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\$20,000 MARIJUANA CROP FOUND

Cops Harvest Bumper Crop Of Narcotics

Cultivated marijuana which would have been valued at approximately \$20,000 or more if allowed to reach maturity was discovered Tuesday afternoon growing in a field behind a Torrance shopping center. A utility company serviceman noticed the plants, called police and told them he believed it to be marijuana. Detectives went to the scene and harvested the crop.

The marijuana was discovered growing in a field in the rear of a shopping center on the southwest corner of Hawthorne Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard, Police Lt. D. C. Cook said it was the largest discovery of cultivated marijuana in Torrance in the 15 years he has been connected with its discovery and confiscation.

Burns Fatal To Housewife

Burns suffered in an accident in February proved fatal Sunday night for a 32-year-old Torrance housewife.

Elaine Lilly of 3212 W. 187th St. died Sunday night at Harbor General from burns suffered Feb. 17.

Hospital authorities said the victim was standing next to a wall heater when her night gown caught fire. She suffered burns on her back and legs.

POLICE harvested more than 1,200 plants, Lieutenant Cook estimated some of the plants had been planted as long as three months ago and others as late as eight days.

Detective Leo Gonzales said it looked as though someone had taken a tractor and plowed a circular path about five feet wide. No attempt was made to conceal the plants which were growing in the weeded field.

SOME OF THE plants had been harvested, police said. The last large discovery of growing marijuana in Torrance was about seven months ago when approximately 45 plants were found.

The marijuana will be burned, Lieutenant Cook said.



PAULINE WATTS



DR. KURT SHERY

New Trustees in Office on May 6

One new member was elected to the Board of Education, another returned, and the district's \$8 bond proposal approved here Tuesday as more than 12,000 of the city's 35,000-plus voters visited one of the 34 polling places for the regular school district election. Leading the eight candidates at the polls was Pauline (Polly) Watts, who polled 5,250 votes. Dr. Kurt T. Shery, making a bid for return to the board, was elected with 4,963 votes.

(34 of 34 Precincts)

Watts	5260
Shery	4963
McClure	4438
Boswell	3120
Isbell	2133
Heaton	1264
Platt	1071
Brewster	946
BONDS	
YES	8815
NO	3712

Dropped from the board by action of the voters was William C. Boswell, elected in 1958. He ran fourth in the balloting behind Dr. John McClure.

TRAILING THE leaders in the balloting was L. Milton Isbell, K. Maureen Heaton, Joseph Platt, and George Brewster, in that order.

Mrs. Watts was admittedly overwhelmed with the backing she received at the polls Tuesday.

"How do you know where to start thanking people," she asked. "With this kind of vote, there were literally hundreds of people working for you."

MRS. WATTS and Dr. Shery will begin their four-year terms on May 6. They will join Albert Charles, William Hanson, and Bert M. Lynn on the five-member panel.

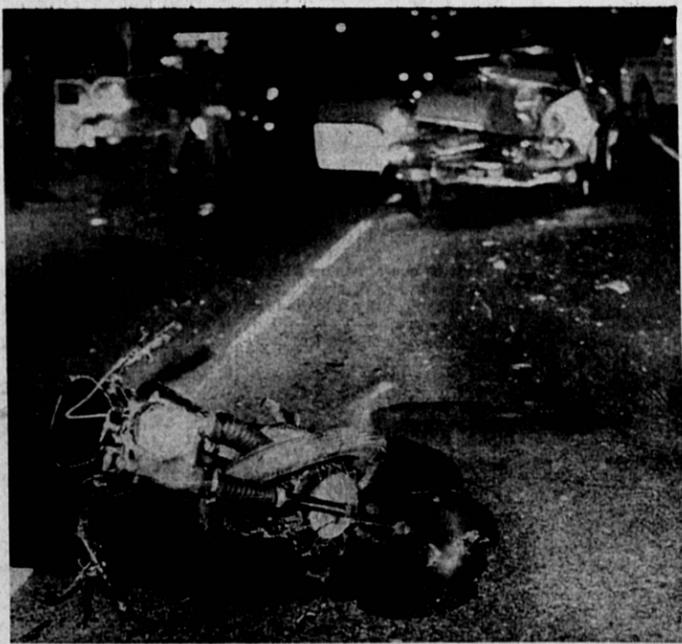
Passage of the \$8 million bond issue for school construction left smiling faces around the district's administration building on Plaza Del Amo.

"WE WOULD have had some very tough decisions to make had it failed," Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip said when it was evident that the voters had approved the measure.

"For instance, at West High," he said. "We were faced with making a choice between classrooms and a gymnasium. In a high school, you need both."

Approval of the bond issue by a 70 to 30 margin came on the second attempt, the measure having been defeated last fall.

Approximately 35 per cent of the city's eligible voters cast ballots, an unusually high turnout for school elections.



CYCLIST KILLED . . . Edward Herbert Poore, 42, of 3522 W. 229th St., was killed early Sunday morning when his motorcycle, foreground, crossed a center divider and collided with the car, background, driven by Dennis Rodney Anderson, 20, of Campbell, Calif. The accident occurred on Crenshaw Boulevard just south of 190th Street. Anderson and a passenger in his car suffered minor injuries. (Herald Photo by Gregg Peterson)

Cyclist Killed in Accident

A 42-year-old city employee was killed Sunday morning when his motorcycle collided head-on with a car on Crenshaw Boulevard just south of 190th Street.

Edward Herbert Poore of 3522 W. 229th St. was pronounced dead on arrival at Little Company of Mary Hospital.

The driver of the car involved and his passenger suffered minor injuries and were treated at the same hospital. They were Dennis Rodney Anderson, 20, of Campbell, Calif., and his passenger, Kathy Hoffman, 18, of Rolling Hills.

Poore worked as a building inspector for the city Building Department. Police said they could not determine immediately what made Poore's motorcycle go out of control and go over a center divider.

In another accident Sunday, Ann Phelps, 32, passenger in a car driven by Arthur Edward Phelps, 42, both of 18204 Wilton Pl., suffered major injuries and was taken to Centinela Hospital after their car was involved in a collision with one driven by Reynold Uno Karjala, 24, Lawndale.

The accident happened about 5:15 p.m. at Arlington Avenue and 166th Street.

Santa Fe Wants Part of School Site Returned

Although the smoke has cleared away concerning the location of a school site in the Marble Estates tract, a small fire is still smoldering concerning the 15 acres selected by the Board of Education.

At Monday night's Board meeting, representatives of the Santa Fe Railroad, Pacific Semi-Conductors, and Litton Industries appeared before the Trustees to request a rearrangement of the site.

Represented by attorney Robert Curtis, the Santa Fe asked for permission to purchase a three- to four-acre strip of the land in order to preserve its right-of-way which now runs through the selected property.

CONDEMNATION action has been instituted by the Torrance school district on the land and the railroad asked that the proceedings be halted so it would have an opportunity to discover a means by which it could continue to furnish service to the adjacent industrial area.

Should the railroad lose its right-of-way, Curtis claims the Santa Fe would be unable to "service one of the few choice industrial areas left in Torrance."

Board vice president Bert Lynn said he would vote to give the railroad three or four acres of the property for a right-of-way, but President Albert Charles said, "I am not one for starting and stopping," and would rather continue the condemnation proceedings.

REPRESENTATIVES from Litton and PSI had stated that several potential deals for land south of Lomita Boulevard just east of Hawthorne Boulevard depended on the availability of rail service.

While agreeing to continue condemnation proceedings, the Board assured the three parties that it would be agreeable to selling several acres of the school site to the railroad, but would prefer that the Santa Fe find another strip of land for its right-of-way.

IN OTHER ACTION, the Trustees considered an \$80,000 bid for 64,856 square feet of land located at 242nd Street (Continued on Page 3)

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MARIJUANA DISCOVERY . . . Police Chief Percy Bennett, right, and Detective Leo Gonzales inspect some 1,200 marijuana plants valued at approximately \$20,000. The plants were discovered Tuesday afternoon growing in a field behind a shopping center on the southwest corner of Sepulveda Boulevard and Hawthorne Avenue. The plants had been planted and cultivated. (Herald Photo)

A Penny for your Thoughts

"How do you feel about the idea of school children, including high school students, wearing identification bracelets primarily as a civil defense measure?" the Pennies Inquirer asked.

Nancy Reed, 2907 Dalemead: "I think it would be good. Then you could tell who they are if they were hurt. If it was suggested to students, I think the kids would wear them."

Mrs. Darrell Chirrick, 21527 Berendo: "I think it would be terrific to have something like that. You never know when something might happen, so identification bracelets would also be handy for purposes other than civil defense."

Mrs. Wayne Strittmatter, 2917 El Dorado: "I think it would be a good idea. The small ones would probably be taking them off. I don't see how they would manage to get them on all children. The idea would be hard to get across."

Mrs. Cecil Howell, 1508 Fern Ave.: "I think it is a good idea. It depends on the expense. If the bracelets were a nominal fee then the parents would probably be more receptive to the idea. During World War II it was a fad for girls to wear ankle chains and we thought they were very decorative."

Mrs. John Rhyne, 916 Beech: "I think the children might like the idea. It's something different for them. At least that would be one way of putting it to them. I think if there was backing for the project it would help, for instance if someone of authority, like the mayor, were to suggest its benefits."

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