

Council Splits on Final Approval of Parking Meters

FINCH BLAST LIVENS DULL CAMPAIGN

WEATHER

Clear today, with increasing high, thin clouds. Sunny and warm most of the day, with local winds. High today near 85. High yesterday was 83, with low at 48.

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Voting Record Scored

A dull Congressional campaign turned out to have a little life this week when Republican Bob Finch accused his opponent of spreading "an outright lie" in connection with voting records.

The otherwise quiet campaign was livened up with Finch's statement this week that Democrat Cecil R. King's claim of an 82 per cent voting record for Eisenhower was a "deliberate attempt to hoodwink unsuspecting citizens."

"After Congress adjourned," Finch said, "Congressional Quarterly, which is the same publication from which King got his figure, gave King only a 53 per cent 'active Eisenhower support' record."

King's statement appeared in a folder sent out this month under the Congressman's franking privileges.

While Finch was blasting the Congressman for his statements about his voting record, King was busy urging the 251,291 voters of the 17th District to get out and vote next Tuesday. He cited the fact that only 52 per cent of the voters voted in the primary.

On the national scene, Senator Thomas Kuchel went into the home stretch of his campaign



SMILING SENATOR . . . U. S. Senator Thomas H. Kuchel, left, chats with Mrs. John W. Beeman and Mayor Nicholas O. Drake, representing the city, at an informal "coffee hour" at the Beeman home, yesterday. The senator visited the National Supply Co. here, and then went to another gathering in Rolling Hills. Seventy people were on hand to shake hands with the senator, who is seeking reelection Nov. 2.



ROBERT H. FINCH

here yesterday by visiting National Supply and appearing before about 100 persons at the home of Dr. and Mrs. John Beeman. He later attended a meeting in Rolling Hills attended by nearly 700 persons.

GOVERNOR
One of the most dramatic campaigns of the 1954 political season has been the contest between politically astute Governor Goodwin J. Knight, and his opponent a professional administrator for many years, Richard P. Graves. Governor Knight, who stepped up to the state's No. 1 office with the appointment of Earl



GOODWIN J. KNIGHT

Warren to the Supreme Court, has waged a typically Knight campaign—he has visited every city, town, and village in California, and shook hands with a large percentage of the residents at each stop. He's an indefatigable campaigner and eloquent speaker who is being given the inside track to stay in office.

His opponent, on the other hand, has broken down under the strain of the campaign and has spent the past week in the hospital. His campaign has been continued from his bedside, however. Democrat Graves, who shed his Republican affiliation in 1953, spent many years as executive director of the League of California Cities. He entered the political arena cold after 20 years of

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Good Turn Turns Into Knot On Head for Driver

A good-turn cost a motorist a knot on the head and \$25 in cash early yesterday morning, as he stopped to aid a stalled car on Pacific Coast Hwy. near Paseo de Gracia.

Gary Donald Ingalls, 25, of Hawthorne, told police he was traveling along the highway towards home when he saw a man waving a flashlight in the air next to a stalled auto. He stopped, and the man said his car needed a push.

Ingalls got out of his auto and three other men jumped from a nearby gulch and one slugged him with a hard object.

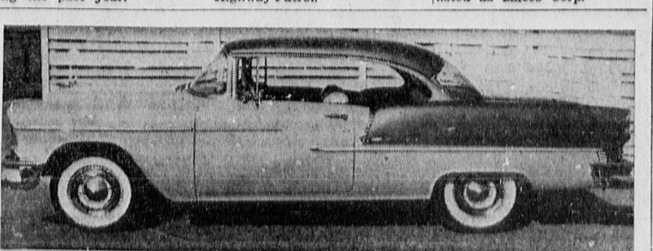
His wallet and the keys to his car were taken as the hoodlums fled, he reported.

Moose Party Set Saturday

A Halloween party and dance will feature an observance of "Youth Honor Day" by the Torrance Moose Lodge on Saturday at the lodge hall, 1744 Carson St., Joe Platt, governor, announced today.

The winner of the Moose safety award will be announced during the merrymaking by a member of the lodge committee on awards.

Governor Platt revealed that the national committee of the Loyal Order of Moose has forwarded a certificate, which will be awarded to the community youth who has been honored by the local lodge for an outstanding contribution to safety during the past year.



A REAL BEAUTY . . . On display for the first time today at Paul's Chevrolet, 1640 Cabrillo Ave. is the Motorama Chevrolet for 1953. Pictured here is the new 8-cylinder sport coupe, with a new model valve-in-head engine. The new Chevies also are available with a 6-cylinder engine.

Former City Treasurer Dies Sunday

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret Fordice, 72, city treasurer from 1946 to 1951, were held yesterday at Stone and Myers Chapel, with the Rev. John L. Taylor officiating. She died Sunday.

She was city treasurer until her resignation in 1951. A native of North Dakota, she was a graduate of Fargo Congressional College. She had lived in Torrance since 1923, and for a time operated a dressmaking and needlecraft shop here.

She was a member of the Eastern Star, American Legion Auxiliary, and the Royal Neighbors.

She is survived by a son, Robert, of Riverside; two daughters, Kathryn Robinson, of Torrance, and Lillian Mosher, of Gardena; nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Two Wives Bring Bigamy Charge To Torrance Man

A 31-year-old North Torrance man who police charge forgot to divorce his first wife before he married another woman, was slated to be placed under arrest today by Detective Sgt. Percy Bennett.

C. Gerald Groh, of 16732 Crenshaw Blvd., is charged with a bigamy count on a complaint filed by his first wife, Cornelia, who came home from a visit to relatives to find another woman had taken her place.

Now residing with Groh is Albert Veronica Salles, who married Groh Oct. 10 in Sacramento, to. The first Mrs. Groh and her husband were married in January April 7, 1952.

Bennett said Groh told him he thought Mrs. Groh (No. 1) had gone east to get a divorce. She left Sept. 25 and returned on Oct. 18. Mrs. Groh (No. 1) said she did not know why her husband was seeking a divorce.

Both Groh and Mrs. Groh (No. 2) are employed at the Douglas Aircraft Co. here.

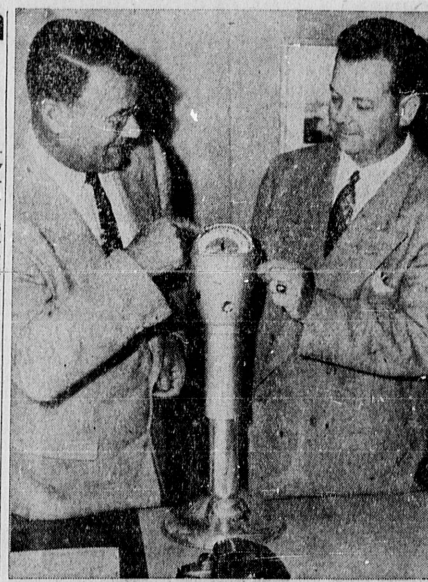
Smog Confab For Newsmen Slated Today

A recent development in the petroleum industry's program to reduce its contribution to air pollution will be demonstrated to newspaper men today at a press conference at the General Petroleum refinery.

The conference, open only to members of the press, is sponsored by the Western Oil and Gas Assn., members of which are the area's largest producers of petroleum products.

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FUTURISTIC METERS . . . City Manager George Stevens notes the modernistic design of the parking meters which will soon be installed by the city, as Chamber of Commerce Secretary Dale Isenberg practices putting a nickel in the machine. (See Council Briefs, Page 2)

Street Painting Would Be Safer

Painting street names on the streets at intersections would be a great safety aid and convenience to motorists, Leon K. MacDonald, of 5540 Torrance Blvd., believes.

In fact, he believes this so strongly that he has quit his job in order to promote the idea. After years of attending safety meetings and collecting material on traffic, he has come up with what he believes is a fool-proof plan for promoting safety.

His idea is to paint all street names before crosswalks at intersections, and to paint the name of the next street immediately after the crosswalk across the street, a block before the intersection.

Motorists Change Lanes
This, he says, would allow motorists to change lanes to make a left-hand turn before they reached the intersection. Arrows would be painted to indicate whether a left turn was allowed.

"The idea has some merit," Traffic Sgt. G. S. Evans, of the Torrance Police declared. "It might be worth trying, but it would require a great deal of further study."

Marked by street signs which are sometimes impossible to find when driving, MacDonald devised this plan. Even convenience of motorists.

65-Acre Beach Front Area Too Costly To Use Solely as Park

Hollywood Riviera land now proposed for a housing development by the Don-Ja-Ran Corporation, and considered by the city and state as a State Park Site, is probably too valuable to use the entire 65 acres as a park.

This seemed to be the consensus following a meeting Tuesday night between the Torrance City Council, Recreation Department, state, and county representatives of the Don-Ja-Ran Corporation.

At the informal meeting, the group discussed the beach problem. "Although the site has been approved by the Regional Planning Commission as a park,

there are no funds available to purchase or develop the site at the present time. Recreation officials had hoped to get Tidelands funds to improve the area.

Housing Tract Planned
In the meantime, the Don-Ja-Ran Corporation submitted plans to the Torrance Planning Commission for a 211-home tract in the same territory. The land is in a trust set up by Louis E. Mayer.

It was indicated that the officials agreed the beach should be left for public use in any event. Don-Ja-Ran plans show the area as private beach.

Man and Wife on Boat After Big Shooting Spree

Listed as "improving and excited to recover" yesterday were a man and his wife involved in a wild shooting fray at 441 E. 213th St., Monday.

At Harbor General Hospital is Mrs. Frances Pagaling, recovering from a gunshot wound in the head. Her husband, Fernin, 48, is at the prison ward of General Hospital, held on suspicion of assault with intent to commit murder.

The woman was shot through the head in full view of their four young children, as reported in Monday's HERALD. She "played possum" for several hours, until her husband left to take the children to the neighbors. She then ran next door and an ambulance was summoned.

Deputy Sheriff's arriving at the scene were fired on by Pagaling, they said, and they had to tear gas the house after he barricaded himself inside. He had fired a shot into his own head, and stabbed himself in the stomach when they succeeded in getting him out.

Ten Sheriff's cars, two Highway Patrol units, and two fire engines rushed to the scene when it was feared he might burn his house after locking himself inside.

Girl Victim In Accident Listed 'Fair'

A young girl injured in a fatal traffic accident, still is at Harbor General Hospital, but authorities said yesterday her condition is "fair."

Miss Peggy Engle, of Los Angeles, suffered severe lacerations and a head injury in an accident Sunday at 190th St. and Hawthorne Ave. which claimed the life of a 3-year-old Los Angeles boy.

Also injured were the father and mother of the boy. Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Johnson, a marine and another female passenger. The marina, James Horse Jr., is at Corona Naval Hospital.

Boy, 18, Jailed After Try to Run Down Girl

George James Phillips, 18, of 17309 S. Dalton Ave., was booked on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon, an auto, after he allegedly attempted to run over his girl friend who was walking with another boy, this week.

Police said Phillips said he "just blacked out" when he saw the two walking down the street. They charged he tried to run into them twice, hitting a pole on the second attempt.

Warrant Out for Man Wanted on Bad Check Rap

A felony warrant for a man passing bogus checks has been issued and merchants in this area have been warned to be watchful for him, according to Detective Sergeant Percy Bennett.

Bennett said that Merle J. Olson, 33, has been issuing checks drawn on Security-First National Bank of Huntington Park, Calif. Several checks already have been returned from the bank.

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