

SUPERVISORS ALLOW DICALITE MINE PERMIT IN 3 TO 2 VOTE

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Examinations for Police Chief Called by County Civil Service

Chace, Legg Oppose Mine, Appeal Hinted

Approval of the permit granted to Great Lakes Carbon Corp. to mine diatomaceous earth in the Palos Verdes Hills was voted 3-2 by the County Board of Supervisors Tuesday as the climax of a long series of controversial hearings on the matter.

Supervisors Burton W. Chace and Herbert Legg opposed the granting of the permit while Kenneth Hahn, Roger Jessup, and John Anson Ford voted to approve the operation.

Operation of the 165-acre mine was approved by the supervisors with 16 conditions appended to the permit, one of the conditions stating that the violation of any of the other conditions would void the permit.

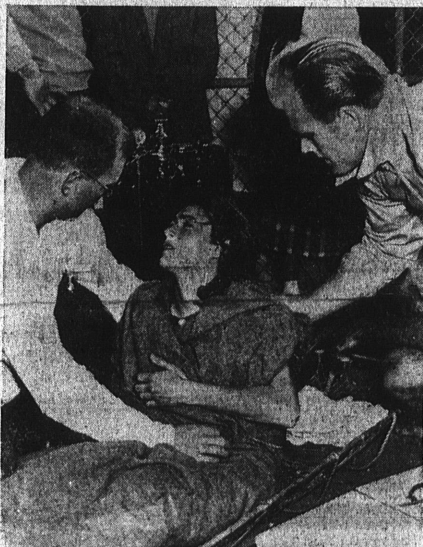
Mine Conditions.
Included among the conditions imposed on the operation of the diatomite mine were:

1. Operate the mine so no dust is discharged into the air.
2. The earth in the mining area must be watered down.
3. The mine may be operated only from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.
4. The size of the mining area must be regulated.
5. Only two trucks may be used to transport the material from the mine to the Walteria processing plant and the trucks are limited to 220 round trips per month.
6. The trucks used to transport the earth into the plant must be covered while in transit to assure that no dust will be discharged into the air.
7. A buffer zone landscaping must be established and maintained in such a way

that the mine is not visible from the highways. In protesting the granting of the permit, Supervisor Chace said: "there is a hazard here which we shouldn't risk by granting this permit."

Chace Opposes
"We are opening the door," Chace warned. "If it's given, we will have to grant others in the same area. We also have moral commitments because the property owners in the area bought their land with the understanding that there would be no industry in the vicinity," Chace said.

Earlier in the day, County Health Officer Roy O. Gilbert had testified that he could find no jeopardy to public health in the proposed mining operation. His testimony had been given during the hearings by scientists, doctors, and other experts. A spokesman for the opposition told bystanders in the hearing room that the decision of the supervisors would be appealed to Superior Court.



TAKES DIVE . . . Mable Cambra, 30, lies on stretcher after leaping from the Redondo Pier Monday afternoon. Lifeguards Earl Moss, and Rex Guthrie, left, comfort her after the leap—with full clothing—and long swim. She was treated for shock and bruises.

Only Two Eligible For Chief's Exam

Examinations to select a new chief of police and to establish an eligible list for other ranks in the police, fire, and water departments were announced this week by the Los Angeles County Civil Service Commission.

Examination for chief of police will be limited to two local officers, Assistant Chief Willard H. Haslam and Captain Ernie Ashton. Exam dates will be announced later.

Girl Leaps From Pier, Sister Says She's 'Showoff'

"Just showing off," commented Peggy Cambra, 32, of 1880 Torrance Blvd., when she was told that her sister, Mable, 30, had jumped into the ocean from the Redondo Pier Monday afternoon—fully clothed.

Pier employee W. H. Withrow told police that the woman asked him how deep the water was under the Horseshoe Pier and when he told her, she proceeded to leap off the pier into the 15-foot deep water.

Fisherman's Wharf employee James Mason swam out and towed the exhausted Miss Cambra to shore after she tired while swimming in and Lifeguards Jerry Bessert, Earl Moss, and Rex Guthrie took her to Family Medical Center where she was treated for shock and bruises.

The day before the escapade, police were called to the Torrance Blvd. address by neighbors who said the two sisters were arguing vociferously. Officers said the argument started when one of the sisters told the other she wanted to get married, and the other protested.

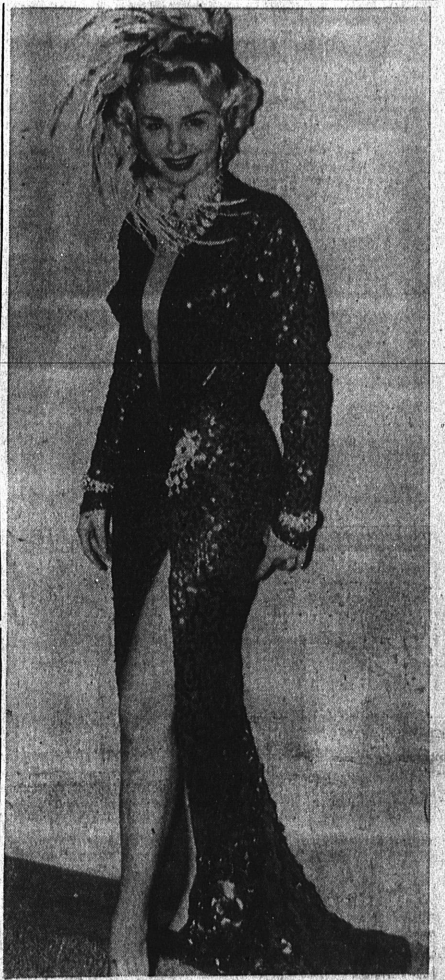
When Torrance police entered the two girls' apartment to break up their Sunday argument, Miss Cambra gave her name as Peggy Selva. Monday, she said that her sister, Mable, was "showing off" when she leaped off the pier, but hinted to lifeguards that she might have dared her sister to make the dive.

Rites Slated for Local Woman's Grandmother
Funeral services will be held today at 1 p.m. at Dunaway Funeral Home in Hawthorne for Mrs. Priscilla Gates, 83, grandmother of Mrs. Kathryn Grenow, of 1804 Beech Ave.

Resident For 15 Years Here Dies
Funeral services were scheduled to be held yesterday at Stone and Myers Chapel for Bertha Bell Isbell, 64, a former resident for 15 years here, who died Monday at St. Mary's Hospital in Long Beach.

This Full House Could Be Useful
When you add new pieces of furniture to your home will it be too full? Have you wondered what to do with some of the older pieces? Convert them to cash with a low cost "For Sale" Want Ad in the Herald. A three-line ad will sell your unneeded furniture, or anything else, quickly and with a minimum of bother.

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WHO NEEDS MARILYN MONROE? . . . When we've got Sandra Lea Constance, "Miss Torrance of 1953" who is also blonde, also beautiful, and who also has a figure that runs from 37-inch to 23½-inch back to 37-inch and which fills Marilyn's dress to perfection, as you can see above, Sandra is wearing the dress worn by Miss Monroe in "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," above. She won the right to ride on Gardena's float in the Tournament of Roses Parade tomorrow by best filling the gown and will portray Marilyn on the float, which has as its theme "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes."

'Miss Torrance' Named 'Marilyn Monroe' of Gardena Rose Float

"Miss Torrance of 1953"—Sandra Lea Constance—became "The Marilyn Monroe of the Gardena Valley" recently and will ride on the City of Gardena's float in the Tournament of Roses Parade tomorrow in Pasadena.

Sandra, a 17-year-old junior at Torrance High School, won the right to ride on the float by filling Miss Monroe's dress better than 15 other blondes who vied in a beauty contest Dec. 19 sponsored by the Gardena Rose Float committee.

DAV Protests 'Paupers Oath' For Veterans

The new financial report required of veterans seeking admittance to a Veterans Administration hospital was blasted this week by the South Bay Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans whose officers termed the new requirement a "pauper's oath."

All veterans, except those admitted as emergency cases and those separated for disability in the line of duty, who apply for treatment under VA regulations must sign the statement giving the total value of their property, ready assets in the form of cash, bank deposits, or savings bonds; extent of real property holdings; monthly expenditures; and average monthly net income. They must also state that they are unable to defray expenses of hospital treatment.

James Caldwell, spokesman for the South Bay DAV, said the chapter would protest the new regulation by passing their opposition along to higher DAV offices and that members of the DAV would institute a letter campaign to Congressmen in an effort to get the provisions of the new oath rescinded or modified.

Requirements of contestants were that they had to be blondes, had to live in the Gardena Valley area, and had to be able to fit into the red dress. Sandra not only made the dress appear sprayed on, she also had her hair cut short, in Monroe style, and approached closely the height and weight of the film star. Sandra is 5 feet five inches and weighs 118 pounds.

Bids Opened for New Walteria Postal Station

Notice that bids will be received for lease of a building in Walteria to house a new post office classified carrier station in Walteria was received yesterday by Postmaster Clara A. Conner at the Torrance Post Office.

Announcing the opening dates as Dec. 28, 1953 to Jan. 28, 1954, was D. A. Pressley, Post Office inspector from the Los Angeles office.

Pressley said the department was interested in a building containing about 2000 square feet of floor space.

The new carrier station will replace the present post office under Postmaster Robert Sleeth. Sleeth agreed to the change to simplify the handling of Torrance mail, according to Mrs. Conner.

Mrs. Conner also reported that the 1953 Christmas season at the local post office was the "best ever," and that "everything was all cleaned up as of Monday." The "clean-up" included magazines, advertising brochures, and other such mail which took a back seat to Christmas packages and mail during the holiday rush.

A telegram from Assistant Postmaster General N. R. Abrams



HAPPY NEW YEAR . . . Mariane Becker, 21, clerk in production control at the Harvey Machine Co., gets set to "Ring in the New, Ring Out the Old," as she awaits the start of 1954 at midnight Thursday. (Herald photo)

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