

Knight Sends Airport Lease Bill to Special Session

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170 LAID OFF AT COLUMBIA DURING OPEN HEARTH REPAIRS

Repairs To Take 4 Weeks

About 170 Columbia Steel workers were laid off at the plant here Thursday afternoon as the open hearth furnaces at the mill were shut down for repair. It was announced by C. C. Morgan, general superintendent of the Torrance Works.

Morgan reported that new charging machines were being installed for the open hearths and that the mill furnaces would be down for about four weeks.

Plan Street Load Limits

An ordinance setting a load limit along parts of Madison Ave. and Newton St. in Waltham is being prepared by James M. Hall, city attorney, at the request of the city council.

The ordinance will prevent heavy vehicles from using Madison Ave. between Newton St. and Pacific Coast Hwy. and Newton St. between Hawthorne Ave. and Pacific Coast Hwy. The city traffic commission recommended the statute.

Bids for installation of a \$131,000 sewer system in the Sepulveda Gardens area are due to be received by the city council next month, according to City Engineer Ronald Bishop.

The council approved plans and specifications for the project after a majority of the property owners in the subdivision formed an assessment district and petitioned for the improvement.

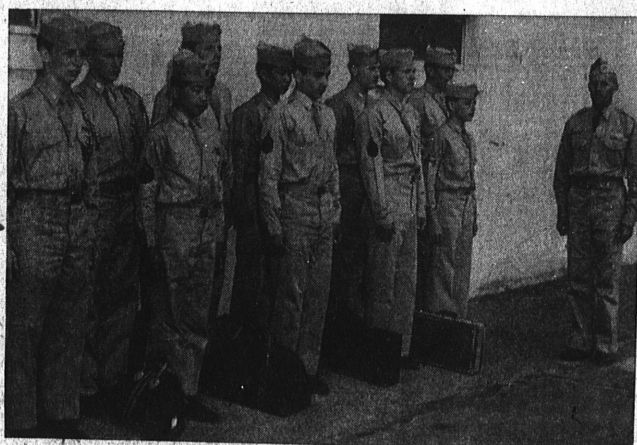
Special Council Meeting Called On Storm Drain

Special meetings of the Torrance Planning Commission and the Torrance City Council have been called for tomorrow evening to hurry through approval of a 40-foot section of the Lomita Storm Drain which hangs over into the Torrance boundary at 246th St. at Crenshaw Blvd.

The Planning Commission special meeting has been called for 5 p.m. tomorrow, and the City Council meeting for 8 p.m. A book of specifications and descriptions of the project, measuring fully three inches through, landed on City Manager George Stevens' desk Friday evening with a "Rush" note attached. The project, known as Storm Drain Bond Issue Project No. 2 will eventually serve as the outfall for Torrance Project 245 which starts at 238th St. and Madison Ave. and goes east along the northern boundary of the airport, joining the Lomita drain at Crenshaw.

The Lomita drain now up for approval by the municipal governments concerned, will start about 40 feet inside the Torrance boundary at 246th St. and Crenshaw, go east to Pennsylvania south to 248th St. and east along a line roughly paralleling Lomita Ave. until it meets an existing storm drain at President Ave. in Harbor City.

Nothing can be considered at tomorrow's meeting of the two city bodies except the storm drain specifications.



ATTEND LEADERSHIP COURSE . . . Capt. Walter Slike, far right, checks his Torrance High School California Cadet Corps unit before attending leadership school at El Toro over the week-end. The Cadet company is scheduled to return this morning.

High School Cadet Corps Takes Course

Capt. Walter Slike and ten members of the Torrance High School company of the California Cadet Corps, will return this morning from Region II basic leadership school in session since Friday at El Toro.

The 10 high school students and Captain Slike, the unit commander, are members of Co. A, 134th Bn., of the California Cadet Corps.

Making the trip were First Lieutenant Neil Mahon, Second Lieutenant Walter Glance, Sgt. Larry Hertzfeldt, C/Sgt. Michael Luongo, C/Sgt. Tom Nakawata, C/Sgt. Bob Scranton, Cpl. Bill Holmberg, Cpl. Ray Nakata, Cpl. Edward Shaw, and Cadet Zane Zandel.

Adult Incorporation Ok'd

A request for authority to incorporate the Torrance Adult Club was granted by an unanimous vote of the City Council Tuesday evening.

The club meets at the Adult Recreation Center, 1318 Cravens Ave.

Red Cross Campaign To Kick-Off Tuesday

Torrance is on the alert today for the kick-off of the Cross fund-raising campaign from door to door on Tuesday Mar. 2, which will begin with a coffee hour at 10 a.m. at the YWCA.

Residential workers will receive instructions, then start out on a march around their neighborhoods to collect funds which will help the Red Cross carry on its disaster relief, blood program, and other humanitarian activities.

As a forerunner to the kick-off, the Red Cross Bloodmobile Unit will be at Douglas Aircraft tomorrow, and volunteers will begin soliciting monies from business houses and industrial plants. A last-minute call is being sounded for more workers, who may join the Red Cross army by calling the local branch headquarters at FAirfax 8-4234.

Goal Set

The Torrance branch is seeking to raise \$14,425 as its part in meeting the Los Angeles County quota of \$3,000,150.

"I urge all Torrance citizens to open their doors and their pocketbooks to the army of Red Cross volunteers," J. Hugh Sherey, city chairman, said.

The dollars you give, he continued, will help give emergency relief to families in need—the kind of help a young Terminal Island sailor, his wife, and two babies, who live at 1901 Lomita Blvd., received.

Buy Trailer

When the babies arrived, Allison Deal, 27, and his fringed, pretty wife bought a trailer. Too many landlords refuse to rent to Navy couples with small children.

The babies, Debora Gail, 15 months, and Coleen Daphne, two and a half months, were both Caesarian. No anxious relatives hovered around this young family. Friscilla's family live in New Jersey, Allison's in Georgia.

That's where the Red Cross came into their lives—as it does into any serviceman's life during a crisis. Red Cross provided a homemaker and financial assistance.

City May Get Power to Grant 50-Year Leases

Torrance's request to get special legislation permitting it to lease airport property for 50 years instead of 25 has been included on the agenda of the special session of the Legislature which opens in Sacramento tomorrow morning.

A list of 24 items ranging from liquor control measures to teacher retirement was announced by Governor Knight yesterday. Torrance's request was listed as No. 15.

The city recently sent a resolution to the governor asking that he place the bill on the agenda of the special session which will run concurrently with the budget session.

Under terms of the city's request, airport property leases could be granted in terms up to 50 years. Present laws restrict such leases to 25 years.

Several developers have been negotiating with the city to lease the southeast corner of the airport near the intersection of Crenshaw Blvd. and Pacific Coast Hwy. for commercial development. Plans which have been described as "extensive" have been discussed concerning the area.

Two Potential Candidates Get City Petitions

Two more names appeared on the list of potential candidates for the councilman race next April when Robert F. Evans, 5177 Sherrym Lane, and Jack White, 4308 W. 178th St., took out nominating petitions this week.

Evans is an aircraft worker and active Scout leader and a candidate for the Council two years ago. He is a past president of the North-Torrance Civic Improvement Assn.

Latest to file formal nominating papers was Councilman Willys G. Blount, who is seeking re-election to the Council in the April 13 voting.

Blount had announced Wednesday that he would be a candidate.

In making his candidacy official, Blount released the following statement:

"In asking the voters of the City of Torrance to return me again to the office of City Councilman, I can offer to the people of Torrance four years of practical experience and the knowledge gained from this experience as we endeavor to keep our city on its present firm foundation.

"In the next four years, the City of Torrance will continue its explosive growth. There will be many problems which will face the city government, and experience will be necessary in coping with them.

"The expansion of our fire and police departments is essential to a stable growth.

"With the assistance of the present City Manager and an able City Council, our city will grow and prosper."

Paul's Chevrolet Wins Police Car Lease Rights

A low bid by Paul's Chevrolet Co. to lease police cars to the city was accepted by the City Council at its last meeting.

The car company offered to lease the Police Department from four to six 125 horsepower vehicles at seven cents per mile and four to six 115 horsepower vehicles at six-and-a-half cents per mile.



PRAYER DAY DECLARED . . . Mayor Mervyn M. Schwab hands Mrs. Alan Moore copy of his proclamation naming Friday, March 5, World Day of Prayer in Torrance. Torrance women are sponsoring the annual observance here.

Former City Employees Honored At Dinner Here Thursday Evening

Civic leaders and officials gathered in the Civic Auditorium Thursday evening as the community paid tribute to 15 former city employees who have ended their service to Torrance.

American Legion Auxiliary of Post 170 served 115 persons as the retired workers were honored.

Following the invocation by Rev. John L. Taylor of the First Methodist Church, City Manager George Stevens, the honored guests and explained the city's retirement program. He paid tribute to those who had retired during the past six years and thanked the present city employees for the efficient work they were doing.

Present among the honored employees were Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Silence, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel F. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Stroh, Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Depasse, Mr. John R. Winters, and Mr. and Mrs. John H. Fess (Mrs. Fess spent the evening in the kitchen assisting the Auxiliary with the dinner preparations).

Unable to attend the dinner were William E. Laven, William H. Stanger, Arthur B. Cameron, Leon Webb, and Ralph Z. Hoerr. Mrs. John S. Tolson attended for her husband, who was out of town during the evening.

Small gold lapel pins, shaped like a shield, were presented to each of the honored guests. The pins carried the city insignia, name of the individual, and number of years service.

Two of those honored Thursday—John W. Smith, formerly of the street department, and Ollie I. Dodson, of the park department—are deceased.

The allocation under the 54-'55 budget includes installation of traffic signals and illumination equipment along the four mile stretch.

Hawthorne was widened into a four lane divided highway through Lawndale, north of Torrance, two years ago.

Hill Residents Disclaim 'Pipe Dream' Editorial

The Rolling Hills Community Association this week told the Torrance City Council that the editorial entitled "Torrance Pipe Dream," which appeared in the Rolling Hills Herald on Feb. 4 in no way reflected the attitude of their group and was only the opinion of the editor of the Rolling Hills paper.

The editorial, which was reprinted in the Torrance Herald on Feb. 7, referred to Torrance's offer to annex Rolling Hills. It stated, in part, "One of the worst smog producing cities for its size in California . . . dreams a pipe dream to absorb probably the most exclusive residential area in America. . . . How simple can anyone be?"

It was moved that the letter from the Association be filed as a matter of record.

King Backs City Protest

The city's protest against the taxation of municipal bonds received a promise of full support in a letter received Tuesday from Congressman Cecil R. King, 17th Congressional District.

LA Transit Commended

The City Council agreed Tuesday to endorse a resolution commending the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority. The resolution was drafted by the South Bay Board of Realtors.

One Booked, 80 Youths Sent Home In Raid on Beach

An army of 20 policemen from three cities swooped down on Torrance Beach Wednesday night on the complaint of residents in the area and broke up a noisy party involving about 80 young boys and girls and one adult, who was arrested on a drunk charge.

John B. Stillwell, 22, of Wilmington, was booked on an intoxication charge and is out on \$25 bail. Another Wilmington youth, who was arrested on suspicion of intoxication, was discovered later to be a juvenile.

The rest of the revelers were sent home with a warning. Similar parties involving beach residents to complain last summer when Torrance Beach became headquarters for juvenile beach parties.

Ten police cars, five from Torrance, converged on the area after Torrance officers Don Hamilton and Buck Ingram, first on the scene, called for reinforcements. Four additional Torrance cars, two from Palos Verdes Estates and three from Redondo Beach responded to the call and Sgt. Karl Friberg led the raid.

Police said they found a quantity of wine and a toy pistol in a shakedown of cars on the scene. Reports of women "screaming" were checked out, but no violence was discovered, police stated.



DRILL AWARDS . . . Leonard L. Jackson, left, of 22126 Archibald Ave., and John A. O'Harrow, 1531 W. 254th St., receive Safe Driver Citations from Lt. Col. Raymond L. Orton, III Corps Transportation Officer. The men were cited for piling up impressive accident-free records at Fort MacArthur.