

THIRD SMASH-UP VICTIM NEAR DEATH

Heavy Rainfall Damages Homes; 1.29 Inches Recorded

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POINT THE WAY . . . Hal Massie (left) and Mayor Bob L. Haggard demonstrate a technique they hope others will follow to help keep the city's streets free of debris when 18 new trash receptacles are placed throughout the downtown area next week. Massie is the Junior Chamber of Commerce's Clean-up Campaign Chairman. The Jaycees are sponsoring "clean-up week"—so proclaimed by the Mayor during the week of February 4 through February 10. (Herald photo).

'Let's Clean Up City' Says Mayor

Next week will be official clean-up week in Torrance, according to a proclamation issued this week by Mayor Bob L. Haggard. Stating that it is the desire of the citizens to have a city known for its cleanliness and beauty, that a campaign which would include the elimination of fire hazards would be timely in keeping with the city's defense program, and that the campaign would be of "material benefit to the city and its citizens," the mayor this week officially proclaimed the week of February 4 to February 10 "Clean-Up Week in the City of Torrance."

In proclaiming the week for an intensified clean up, Mayor Haggard acknowledged the offer of the Junior Chamber of Commerce to provide the leadership and organization to carry on such a drive in the city.

TRASH CANS DUE
City Councilman Ed Karlow, who is also president of the Junior Chamber, said this week that the 18 new trash cans will go on the streets this week, and that the Jaycees will begin a business-to-business survey of the downtown district Monday to enlist the cooperation of the merchants in the drive.

"We propose to contact each merchant in the central business district and give him a brief outline of the clean-up plans," Karlow said. A meeting of the Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce will be scheduled later, Karlow said, to discuss the problem of keeping the downtown area cleaned up.

MONTH PLANNED
Actually, the campaign is being planned to last for the entire month of February, Karlow said. Hopes of the Junior Chamber and city officials are that the campaign can be extended out into the residential districts during the month and that the entire city receive a sample of the beauty treatment.

Cooperating in the campaign will be the Jaycees, city officials and department heads, and various interested individuals.

PURSES STOLEN

While in the backyard of her home, 1551 Post avenue, someone entered through the front door and stole two purses, Mrs. Joe Arnold reported to Torrance police this week. About \$35 was reported missing.

Redondo Mapping County Land Grab

Should Torrance want to do a bit more expanding to the west, it will have to be done before next Monday night.

For on February 5 the City Council of the City of Redondo Beach will annex a shoestring strip of land adjacent to Torrance's western boundary near Seaside Ranchos. The property consists of 26 lots. It extends from Avenue A to Avenue H between the Torrance city boundary and the Redondo Beach boundary. The property is now a county island.

Mornings Turn Nippy As Chill Drops on City

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Rains, which were followed by chilly temperatures this week left a muddy and shivering Torrance in their wake.

The skies dropped 1.29 inches of rain within the city on Monday, according to the records of the Torrance Fire Department, causing considerable damage to property in the Hollywood Riviera area.

Wednesday morning, early-morning risers awoke to see roof tops white with frost, although the official temperature was recorded as 37 degrees.

For today and tomorrow, the Weather Man at the Los Angeles International Airport predicts continued clear skies, sunny weather, slightly warmer this afternoon. A high of 65 is expected with a low of about 35 degrees.

The heavy downpour caused a five-foot concrete retaining wall to collapse on the rear of the lot owned by Dennis Murphy of 361 Paseo de Gracia.

Perhaps suffering the most damage as the result of clogged drains was a house at 412 Calle de Aragon. Mrs. Howard Herinton, who has rented the house, pointed to a sizable stream of water which ran under the house from back to front like an un-

A NEAT TRICK
The successful annexation will result in a neat trick by the Redondo Beach City Council, for they will then have completely encircled the high tax evaluation Clifton Heights development. It would then only be a matter of time until the annexation of Clifton Heights itself. At a recent meeting of the Redondo Beach City Council Frank Perry, City Attorney, reached into his bag of legal tricks and came out with a stunt which left the audience asking "How did he do it?"

Contrary to the practice of most magicians Perry explained his trick thusly:

CAN BE ANNEXED

Under the provisions of the Annexation of Uninhabited Territories Act of 1939, Redondo, or Torrance for that matter, can annex the strip which is contiguous to its territory after a public hearing. The act enables annexation of the territory, not the part of any other municipality, providing the territory contains less than 12 registered voters. City Clerk Fred Arnold of Redondo Beach reported that an investigation by his office revealed that there were less than 12 registered voters on

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SHE KNOWS . . . Mrs. Clara Conner and Bud Mewborn, March of Dimes campaign leaders, help 8-year-old Marie Alarcon, in her effort to help others. (Herald photo).

Crutch Is Rostrum for Young Polio Fighter

Learning to skate or to ride a bicycle when you're eight years old isn't such a feat. Unless, of course, you have had polio for 3½ years. Which is just what happened to Marie Alarcon of 2807 Schilling Court.

New Fire Chief Issue May Be 'Hot Potato'

It may be somewhat of a "hot potato" the Civil Service Commission will have to juggle when they meet next on February 7.

For at that time the commission will have to decide which of three men qualify under which two sets of rules of eligibility for the position of chief of the city's Fire Department.

At the last meeting of the City Council the council ordered the commission to prepare an eligibility list. J. J. Benner, who has been serving as chief since the death of Fire Chief John E. McMaster on January 11 of last year, was appointed temporary chief by City Manager George W. Stevens.

Depending upon which rule book the commission follows, three men may be in line for the post. Most likely to be considered for the job are Benner, Captain Gordon Northington and Captain Roy Winters.

The commission probably will give an examination for fire chief and then attempt to decide which of those who pass the test can qualify as to educational, service time, and physical ability. City Manager Stevens, according to authority granted him in the charter, will then appoint one of those recommended to him by the Civil Service Commission.

Young Marie, who attends the School for Handicapped Children in San Pedro, just this week learned to manipulate skates and to pedal a bicycle.

She's no prouder of her new ability than Bud Mewborn, co-chairman of the Torrance March of Dimes. Bud has been taking the local polio victim to the various service clubs in town to help remind them that infantile paralysis never picks a certain street, a certain age, nor a particular race, nor sex—it strikes anywhere. It might be the house next door, my house, or your house.

WHAT COULD YOU PAY?
Last year little Marie broke open her piggy bank. It was her own wish that the money be given to the March of Dimes.

Although she was a bit young to realize it, these were some of the costs the pennies in her bank help to defray: Her leg brace cost from \$50 to \$175; hospitalization was between \$18.50 to \$25 per day; each therapy treatment cost \$3 (she still receives treatments twice weekly although it was 3½ years ago since she was stricken).

Had she had to be confined to an iron lung the cost of the lung, \$2000, would have to have come from somewhere.

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Pair Die in Truck Crash

Badly injured, a 23-year-old Marine is fighting for his life today to avoid becoming the third victim of an early Sunday morning auto-truck crash.

With his life in the hands of fate is William P. Davis of 3066 Emerald street, a Marine stationed at Camp Pendleton.

Davis suffered severe injuries in an unwitnessed crash at 5:40 a. m. Sunday morning at Del Amo street and Hawthorne boulevard.

Killed in the crash were two Inglewood Farms milk delivery men:

Olen E. Beasley, 34, of Lawndale, and James E. Osborne, 40, of Manhattan Beach.

There were no witnesses to the crash, but Torrance Police Officer Captain Frank Schmecher and Patrolman Hyman Fisher attempted to reconstruct the accident from evidence found at the scene.

Apparently Osborne and Beasley had just turned onto Hawthorne boulevard from the dairy located at 3400 Del Amo street to start the morning's route. Davis, headed south on Hawthorne boulevard, apparently crossed over the double line and smashed into the milk truck.

Beasley was crushed when the loaded milk crates shifted and pinned him behind the wheel. Osborne was catapulted through the windshield.

Davis was taken to the Harbor General Hospital and later transferred to the Long Beach Hospital. Attendants said he suffered fractures of both legs, a broken pelvis, internal injuries, and loss of all his teeth.

New State Building Proposed

California's Department of Employment is planning the construction of a \$122,500 building at Cravens and Engracia avenues, Assemblyman Vincent Thomas revealed this week.

According to Thomas, Jack C. Van Gundy, business manager of the State Real Estate and Contracts Group, reported the building should be ready for occupancy late in 1952. Thomas quoted a recent report on the proposed expansion of the present office, 1628 Cravens avenue, as stating the present quarters hamper the operation of the department's activities.

OTHERS CONSIDERED
The new building will be 6500 square feet in area of a class A steel and reinforced concrete construction. The present office has 3382 square feet of floor area. The state, according to Thomas, considered using the state-owned building at Cravens and Marcelina avenues, but it found, this too, to be inadequate in floor space. The building was formerly occupied by the Department of Social Welfare but is now unoccupied.

SITE OKAYED
The proposed site is 140 by 130 feet and located on the corner portion of part of the lot now marked for parking for Roth's Market customers. The site has been approved by the State Property Acquisition Board. It is estimated that the site will cost less than \$20,000.

The present State Department of Employment offices are under lease for \$240 monthly under a 30-day cancellation clause.

Refinery Hits New Crude Oil Production Peak

The effect of building an entire new refinery capable of producing 25,000 barrels of crude oil daily was achieved this week by the engineers and workers at the Torrance Refinery of the General Petroleum Corporation.

Gale L. Adams, vice-president in charge of manufacturing, said the local refinery had hit a new production peak for the week ending January 25 with an average production of 130,262 barrels of crude oil daily.

"To gain this much additional production in a petroleum refinery represents a considerable engineering achievement by our refinery's operating and engineering personnel," Adams stated.

Of the amount of crude oil produced, 125,670 barrels per day were charged to the refinery's crude distillation units which have a rated capacity of 100,000 barrels daily. The remaining amount, 4,592 barrels, was heavy crude oil and was charged to what is normally secondary processing unit.

Water Employees 'Disappointed' With Pay Hike

Although pay raises of \$10 monthly were granted to city employees at the last meeting of the City Council, members of the water department this week said:

"To say we are disappointed, would be to put it mildly." The Water Department employees had sought a \$35 monthly increase. They based their demand on the reasoning that their job required more skills than other city jobs paying the same rate.

"We get the same pay as a truck driver. Yet, we must be able to drive a truck before we can qualify for the first pay bracket. Then we must be able to operate a jack hammer and when we get to the bottom of a hole we must be a pipe fitter, a plumber and a steam fitter," said one water department employee.

The council in granting the \$10 pay hike pointed out these would be no additional pay increases this fiscal year. Last week the federal government also had something to say about pay and prices.

The council also acted to equalize the pay of the various department heads in the city. They were not included in the \$10 pay raise.

A 30-day requested sick leave was granted to William Stanger, manager of the water department. The leave was effective January 16 to February 15. Councilman Nick Dale recommended that Stanger be granted a pay raise of \$25 for each district he manages. He manages three districts. The motion died for the want of a second.

PIGEONS GONE

Six pigeons, valued at \$3 per pair, were stolen from a coop at his home, H. A. Hutsler, 2903 Arlington avenue, informed Torrance police this week. Missing were four White Kings and two Silver Kings. Hutsler said.



NEW PILOT CHECKS IN . . . Being checked in as the new president of the Torrance Hi-Y Club is G. G. Johnson (right) brother of Bill Johnson who last week was named Hi-Y boy of the year for the Los Angeles area. Monitoring his phone call is outgoing President Neil Schwab. Other officers for the semester include Dick Armand, vice president; Bill Crawford, secretary; Duane Mittan, treasurer; Jim Thylor, sergeant-at-arms and Harvey Rushfelt, chaplain. They were installed Monday evening. (Herald photo).