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## Teachers To Get Pay Hike

So that the School District may remain attractive to both new and experienced teachers, the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday night discussed a plan which may result in pay increases of \$200 to \$250 per year for teachers.

If granted, the pay increases will fix a starting salary for new teachers at \$3100, according to Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent. "Other districts are paying salaries as much as \$500-\$600 and if we hope to hold our good teachers and attract capable new instructors, we must adjust our salary schedule to put us back into competition with other districts," he said.

Two separate salary increases were considered. All teachers will get a \$100 across the board pay hike. The second phase of the increase would up the teachers in the first five steps of the 15 step pay schedule \$150. Those in the second five steps would be raised \$125 and those in the third five steps would be raised \$100.

The state average teacher salary is \$3600, Dr. Hull stated. He pointed out that Torrance was considerably below this average. This was due, however, to the fact that the Torrance School district, a young district, had few teachers in the higher pay brackets. Additional information will be presented to the Board at the next meeting at which time the trustees will consider formal adoption of the proposed schedule.

## Atom Authority To Present Film At Defense Meet

Dr. B. M. Brundage, a member of the Atomic Energy Commission since 1945, will present a film, "The Atom Strikes," and lead a discussion on the part the Atom will play in Civilian Defense at a public meeting to be held in the Torrance Civic Auditorium, Monday night at 7 p.m.

Brundage's appearance is under the joint sponsorship of the Public Affairs Committee of the Torrance Kiwanis club and the Torrance Civil Defense and Disaster Council.

The speaker was a member of the Japanese Survey party in 1945 and is presently a director of the Atomic Energy Project at UCLA.

George W. Stevens, director of the Civil Defense and Disaster Council, has asked that all organizations in the city send a delegation to the meeting.

## Fisticuffs Case Slated Monday

Roy J. Gordon, San Pedro real estate man, is scheduled to appear in Centinela Justice Court, Inglewood, Monday to answer charges arising out of alleged fisticuffs involving Dr. Milford A. Bauman, Torrance osteopath. Gordon was arrested last week and requested continuance for plea at his arraignment.

Bauman brought charges after the purported battle which occurred at the Rolling Hills gatehouse April 6 following an argument over real estate.



RUSSELL LUND, New Rotary President

## Russell Lund To Head Rotary Club in 1952

Elected to take the helm of the Torrance Rotary Club to guide it through the coming year is Russell Lund, who was named president of the local service club this week.

Lund, head of the Lund Company, insurance brokerage firm, will take office in July along with Judge John A. Shidler, newly-elected vice president, and Donald Armstrong, A. E. Thompson and Carl S. Warner as new members of the Board of Directors.

Stepping down from the presidency will be John Steinbaugh, principal of Torrance High School. He will become the sixth member of the 1951-52 Board of Directors. One of Lund's first official duties will be to attend the Atlantic City, N. J. convention of Rotary International in May to gather material for a report to the local club sometime during the coming year.

The new president and Mrs. Lund, who is active in the Hampton Players, the Red Cross and other community affairs, live at 1415 Post avenue. For three years during the last war Lund was a civilian agent with the U. S. Navy Security Division, engaged in an-

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## Tommy Turtle Bides His Time While Owner Gets Un-Lost

When Tommy the Turtle strolled into a downtown office last week he touched off a mild tempest in a tea cup among turtle lovers.

Tommy apparently knew just where he was when he inched his way into the Whitney Finance office last Tuesday. It was his owner that was lost!

A picture of Tommy typing out his own Lost and Found Want Ad was followed by these developments: Mrs. Leroy Culey, 1531 Torrance boulevard, thought the

tortoise might be that of one of her sons—lost some months ago. It was painted on its shell and had a hole drilled for a rope on the left side.

Tommy was not her turtle, she learned. Sunday, Milton Brorby, 2257 West 235th street, informed Tommy's temporary caretaker that he, too, had found a turtle. It had paint marks on the back. Mrs. Culey's hopes of finding her turtle were renewed—until she talked with Brorby—wrong turtle.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Alf W. Cabella, 1608 West 226th street, offered to take Tommy if nobody wants him. So did Mrs. Culey.

At the moment Tommy is munching the radish tops in the garden of his temporary home while waiting for his rightful owner to phone Lomita 690-J and make arrangements to come get him.

## After Raiding Two Homes Thief 11 Cents Richer

A smooth operating, daring burglar robbed two Torrance homes this week while the victims played cards and dozed off while watching television.

The thief entered a bedroom window in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Stember, 16506 Wilton place, Sunday night while the victims played cards in the front room.

Using a mop handle for a fishing pole, the thief then broke into a neighbor's house, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Saldamando, 16518 Wilton place, and hooked a pair of pants. The Saldamandos were snoozing in another room in front of their television set.

Net haul for the evening was 11 cents.

If caught the thief would have faced a one to 15 year jail term. Detective Captain Ernie Ashton of the Torrance Police Department said the footpad was not the same thief who entered the homes of four prominent Torrance residents last March 15 while the victims slept nearby.

## Public Schools Week Audience To Hear Lawyer

A district program in honor of Public Schools Week will be held at the new Fern Avenue Cafeteria on April 25 at 8 p.m.

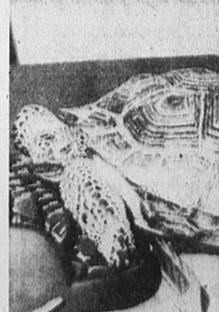
George W. Nilsson will present the talk of the evening, "Education for a Free World." Nilsson, a lawyer, is an authority on the fundamentals of individual liberty and constitutional government. He helped organize the American Legion in 1919 and served one year on the National Rehabilitation Committee, three years on the National Americanism Committee, and 10 years as Post Americanism Committee. He has also served twice on the Committee on American Citizenship of the American Bar Association.

The program will be opened with members of the High School opera cast presenting a preview of "The Belle of Bagdad."

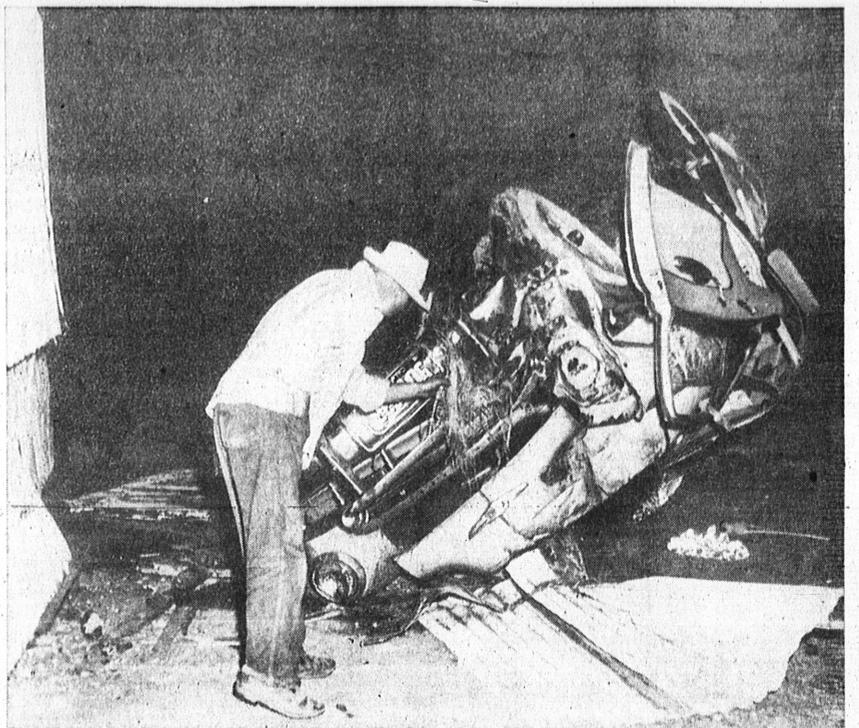
The slogan for this year's Public Schools Week is "The Public Schools—An American Heritage," and the public is urged to attend this timely meeting.

## MacArthur on Air

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's speech before Congress today will be broadcast by KNX, KFI, KJL, and KECA at 9:30 a.m. Torrance time.



TOMMY TURTLE, Owner Turns Up Missing



TWO CRITICALLY INJURED... An unidentified passerby inspects the battered wreckage of a late model auto which Monday evening sent two men to the hospital with critical

injuries after it ploughed through a telephone pole and somersaulted crazily for 125 feet. (Herald photo).

## Very Obliging Officers Help Very Insistent Lady

At 9:30 Monday morning Miss X insisted she had been raped. "What day?" asked Captain Ernie Ashton of the Torrance Police Department.

"Why, today, silly." "What time today?" asked the detective. "Just before noon," she blurted.

Since noon was still two and a half hours away, the insistent young lady was released from the Harbor General Hospital and advised she probably would be happier on a strictly water diet for awhile.

At 5 p.m. Mrs. Winona Ellis, manager of the California Employment office, reported to police: "A block of wood just came sailing through the office window."

On the outside of the window was the insistent Miss X who insisted the police be called and that she be put in jail.

Accommodations for five days, European plan were arranged at the Hotel Biscailuz on county property in downtown Los Angeles.

## rites Set For Hotel Proprietor

Interment in Inglewood Park Mausoleum will follow last rites to be conducted tomorrow for Mrs. Wilda McKenna, for the past 15 years proprietor of the Park Hotel.

Among the survivors are two sisters and a brother, all Torrance residents. They are Matilda Winters, Rose Rothleder and Carl S. Rothleder. She was an aunt of Captain Roy Winters of the Torrance Fire Department. Surviving also is another sister, Ella Murdock of New York and a nephew, Kermit Murdock, also of New York.

The deceased died April 17 in her apartment in the Park Hotel, Rev. U. S. Schauer of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, of which Mrs. McKenna was a member, will conduct the last rites, which will be conducted in the Stone and Myers Chapel.

She was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1884.

## Thief Gets \$115.68

While the attendant was busy with a customer, someone took \$115.68 from his service station till at 2319 Arlington avenue yesterday, Charles Ragsdale told police.

## Driver Still in Coma After Crash Monday

Still unconscious late yesterday following an auto crash Monday evening was the driver of a car which ploughed through 175 feet of soft earth, gouged out a telephone pole, then somersaulted crazily for another 125 feet before coming to a halt on its crushed steel top.

Catapulted from the battered, twisted maze of steel as it bounced along on its end-over-end path of destruction were Joseph Gardner and his passenger James C. Robel, both of Inglewood.

Gardner was still unconscious late yesterday and Robel's condition was listed as critical, although, attendants at Harbor General Hospital said his condition had "improved."

Sheriff's deputies who investigated the crash said the car had apparently been traveling south on Vermont avenue at

a "very high" rate of speed. The wildly careening auto left the road, about three blocks north of Carson street and came to a rest against the fruit stand of Ben Nishimoto, of 21308 So. Vermont avenue.

A hole approximately three feet deep and about 7 feet across was gouged out of the earth when the auto hit the pole carrying several high tension lines. The power lines were not severed.

Damage to the power pole was estimated at \$100 and the damage to Nishimoto's fruit stand was put at \$50, according to the sheriff's reports.



FRED W. MILL, Toastmasters' new officer

## Toastmasters Install New Officers

Installed as president of Toastmasters Tuesday evening was Fred W. Mill, division controller and assistant secretary of the National Supply Company. He succeeded Perry Principal Lester Foster.

Other officers installed included Jake Jacobsen, vice president; C. J. Meadoway, treasurer and Charley Gots, sergeant-at-arms. Bill Garity, who was named educational director of the club, won the semi-annual speakoff.

## Torrance Woman Injured

Seriously injured in an auto accident near Morenci, Arizona last week was Mrs. Pearl York, wife of Clayton York, of 20607 New Hampshire.

Mrs. York and her mother were on a trip east to visit relatives when the auto in which they were traveling went out of control and smashed up along the side of the road, according to reports received here.

## Residents Seek To Restore Bus Line to Riviera

Restoration of bus service to the Riviera section of Torrance was to have been discussed last night by a committee of citizens from the area and members of the City Council.

The meeting was suggested by Mayor Bob L. Haggard Monday night at a meeting of homeowners in the area affected.

Monday's meeting, held in the Riviera Beach Club, was attended by 58 persons including five downtown Torrance merchants, four reporters, three councilmen, and other city officials.

Taking the blunt of the verbal blows thrown by the homeowners was Councilman Harvey B. Spelman Jr. Spelman had recommended the line serving the area be discontinued because of consistent losses incurred in operating the line.

Suggested as a means of improving the situation were increased fares, operation of a small bus or station wagon to make the shuttle up and down the hill, and increased service to the area which would thus induce more riders on the line.

The meeting was chaired by Frank Brennan. Among those who addressed the group were Marshall Chamberlain, superintendent of the municipal bus line, and Sam Levy, Alice Hill, Harry Abramson, Bernard Lee, all local merchants, J. H. Paget, president of the retail merchants

division of the Chamber of Commerce, suggested that part of the service now being rendered on the El Nido (El Camino) line be shifted to Riviera.

Councilman Spelman said that other operational changes were in the process which would lower the cost of operating the city lines next year. Chamberlain said the system is now losing approximately \$34,000 annually.