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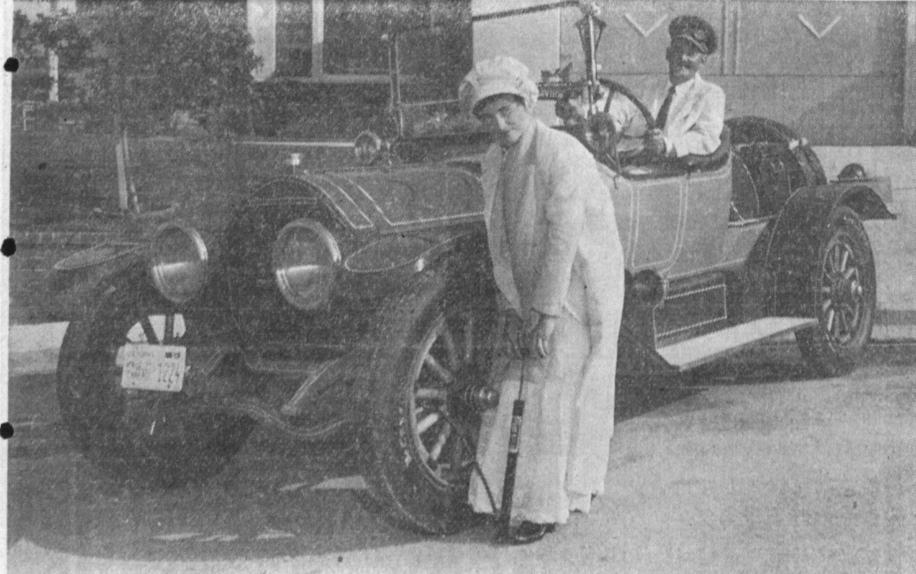
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READY TO GO—Blair Davidson sits proudly behind the wheel of his 1913 Kissel semi-racer, while his wife, Dorothy, pumps up tire. The Davidsons left on a three-day jaunt to Palm Springs in

the Horseless Carriage Club's annual caravan. Davidson bought the car for \$400 three years ago and spent another \$2000 bringing it into perfect condition. —Press Photo

Ancient Car Used In Desert Caravan

A Torrance couple left on a two day jaunt to Palm Springs Saturday, and if that does not quite fall into the Marco Polo class, it may be more difficult than for owners of contemporary transportation.

The travelers are Mr. and Mrs. Blair Davidson, of 2300 Nearcliff st., who will be chugging down the freeway in their 1913, model Kissel Kar.

The semi-racer, painted a fire engine red, and "as good as new," was restored to its original perfection by Davidson, employe of a market chain.

Three years ago he found the ancient vehicle in a Venice junkyard and purchased it for \$400. Davidson has since spent another \$2000 in parts and labor to restore it to its original condition.

The Davidsons will drive the vehicle in the annual horseless carriage caravan sponsored by the Horseless Carriage Club of Southern California.

The Kissel originally was supposed to attain speeds of 65 m.p.h., but Davidson has only clocked it at a maximum of 45 m.p.h.

"He's got to be careful, he's on the club's safety committee," his wife points out.

Davidson will have to drive the car all the way to Palm Springs and back. His wife refused to drive it.

"I drive the Buick. My husband can drive the Kissel and his MG," she said.

But she will be a passenger on the trip, with both of them decked out in early-day costume.

15 Youths Jailed on Curfew Counts

Fifteen more juveniles landed in Torrance Jail Friday night as police continued their enforcement drive of the curfew law.

Two adults were also picked up on charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, after officers found alcoholic beverages on them.

Under the police policy all youngsters under 18 who are loitering around and have no lawful business on the streets, are picked up after 10 p.m. They stay in jail until their parents come down and pick them up.

Democrats Have Huge Edge in Vote Registration

Democrats will have almost a 2-2 edge over Republicans in Torrance in the June 3 Primary Election.

The County Registrars office announced that 37,753 Torrance residents are eligible to vote in the election.

Of this number, 22,404 are registered Democrats and 13,924 are Republicans.

There are seven Prohibitionists, 283 miscellaneous, and 1,135 declined to state their party affiliation.

Registrations have gained more than 3000 since the last tabulation on Dec. 31. As in the municipal election, 152 precincts will be established in the Primary Election.

BOY INJURED IN FALL

Jack Dozer, 12, of 5613 de Pablo, was taken to Riviera Hospital with a possible broken arm after he fell from a tree on Via Monte de Oro, police reported.

Hawthorne Extension Expected

Extension of Hawthorne Blvd., through the Palos Verdes Peninsula was held out as a "distinct possibility" today by Councilman J. A. Beasley.

"This will be very valuable to Torrance because it will bring their trade into our city," he said.

Beasley, who has been appointed Torrance's official representative to the Inter-City Highway Committee, attended a meeting with county engineers Wednesday, together with Bill Fagen of the city engineer's office and John Barton, lay member of the committee from Torrance.

The councilman said that he expects that the City Council of Rolling Hills Estates will furnish the easements to extend Hawthorne Blvd. through to Portuense Bend.

He said that although residents of that community have been opposed to a major county road through their city in the past, he expects they will approve this route since work on Crenshaw Blvd. was stopped because of landslides.

"We came away very encouraged," Beasley said.

No Easement, No Car Wash, Planners Rule

A variance for a car wash at 16360 Crenshaw Blvd., was recommended for revocation by the Planning Commission at a special meeting Friday.

The Commission unanimously took action because the property owner, Pearl Grady, assertedly refused to deed the city a 20-foot easement for the widening of Crenshaw Blvd.

She has filed suit against Building Superintendent Lee Schless who has refused to issue a building permit for the automatic wash until conditions of the variance have been complied with.

Remelmeyer to Confer on Lurid Magazines

A meeting will be held soon between City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer, and members of a Self Censorship Committee, to determine how to beef up the city's ordinance against lurid magazines and movies.

The committee, which was appointed by the City Council last November, has recommended that the city adopt a law similar to one in existence in Ontario.

But Remelmeyer said he is not too keen on the Ontario law.

"I'm doubtful about the Constitutional validity of the ordinance, and not much impressed by it," Remelmeyer said this week.

"I think I ought to talk to the people further and find out exactly what the score is," he added.

A stronger law against lurid



EXAMINES WEAPONS—Police Lt. Swayne A. Johnson examines huge bottle allegedly wielded by Victor Grace over head of wife's visitor. The victim is in Harbor General Hospital with skull fractures. Grace was released by police after Don Wilburn, target of the ornamental bottle, refused to sign complaint. —Press Photo

Mate Conks Wife's Visitor with Bottle

Victor Grace Jr., 33, a real estate salesman, was released from police custody a few hours after he allegedly conked a visitor in his home over the head with a four-pound ornamental bottle early Friday morning.

The asserted victim of the fray, Don Wilburn, 26, of 6119 S. Western ave., Los Angeles, is reportedly recovering in Harbor General Hospital from a depressed skull fracture.

Wilburn, according to police, was visiting Grace's wife, Virginia Lee, 32, of 3313 Orondo st., when Grace walked in and without another word, smashed the huge bottle over his head.

Police said that Grace and his wife had been estranged for a week.

Capt. Ernest Ashton, chief of detectives, said that Wilburn refused to sign a complaint and announced he will not testify.

Rookie Policeman Has Perfect Day with Press Ad

Thomas Lloyd, of 18530 Taylor court had a double celebration Thursday.

In the first place he reported on his brand new job as a Torrance policeman, and in the second place he sold his 1950 Ford auto from a Torrance Press classified ad before he went to work.

Lloyd received 13 calls on the ad, got his asking price, \$125, and was very pleased with the results, his wife reported.

If you have something to buy, rent or sell, call a courteous Torrance Press ad-taker, FA 8-2345, for prompt results.

Residents Protest Cat, Cow Eviction

Cows Get Resident Support

Dairy owners may receive some support from residents if and when the City Council takes steps to declare their operations public nuisances and bars them from the city.

"I think it would be grossly unfair to the people who work for the dairies," charged Peter E. Donovan, an insurance and stock broker of 2644 W. 175th st.

"I feel that many people who work there are not qualified for some other type of jobs and would become destitute overnight," he asserted.

The City Council has ordered City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer to draft an ordinance which will ban the cows from Torrance, similar to action taken against hogs.

Protests Received

The Council edict was made after 178 residents in North Torrance complained of the odor, flies and mosquitoes allegedly coming from the Verburg Dairy.

Mrs. Russell J. White, of 2635 W. 175th st., also denounced that ban, and cited that the dairies were in operation long before the subdivisions whose residents are complaining, were constructed.

"These dairies must employ more than 300 people. Aside from putting all these people out of work and taking a considerable amount of business from the suppliers, the customers of our dairies will lose thousands of dollars each year," she said.

Had Knowledge—She pointed out that people who purchased homes near the dairies, knew that they were there, and could have bought at another location.

"Where are the dairies supposed to move? And what of the owners and workers who have given this service for 10, 15, and 20 years?" Mrs. White asked.

Her letter will be presented to the City Council Tuesday.

Donovan said he will fight the ban.

"If they can do this to the dairies, they could do it to another business," he declared.

Owners of the 11 Torrance dairies indicated that they will be considerably harder to evict than the hog ranches which were closed down last year.

Protests Mounting on Cat License Ordinance

Protests against a proposed cat licensing law are expected to be showered on the City Council when it holds a hearing on the proposal May 27.

"I don't think the city has a right to limit the number of cats on a person's own property," declared Mrs. Stephen J. Vilcko, of 4113 W. 180th st.

Under the new law, now being drawn up by City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer, each family will be permitted to keep only two cats, over the age of 10 weeks.

The city will charge a license fee of \$2 per year for male and spayed female cats, while female cats will cost \$4.

Taken to Pound—Unlicensed cats will be picked up by the poundmaster under a contract which will be negotiated simultaneously.

Mrs. Vilcko, who now owns 13 cats, including new litters which she will give away, said she does not object to the fee, but feels the law is unenforceable.

"How can you get a cat to wear a collar?" she asked. She said that cats which do a lot of climbing, may choke to death with a collar.

Another North Torrance woman, Mrs. Jacqueline Oliver, of 4129 W. 180th st., said she has only one cat, but can't figure out how to put a collar on it without injuring it.

Discriminatory—"I think this law is quite discriminatory. It's unfair," she declared.

She said that she knows of families who keep several dogs which make a lot more noise than cats, but that she is not complaining about them.

Mrs. Vilcko said she will get other cat owners to write letters of protests to the City Council.

"I think they have a lot more important things to do than go around after this," she asserted.

I don't object to a neighbor with five dogs, why should anyone complain about cats?" she asked.

She said that putting a collar on felines will lead to their choking, and if they don't wear a license tag, they will be picked up.

City Officials—Even some of the city officials admitted privately that it will be next to impossible to make cats wear collars.

The order for drawing the ordinance was passed by only a narrow, 4 to 3 vote, with indications that one or more councilmen may change their minds when the law comes up before them for approval.

The law is designed to prevent a too rapid growth of the cat population in Torrance. The city already has a law limiting the number of dogs to two per family.

The new ordinance will also prohibit the keeping of non-domestic type cats such as the cheetah and ocelots which recently stirred up a storm of protests before the City Council.

BOAT MOTOR STOLEN—An outboard motor was stolen from the truck owned by J. A. Galloway, of 2165 Sierra st., while it was parked in front of his house. It was valued at \$150.

APPROVE SPUR TRACK—An application by the Santa Fe Railroad to construct a spur track at grade crossing on Oak ave., in the vicinity of a new industrial section near Jefferson st. and Crenshaw Blvd., has been approved by the State Public Utilities Commission.



FIRE SERVICE—Fire Chief J. J. Benner shows protective floor runners used to prevent unnecessary damage to home during fire fighting. Modern equipment used by Torrance firemen was shown at an open house at city's four fire stations Saturday in observance of Fire Service Day. —Press Photo



KITTIES AND KIDDIES—The three children of Mrs. Stephen J. Vilcko, who will oppose license ordinance for cats, are playing with some of the 13 felines owned by the family. New ordinance will make two grown cats the limit. Children are Adrienne, 10; Steven, 6, and Stephanie, 5. —Press Photo

Steel Not Imported Firm Says

Use of foreign steel in the Torrance court building now going up in the civic center, was denied categorically today by the contractor for reinforcing steel.

Carl Fidler, secretary-treasurer of Con-Steel Corp. of Gardena, said that there is absolutely no truth to allegations that foreign steel is being used in the \$301,000 structure.

The charge was made Tuesday by Councilman Victor E. Benstead, who said he objects to imported materials at this time when domestic production has been cut back and forced layoffs among Torrance steel workers.

"There is absolutely not one pound of foreign steel used, or will be used, or even be considered by Con-Steel Corp.," Fidler said.

"As continuous inspections are a prerequisite for construction of a public building, with a testing laboratory designated with this responsibility, it is a matter of public record available at the county building department and the laboratory, that all steel used has been made in the United States," he added.

"We are chagrined at the knowledge of public officials who are permitted to make and have printed for them irresponsible statements and accusations," Fidler said.

He said his firm is furnishing reinforcing steel only.

Warnemuende to Receive College Scholarship

Jim Warnemuende, North High School student body president, has been selected to receive the Torrance Council PTA scholarship.

Jim, who plans to become a history teacher, was chosen on the basis of leadership, scholastic achievement, personality and ambition.

Prominent in North High activities, he has been senior class president, junior class president and vice president of the student representative assembly. He was president of the Scholarship Society and is treasurer of the school service club, the Volunteers.

He is also an entrant in the National Supply Essay contest. He hopes to attend the University of California at Santa Barbara. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin E. Warnemuende of 4118 West 177th Street, Torrance.

Widening Job Delay To July 1

Construction delays will hold up completion of the widening of Hawthorne Blvd., at 190th st., until July 1, Ray Burgan, State Highway engineer said today.

He said rainy weather has slowed work of cutting a divided roadway under the Santa Fe bridge.

On completion of the \$129,000 project, Hawthorne Blvd., will have a divided roadway all the way from Inglewood to Pacific Coast Highway.

Burgan said that the curve at 190th st., will be straightened out considerably for south bound traffic once the job is completed.

A 40-foot, divided roadway will be available for both north and south bound traffic.

Heavy girders on which the railroad tracks are based, will be moved into final position Monday. This part of the work will be done by Santa Fe Railroad crews.

CAR RENTAL APPROVED—Avis Rent-A-Car System will be granted an exclusive five-year license to operate from the Torrance Municipal Airport if their offer is approved by Airport Manager Jack Egan and City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer.