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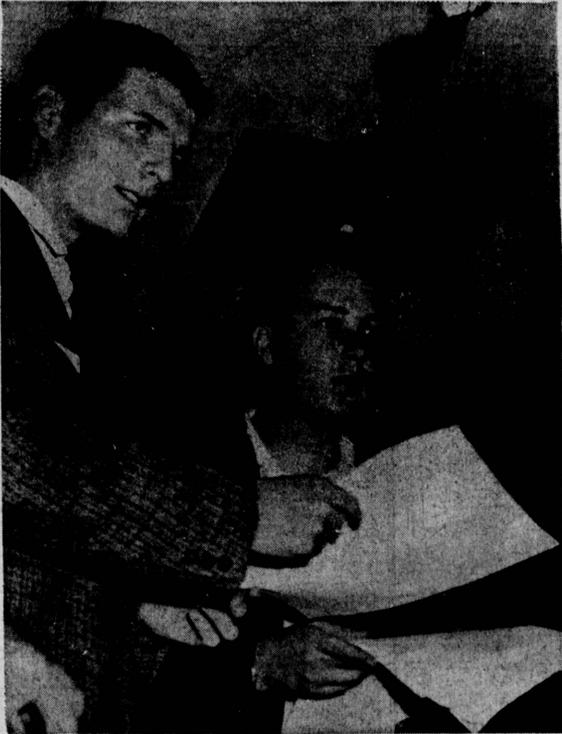


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AT HEARING . . . Officials of the American Nazi Party's Western Division are pictured during a hearing Friday afternoon before the city's License Review Board. The board, after hearing testimony for some two hours, denied the party's requests for permits to conduct a rally and parade at Waleria Park Nov. 5. Pictured are William G. Kirstein, unit secretary of the party's Western Division Headquarters, and Ralph P. Forbes, who submitted the applications for the parade permit. (Press-Herald Photo by Mike Eggers)

Parade Permit for Nazi Party Denied

Requests by the American Nazi Party to conduct a rally and parade at Waleria Park Saturday, Nov. 5, were turned down by the city's License Review Board Friday afternoon.

The decision will be appealed to the city council, Ralph P. Forbes said. Forbes signed the applications for the American Nazi Party's Western Division, sponsor of the proposed rally and parade.

Forbes said he would exhaust every legal possibility to get a permit for the program, but hinted he would go ahead with the rally if that failed. Such action would be taken only as a last resort, he said, and would be taken to test the constitutionality of the city's ordinance requiring a permit for a parade or rally.

The License Review Board continued Friday's hearing until Oct. 31 to give Forbes time to find an alternate site and time. The extension in no way infringes on Forbes' right to appeal Friday's decision, Jerome I. Scharfman, assistant city manager and board chairman, said.

The three-man board heard testimony from recreation, traffic, and police and fire officials, as well as protests from several residents of the city.

Chief reasons for denial were that the proposed rally would disrupt and interfere with a planned recreation program at the park, that the rally would interfere with traffic in the area, and that fire fighting equipment could not reach the area should it be needed.

The BOARD also ruled that the rally would require the diversion of police officials so as to leave the rest of the city virtually unprotected.

Scharfman told Forbes the board was not trying to suppress anyone's right to free speech, but said Waleria Park is not "an appropriate place on that day and at that time."

He said a planned recreation program involving as many as 200 youngsters and their parents has been scheduled at the park since early September.

MISS DEE Manning, senior recreation supervisor for the city, told the board she would not recommend that any group be permitted to use Waleria Park Nov. 5. Miss Manning also cited a lack of parking facilities at the park and told the board that virtually all of the park was in use on weekends.

Detective Sgt. Ray L. Wool-

heather of the Long Beach Police Department, remarking on a Nazi demonstration in Long Beach, suggested that 200 police officers might be needed to forestall any trouble if the predicted 1,000 persons attended the rally.

Several residents said they had no doubt a Nazi demonstration here "will incite riots in the city of Torrance."

A HEARING on a Nazi Party bid to use a sound truck and distribute handbills in connection with the planned rally was continued last week until Nov. 17.

Thursday, Forbes filed a petition seeking a writ of mandate to force the city to issue the permits. Friday, Forbes presented the board with unsigned copies of an alternate writ.

Richard L. Knickerbocker, (See NAZIS, Page A-2)

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Future Plans Noted

A warning whistle, a spark, a trickle — and then a cascade of molten steel will pour from the open hearth furnace at U. S. Steel's Torrance Works.

It's the usual operating procedure for a steel mill, but today's "tap" will be significant, for with it, the Torrance Works begins its second half-century of operation.

U.S. Steel's Torrance Works, one of the major industrial plants in Los Angeles County, began operation here in 1916—and the first heat of steel was produced 50 years ago today.

THE BRIGHT glow from today's "tap" could also be symbolic of the plant's future operations, according to William G. Davis, general superintendent. Already a modernization and expansion program, which includes a new 12-inch bar mill, is under way. Shortly, the plant will have one of the most up-to-date continuous casting facilities in the nation.

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Lion's Clubs Sponsor \$25,000 Essay Contest

Chicago, Ill., in July, 1967, will be made.

More than 20,000 local, district, and multiple district awards will be made by individual Lion's Clubs, according to Walter Keberlein, president of the Downtown Torrance Lion's Club.

"We are hopeful one of our young people will win the worldwide prestige award," Keberlein said.

"The purpose of the contest," he explained, "is to develop a formula for world peace because we feel peace is attainable and we want to alert our youth to the need for world peace and focus attention on that important goal."

Housewife Wins City's Good Neighbor Trophy



GOOD NEIGHBOR . . . Mrs. Lucile Forsyth, named winner of the Torrance Family YMCA's annual Good Neighbor Award at the 19th annual Good Neighbor Breakfast yesterday, is congratulated by Dr. Rollin R. Smith, chairman of the YMCA board. Mrs. Forsyth was nominated by 35 of her friends and neighbors for the coveted award. (Press-Herald Photo)

Winner Called 'Rummage Sale' Queen of City

A North Torrance housewife, called the city's "Rummage Sale Queen" by her friends and neighbors, was named winner of the Torrance Family YMCA's annual Good Neighbor Award yesterday.

Mrs. Lucile Forsyth of 18814 Haas Ave., the mother of three children received the Al "Pop" Turner Perpetual Trophy yesterday by last year's award winner, the Rev. Edward Goodell, a retired Methodist minister.

The award was made at the 19th annual Good Neighbor Breakfast Saturday morning. Some 4,000 to 5,000 persons attended the event.

Mrs. Forsyth was nominated by 35 friends and neighbors who have been recipients of her good deeds. She is the mother of three girls—Lynn, 16, Gale, 13, and Janie, 8. Her husband, Robert, is employed by Pacific Telephone Co.

CITED in the letter was her work in the Parent-Teacher Association, in the school library each week, on the Dental Health Committee, and at the First Christian Church of Torrance.

"She gave her husband's Gra-Y Club support for five years, including organizing and running rummage sales to send the boys to camp and buy club sweat shirts," the letter said. "She has a Tri-Gra-Y Club that she has led for seven years with little if any aid from parents. Each year her girls have gone to camp at no or minimum expense to the parents as a result of rummage sales and Mrs. Forsyth's accompanying them on peanut selling trips."

"Most people will willingly help their neighbors, but Lucile has a way of making

people feel welcome to ask for help," her petitioners wrote. "She performs quiet acts of kindness as if it were her due and doesn't make anyone feel obligated to her. She is continually driving people to the doctor, baby sitting, lending a hand when a family is in trouble, and sometimes just gives companionship to someone who needs a friend."

THE LETTER continued, "She has the remarkable ability of being able to brighten your day and make you laugh. At times, she may complain, but it still comes out in a funny way and you see that her first concern is happiness."

Typical of Mrs. Forsyth's many interests, the letter said, is her work with the Torrance Family YMCA. At one point, Mrs. Forsyth was lending a helping hand to her husband and his Gra-Y Club and leading her own Tri-Gra-Y Club. She then joined the Y-Indian Maidens with her youngest daughter and took over leadership of Tri-Hi-Y Club which had been left leaderless.

Camera Taken

Theft of a camera valued at \$175 from his locker at the South High boys' gymnasium was reported to Torrance police Friday by Jeffrey H. Cable.

FOUR OTHERS HURT

Cars Collide, Women Injured

Two elderly Torrance women sustained minor injuries Friday afternoon following a collision in the central section of Torrance.

Admitted to Torrance Memorial Hospital were Mrs. Zelma E. Empey, 64, of 18327 Falda Ave., and Mrs. Catherine McAskill, 61, of 2011½ Andree Ave. Police said the two women suffered back and side injuries.

Both women were reported in good condition yesterday.

POLICE SAID Mrs. Empey was driving west on 218th Street and Mrs. McAskill was driving north on Andree

Avenue when the accident occurred about 2:30 p.m. Officers could supply no further details about the crash.

Four other persons suffered minor injuries in a series of accidents reported Friday afternoon and evening. All four persons refused medical aid.

Geraldine Dowd, 29, of 25827 Oak St., was injured in a crash at Crenshaw and Del Amo boulevards about 4:30 p.m. Police said the driver of the second car identified as Irene M. Weber, 20, of 20627 Amie Ave., apparently made a left turn in front of Mrs. Dowd's vehicle.

TWO DRIVERS sustained minor injuries in a crash at Anza Avenue and Torrance Boulevard shortly before 7 p.m. Floyd J. McNeill, 18, of 1730 Flower St., and Wayne A. Klever, 44, of 23442 Leyt Drive, refused aid.

Witnesses told police McNeill, driving north on Anza Avenue, was making a left turn when he was struck by the Klever vehicle, which was southbound on Anza Avenue. Witnesses also said the McNeill vehicle had no light at the time.

A 17-year-old youth sustained minor injuries when his vehicle struck a parked car on Arlington Avenue just north of Torrance Boulevard. Glenn W. Wright, 2515 Ebony Ave., Lomita, told police he was distracted by a vehicle which was backing into the street and did not see the parked car.

A third vehicle, also parked, was damaged in the collision

School Board to Meet

Members of the Torrance Board of Education will convene for their regular meeting at 7:30 tomorrow evening at the board offices, 2355 Plaza del Amo. Among items to be considered by trustees is an application for some \$50,000 in federal funds under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The funds would be used for library purposes in both public and private schools in the city.

Juvenile Hearing Set

David Snedeker, 14, of 2135 Del Amo Blvd. faces a juvenile hall hearing on burglary charges Tuesday, Oct. 25. Snedeker was shot Oct. 6 by a Torrance police officer who was answering a burglary report at 501 S. Van Ness Ave. Police said the suspect jumped from a window and ignored warnings to stop. Snedeker was found a short time later in a field near the building with wounds in his side. He was treated at Harbor General Hospital and transferred to Los Angeles General Hospital. He is to remain in custody until the juvenile hall hearing.

Youth Hurt by Bullet

A 12-year-old Torrance boy was treated at Harbor General Hospital Friday evening after he was struck in the neck by fragments from an exploding .22-calibre bullet. Terry Herman, 5102 Laurette St., was injured about 9 p.m., Torrance police said. Young Herman and three other youths were playing with the bullets in the Herman yard. The youth was injured when he apparently hit one of the bullets with a hammer and it exploded. Hospital officials said he was seriously hurt.

Steam Plant Tests Begin in Redondo

Pre-operational testing of Southern California Edison Company's new Unit No. 7 at Redondo Steam Generating Station is now under way and is causing some unavoidable intermittent noise, reported L. E. Jenkins, Edison district manager.

In order to fully check out the new 450,000 kilowatt generating unit before it goes into operation, safety valves are being set, he said.

To minimize inconvenience to the public, the safety valve setting operations are being conducted periodically between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., Jenkins said.

He reported that the company expects the testing period to continue for about four to six weeks.