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SUPERVISORS TO CONSIDER TORRANCE COURT TOMORROW

Chace To Ask Board Approval

The County Board of Supervisors will be handed the city's resolutions asking for establishment of a municipal court branch here tomorrow, it was announced Saturday by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

The city's formal request for establishment of a court here went to the Supervisors in April and again last month in an effort to have a court building erected on the new Torrance Civic Center at Torrance Blvd. and Maple Ave.

"When the Torrance resolution came to the Board of Supervisors, I referred it to the Chief Administrative Officer for study and report," Chace told the HERALD Saturday.

"I now have this report and because of the great increase in the population as well as the increase in the case load of the present courts, I am happy to sponsor the resolution and to urge my colleagues on the Board to support its adoption," the Supervisor added.

Added weight to the city's requests will be given tomorrow by Councilmen Nickolas O. Drule and Willys G. Blount, who plan to attend the meeting in Los Angeles and present nearly 50 resolutions adopted by Torrance civic groups and service clubs endorsing the court requests.

The city has been demanding court facilities here to serve the thousands of residents of the area who now must travel a considerable distance to care for any matters ranging from small claims and traffic fines to jury duty.

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Winners in Home Decoration Contest Listed

Judges for the Christmas home decoration contest in the Allied Gardens area, sponsored by the Greenthumbers Garden Club, announced the winners of the competition last week.

First place in the children's decorative theme went to E. C. Welliver, of 22327 Shadycroft. He received \$10 in cash and a trophy. Ernest Thomsen, of 22705 Linda, was second, and Herbert Lieberman, of 5428 Palos Verdes, was third.

Robert Mahoney, of 22329 Warmside, took first place in the religious theme. He received \$10 in cash. Pete Klefer, of 5513 Sunnyview, was second, and Lorraine Nagy, of 22357 Susana, was third.

In the lighting category H. D. Yaney, of 5520 Clearside, won the \$10 first prize. Wilbur Domberger, of 5614 Rockview, was second, and Robert Barnhart, of 22929 Warmside, was third.

Honorable mention went to H. W. Schloo, of 22213 Shadycroft; Cyril Sargent, of 5501 Rockview; Paul Shaffer, of Susana; Garth Deems, of 22321 Susana; William Abernathy, of 5603 Ave. A; Donald Paterson, of 5507 Rockview; George A. Fowler, of 22641 Linda; Richard Matteson, of 22415 Linda; and Donald Christian, of 22617 Linda.

Betty Slegrist, of the Torrance Chambers; Mrs. Minot Rugg, of the Torrance-Torrance Garden Club; and Harry Van Bellehen, of the recreation department, were the judges.

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TAG DAYS ARE HERE . . . Zon Noutis, senior cashier at the Department of Motor Vehicles office at 1317 Cravens Ave., displays four types of 1956 license plates which will be issued beginning tomorrow at the office. In the left foreground is the motor vehicle license, on the right is the trailer license. The larger one he is holding is a commercial plate and the other is a motorcycle plate. License renewal period opens tomorrow and will end Feb. 4.

Teen Agers Held In Oregon, Here For Burglaries

Four teen aged burglars were apprehended this week, two in Oregon and two more in Torrance and charged with separate counts of burglary here and in Red Bluff, Calif.

Torrance Juvenile officers said that two local boys, both 16, were apprehended in Portland, Ore., and are being held for extradition to the Southland on burglary charges. They are accused of taking more than \$1700 in loot in a number of house burglaries in Southern California.

Their loot included clothes, typewriters, cameras, guns and other articles. None of the burglaries took place in Torrance. The boys will be handed over to the sheriff's office for disposition when they are returned, local juvenile officials said.

Tipped off by the Red Bluff police that two other Torrance boys had burglarized an Army-Navy Surplus Store on Dec. 17 in the northern California city, juvenile bureau officers Gus Rethwisch and Leo Gonzales picked up the two.

One of the boys is 16, the other 17. Officers found approximately \$400 in stolen goods in their possession. The take included pistols, shells, binoculars, gloves, socks, knives, holsters, and other equipment.

The boys will be turned over to Red Bluff police for prosecution. Sgt. D. C. Cook, juvenile bureau chief, said Friday.

Boys Arrested In Stolen Car

Two Torrance boys, one a performer on the THIS football team last fall, were handed over to Santa Monica authorities Wednesday after they led local police on a wild chase before being captured in a stolen car.

The youngsters, one 16, the other 17, took off in a 1956 model car when officers stopped them for routine questioning. Police followed them at speeds up to 100 miles per hour and finally nabbed the pair when they ran into a dead end at 17th St. and Crenshaw Blvd. During the chase the fleeing boys left the road and drove the car over plowed fields and ditches.

Local authorities turned the two over to Santa Monica officials after a check showed the car had been stolen the night before from that city.

Sex Fiend Sent to Hospital

A 19-year-old Artesia youth was judged a sexual psychopath and remanded to the Atascadero Mental Hospital for 90 days Wednesday after he was convicted of leading a gang that ravaged a 14-year-old Westchester girl in the Palos Verdes Hills, Oct. 24.

Eugene R. Hedlund, who was previously declared sane, was sent to the Atascadero institution. He must face sentencing following treatment, however.

The youth, who lives at 1234 E. 222nd St. in Artesia, was leader of a gang of six boys who mauled the girl's boy companion, then repeatedly attacked her. They held her captive for nearly seven hours before they were caught by Palos Verdes police.

He pleaded guilty to counts of rape, sex perversion and robbery.

Emily Galvin Dies on Visit

Rosary will be recited tonight for Mrs. Emily Galvin, 57, who was taken ill on a visit here and died Thursday in Torrance Memorial Hospital. Services will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Stone and Myers Chapel.

Mrs. Galvin was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Frances Santucci, of 412 Via Linda Vista, for the holidays, when she was stricken and taken to the hospital. She lived in San Pedro for about 20 years, but made her home in Bremerton, Wash., at the time of her death.

Her husband, Jack Galvin, with the U. S. Maritime Service, was flying home from duties in Antwerp, Belgium.

Redondo Enters Bid for Courts

A fight to retain the Municipal Court in Redondo Beach and to establish a branch of the Superior Court in that city as well as opened by the Redondo City Council last week in the form of resolutions asking the County Board of Supervisors to aid them in their requests.

Acting on resolutions prepared by City Attorney Frank L. Perry, who urged such action three weeks ago, the Council asked Supervisor Burton W. Chace and Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel to aid the city in retaining the municipal court in Redondo and in obtaining a Superior Court.

The resolutions claimed that Redondo was the geographical center of the "South Bay area" and that such courts would serve a population of 200,000.

Proponents of a municipal court branch for Torrance have claimed that the Torrance site would be the geographical center of the district to be served, not just the South Bay area, which comprises only a small portion of any probable district. City officials have indicated, also, that they would not request abandonment of the Redondo court.

Babb Faces Hearing

Wayne Babb, 21, of 1919 W. 218th St., was held over for sentencing and probationary hearing in Superior Court at a preliminary hearing in South Bay Municipal Court, Thursday, on charges of malicious mischief.

Babb was arrested Dec. 22 by Officer Miles Hamilton at 203rd St. and Crenshaw Blvd., in connection with the robbing of 16 of Toash's Market, at Arlington Ave. and 238th St.

His next appearance in court is set for Jan. 19. The store had been entered but nothing taken, so the charge was reduced from burglary to malicious mischief.

Babb cut his hand while smashing a plate glass door at the market and a trail of blood was left at the scene. Blood stains were found in his car when he was arrested.

Girl, Clerk Held in Sale of Whiskey

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SPEECH WINNER . . . Bob Halliwell, North High School freshman, receives a leather case from Optimist Club President George Bradford, after winning the club's elimination contest last week. Speech instructor Lou Borskin looks on at left. Halliwell will now represent the local club in the district oratorical contest later this month. He will speak on the topic, 'Freedom, Our Precious Heritage.'



SETS THE PATTERN . . . Barbara Barnes, of 1515 W. 214th St., says she can't possibly keep all the resolutions she made yesterday, and she isn't the only one. So the pretty, 16-year-old Narbonne High lass touches a match to the long list of New Year promises.

Boom Continues On All Fronts

By TOM RISCHE, Herald Staff Writer

Like Topsy, Torrance and its population just "grew and grew" during 1955. Although statistics in most cases, have not been finally tallied for the year, a check indicates that the city had a year of almost unbridled growth.

As the population reached an estimated 70,000, the only thing which slowed the city's growth was the sand and gravel strike, which virtually stalled building permits in the city after workmen walked out on Oct. 6. Even so, the city climbed from ninth to seventh place in size in Los Angeles County.

Building permits in the city totaled \$42,575,940 in a year in which the total number of permits—7584—topped the final figure last year—7412. Before the strike virtually stopped construction, the city was running far ahead of the pace set last year when \$45,086,552 in permits were issued.

Residents continued to pour into the city, either via moving van or via stork, filling the homes, schools, recreation spots, and other civic facilities to the limit. On Jan. 1, 1955, there were an estimated 55,000 persons in the city. Today there are more than 70,000.

City Business Census Shows 76 Per Cent Gain Since 1948

"There are 258 more business concerns in Torrance today than there were seven years ago," says R. G. Duncan, regional manager of the Los Angeles office of Dun & Bradstreet. Basing his facts upon the figures in the current November Reference Book, Duncan points out that in 1948, 339 businesses were listed by Dun & Bradstreet; today there are 597 enterprises—a 76 per cent increase.

The Reference Book, incidentally, lists only manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, and some service companies, such as laundries and gasoline service stations.

Duncan pointed out that for the entire book, covering over 50,000 communities and containing 2,919,296 listings in the U. S. and Canada, there were 277,234 changes during the year.

In discussing these figures, Duncan pointed out that more than 95 per cent of all commercial transactions in the U. S. are made on credit terms. The purpose of credit reports and the huge Reference Book is to assist businessmen in arriving at credit decisions on customers' orders.

A supplier anywhere in the U. S. can look up the rating of the Torrance businessman in the Reference Book. In this way, the local concern is known far afield and orders can be approved and shipped promptly.

The credit rating is one of the key factors in approving orders to ship or sell. The rating consists of two symbols. The first, a letter of the alphabet, indicates financial strength or tangible net worth of the business. The second symbol, a