

Thirteen Injured in 'Black Corner' Week End Automobile Crashes

'FLAG' PARADE SATURDAY

Movie Star Dane Clark will act as master of ceremonies to describe the military units marching in the Flag City Celebration here this Saturday, June 30.

The parade and celebration is to honor Torrance for being the first city in California to qualify for a U. S. Treasury Department "Minute Man Flag." The city earned the honor when more than 80 per cent of the local employers answered a plea sounded by the Torrance Jun-

ior Chamber of Commerce to make U. S. Savings Bonds available to workers through payroll deduction plans.

To appear in Saturday's parade, which is to start at 2 p.m., are 100 Air Force men and color guard; 50 men from the Coast Guard; 50 WAVES; the El Toro Marine Corps Band and from the Army a medium tank, an amphibious truck, a truck-drawn 40 mm anti-aircraft gun and an armored half-track. Chief speaker of the day will

be Capt. Clarence E. Coffin Jr., chief staff officer, U. S. Naval

Route Announced

This is the route of Saturday's Flag City parade: Starting at 2 p.m. at Post and Arlington avenues to Sartori avenue to Marcelina and Cravens avenue to El Prado thence to Arlington avenue to disperse.

Base, Los Angeles. Capt. Coffin, who recently returned from

Korea where he commanded the

Attack Transport Bexer, will deliver a 15-minute talk from the reviewing stand in El Prado at Cravens avenue. Coffin, holder of the Legion of Merit and other decorations, saw action at Inchon, Wonsan, and during the evacuation of Chinnampo.

His talk will be followed by the presentation of the Minute Man Flag to Mayor Bob L. Haggard by Raphael H. O'Malley, national director of payroll savings of the Treasury De-

partment.

To fly here from Sacramento for the occasion is Dain Dominich, state president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Among the local citizenry to take part in the parade is George W. Post, who spearheaded the Jaycee drive for the Treasury Department.

Cubie Bohannon, a Columbia Steel employee who was named "Miss Defense Bond" during the campaign, also will ride in the parade.

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South Bay Loses Judge in Shuffle

Torrance Loses Judge in Court Tug-of-War

With adjournment of the State legislature this week, another round in the Municipal Court battle ended with Torrance falling heir to only two judges to serve this and six other communities in the new South Bay Municipal Court District.

The action created numerous questions about the new court set up. Here are a few of them:

- Q. How will the two judges for this area be named?
- A. At an election slated in June of 1952.
- Q. How many judges are presently serving this area?
- A. Seven: Judge John A. Shidler, justice of the Peace of the Gardena Township; Otto B. Willett, city judge of Torrance; Elmo Fields, city judge of Gardena; Collamer Bridges, city judge Hermosa Beach; D. Clifford Higgins, Manhattan Beach; Harry W. Sturges Jr., Palos Verdes; and Sam G. Austin, Redondo Beach.

- Q. Who are the most likely to be elected?
- A. For one office, Judge Shidler—probably unopposed.
- Q. Who are candidates for the other office?
- A. Willett, Bridges, and Higgins have declared their candidacy. Fields declared he will not run and Sturges, a new judge, and Austin are not considered potentially strong candidates.

- Q. Why did the county want two judges to serve this area?
- A. The Board of Supervisors have to foot the bill. They claim the extra judge would cost the county an additional \$50,000 per year to operate.

- Q. How does this area compare in population and number of judges assigned with other areas in the County?
- A. The South Bay District will have approximately 190,000 persons when the new court set-up starts to function in January of 1953. Beverly Hills has two judges and 50,000 persons and because of the higher incomes in B. H. few small claims cases ever reach court. San Fernando will have one judge for each 50,000 persons.

- Q. Where will the court be located?
- A. According to Kenneth Sampson, executive secretary to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, one judge probably will sit in the new single-court building soon to be erected in Redondo Beach. The other judge will "ride the circuit" visiting the various other communities one day each week.

- Q. How many judges did the Board of Supervisors recommend for the county?
- A. 74.
- Q. How many did the Assembly recommend?
- A. 84.

- Q. What happened next?
- A. Gov. Warren did just what he promised he would do and vetoed the bill and sent it back



REAL HOT ROD... This auto and a barn-like shed were destroyed Tuesday in a 40-acre fire near Huntington Street and the city's western boundary. Three Torrance engine companies worked for eight hours to "stamp out the fire." A farmhouse was threatened and livestock had to be evacuated to safety through dense, choking smoke. (Herald photo).

Harvey Workers Turn Down CIO, AFL Proposals

The CIO and the AFL, each a suitor for the hand of some 744 employees of the Harvey Machine Company, last Friday received a polite, but rather firm "No, Thanks" during an election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board.

According to the federal agency, 744 ballots were cast, of which 553 were against the unionizing of the plant. In favor of the CIO Steelworkers of America, Local 1414, were 127 votes. The Metal Trades Union, A. F. of L., drew 64 votes.

Leo M. Harvey, founder and president of the plant at 190th Street and Western Avenue, rapped the manner in which the courtship was conducted.

"We regret the undignified manner in which the union conducted the campaign," Harvey wrote in a letter to employees. He did not indicate which union he had reference.

"The results of the voting prove that the American people do not believe in a 'smear' campaign," Harvey commented. In his letter he said:

"From the results you can see that the voters, by nearly three to one margin, expressed confidence in the management, which the management sincerely appreciates. The result of the voting vindicates the man-

Pacific Hills Civic Group Incorporates

Incorporation proceedings have been completed for the Pacific Hills Home Owners Association, a new civic group, and Everett Balcom, a Lomita businessman who resides on Dalemead street, has been elected to head the organization.

Other new officials are Alton Langston, vice president; Mrs. R. A. Osborne, secretary; Mrs. Rosemaere Yarbrough; and J. B. Johns, sergeant-at-arms.

Serving on the new Board of Directors are Paul G. White, B. C. Beers, J. F. Heller, W. J. Lizut, S. O. Sadler, J. E. Munter and Ronald Gagon.

Robert W. White and Paul G. White were particularly active in organizing the group, which has been functioning without incorporation for some time.

Serving a community of more than 400 new homes, the civic group already has accomplished a number of improvements including the installation of stop signs at Newton Street and Winlock drive.

Balcom said that the stop signs were installed with the assistance of the traffic commission of the City of Torrance.

Speaker at the last meeting of the association was J. A. Beasley of the Torrance Recreation Commission, who discussed recreation facilities offered the children of the Pacific Hills area.

First regular session of the group under its new officers

Service Pending For Steelworker James W. Moore

Federal services are pending at Stone and Myers Mortuary here for James Wilson Moore, employee in Columbia Steel's sheet mill for the past 28 years, who died at his home yesterday morning.

Moore leaves his widow, Bessie, and two sons James and Walter, and a daughter, Virginia. He was a native of Chicago.

He also leaves a half-brother, Joseph Prince, of 622 Annapolis. At the time of his death, he lived at 2815 Manhattan Beach boulevard, although he had been a resident of Torrance for many years.

Bill Puts Local Schools on Cash Basis Next Year

Education of Torrance school children can now go on a cash-and-carry basis instead of on credit as the result of action taken this week by the state legislature.

Chief benefit to local schools from the state's action on a \$13,500,000 school appropriation is that Torrance (and other school districts) will be put on a pay-as-you-go basis. Previously local district had to bear the expense of educating each child during the current year for which they were reimbursed a year later.

Also continued in operation for another year was the Child Care Centers.

By raising the minimum teacher salary to \$3000 per year, action by the state put Torrance in a more favorable position in bidding for teachers. The minimum pay schedule in Torrance is \$3150. According to Emmett Ingram, business manager of the local school district, the minimum salary schedule adopted by the state will cause some districts to cut the salaries of experienced teachers to meet the demand on budgets that the \$3000 minimum law will create in some impoverished school districts.

The experienced teachers will then seek employment with districts such as Torrance which can offer them high salaries in proportion to their experience and educational training.

During the coming year it is expected that the local school district will increase in enrollment by 600 to 700 students. Under the new state law Torrance will receive some assistance from the state while those students are in classes here during the current year and not in the next year thereafter as has been the practice until recently. The payments will be made on estimates of enrollment with adjustments being made in July as the year terminates.

The Red Cross is arranging an emergency leave for Cpl. Berton A. Hooker, a brother of the deceased, who is now in paratrooper training in Tennessee. Another brother, Kenneth, lives in Long Beach.

Pfc. Hooker was killed August 26, 1950 only 26 days after landing in Korea.

His mother and step-father, William A. Pearson, operate the Beacon Cleaners on Carson Street.

Lt. Long is the father of two children, Patricia, 7, and a smaller brother now living with their mother, Mrs. Long, in Cypress, California. The World War II veteran purchased a home in Kettler Knolls in May of 1949 while working at the Ford

ONCE AN AUTOMOBILE... This was the bashed-in front of an auto after it crashed with another at the "black corner" of highway 101 and Newton street last Sunday. Two of the five persons injured in the smash-up await the arrival of an ambulance. The day earlier eight persons were injured in a crash at the same intersection. There is no traffic control measure at the intersection on the state-operated highway.

News of Fallen GIs Timed With War Anniversary

Timed with the start of the second year of the Korean War is the news this week that a former Torrance resident has been killed in action and that the city's first Korean war victim has been returned to the U. S. for burial.

Reported killed is Army Lt. Melvin I. Long, husband of Edna M. Long, formerly of 23309 Western Avenue, Kettler Knolls.

Arriving in San Francisco Sunday was the body of Pfc. Joe E. Hooker, 18-year old ex-Narbonne High School student of 1645 West 228th Street. His body is being shipped to Silvia, Kansas, where he will be buried alongside his father, Robert Hooker, Mrs. Grace Pearson his mother is leaving Torrance this week to attend the military rites for the returned soldier. She will be accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Mildred Keaton of 1555 West 219th Street.

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Advance Deadline For July Fourth: Herald to Close

To enable all employees to observe July 4th a holiday, the Torrance Herald office and plant will close all day next Wednesday — Independence Day.

All deadlines for the issue of July 5 have been advanced 24 hours. Classified ads will close at 6 p.m. on Monday. Display advertisers were reminded that ad copy must be in the Herald office a full day earlier than usual.

Publicity chairmen are likewise reminded to submit stories 24 hours in advance of the usual copy deadline.

Carrier boys will not be affected by the advance in the closing deadline. They will receive their copies from distributors at the regular time on Thursday, July 5 for immediate delivery to subscribers.

Council Declares Need For Parking Authority

Step Number One, tending to ease the ever-increasing Torrance parking problem, was taken by the City Council Tuesday night.

Acting on a recommendation by City Attorney James Hall, the City Fathers passed a resolution declaring the need for a municipal parking authority. The action may eventually lead to the formation of an organization which will be able to purchase off-street parking lots and operate parking meters if they are found necessary.

Ronald Stuart Wounded

Pfc. Ronald Stuart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stuart of 1539 West 226th Street, has been wounded in action in Korea, according to a department of defense announcement this week.

Critical Need For More Water Told

Further industrial and residential expansion in Torrance will "die on the vine" for lack of sufficient water to spark its life unless additional water feeder lines and other facilities are built to tap the Colorado River supply through the Metropolitan Water District, Chamber of Commerce President Henry W. Creeger, stated this week.

Because of this acute situation, Creeger stated that Chamber directors are urging immediate action by the Torrance City Council to speed a special election to authorize a complete modernization and unification of the present three municipal water districts. Included in the proposed development are feeder lines to MWD trunk line at 190th Street and a reserve supply reservoir in the Palos Verdes hills.

The proposed water supply improvements, plans for which were prepared by James Montgomery, hydro-engineer, following two years of study, would be financed by a self-liquidating \$1,500,000 district bond issue cover-

ing the entire city with the exception of the California Water Service, a privately owned utility. Retirement of the proposed municipal district bond issue would be made out of water sales without the necessity of levying

Citizens Group To Be Named

Councilman Willys G. Blount made a motion Tuesday night that Mayor Bob L. Haggard appoint a citizens committee to help support the passage of the water system improvement bonds.

His motion won unanimous approval of the council.

a property tax. Montgomery states.

All expenses of an extensive educational campaign to explain the necessity of the bond issue would be borne by the Chamber of Commerce out of its volunteer subscription funds, Creeger explains. According to City Attorney James M. Hall, a recent

court decision prohibits the use of public funds to promote a bond election issue.

"Your Chamber of Commerce feels that the need for better water facilities is a vital challenge to community development," stated President Creeger, who is also works manager of the American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation plant on Crenshaw boulevard.

"We believe that every home owner, every industrialist, and in fact, anyone who has an interest in the continued growth of Torrance should be told of this imperative need for better water facilities. For this reason the Chamber is willing to use its volunteer funds to finance an adequate educational pre-election campaign. We plan to ask the City Council to appoint a comprehensive Citizens Committee representing a complete cross-section of community life to help plan and carry on this educational campaign," Creeger emphasized.

Six Torrancites Among 13 Hurt In Two Crashes

The "Black Corner," Pacific Coast Highway and Newton Street, accounted for 13 persons injured in two accidents within 24 hours during the past week.

Six of the 13 persons injured were local residents.

Injured in the first crash, a three car smash-up shortly before noon on Saturday were: Otto A. Steifel, 40, 24707 Winlock drive, one of the drivers involved, and:

OTHERS HURT Mrs. Ethel Eakins, 35, of 3232 Newton Street, also one of the drivers.

Others injured in the crash and taken to Harbor General Hospital included: Mrs. Bessie Shyer, 59, Miss Margaret Wray, 28, and Mrs. Ethel Bigelow, 63, all of Detroit, Michigan; Louis Spencer, 58, of Baltimore, Md. and Wilbur E. Roberts, 36, and Mrs. Marian Roberts, 31, both of Santa Monica.

Investigating Officers, John Maestri and Jim Thompson, said that two of the cars crashed head-on and were then rammed by the third car.

BOY INJURED Among those injured in the second crash which occurred at 1 a.m. on Sunday morning was a three-year old boy, Earl Eugene Joslin, son of Earl Lee Joslin, 38, 3223 Danahy Street, driver of one of the cars involved. He was also injured.

Driver of the other auto was listed as Grover Early, 38, of 25832 Narbonne Avenue, who also received injuries in the crash.

Others injured in the crash were: Anna Dorothy Early, 38, of the Narbonne address, who received major injuries, and Frances Calvin Hill, 36, of Crestline, California. All were taken to the Harbor General Hospital.

Council Holds Fate of City's '51-'52 Tax Rate

If the Torrance City Council accepts the 1951-'52 proposed budget as presented to them Tuesday night there will be no hike in the \$1.12 tax rate of last year.

Such were the facts indicated in a balanced \$951,289 budget (including public improvement and capital outlay) proposed by City Manager George W. Stevens. The city manager used an estimated assessed valuation of the city amounting to \$63,617,500 or approximately six per cent more than last year.

The \$1.12 tax rate includes 95 cents for the general fund, 13 cents for employee retirement fund, and four cents for the library. There is no advertising and promotion or bond retirement levy this year.

Stevens used an estimated population of 28,000 in his budget computations.

Reporting on the budget, Stevens told the council: "The proposed budget provides

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