DISTANT RANGE

New Zealand is about 1200 miles distant from Australia and about 6000 miles from South America.

Voters To Be Polled On Bus Line Expense

Torrance voters are going to be asked "How much of each bus passenger's fare are you willing to pay?"

Soon to be sent to bill-paying residents of the city is a questionaire which will be the basis for determining a policy for the operation of the city-owned municipal bus lines.

At the last election the voters turned down a proposition to sell the bus lines thus indicating they wished the lines to be continued in operation under municipal management.

Now the City Council is attempting to discover how much the non-riding as well as the regular bus customers are willing to subsidize the lines to keep them in operation.

At present only one of four Torrance lines is making money. The other three, the Long Beach line, the El Nido route and the controversial Riviera line are losing money. The Council thru the medium of a post card poll hopes to discover how much they should allow each line to lose before discontinuing the line or rerouting it.

"We would like to know," stated Councilman Willys G. Blount, chairman of the Bus Department, "how much the city, and that means the taxpayers, are willing to pay for each passenger riding our buses. At present the fares, with the exception of the Los Angeles run, do not cover the cost of operating the lines. Are the taxpayers willing to pay two cents per passenger, two bits, or two dollars.

"At present we have no way of knowing how far the taxpayers will go toward paying the freight to keep the lines operating. The establishment of new lines and the discontinuance of old lines has been arbitrary. With a private operator it is a simple matter. When a line starts losing money it is cut off. We, by the mandate of the people, want bus service even if it requires money from the general fund to subsidize the lines. What we must know if the lines are to be managed intelligently is HOW MUCH shall we take out of the till to make up the loss," Blount said.

Such a plan was proposed in a letter sent to the City Council Tuesday night by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Councilman Nick Drale labeled the letter as being out of order.

The method of determining the per passenger loss factor was suggested by City Manager George W. Stevens at a meeting of the Chamber's Board of Directors Monday afternoon at which both Councilman Blount and Mayor Bob L. Haggard, a director, were in attendance.

At the meeting of the Council Tuesday night Blount asked a committee of citizens from the Riviera to meet and determine the number of runs, the routes, the starting and stopping time of each run, the days of the week they wished service, and any other pertinent information regarding bus service to the Riviera and to present their recommendations to the Council for action and consideration at an early date.

The residents of the Riviera seek restoration of a line which was chopped off recently because of heavy losses incurred in the operation of the line.

"Discrimination" has been the by-word of the residents of the area. They point to other lines within the city which are losing more money than the Riviera run.

It was this point brought out by the Riviera residents which precipitated the poll of Torrance taxpayers regarding the subsidiation of the lines.

The Chamber has on hand Addressograph plates for each of Torrance's registered voters. It was estimated the questionaire could be prepared, printed, addressed, mailed, and the returns tallied within a month.

Stage Line Studies Possibility of Line to Riviera

Sunset Stages, a privately owned bus line, is considering running a line to serve both communities of Palos Verdes and Hollywood Riviera, the Herald learned yesterday.

Although he was not available for comment, it is known that Clifford Maurice, owner of the Sunset Stages is to confer with Pacific Electric regarding the franchise to Palos Verdes.

P. E. holds the present franchise but residents of Palos Verdes seek better transportation than that provided by P.E. If Maurice is given the franchise to Palos Verdes he would also serve the Riviera section thus giving the residents transportation to Redondo Beach.

BEST GUESS . . . For coming closest at guessing the correct number of beans in a jar at Strum's Department Store, Mrs. Oscar Davies and son accept a new washing machine and bicycle from Oscar Strumwasser, owner of the store. (Herald photo).

Council's Action Changes Name of Narbonne Ave.

A part of history died Tuesday night as the Torrance City Council, yielding to progress, changed the name of Narbonne avenue to Arlington avenue within the City limits of Torrance.

Affected by the change is the mile long stretch of highway from Sepulveda boulevard, south to the city limits at 230th street.

Slight hope was held that Lomita would follow suit. Narbonne is one of the main streets of that neighboring community.

The street was named for Nathaniel A. Narbonne, an early area pioneer and rancher. Narbonne High School in Lomita is also named for the early resident of this area. In fact, once a year students from the high school form a pilgrimage to Narbonne's grave in Wilmington to decorate his final resting place.

At present there are but a few homes along the street which will be affected by the address change. The city directory shows no firms with Narbonne as a principal word in its name.

Three years ago Torrance and Lomita waged a wordy but blowless battle with the City of Inglewood which sought to change the name to Van Ness avenue. Editorial comment pushed the idea back from hence it came.

Also changed Tuesday night was the name of Schilling Court in Kettler Knolls to Schilling Drive.

Background of Schilling was not immediately available.

Fern Avenue School To Hold Open House

Demonstrations of news-gathering and the printing of the school newspaper published by William Lewis' sixth-grade class will feature the Open House commemorating Public Schools Week tonight at 7 o'clock at the Fern Avenue Elementary School.

Work accomplished by the children during the year will be on display in each room and the teachers will be on hand to greet parents and visitors.

Tonight's displays will feature the three Rs in the present-day school. The emphasis will be on arithmetic—the subject that has been stressed this year.

After the open house the Fern Avenue PTA will present a program in the new cafetorium. The school band, under the direction of Miss Merlyn Anderson, will present several numbers, and the girls' chorus, directed by Lloyd Jones, will sing.

Rev. C. J. England, pastor of the First Christian Church, will speak on the topic "There's No Place Like Home."

Airesearch Worker Dies

Final services for Summers Hillary Humphreys, 41, an Airesearch Corporation employee, were held in the Stone and Myers Chapel Tuesday morning. Burial in Pacific Crest Cemetery followed services conducted by Rev. Arthur Pedersen of the Torrance Four Square church.

A native of West Virginia, Humphreys had been in Torrance four years. He lived in North Redondo Beach at the time of his death.

He leaves his widow, Madeline Humphreys, of North Redondo, and one son and three daughters in Wheeling, West Virginia.

'Mechanical Memory' Helps Local Sailor

Whatever personnel problems confront him in the future, Gordon W. Snyder, machine accountant, first class, USN, of 18329 Ashley avenue., will be able to furnish the answer with the aid of a personnel accounting machine known as the "mechanical memory."

"A recent graduate of the Naval Machine Accountants' School at Treasure Island, San Francisco, Calif., he was instructed in the operation of the electrical tabulating machines, which calls for highly skilled specialists.

Jobs Waiting For Experienced Stenos

There are jobs waiting for experienced stenographers at the California Employment office at Cravens and Gramercy avenues.

Mrs. Winona Ellis, manager, says local factories are offering from $200 to $275 per month for girls who can type 50 to 60 words ptr minute and take 110 words per minute in shorthand.

.. Marine Returns

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Father P. J. McGuinness performed the ceremony in the Catholic Church of the Nativity.

The war victim's body arrived in Oakland earlier this week aboard the S. S. Ocala Victory, which was returning fallen heroes to their native country. His body will be escorted to Renton, Washington, his hometown, where he will be buried.

Farm Technique Pays Off For Local Housewife

Using the same system she used back on the farm to estimate the amount of corn in silos, Mrs. Oscar Davies, 1637 West 226th street, came closest to guessing the number of beans in a jar at Strum's Department Store last week and won a washing machine and bicycle.

The stunt was staged by Oscar Strumwasser, owner of the store, to direct attention to the change in ownership of the store. It was formerly Almond's.

Mrs. Davies' guess of 14,000 came closest to the number in the jar—13,923.

The bicycle was ridden home by one of her four children. At the time she was advised she had won the washing machine, Mrs. Davies was attempting a makeshift repair on her present and outdated washer, she said.

"It is the first thing I have ever won," she exclaimed.

Silver Dollars Trap Youthful 'Lure' Robbers

Silver dollars, as common as buttons in Las Vegas but uncommon as snow in Torrance, trapped two juvenile burglars this week after they robbed the home of a school pal.

Missing from the home of Clyde Purdy, 2378 West 239th street, were 32 silver dollars the owner collected as a hobby, according to the police files. They disappeared, the police said, last Sunday night as one of two pals of Purdy's son called him outdoors—thus leaving the house unguarded. While the two talked, the third youth entered the house and stole the money.

Later nabbed as they attempted to spend some of the silver cartwheels, the youths confessed the crime.

One of the boys is awaiting a hearing on three charges of grand theft auto. Settlement of the case is pending further investigation.

HEALTH SPOTLIGHTED

National Mental Health Week, May 2-8, will call the attention of the American public to the nation's major health problem, announced the Southern California Society for Mental Hygiene.

Riviera Man Dies On Street

Funeral service for Clyde B. Wilson, 66, who collapsed on a Hermosa Beach street Monday, will be held in the White and Day Chapel at 901 Torrance boulevard in Redondo Beach at 10 a.m. today. Private cremation at Pacific Crest will follow.

Wilson, who lived at 871 Calle de Arboles, in the Riviera, was pronounced dead by a doctor summoned by Hermosa police after a resident reported that a man had fallen in the street.

He leaves his widow, Frances, and two sons, Julius and Clyde, and two daughters, Elise Wilson, and Mrs. Elizabeth Brown. A brother, Dr. Julius L. Wilson, of Inglewood, also survives.

Cause of death was not indicated on the Hermosa police report.

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