organizations are cooperating in the making of plans for an automobile seat belt clinic to be held in late May or early June.

Cooperating in the effort is the Traffic Safety Council and the Junior Chamber of Commerce. The Safety Council is also planning to offer free automobile inspection at three sites during the observance of National Safety Week.

It is hoped the Jaycees can conduct the seat belt clinic in conjunction with all three automobile inspection sites on the weekend the inspection checks are offered, Jim Ackroyd, seat belt clinic chairman, said.

This will be the second year the seat belt clinic has been held. Last year 975 belts were installed. The purchase of seat belts will not be mandatory for the safety check nor will persons having their automobile safety checked be required to buy seat belts, according to Don Hartel, Safety Council coordinator.

## Instructor Promoted

Members of the board of education of the Torrance Unified School District recently confirmed the appointment of Mrs. Stella Olsen, former eighth grade teacher at Seaside Elementary School, to the position of curriculum assistant in the district's Educational Materials Building.

Mrs. Olsen has assumed the duties of her new position which will involve evaluation, selection of text and supplementary books for visually handicapped students, supervision of audio visual sections, and advising teachers and administrators on material selection.

## Teacher Wins Scholarship

William Bowden, biology teacher at West High School, has been selected to attend the National Science Foundation Summer Institute at San Francisco State College. Bowden is one of only 40 teachers chosen to receive this scholarship.

Bowden, a first year teacher, will earn six graduate units in biology when he participates in the Biological Sciences Curriculum Study Lecture series which cover Molecular Genetics and Cellular Physiology.



GUARD INSPECTION... Col. Kelso Clow (left rear) of the 6th Army, Presidio of San Francisco, and Lt. Jack Greenspan, company commander, Co. E, 132nd Engineers, observe members of the company build section of floating bridge during annual visit of Inspector General Tuesday night at the Torrance National Guard Armory.

## Relief Action Stirs Red Cross Workers in Current Fund Drive

Torrance Red Cross volunteers were spurred on in their fund campaign efforts by reports of extensive Red Cross relief action in behalf of 4,673 families affected by floods in four eastern states.

Bob Lewellen, Torrance fund chairman, quoted a report from American National Red Cross headquarters in Washington, D. C., stating that emergency food, shelter, clothing and medical care was being provided to an average of 2,200 persons daily with the exception that nearly 3,000 families would require long-term rehabilitation assistance from Red Cross.

Chairman Lewellen pointed out that "It is Red Cross' job to assist these disaster victims and it is encouraging to know that all relief necessary is being handled properly."

Small business volunteer solicitors are now "in the field" in Torrance where particular attention has been given to seeking Red Cross support from all newcomers to Torrance.

CHAIRMAN FOR the small business drive is Charles Gotts, Torrance restaurant owner for the past 19 years.

Dr. Stanley H. Yanase, who is handling contributions from Torrance dentists, reports that 25 per cent of the area's dentists already have donated to the Red Cross fund.

Commerce and industry participation in the yearly drive is under direction of Keith H. Pischel, assistant vice president and manager of Pacific State Bank.

## At Seminar

Three West High School students attended the third annual Junior Mathematics Seminar at the California Museum of Science and Industry on Wednesday.

Representing West High were Harry Dunlop, Adele Palmer and Susan Pietz.

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