

# Police Capture Young Assault Suspect

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**CANDIDATES TALK**—Fourteen of the sixteen candidates and incumbents for School Board election appeared at a special meeting sponsored by the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association early this week. Each of the candidates spoke and later answered questions from the audience. Here Bert Lynn, a candidate for the post, makes his appeal to the audience while bank of other candidates listen attentively in the background.

# Council Sets Exams For Manager's Post

## Seek Best Man For Torrance Administrator

Torrance City Council Tuesday night voted 4-3 to open examinations for the soon-to-be-vacated city manager's post and to encourage applications for the position from any qualified candidate.

Amid charges of "steam-rollerin'" the Council had, last week divided itself equally, 3-3, half favoring an open competition for the post and half favoring the immediate appointment of Wade Peebles, public works director, to the post. Councilman George Vico had abstained from casting the deciding vote, declaring that he wanted more time to think about the subject.

Tuesday Vico cast his ballot with Councilmen Nickolas Drae, J. A. Beasley and Willys Blount, after declaring he was not ruling out the possibility of naming Peebles to the job but felt that all candidates should be interviewed and that every effort should be made to get the best possible man for the job.

Mayor Albert Isen, and Councilmen Victor Benstead and George Bradford voted for the immediate installation of Peebles in the job.

Council had been divided sharply on the issue since present City Manager George Stevens announced two weeks ago that he would resign his position at the close of the fiscal year.



**TRUCK SMASHUP**—This truck, loaded with angle iron, was completely demolished Tuesday morning when the driver lost control near the corner of Torrance Blvd. and West-ern Ave. Truck left the boulevard and crashed into the railway siding near the underpass. Iron carried away part of the cab and pinned driver Harry Brock in his seat until help arrived. Brock was taken to Harbor General for treatment.

## Incumbent Candidate for Board Election Says Platform Would 'Develop' District

Grace Wright, incumbent candidate for reelection to the Board of Education, this week stated:

"My platform is as it has been from the start . . . to build the best school district possible and to make parents and citizens welcome participants in its development.

"The word 'development' is

important to me. I believe that anything that the district does can be done better and our program of continuous evaluation is a guarantee that each child is carefully considered and that each dollar is carefully spent.

" . . . The next four years will be ones of continuing growth plus many changes in concepts of education and I'd like to continue for another term as a Board member."

Mrs. Wright has lived in Torrance for 48 years. She is married and has two daughters, both teachers. She herself holds a teaching credential, granted by UCLA.

She is a member of the charter committee that founded the district and was a member of the first Board in 1947. Active in Board and education associations, she is a member of the executive com-



GRACE WRIGHT

### EVERY FEE PAID . . .

## Lynn Refutes Charges Of 'Special Treatment'

Bert Lynn, president of the Torrance Planning Commission and candidate for election to the Board of Education, yesterday denied charges of preferential treatment cast by a private citizen at Tuesday's city council session.

In a statement to the press Lynn said, "There is no question but that a private citizen can comment openly concerning any public official, but when his statements are admittedly tainted with questionable motives they should be immediately discredited."

Allegations of C. Albert Smith, 23724 Pennsylvania Ave., were that Lynn had neglected to pay a \$1309 fee for sewer installations on a building project of his own, and that because of his connection with the planning commission the fee was never collected.

Council reported that, as in any question concerning activities of a city official, a full investigation would be made, but also gently reminded Smith that addressing the council was not a privileged communication and that he was still subject to libel and slander laws.

Lynn stated, "Every fee that I owed the city has been paid.

"To attempt smearing and discrediting a candidate for public office is a trick as old as politics itself."

## Police Arrest 15-Year Old, Hit With Telephone During Struggle With Woman

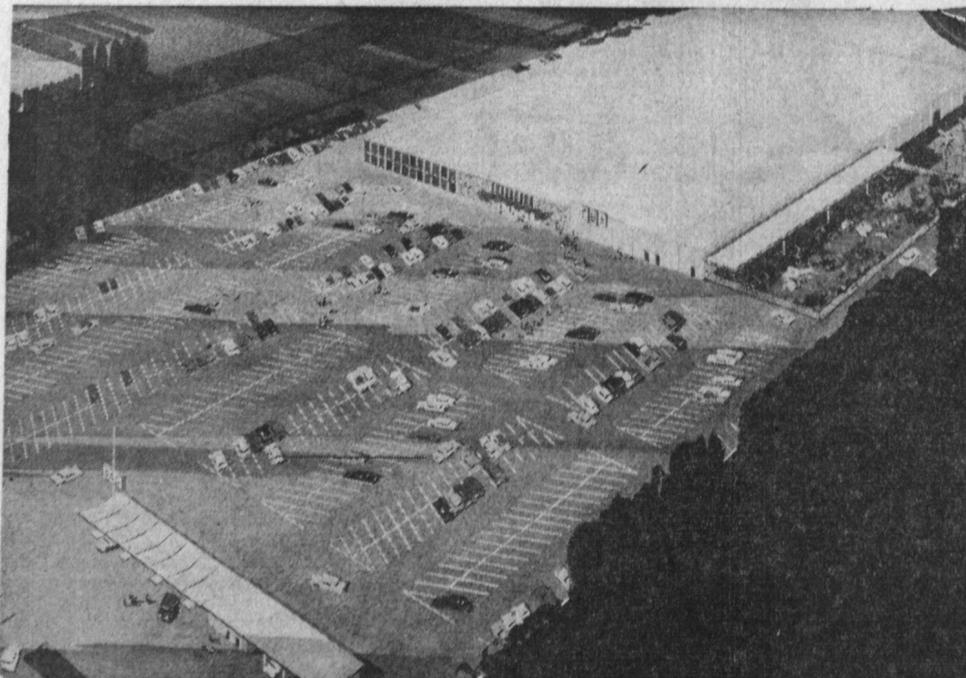
A Torrance teenager who apparently attempted to assault a local housewife, was captured minutes later by police officers, it was reported Tuesday.

The 15-year old youngster, wearing a paper mask, had entered the home of

Mrs. Glea Barry, 16905 Crenshaw Blvd. and grabbed her around the neck as she was talking on the telephone.

Mrs. Barry promptly whacked him on the head with the telephone and the youth ran, dropping the mask.

The high school student was picked up only two blocks from the scene by Torrance police after Mrs. Barry telephoned a description of her assailant to the complaint desk. Police located the youth from her description.



**APRIL 20 OPENING**—The tremendous new Consumers Mart facility, located at 20225 Western Ave., will be officially unveiled April 20, it was reported yesterday by CMA officials. The \$5,000,000 facility will be the second installation of the firm in Southern California in the past eight months. Giant

shopping center has an area in excess of 152,000 square feet under one roof and will be the world's largest membership department store. Included will be a food, produce and meat supermarket, an automotive service center and gas station, and parking space for more than 1500 automobiles.

### UNVEILING SCHEDULED . . .

# Huge Consumers Mart Opening on April 20

A \$5,000,000 shopping city, combining the newest concepts in department store merchandising, will be unveiled Thursday, April 20 with the grand opening of the Consumers Mart of America, 20225 South Western Avenue, Torrance, it was announced this week by J. A. Kelly, CMA president.

This will be the second such mart in the Southern California area in the past eight months. The first opened in Anaheim Aug. 25 and CMA also operates two additional units in Chicago, with others planned here in the near future, Kelly said.

The giant shopping center has a shopping area in excess of 152,000 square feet under one roof and will be the world's largest membership department store. Included are a food, produce and fresh meat super-

market of 32,000 square feet and an automotive service center and gas station on the 15-acre grounds, with paved, lighted parking space for more than 1,500 cars.

The entire modernistic structure, constructed by Co-ordinated Construction Co., headed by John B. Kilroy, is air-conditioned and provides the latest designs for floor traffic.

### 70 DEPARTMENTS

The Torrance Consumers Mart of America houses 70 major departments, with everything for home, family and auto. Departments include furniture, major and minor appliances, clothing, auto accessories, ladies ready-to-wear, beverages, records, toys jewelry, sporting goods, rugs, furs, snack bar and many others.

General manager of the new operation is Thomas E. Kelley, with 22 years of

merchandising and selling experience. Kelley was general manager of the Chicago CMA units, and was recently transferred to the West Coast because of CMA expansion plans in Southern California.

CMA officials here include George Raft, Hollywood film star, who is vice president and an active participant in the business. Henry P. Stern is vice president in charge of operations, and Jarvis Weiss, vice president and treasurer. Advertising manager is William Ferguson.

Designed for government and public service employee, CMA operates for eligible members who shop only by membership card, in a new form of merchandising that has gained both acceptance and recognition in the retail field, Kelly explained.

### GOV'T PERSONNEL

These include city, county and state and U.S. government personnel, active and retired members of the Armed Forces, public utility company workers such as telephone, power, gas and water; employees of firms working under government supervision or contract and those receiving government pensions, annuities and social security payments.

"Because of nation-wide power, low selling costs and minimum overhead, CMA offers practically all items at less than those obtainable."

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