

Gunmen Score Big Hauls at Two Stores

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By Split Vote

Board Does A Flip on Travel Ban

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, and at least two members of the Board of Education will pack their bags for a trip to Atlantic City, N.J., in mid-February.

Approval for the trip to the annual convention of the American Association of School Administrators came on a 3-2 vote Monday evening after board members had turned the proposal down for reasons of economy earlier in the year.

"I've had a change of plans and for the first time in four years—it looks like I'll be able to go," Albert Charles told his colleagues. Charles had previously voted against the trip, but voted for it Monday.

"I HAVEN'T had anything change my mind," Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts said. Mrs.

23 Named Advisors

Twenty-three Torrance residents were named to a citizens advisory committee for urban renewal last night by the City Council. The committee was established under the "workable plan of redevelopment" adopted last week.

Purpose of the committee is to assure citizen participation in the development of plans for the urban renewal project at the west end of the Torrance Municipal Airport.

Named to the committee were: Dr. Wing Mar, Mrs. Fay Bruno, Willard Bloodworth, Mrs. Mary Walker, Ralph Carretta, Mrs. C. R. Berwanger, Mrs. Rae Maxwell, Mrs. Virginia Jones, and Wilson Jordan.

Others include: George Lewisohn, Albert Gianni, William Uerkwitz, Dr. Stanley Yanasi, Sam Omatsu, Dr. Wendle Black, Rev. Richard Wong, John Mulvihill, Jerry Alter, William Broza, Mrs. Velma Shelborn, Ruben Ordaz, Ken Foil, and John Popovich.

Watts first made the suggestion that traveling be restricted to California this year.

Dr. Hull said he had placed the item back on the agenda at the request of Dr. Kurt Shery, board president. "I do agree that the school district should be represented," Dr. Hull added. He also said not attending the conference would be a step toward "isolation."

Trustee William Hanson, who voted with Mrs. Watts against the trip, said he did not intend to stop attendance at the conference altogether. "I think we agreed we would go every other year," Hanson said. Hanson maintained that local meetings provide much of the same information, citing the recent meetings of California school boards and school administrators in Los Angeles.

"THIS IS political, henhouse pettiness," trustee Bert Lynn charged. Lynn has favored the trip from the beginning. Board members have paid their own way in terms of information gathered at the AASA meeting, Lynn said.

Lynn also repeated his oft-made statement that board members do not collect a salary, while City Councilmen get \$100 per month and an expense account.

Debate was cut off when Mrs. Watts objected to Lynn's remarks, saying, "I really feel we are entitled to differ without insulting each other."

THE CONVENTION will meet from Feb. 13 to 17. Dr. Hull said he and Dr. Albert Posner, assistant superintendent for instruction, would probably attend. Charles and Lynn will go, while Dr. Shery may attend. Cost of the trip will be about \$460 per person.

In addition to the meetings of the convention, the largest display of school equipment in the world will be open during the meetings Dr. Hull said.

County May Rename Harbor Hospital After Paul Carlson



BURTON W. CHACE Leads Board Again

County 'Gavel' Changes

Supervisor Burton W. Chace, who has represented most of the Torrance area on the Board of Supervisors since 1953, was elected unanimously to serve his third term as chairman of the group for 1965.

Nominated by Supervisor Frank G. Bonelli and elected without dissent, Chace will succeed Warren Dorn who has served as chairman for the past two years.

"Budgetwise, we have a very rough year ahead," Chace said after his selection as chairman.

"If I sense correctly the feelings of citizens of this community they're looking to this Board of Supervisors for sound and honest management," he said.

Chace first was named chairman of the board in 1955 when he completed the term of Supervisor Herbert Legg. He served most of a term at that time, and served a complete term in 1958.

Pair Strike Here Monday In Daylight

The third major robbery in a period of slightly more than one week was reported to Torrance area law enforcement officers Monday after a Torrance jewelry store owner, his employees, and a Torrance police officer were held at gunpoint and the store looted.

The armed bandits, striking the Del Amo center store of Morgan Varon, hit less than 20 hours after a South Bay center store manager was taken from his Lynwood home in the course of a robbery while his family was held captive.

In the Monday robbery, police were told that the well-dressed bandits entered Morgan's Jeweler's in the center slightly before noon and approached clerk Walter French to inquire about a certain watch.

The 69-year-old clerk looked up to face a revolver in the hands of one bandit. The gunman ordered store personnel to empty jewelry and watch trays into a container.

Torrance officer Thomas O. Arnold, entering the store to check the silent alarm, was disarmed and held at gunpoint with others in an inner room of the store.

"If you come out, you will be the first to get it," Arnold was told.

The pair walked out of the store with several thousands of dollars worth of cash and jewelry items.

SUNDAY EVENING, two gunmen wearing dark business suits forced their way into the Lynwood home of John J. McPeak, 53, manager of the South Bay Center's J. J. Newberry Store, held his wife and three children captive, and brought McPeak to the store at gunpoint.

McPeak said one of the gunmen took Mrs. McPeak and the children to a second-story bedroom, tied them with adhesive, and stood guard while his partner forced McPeak to drive back to the center.

THE VICTIM was forced to open the store safe at the point of a gun, and receipts later declared to total \$17,000 were taken.

When the bandit and McPeak returned to the victim's Lynwood home, McPeak was tied with the others and the bandits fled. Police were called as soon as one of the children had worked free and untied the others.

On the night of Nov. 28 (Continued on A-2)

Dairy Loses Round

One of the city's four dairies lost a battle to keep its cows within the city last night—pending some conferences between attorneys for the owners and city officials.

A decision on a second dairy was delayed at least until Dec. 29.

Councilmen denied a variance sought by Cecil Hudson, co-owner of Hudson's Dairy at 17010 Van Ness Ave., after more than an hour of discussion. Some councilmen, however, indicated an arrangement might be worked out, when litigation begins, to grant a one-year stay of the order to remove the cows, provided Hudson will stipulate to the time limit.

SUCH AN arrangement would permit Hudson to keep his cows for one year, but arm the city with a court order for their removal by Jan. 1, 1966. If the agreement fails, Hudson must remove the cows by Jan. 1, 1965.

A decision on a similar variance for Quinn's Dairy at 4016 Del Amo Blvd. was delayed to Dec. 29 when attorneys requested a continuance of the public hearing. Acquisition of right-of-way for Del Amo Boulevard is involved, and the dairy is located in an industrial zone. There also were indications that an agreement might be arranged to permit the cows to remain for at least a year.

Hudson, who spoke for himself during the hearing, said his family had operated the dairy for 22 years and would find it impossible to move the cows without losing several thousand dollars.

Several area residents spoke during the meeting, most opposing any extension of time. Some residents, however, did speak in behalf of the dairy.

THE ORDINANCE which requires removal of the cows was enacted nearly six years ago, following several years of study. Time limits were extended 18 months ago, setting the present date of Jan. 1, 1965.

The council split 4-3 on the vote, with J. A. Beasley, (Continued on A-2)

Move Called Memorial to Late Doctor

Renaming of Harbor General Hospital to honor Dr. Paul Carlson, former intern and resident surgeon there, gained first approval of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors yesterday, and will be presented to them at an early meeting for formal approval.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn urged the change, pointing out that Dr. Carlson had served as an intern at the hospital in 1956 and 1957 and had served there as resident in general surgery until July, 1961.

IN HIS recommendation that the hospital be renamed, Hahn quoted Dr. Benjamin J. Cutshall, medical director of the hospital:

"He was a competent surgeon, a man dedicated to his family, his church, and seemingly tireless in his service. It was characteristic of the man that once he had seen for himself where the need was greatest for his services, he would dedicate his life to that area and the people in it."

Hahn cited Dr. Carlson as an outstanding example of a "dedicated medical missionary."

COUNTY COUNSEL Harold Kennedy was asked to draw up necessary county ordinances to effect the name change.

Dr. Carlson's widow, Lois, writing from Bangui in the Republic of Central Africa, told her late husband's parents she had decided to delay her return to the United States for a short time.

"Our first thoughts, I guess, were that we get back as soon as possible," she wrote to Mr. and Mrs. Gust Carlson of Alhambra.

Mrs. Carlson said her son, Wayne, was returning to Larry Kappen.

school and would finish his classes just before Christmas. "He has been out 2½ weeks so it will be a little hard, but it will be easier than missing so much by going home right now," she wrote.

MRS. CARLSON, Wayne, 9, and Lynn, 7, fled the Congo last August when rebel troops began to move. Dr. Carlson stayed on at his medical station at Wasolo Mission, and was later captured.

After two reported execution dates passed, on charges that he was an American spy, Dr. Carlson died within minutes of rescue by paratroopers when frenzied rebels fired wildly into crowds of the hostages in Stanleyville.

He was buried near his mission church in Africa.

'Savage' To Open Thursday

"The Curious Savage," a comedy in three acts, will be presented by North High's senior class Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the school.

Tickets for the performances are on sale at North High.

Astrid Gabloffsky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Gabloffsky of 3817 W. 181st St., is the student director. Faculty supervisor for the production is Ed Nupoll, a drama instructor at North.

Students in the cast include: Ellen Dellahunt, Linda Wood, Dorothy Lambert, Glen Stacy, Gil Hernandez, Louise Kasserbaum, Erin Flynn, Buddy Hansen, Bill Kamper, Karen Brown, and Larry Kappen.

Area Studies

State Looks at Three Freeways

Studies for three major freeways which will pass through Torrance will be initiated shortly, Councilman J. A. Beasley announced last night.

Beasley said he was advised of the studies during a meeting of the State Highway Commission yesterday. The three freeways, designated the Routes 1, 91, and 107, are popularly known as the Pacific Coast, Artesia, and Hawthorne freeways.

Initial studies will begin as soon as possible and will take about 18 months, Beasley said. An additional 18 months will be needed to hold the required hearings and establish routes.

State officials estimate it will take from 7 to 10 years after routes are adopted to acquire right-of-way and begin construction, with an additional 2 to 3 years for actual construction. Following such a time table, it would be 13 to 15 years before the three freeways open, Beasley said.

Route studies for the Artesia Freeway will involve an area between Hawthorne and Normandie avenues. The area is bounded on the south by 182nd Street and on the north roughly by 168th Street.

Studies for the Pacific Coast Freeway involve roughly the entire portion of Torrance west of Hawthorne Avenue and south of Lomita Boulevard. Both the Tor-

rance Airport and the major portion of the Riviera section have, however, been excluded.

The proposed Hawthorne Freeway would be located in the area west of Hawthorne Avenue. It will connect the San Diego Freeway with the proposed Pacific Coast Freeway.

The study zones were defined after several months of preliminary work, Beasley noted.

Cold Reception Greets School Assistant Plan

A proposal that the Torrance schools hire an administrative assistant to "bird dog" federal programs got a cool—if not downright cold—reception from board members Monday.

Dr. Hull had put the proposal on the board agenda for discussion. He told the trustees that the present staff does not have the time to investigate every program. "We may miss out on some funds," he added.

Bert Lynn suggested that the proposal be submitted at budget time, and William Hanson suggested that some other duties might be eliminated to make room for the federal projects program.

In other action, the trustees:

- Heard a proposal from

Sam Hunega, representing the district's classified employees, for health insurance and agreed to consider the plan when the administrative staff submits a cost analysis.

- Approved participating in the bicycle safety program under sponsorship of the Torrance Police Department.
- Approved rental contracts with the County Superintendent of Schools for film rentals during the current school year.
- Awarded contract for the installation of a garage hoist in the district garage. The first bid on the hoist was rejected, and the new bid was \$350 lower.
- Approved participation by all four high school bands in the Torrance Boy Scout Parade.

New Population Gains - - -

The State Department of Finance has completed a special census of Torrance and listed the city's population at 128,500. City Manager Edward J. Ferraro said yesterday. The new figure will be used to compute Torrance's share of state gas tax funds.

Hawthorne Work Slated - - -

Acquisition of right-of-way for the extension of Hawthorne Avenue from Newton Street to Palos Verdes Drive North will be completed next month, the County's Road Department announced yesterday. A contract for the project is expected to be awarded in April, 1965, with work slated to begin in May.

School Bus in Crash - - -

Four elementary school students escaped unhurt Monday when an auto containing two teenagers crashed into a school bus at Palos de Arena and Paseo de Pablo in the Riviera. Driver Elmer K. Kissinger, 49, and his four young passengers were not injured. Robert W. Lupin, 17, and Sidney Vosper, 17, both of 3237 Dalemead Ave., were taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital for checkups.

Tax Deadline Tomorrow - - -

Tomorrow is the deadline for making the first installment payment on 1964 tax bills, County Tax Collector Harold J. Ostly said today. Payments must be postmarked on or before Dec. 10 to avoid payment of a 6 per cent penalty. For some comments on the question of property taxes, see today's Press-Herald editorials on page C-2.



ARENA STARS . . . Members of the Celtics basketball team, comprised of eighth grade boys from Crenshaw Elementary School, recently performed at half-time during a Lakers game at the Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena. Pictured are (back row) Steve Ton, Ronnie Brady, Coach Carl Hovey, Milbrun Caparino, and Ricky Wilson. Others are, from left, Mike Ramirez, Johnny Hodges, Jerry Smith, Larry Williams, Tom Hollinsworth, and Jim Hatfield. Team members Mike Brown and David Smith are not pictured. (Story on Page B-11)