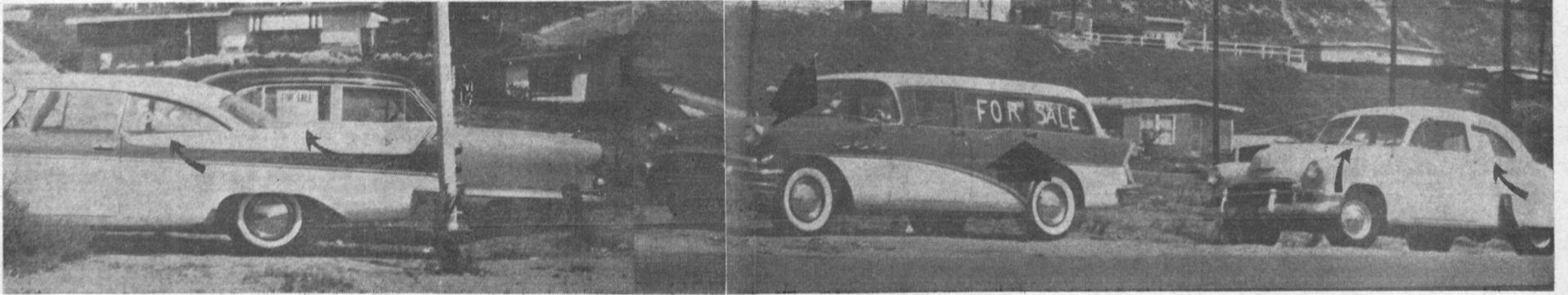


# Amateur Used Car Salesmen Tagged by Police



IMPROMPTU USED CAR LOT—These four cars parked in a row along Calle Mayor near Pacific Coast Hwy., have two things in common. They all carry for sale signs, and all of them were cited by police (see arrows). Officers explained that it is against the law to park a car along public streets for purpose of sale or repair. It was not immediately determined if the car owners had gotten together for an impromptu used car lot or whether they were all parked at the same location by coincidence. —Photo by Art Wiley

## Remote Control Thug Robs Gas Station

A "remote-control" bandit robbed a service station attendant of \$30 Tuesday night after he instructed him by telephone to take the money to a meeting place.

Richard Oliveras, 20, assistant manager of a much-robbed gas station at Hawthorne Blvd. and 182nd St., told police that while he was eating lunch, he received a phone call.

"Take the money out of the cash box and the top of the safe. Put it in your pocket and bring it across the street to the public phone booth," the voice demanded.

It added that Oliveras was being watched and that something "drastic" would happen to him if he didn't follow instructions.

The young attendant walked across the street with the money and as he passed the restroom of another service station at that corner, he was hailed from the restroom.

The arm of an unknown person reached out and took the money.

Oliveras was instructed to keep walking east on 182nd St. While he was walking, the robber apparently escaped.

# Young Woman Killed in Freight Train Collision

## Crash Leaves Seven Children Motherless

A young mother died two hours after she was fatally injured when the convertible in which she was riding collided with a Santa Fe freight train Tuesday night.

Pronounced dead shortly after arrival at Harbor General Hospital was Mrs. Juanita Buchanan, 27, of 21733 Barbara St.

The driver of the car, Susan A. Love, 26, of 25220 Loyton St., was in critical condition yesterday at Harbor General Hospital, according to police.

Fireman D. E. McClain who was actually operating the diesel engine at the time of the collision at Torrance Blvd. and Madrid St., said he used the bell and whistle to warn on-coming traffic, officers said.

Two autos had stopped for the northbound train, according to the fireman's statement, when suddenly the convertible rammed the right front of the lead engine without slackening speed.

The car struck the front part of the engine, causing only slight damage to the heavy railroad equipment.

Doyle Boatwright, a Goodhue ambulance attendant, whose office is located less than 100 feet from the scene of the accident, said he heard the impact and immediately rushed to the office for an ambulance.

Mrs. Buchanan, who, like her companion, was employed by an auto insurance firm, apparently died as result of a skull fracture, police said. They were returning home from bowling.

Funeral services for Mrs. Buchanan will be held at Halverson-Leavell Mortuary tomorrow at 11 a.m.

Her death marked the city's ninth traffic fatality of the year.

The Buchanans had seven children, including five from her husband's previous marriage. He is an engineer for the Bechtel Corp.

## City Dads Tiff on Pay Hikes

Custodians won a 2½ per cent pay increase following a heated discussion among councilmen, but several other classifications of employees were by-passed in requests for more money.

The boosts, to equalize a 5 per cent raise granted to most city employees, was urged by Local 1135 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, as means to raise morale.

A city survey, however showed, that employees in several categories who had only received 2½ per cent increases, were making more than their colleagues in comparable cities.

In opposing salary increases for bus drivers, Councilman J. A. Beasley made a motion to sell the municipal bus lines, to save a \$40,000 annual deficit. The motion lost.

Equally unsuccessful was a suggestion by Mayor Albert Ison that top brass which had received more than 5 per cent wage hikes, remit the additional income.

In a separate communication the union accused Wade F. Peebles, public works director, of expressing his preference of employee associations to unions in talks with his subordinates.

The union charged that this attitude encourages "apple polishing" by employees.

The letter was filed without action.

## Call Bids on New School

Bids for the new Madison Elementary School, 175th and Doty Ave., will be opened on Oct. 9, the Torrance School Board decided at its meeting Tuesday night.

Cost of the 12-classroom "portable" structure is expected to be about \$460,000. It also will include a kindergarten unit, administration building, and multi-purpose unit. When completed in mid-1960, it is expected to relieve double sessions at Carr and Perry Elementary Schools.

Because it is located in an area which may someday be commercial, the buildings are "portable," capable of being moved to another site and being placed on a new foundation. Residential developments now in the area are heavily commercial.

## Crackdown Ordered on Oil Well Sump

Oil well operators have been placed on notice to abandon sumps by the end of the year or face criminal prosecution.

Notice to correct oil well violations by Nov. 30, have been mailed to 120 petroleum firms by Planning Director George Powell.

He explained that the action is being taken in line with a tougher new ordinance regulating oil well operators.

The law, which recently went into effect, provides for the complete elimination of sumps by Jan. 1, and orders more stringent safety and housekeeping regulations.

Danger of open sumps was pointed up several weeks ago when a goat died in an oozy hole, and two young brothers narrowly escaped death in another sump



CHAMP'S SMILE—Brian Burley, 11, of 22503 Halldale Ave., strikes winning gesture after he won third place in the Los Angeles City All Around Sports Championships. The son of Joseph F. Burley, National Supply Co. executive, also won individual medals for base-running, chin-ups and push-ups —Press Photo

## Tunnel to Ocean Again Eyed as Waleria Relief

A tunnel to the ocean was pictured as a vastly more expensive but more efficient alternative to a sump to drain the Waleria Lake area.

This was advocated Tuesday night by E. H. Graham, an engineer for Koebig and Koebig, the engineering firm hired by the city to design the flood control project for that area.

Graham said that a tunnel will cost approximately \$3,500,000, approximately \$2,000,000 more than a 28-acre sump, laterals and acquisition of the necessary land.

"This is like a man getting credit for a Ford and suddenly being sold a Cadillac," grumbled Councilman Robert Jahn staggered by the additional cost.

Councilman J. A. Beasley advocated a bond issue to raise the additional money needed for a tunnel.

"We're not going to live forever with sumps. This is one time the Council and the people should apply a little imagination," he said.

Don Wilson, a subdivider, exhibited a tract map for the area, indicating drainage flow for the area.

The engineering firm and city officials were finally instructed to make brief written reports on various possibilities open to the city.

Graham said that the most money the city can expect from county storm drain funds will be \$1,500,000.

## Group to Tiff With Accidents

Two new semi-official citizens committees were created Tuesday as the city set out to battle traffic accidents and to plan the civic center future.

A seven-member Traffic Safety Council will make recommendations to the City Council on measures which concern traffic safety measures. Police Chief Percy Bennett will be an ex-officio member of the group.

The resolution creating the council points out that "the exploding growth (of Torrance) has resulted in an increase in traffic with an attendant increase in traffic accidents."

To date the city has recorded a total of 940 traffic collisions in the first eight months of which nine involved fatalities.

The second committee, to plan the development of the civic center, will be composed of 15 members.

Existing commissions will be consulted during the planning stages.

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END OF LINE—A young woman, passenger in this car which collided with a freight train at Torrance Blvd. and Madrid St., Tuesday night, died shortly after she was fatally injured, while the driver was reported in critical condition at Harbor General Hospital yesterday. —Press Photo

## SHS Overpass Nears

Construction of the long-awaited South High overpass should begin almost immediately.

That was the word Torrance school officials got from the state as they approved additional funds

as their share of the cost. The school district, city, and state share equally in the cost of construction. Although \$15,500 had previously been okayed as the schools' share, an additional \$1670 was needed, the state said.

## Fireman Injured at Fire

Nine persons were saved when a fire of undetermined cause roared through their home at 20631 Hawthorne Blvd. Sunday afternoon.

Loss of the blaze which caused serious damage to one bedroom, moderate loss to another and the family room, was estimated at in excess of \$2500 by Fire Marshal Robert Lucas.

Fireman Fred Bickar, overcome by the heat, had to be revived with a fire department resuscitator. He was held overnight in Riviera Hospital for observation and released Monday.

Although loss to the structure was moderate, new clothes bought for the children of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hasegawa, were consumed by the flames.

Hasegawa, owner of a garage at the front of the lot, and his son were fishing in Redondo Beach at the time, but his wife, parents and other children were home and escaped injury.

## Consolidation of Polling Places Eyed in Election

Torrance can save itself nearly \$10,000 by consolidating its 158 voting precincts in the April municipal election.

That was the word from City Manager George Stevens, who said that by doubling up on polling stations at the rate of 2 to 1 in the generally lighter vote turn-out, the city will save \$9,869.

Principal savings will be made in the number of election board officials which will have to be hired at from \$15 to \$18 each.

## New Apartment Zone Ordinance Hearing Held

First of two hearings on a proposed new RR-3 ordinance which could lead to conversion of part of downtown Torrance to an apartment area, was scheduled before the Planning Commission last night.

The new law, if approved after hearings before the City Council and commission, will require demolition of present single family homes before the land can be used for apartment building.

City planning officials said that the ordinance is designed to prevent development of additions to present structures which might create an undesirable neighborhood.

## OK School Pact

A \$533,000 bid for construction of Towers Elementary School, Ronald and Towers, was approved Tuesday night by the Torrance Board of Education.

The bid went to the Golds worthy Co., lowest of 10 bidders. It is expected to be ready in mid-1960.



SIGN OF PROGRESS—Huge new 56-foot neon sign is being hoisted into place at Sears-Torrance store, which will soon open in Del Amo Shopping Center. Official date of the grand opening will be announced soon. —Press Photo