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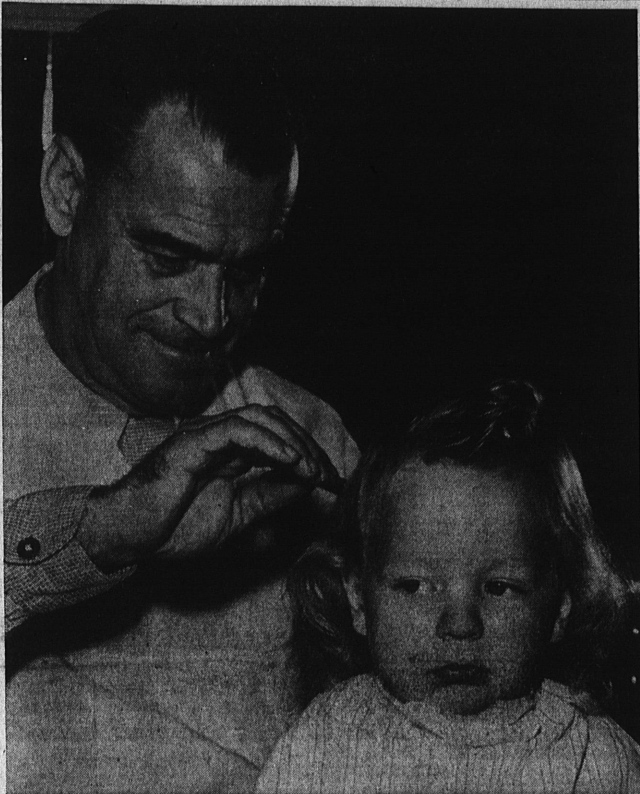
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ONCE IN A LIFETIME . . . A haircut for this three-year-old is one of the biggest things which has ever happened. Barber Jack E. Boos, whose shop is at 2205 Torrance Blvd., got the assignment Friday when the father, Anthony B. Buffalo, of 2203 1/2 Torrance Blvd., decided that "the curls have got to go."



A NEW MAN . . . Checking the job with Barber Jack Boos is three-year-old Joseph Anthony Buffalo, who has just lost his shoulder-length curls. His father has been in the repair department of National Supply Co. for the past 20 years. He denied that the "sex change" stories coming out of Copenhagen had anything to do with the decision to trim Joe's curls.

Board May Toss in Sponge, Too

By JACK O. BALDWIN

If charges that the City Recreation Dept. is "top heavy" are true, then the department is not as top heavy today as it was Wednesday evening.

Frank Carpenter, director of recreation, resigned Tuesday. Carpenter's resignation touched off a fuse which ought to blow the city recreation program higher than a kite contest.

A news source close to the recreation commission tipped the Herald this week that the whole commission might toss in the sponge and quit. And it's a brand new commission, too! It was only formed last October by appointment of Mayor Marvin Schwab.

The reason, claims the Herald news source, is that: "The council asks us for recommendations and then does as it . . . well pleases."

No doubt what the commissioner referred to was a recent recommendation of the commission to allocate \$1250 for Christmas parties at five different locations in the City. Under the commission's recommendation, Central Torrance and North Torrance would receive \$425 each, Waveria \$200, and Seaside and Hollywood Riviera \$100 each.

Fund Whittled
The council whittled the appropriation to \$1000 and ruled that it be divided equally between North Torrance, Central Torrance, and South Torrance.

How the money was going to be divided within the areas was not revealed. While there has been considerable smoke generated by the friction between the three C's—Council, the Commission and Carpenter, it was Councilman Victor E. Benstead who fanned the thing into flames. Benstead in a recent meeting of the City Council charged that the chil-

dren of Torrance were getting the short end of the handle. He claims that the salaries paid to the seven full-time and seven part-time employees of the recreation department eats up 70 per cent of the economy allocated to recreation—leaving a pittance for the children.

During the winter months, Benstead avers, the recreation

department could well be handled by two persons—not 14. Carpenter's resignation had this effect:

"If you can run the department any better than I can—RUN IT!"

Fuel Added
More fuel on the fire was tossed by Tom Babbitt, a former member of the commission and a Los Angeles High School

teacher, who claims that the commission does not represent the interests of the people of Torrance as a whole. He claims the commission does not appear to be an important and integral part of the City's government.

In his letter of resignation to the Council, Carpenter was very nice. He said:

"As the basis of my employment was a yearly contract and the renewal date is now five months past, I had assumed we were operating on such a basis for this year. Because of this fact, I ask you to set the date of non-employment at April 1st, thus enabling me to re-establish myself."

Hands Out Tip
Carpenter also had a bit of advice for the councilmen:

"May I also sincerely suggest to you the need to entrust the destiny of your Recreation Department into the hands of the newly-appointed commission," he wrote. "These high-calibre citizens have a sincere desire to perform a good job and should be rewarded with complete confidence and cooperation in attaining such goals as they may set."

The recreation superintendent said he would not enter the Civil Service test for the job which is due sometime next year.

Chairman Mum
Meanwhile, the top man on the Recreation Commission, Darwin Parrish, the chairman, had no desire to add any fuel to the fire. He said:

"The commission is new and I think feels like I do that we are more or less at a loss without a complete understanding as to what happened before the present commission was appointed. The situation deserves further study." "It sure does!"



RECREATION DIRECTOR CARPENTER . . . Gene Are the Smiles and So Is He

Several Stores To Remain Open During Evening

A number of Torrance merchants announced yesterday that they would be open until 9 o'clock each night this week to assist residents of the area with their Christmas shopping.

All stores will be open next Friday and Saturday nights until 9 o'clock and during the following shopping days until Christmas.

Those remaining open this week include Newberry's, Lawson's Jewelers, Treske's Men's Store, Benson's, Torrance Bargain Spot, Universal Furniture, and Kale's Children's Shop.

A check by the Herald yesterday showed that several other merchants were still considering whether to open their stores for the evening shoppers during the first part of the week.

Whatever the time of day, the merchants will tell you it pays to shop in Torrance.

Issue \$500,000 In Permits for New Dow Plant

Permits totaling more than half a million dollars were issued Friday to the Dow Chemical Co. for construction of its new plant on Crenshaw Blvd.

Initial permits for the multi-million dollar industry were issued by James B. Dresser, city building inspector. Date construction will start was not revealed.

The permits issued Friday were for an office, a change room, pipe supports, a warehouse, a styron plant, a water treatment plant, and a shop.

Permit for the styron plant totaled \$253,828 and for the warehouse \$154,345. Total value was \$508,085.

\$2 Million Home Tracts Approved

Tract maps calling for the construction of 236 new homes totaling more than \$2,000,000 will be presented to the City Council next Tuesday, Planning Consultant Earle A. Lloyd announced this week.

Maps will include the first unit of a 1300-dwelling subdivision in the southwest section. The tract is planned on a huge site between Waveria and Hollywood Riviera by the Ellinwood Corp.

The initial group would consist of 106 homes along the south side of Pacific Coast Hwy.

Planned for development east of Crenshaw Blvd. and north of 170th St. are about 100 homes by the Albachten Co. Jim Norris is planning construction of 29 houses south of McFister Park.

All three of the tracts have been approved by the city planning commission, Lloyd said.

Rezoning Due
City Council also will act on a recommendation of a committee, composed of R. J. Deininiger, Di Mayle, and Hill that lots on Delia Ave. be rezoned to R-1, single family residential, since the property had been developed

as R-1 and has no ingress or egress to 174th St.

Lots on Ardath and Atkinson Ave., also studied for rezoning, should remain in Zone C-2, general commercial, the committee recommended.

Denial Advised
Request for vacation of the alley west of Apple Ave. and north and south of Lincoln Ave. will be recommended to the City Council for denial, the committee of Chairman Whitcomb, W. A. Felker, and Hill reported.

One change was made in the boundary of the oil well drilling district. New line, starting at the corner of Torrance Blvd. and Madrona Ave., will extend south on Madrona Ave. to Eldorado St., east to Maple Ave., south to Monterey St., and east to Crenshaw Blvd., according to Ordinance No. 440.

Tract Held
Tract Map No. 15880, containing 89 lots located on the northwest corner of 182nd St. and Yukon Ave., will be re-designed (Continued on Page 2)

Stickup Artist Gets Free Meal, \$69 From Cafe

Acting on the theory that one good turn deserves another, a bandit Thursday took \$69 in cash from a cafe waitress after he had bummed a free meal.

Waitress Amy Thompson, 54, told police she was soft-hearted about the story the man told her, but her pity changed to chagrin when he stuck his hand in his pocket and announced the stickup.

After taking the money, the thug ordered the waitress to lie on the floor while he made his getaway. The cafe is located at 3801 Torrance Blvd.

David Vollow, 413 Pacific Coast Highway, Redondo, the cafe owner, said he can identify the holdup man. Vollow was in the cafe when the man entered, but left before the stickup.

Nothing Small About This Thief

This theft was really a BIG one.

So reported Mrs. G. Anderson, 2467 Torrance Blvd., to Torrance police as she bewailed the theft from her home of a refrigerator, taken while she was at work. Police are investigating.

Coroner's Corner Claims Life In Auto-Ambulance Collision

Coroner's Corner—the intersection of East Rd. and Vermont Ave.—claimed another victim Wednesday night.

Mrs. Bettie Barnes Hanner, 28, was killed in the crash of her automobile and a county ambulance.

It was the second known fatality at the danger-laden intersection in the past six months. Uncounted minor accidents have occurred there, and residents of the area have tallied eight major accidents, in which someone was injured, since August.

Still in Hanner General Hospital recovering from their injuries are Mrs. Hanner's two small children, Nikki, 5 and Sari, 9. Nikki was reported to have a head injury and back abrasions, while Sari's hurts were minor.

The children's father, Glenn Hanner, a Navy man, flew in from Washington, D. C., where he was stationed.

California Highway Patrol officers said the Hanner car, headed west on East Rd., apparently ran through the boulevard stop at the almost blind corner.

Killed Instantly
The ambulance, going north on Vermont, smashed into the driver's side of the vehicle, killing Mrs. Hanner instantly. The automobile was driven 30 feet by the force of the impact.

Six passengers in the ambulance (Continued on Page 2)



CORONER'S CORNER . . . This intersection, blind both ways to cars going east on East Rd., has been dubbed a death trap. Two fatalities have been recorded there in the past six months.

Only 15 Shopping Days 'til Christmas



Editor of Metropolitan Daily Lauds Torrance Herald's Anniversary Issue

I want to thank you for your courtesy in sending me the edition of the Torrance Herald commemorating the 40th anniversary of the City of Torrance.

It was, indeed, a splendid job and you and your staff are to be congratulated.

Sincerely yours, (signed) LEE F. PAYNE Executive Editor L. A. Daily News