

# PROBE OF POST OFFICE CHARGES ASKED

### Torrance Rates Low In Traffic Safety For 1955

George Watts, traffic director of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the National Safety Council, recommended that more policemen and additional off-street parking be made available to improve the traffic safety picture in Torrance.

Watts made his report to civic officials, traffic officers, newsmen, driver-education officials and local citizens at a meeting held at the City Hall Tuesday afternoon.

The traffic specialist reported on the annual traffic inventory, conducted on a nationwide basis by his organization.

33 Out of 100

Out of a possible 100 points Torrance scored 33 on an overall performance. This comparatively low rating was due, in part, to the fact that last year was the first time the city participated in the inventory.

Separate ratings were made for the city in nine areas, death and injury record, traffic engineering, accident records, police traffic supervision, traffic courts, school safety, public safety education, safety organization, and overall performance.

### Zero for Courts

A zero rating, the lowest given for Torrance, was achieved by the courts, an area where the city failed to submit a report.

Safety organization rated only nine points out of a possible 100, and public safety education earned 15. Watts said that both these areas are bound to improve after a new safety organization begins to operate.

Police and traffic supervision scored one of the city's highest marks, a 63 out of a possible 100, with improvement possible through the employment of more policemen and three new police clerks. Watts also suggested that more rigid enforcement of pedestrian rules and increased usage of chemical tests for intoxication could raise this mark.

Watts' general conclusion was that Torrance's performance for the first year. Your report next year will give a truer picture after officials know more about filling out the detailed reports."

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## 97 Area Doctors Pledge Support To New Hospital

Ninety-seven leading doctors of the South Bay area who are potential members of the medical staff of the tax-free Little Company of Mary Hospital, have agreed to give a minimum of \$150,000 toward the \$766,000 fund campaign for the new Catholic institution.

The doctors, all MD's, voted to make their gift on a basis of bed-use in the new hospital, so their giving will be in direct accord with their use of the hospital for their patients.

The original 97 signers of the \$150,000 agreement are the forerunners of what may be a total of 150 or more doctors which will give the Sisters Hospital one of the finest medical staffs in California.

### Best To Be Picked

Participants in the gift include practitioners of all types of specialists, with offices in Torrance, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes, San Pedro, and Gardena.

Their qualifications will be reviewed by a medical credential committee and Sisters of the Little Company of Mary, and only qualified men will be admitted to staff membership, assuring that the best-qualified doctors will use the hospital for patient-care and that medical standards in the new institution will be maintained at the highest level.

Among the first 97 doctors participating include Torrance doctors: John W. Beeman, William C. Casey, Eugene L. Cook, H. C. Dorin, Gerald Eastham, Matthew J. Ellenhorn, Jack A. Fisher, Paul J. Gethner, William E. Grubbs, Philip M. Halloran, William M. Johnson, Edward Knutson, Robert P. McCormick, Alonzo Monk, Ralph W. McNeil, John F. Nursall, G. O. Peeke, Frederick F. Herman, Walter H. Wolf, and James K. Lees.



GETS NEW NAME . . . The new municipal plunge at Madrona and Torrance Blvd. got a new name this week—The Victor E. Benstead Municipal Plunge, named after Councilman Victor E. Benstead. The Council voted 3-0

for the new name at the suggestion of Councilman Nick Drae. Benstead and Willys Blount abstained from voting. Robert Jahn and Mayor Isen backed Drae's suggestion.

## City to Explain Airport Program

A special meeting of the Airport Commission at which residents of the area west of the Torrance Municipal Airport property will be given full details of the airport master plan was advised this week by the Council after a spokesman for the residents expressed concern about the expansion plans.

Appearing before the Council, after detailed reports of the master plan appeared in last week's HERALD, was J. B. Mosley, of 23846 Ward St., who said residents wanted to know if the Council was ready to explain all the details to them.

The special meeting was suggested after Councilman Robert Jahn, a former Airport Commission member, tried to block disclosure of the details because CAA had approved the plans.

Councilman Willys Blount remarked that the plan had been considered and tentatively adopted by the Council, and was, therefore, a matter of public record.

"You can certainly have my copy to look at," Blount told Mosley.

No date for the special meeting has been determined. In other matters before the Council this week, the petition for change of zone to permit construction of the new 125-bed Catholic hospital at Torrance Blvd. and Earl St. was approved without protest. The rezoning, when made official by ordinance, will remove the final legal block to construction of the hospital.

Chief of Police Willard Haslam asked for more cooperation from parents on the matter of stolen bicycles.

"Last Saturday, I was called on to sell 40 bikes—less than a year's accumulation," Haslam said. "If people would come to the station and report the bicycles that are stolen, it would save them a lot of money, and it would save us a lot of bother storing and finally selling them," he said.

"I don't mind turning the money over to the city treasurer, but I would rather turn a bike over to its owner," he concluded.

He received nods of silent consent from the Councilmen.

Another nod of consent, this one not so silent, followed discussions which centered the heated stage at times. The Council approved a petition by residents of the Ellinwood area for installation of street lights after considerable opposition was voiced from residents of the area.



WINS KAYE TROPHY . . . George Bradbeer (left) chairman of the Harbor Area Welfare Board, presents the Ira Kaye perpetual trophy to Jim Munson, city chairman for Lomita-Harbor City, when that group was judged yesterday afternoon to have the highest total of volunteer organization to date with a 63.5 record of organization.

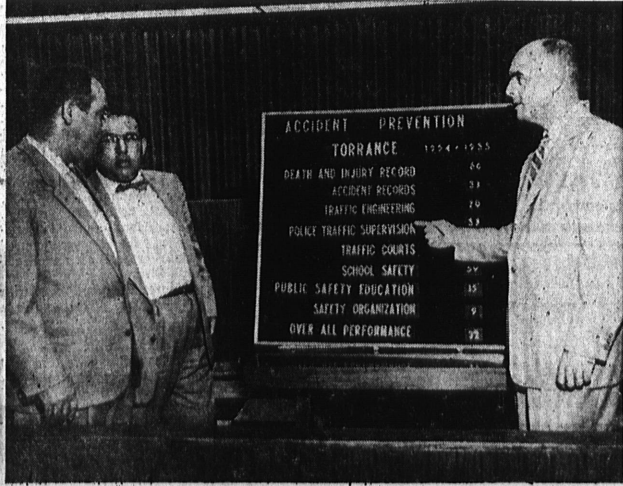
## Rev. Durham Again Named Head Of Speaker's Bureau for Chest

Rev. Eldon Durham, pastor of Lomita Presbyterian Church, has accepted chairmanship of the Harbor Area Speaker's Bureau for the third consecutive year in the forthcoming Community Chest campaign. Arthur O. Otsea, area chairman, announced this week.

Assisting him as co-chairman is Mrs. Jane M. Rye, principal of Lomita Elementary School. She served in the same capacity during last year's Chest campaign.

Rev. Durham is well-known for his participation in Chest supported activities. He is currently serving as chairman of the Family Service Advisory Council.

Meetings have been planned for approximately 37 volunteer speakers from the Advisory Council of Family Service, a Chest-supported agency, that



EXPLAINS INVENTORY . . . George Watts, representative of the National Safety Council (right), explains city's Accident Prevention Inventory to Councilmen Willys G. Blount, city traffic commissioner, and Nickolas Drae, who represents the city on the South Bay Highways Committee.

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## Two Guardsmen Get Gold Bars

Two local men, Lonnie E. Mansker, of 3531 W. 167th St., and Werner G. Silkey, of 4323 W. 167th St., will receive commissions in the California National Guard in special ceremonies Sunday at the Ontario Armory.

The men are among a class of 26 which was graduated recently from the Guard's Officer Candidate School. All will be commissioned second lieutenants.

Maj. Gen. Homer O. Eaton Jr., commander of the 40th Armored Division, Southern California's Guard unit, will be speaker at the exercises, which begin at 4 p.m. All of the new officers will be assigned to units of the 40th.

## Herald Stories Cited by King

A complete investigation by the Post Office Department of alleged irregularities in the operation of the Torrance, Lawndale, and Palos Verdes Estates Post Offices, was called for this week by Congressman Cecil R. King in a letter to Norman R. Abrams, assistant Postmaster General.

### Today Is Last Day to Register For Elections

Today is the day. If you haven't made yourself eligible to vote by midnight tonight, you won't find your name on the precinct list next November 8 when the nation goes to the polls to vote for a president, vice president, senators, congressmen, state senators, assemblymen, supervisors, and to pass on the many ballot propositions to be decided on at the election.

It's as simple as that. If you have moved, changed party affiliation, changed your name, or become eligible to vote because of age, residence, or citizenship; register today at one of the many points throughout the area open for voter registration.

Registrars will be in banks, markets, at six schools, and at the Torrance City Hall today. The City Hall registrars will be on duty until 9 p.m. today at least.

During the past weeks, the HERALD has published a considerable amount of material on the value of your one vote. All the HERALD can do now is suggest that you make one final check on your eligibility—and if you are not registered, do so today.

In asking Abrams for the investigation, King said "it is imperative that confidence in our Postal Service be preserved, and if irregularities are found, that those responsible be summarily dealt with, and where unfounded, those responsible for such malicious slanders should be exposed."

Franklin's office received 93 phone calls on the three days following the first HERALD story adding additional complaints on the postal service in Torrance and Lawndale to those he had received previously.

### Rabid Dog Bites Boy Near Here

Health Department officials again are cautioning residents to be careful when near strange animals after a 6-year-old Keystone boy was bitten by a rabid dog recently.

Ruben Regalado, of 155 E. 208th St., is undergoing the Pasteur treatment of antibodies serum after he was bitten last Friday. The dog, a medium sized toy shepherd, has since strayed away.

Officials here urge anyone seeing the brown and white, long-haired animal to call the local office at FA 8-3310. They added they have evidence the dog is definitely rabid and will be acting in a peculiar manner.

### Honest Man, Want Ad Help Local Woman

There's at least one honest man in Torrance.

Mrs. Agnes Marek, of 1308 Portola Ave., a Harbor Hospital seamstress, met him last week.

Mrs. Marek lost a valuable wrist watch on Cravens Ave. Although she felt little hope of recovering it, she armed herself with a HERALD want ad and sat back to wait. She didn't have long to wait.

Hours after THE HERALD hit local streets, she received a call from Larry Van Liew, an automotive store employee. He wasn't sure, he said, but he thought he might have her watch.

Sure enough, Mrs. Marek rushed to the store and identified the watch as her's. Van Liew added to Mrs. Marek's amazement by flatly refusing a cash reward for the deed.

### Timely . . .

Beginning today on the editorial page—a series of articles on schools and education . . . Parent, taxpayer, or just a good citizen, you'll find this series informative, provocative, and entertaining . . . Read

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# Deadline Today—Register and Vote