



FIRST BABY CONTEST WINNER, Michael H. Forester, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Forester, of 21108 S. Berendo, is held by his mother as she glances over the list of prizes to be awarded to the child by Torrance merchants. Michael was born 36 minutes after the

New Year had arrived to become the first baby of Torrance's new year. A prize for the last baby of 1957 was won by Annette Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick M. Cooper, of 2517 Grand Summit rd. Contest was conducted by the Torrance Press.

Son of Overseas Soldier Wins First Baby Contest

Tiny Michael Herman Forester, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Forester, 21108 S. Berendo, yesterday slept blissfully unaware that he had won an avalanche of gifts from local merchants merely for being the first child born in Torrance in 1958. The first baby contest was conducted by the Torrance Press.

Michael was born at Torrance Memorial Hospital at 12:36 a.m. on New Year's day. He weighed 5 lbs., 14 oz. but will be considerably heavier before his father can become acquainted with him.

Airman Second Class Charles Forester, U.S. Air Force, will not see his son until he completes his tour of duty in the Marshall Islands about the end of this year.

Municipal Court Opens In City

Torrance's new municipal court was called to order this week by Judge John A. Shidler in the old city hall at El Prado and Cravens ave. While Judge Shidler will serve as jurist in Torrance, Judges Otto B. Willett and Donald Armstrong will occupy the bench in Redondo Beach.

Working with Judge Shidler at the new location will be his court clerk, Stephanie Smith, and Bailiff Frank Gumbert. Occupying offices in the building are a representative of the marshal's office, filing department clerks, and a deputy district attorney.

ANOTHER CITY SHOPPING AREA ANNOUNCED

Development of a \$2,600,000 shopping center to house at least 45 stores and cover ten acres along Hawthorne Blvd. between Torrance Blvd. and Emerald st. was announced this week.

The modern shopping center, located about four blocks from the new Sears, will be owned by individual businessmen of Torrance and surrounding communities.

Directing the development is C. N. Cake who said that of 17 lots, 11 have already been sold. Included in the plans are a super market, service station, and a variety of small businesses and offices.

Ground for the new center is to be broken within the next three months, Cake announced.

City Employees Safety Record Earns \$8,145

A check for \$8,145 was handed over to the city Tuesday evening by representatives of the State Compensation Insurance Fund as a result of the safety record established by city employees.

The check was a refund to the city because the accident rate of city employees was much lower than had been anticipated by insurance representatives. The check was handed over to Mayor Albert Isen in a brief ceremony by Paul Becker, Jr., and Everett Jones, of the Long Beach office of the state insurance fund.

At the same time, City Manager George Stevens told the city council that the safety record established by city employees had earned the city a 15 per cent rate reduction that will lower insurance costs to the city.

Library for S. Torrance Proposed

A master plan to guide the development of Torrance libraries was undertaken by the Torrance Library Board this week after a meeting at which the board recommended the construction of a large library in South Torrance.

Recommendations were presented to the city council within two weeks after preliminary estimates of the cost of a new building are made by library board officials.

Plans to construct a branch library in Hollywood Riviera on a corner of El Retiro park were held in abeyance by board pending a city council decision on the new plan for a South Torrance library.

W. J. Hanson, of the Hollywood Riviera Home Owners Association library committee and a member of the library board, proposed the South Torrance branch. Library board members H. L. Mitchell, chairman, Mrs. John Crain, P. E. Humphreys and City Councilman Willis Blount voted three to two to recommend the new plan to the city council.

Attending the meeting and participating in the discussion were John D. Henderson, head librarian for Los Angeles county; City Manager George Stevens; Architect Marion Varner; Joe Paxton, Torrance librarian; and William S. Keller, assistant county librarian.

Name Beasley To Planning Commission

J.A. Beasley, of 24240 Ocean ave., Waverly, was appointed to the Torrance Planning Commission this week to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of office of Commander William H. Mason.

Mason, a retired Navy Commander, of 204 Via la Ciruela, had served four years and, according to Mayor Albert Isen, asked to be passed over in re-appointment.

Two other planning commission members, T. D. Fleetwood, of 3637 W. 182 st., and L. C. Wing, of 516 Via Monte d'Oro, were reappointed to serve another four-year term.

Beasley, formerly a member of the planning commission, is employed at Felker Manufacturing Co. and is active in civic organizations in Waverly.

At the same time, Mayor Isen appointed Mrs. Naomi McVey, of 3825 W. 186 st., and Ralph S. Morris, of 312 Via Pasqual, to serve full terms as members of Torrance's Park and Recreation Commission. The two had been appointed in October to fill the unexpired terms of board members who had resigned.

POLICEMAN DIES AFTER FIGHT WITH NEIGHBOR

Car Hits Boy Near School

A ten-year-old Edison Elementary school student was seriously injured when struck down by a car that failed to stop while the boy was crossing an intersection.

The child, Ronald Anchando, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank F. Anchando, of 3824 W. 180th st., was reported in fair condition at Harbor General Hospital.

His leg was broken and he suffered internal injuries when hit by a car driven by Terry J. Baker, 21, of Inglewood.

The boy was on his way to school Monday morning, and was crossing at the intersection of 182nd st. and Doty ave. According to police, a car stopped at the intersection to permit the boy to cross the street. Another car, driven by Baker, stopped momentarily at the intersection, whipped around the stopped car and ran into the boy.

Baker was cited by police for failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk. He was not held.

Seven other persons were injured in other accidents in the area over the week-end. They were:

Mrs. Millie Henderson, 60, of 24630 Eshelman ave., Lomita, a passenger in a truck driven by her husband, Fred, which was struck in the rear by a car driven by Dr. George Zugsmith, 49, of San Pedro Sunday. Henderson's truck was shoved into the rear of another car driven by Betty J. Palumbo, 25, of 2211 Halldale ave., who was trying to turn into 221st st. from Western ave.

Eugenia M. Foster, 16, of 1026 W. 226th, driver of a car that struck the rear of a sports car driven by Cyrus C. Gray, 26, Los Angeles, as he was turning into Torrance Blvd. from Hawthorne, Saturday. A passenger in Gray's car, Miss Jodie Holch, 21, of Redondo Beach, and the two drivers were treated at Harbor General Hospital for minor cuts and bruises.

Donald Swift, 5, of 22106 Redbeam ave., whose bicycle ran into the rear of a car driven by John L. Hays, 50, of 21806 Redbeam, Saturday. Hays saw the boy coming down the hill on Cathann st. and spun his car to the right and stopped. The child rammed into the rear fender of the car. He suffered minor bruises.

Carl Siesser, 21, of 276 E. 213th st., a passenger in a car driven by John J. Harris, 17, of 1728 Abalone ave., was treated for cuts at Harbor General Hospital after Harris car collided with him.

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NEW PRESIDENT of the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board, Robert Haggard, is handed the gavel by Roy Shaw, outgoing president of the board, in installation ceremonies at the Plush Horse Tuesday night.

Town Topics

GEORGE STEVENS who will be honored at a Chamber of Commerce testimonial luncheon next week, had some cogent thoughts to relay to the people of the city when he was interviewed by the Torrance Press last week. Space limitations in Monday's paper, where the interview with the city manager appeared, made it impossible to carry all of his remarks. Today's column, therefore, will be devoted to rounding out the city manager's predictions about Torrance's next ten years.

TAXES, the city manager said, will be kept low for two very good economic reasons. Low taxes have attracted industry to the city in the past ten years, and can be expected to work the same way in the next ten years. With industry remaining here and with more industry moving in, the city's economic life should remain stable and sound. Low taxes also please homeowners, Stevens explained, and a pleased homeowner is a stable force in the community.

HOW TO KEEP taxes low is a problem that the city always keeps grappling with, Stevens said. The problem is simplified if the city is viewed like a business, he explained. "As a business, it ought to be run like one." He recited the many steps toward modernization and mechanization of the city's functions and pointed out the savings in manpower constantly sought by city officials. "Manpower takes up to 70 percent of our budget, and that's why we try to mechanize wherever we can to save money in the long run."

STEVENS FORESAW a revived downtown shopping area within the next few years, after the opening of numerous shopping centers in the city. His opinion was contrary to the views of many merchants who believed that the new shopping centers would sound the death knell for the downtown area. "Many more shoppers—people who have never been to Torrance before—will be coming into the city. They are bound to be attracted to the downtown shops. Those shops will have more competition, but they'll hold their own because many people still like to shop in smaller stores."

EXTOLLING the virtue of Torrance, and of smaller cities generally, Stevens said "the most efficient and most democratic unit of government in the country is the small city." He maintained that any citizen can receive the attention of city officials directly, an impossibility in larger cities. At the same time, smaller cities can keep costs down, not by cutting down on the amount of services offered residents but by keeping track of the services and maintaining some measure of control over them. This often

Excitement Brings Heart Attack

A fist fight that started over a barking dog ended up in the death of a Los Angeles police officer this week.

The policeman, Claude W. Looper, 42, of 4705 Laurette st., suffered a "severe coronary occlusion," according to the coroner's office, after battling with a neighbor, Robert L. Bradbury, 34, of 4709 Laurette.

The coroner's report relayed to Torrance police said that the occlusion, or clotting of the arteries around the heart, resulted from undue excitement and not from any blow.

After receiving the report Monday, the police released Bradbury, who had been held in the Torrance jail pending an investigation of Looper's death.

Looper and Bradbury began their fight Sunday evening after Looper told his neighbor to "shut his dog up." Bradbury, according to police, told him that his dog was disturbing no one. The two men began exchanging blows on Bradbury's front lawn.

Bradbury, a 5-10, 170-pound aircraft worker, was knocked to the ground by Looper, a 6-2, 205-pounder. While on the ground, Bradbury lashed at Looper with his feet and struck Looper in the jaw.

The two men were separated by Mrs. Patricia Looper, who chided them for "acting like kids."

But the fight started up a second time when Looper returned to the Bradbury lawn to look for a lighter he'd lost in the scuffle. The men were separated this time by William F. Nash, of Redondo Beach, a friend of Looper's.

Looper then drove Nash home and told Nash, "I don't want

any trouble with him, but that dog sure keeps me awake."

Looper, accompanied by his 4-year-old son, Donald, drove back to their home, and pulled into the driveway. Donald saw his father open the door to the car and tumble into the driveway. The boy ran into the house and called his mother. Mrs. Looper leaned over her

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New Firm To Get Key To Torrance

California Rubber Products, Inc., will be officially welcomed to Torrance at the monthly membership breakfast of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, January 21 at the YWCA Building starting at 7:30 a.m.

In making the announcement, Co-chairmen Fred Mill and John Streech said the new industrial firm, headed by President William E. Shawger, will be extended the official "Key to the City" by Mayor Albert Isen.

Shawger and Vice-President Tom Sloan will give a brief description of the operation of the rubber firm located in a new building at 1754 S. Crenshaw Blvd.

The company manufactures moulded rubber articles, extrusions and flex ducting, and came to Torrance from two plants in Pasadena and Hawthorne. They employ approximately 85 people.

Reservations are available at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Food Giant, Sav-On Drugs Start N. Torrance Buildings

Ground was broken Tuesday on a \$2,000,000 shopping center in North Torrance at 190 st., between Anza and Inglewood aves.

Developed by the Dominguez Estates Co., owners of the 8.2 acre site, the center will be occupied by a dozen stores and have parking accommodations for 634 automobiles.

Dominating the center are stores to be operated by Food Giant Markets and Sav-On Drugs, Inc. Food Giant, with 40,000 square feet of space, and Sav-On, with 20,500, will begin operations in July or August when construction is expected to be completed.

At the ground breaking ceremonies Tuesday were Lester Buhai of Food Giant Markets,

and A. D. Clark, Sav-On Drugs vice-president, who with Mayor Albert Isen and C. W. Crawford, Dominguez Estates Co. manager, turned over the first earth with a silver shovel.

According to S. H. Price and Byron A. Thalheimer, exclusive leasing agents for the center, leases have also been negotiated with Karl's Shoes, Ltd., and Romaine Fielding & Associates. Other leases are now being negotiated.

The buildings were designed by Quinton Engineers, Inc. and George Novikoff Engineers and are being constructed by Metcalf Construction Co. and B. Oberman.

The new Food Giant will be tenth in the chain and will incorporate the most advance ideas in self-service selling.

Theodore E. Cummings, Food Giant president, who is well known in Southwest area where he has operated markets for the last 22 years, said "we are very proud and happy to be starting another market in the Southwest Area. It is our endeavor to extend the operation of Food Giant Markets on a selective basis calculated to best service growing shopping areas.

"In our accelerated expansion program we bear in mind that the advantages of large volume and low prices have made Food Giant one of the outstanding supermarket operations in the United States. Our goal is to maintain this record and we are confident that the people of Torrance and the Southbay area will support us in our effort," he maintained.



SILVER SHOVEL was used in the ground breaking ceremony marking the start of construction of the \$2,000,000 North Torrance Shopping Center on 190th st., between Anza and Inglewood aves. Torrance Mayor Albert

Isen, Lester Buhai of Food Giant Markets; Byron A. Thalheimer, leasing agent for the center; A. D. Clark of Sav-On Drugs, and C. W. Crawford, manager of the Dominguez Estates Co., take part in the ceremony Tuesday.