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HEADS AREA WORKERS... William E. Keene (right), deputy district attorney for the South Bay Judicial District, was installed as president of the South Bay Bar Assn. Saturday night. Shown here with him at the ceremonies are Judge Otto B. Willett (left), installing officer, and Atty. Grant B. Cooper, principal speaker at the dinner meeting.

70-Year-Old Cyclist Hurt In Collision

A 70-year-old cyclist, who had more than \$1300 in his billfold and hidden in a compartment of his bicycle, was in critical condition in Harbor General Hospital late yesterday with injuries he received when his cycle and an auto collided Tuesday evening at Craven Ave. and Torrance Blvd.

Injured was Gottlieb Wudke, of 4706 Ave. C, who collided with an auto driven by Dorothy J. Halladay, 24, of 1820 Yukon Ave. He was taken to a Torrance emergency medical center, then transferred to Torrance Memorial Hospital by Wright's Ambulance.

Spends Fair Night
Hospital attendants said he spent a "fair night" Tuesday but was still listed as critical yesterday. He suffered major injuries including a possible broken neck and other broken bones.

William R. Carne, 22, of 228 E. Irene St., Redondo Beach, suffered hip, chest and head injuries in a Sunday crash on 190th St., west of Cranshaw Blvd.

Skids Out of Control
The other motorist, Vivian Fisher, 20, of 156 Via La Ciruela, was not hurt, according to officers.

In another Sunday mishap, Donald Zilar, 33, of Hawthorne, was treated for minor cuts and bruises when the car in which he was riding skidded out of control and crashed against a chain link fence along Hawthorne Ave. at Tallman St.

He was riding with David E. Ward, 16, of Lawndale.

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Chamber Post To Fitzgerald

Dick Fitzgerald has been appointed manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, it was announced yesterday. He replaces Tom Watson, who recently resigned to return to Texas.

President John A. Ebbinghouse of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce stated that Fitzgerald will take over the position on Nov. 5.

Ebbinghouse said, "With Dick Fitzgerald as manager, we expect to expand our numerous programs and to obtain solid accomplishment for the mutual betterment of everyone in Torrance."

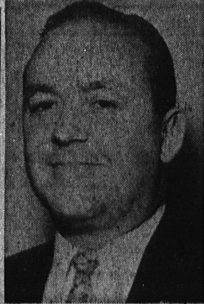
Headed U. S. Chamber
Fitzgerald, a 32-year-old vice president of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, has managed the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce. "I am naturally overjoyed with the appointment," said Fitzgerald.

He added, "The unparalleled population increase from some 22,000 in 1950 to well over 80,000 today is just one indication of its bright future."

Held Many Offices

Fitzgerald, a native of Santa Monica, has held every local district, state and national office available to a Jaycee member, except the national presidency, since he became a charter member of the El Segundo Chapter in 1948. A member of the Redondo Beach Elks Lodge 1378 for over nine years, he is a director of the California Safety Council, and was coordinator for S-D Day (Safe Driving) for the state of California in 1955.

He has received a proclamation of achievement from the County of Los Angeles and as president of the California State Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1955, conceived and directed the largest civilian airlift in history—shipping over 600 tons of food, blankets and clothing to the devastated Eureka and Yuba City areas in 39 military aircraft during last winter's floods.



DICK FITZGERALD

Districts Give Dump Okay

Reversing themselves again, officials of two South Bay sanitary districts Monday voted to support a plan to acquire the 149-acre diatomaceous earth mine south of Waverly for use as a major rubbish disposal site.

At a meeting of six County Sanitation Districts in the Torrance City Hall Council Chambers, the two districts voted to reverse the stand they took last week when they voted against the present plans to purchase the site because it was too expensive.

Plan OK'd
The other four districts had previously approved the plan. On Sept. 12, the South Bay Sanitation District and Sanitary District No. 5 had approved the plan, but withdrew their action last week. The vote Monday again indicated their approval. Torrance is included in both districts.

Mayor Albert Isen of Torrance joined Mayor Thomas Roy of Manhattan Beach and Mayor Victor Zaccagnin of Hawthorne in opposing the present negotiations. They were outvoted by 5-2 in the South Bay District and 7-3 in the fifth district.

Dump Site Best
The three mayors indicated that they felt the dump site was the best available, but they felt the price—\$7500 per acre—was too high. They urged the sanitation districts to carry the condemnation proceedings on the 149-acre site through the courts, hoping for a more favorable verdict.

County Engineer A. M. Rawn declared that the dump site was needed soon and that the price under discussion seemed to be the best that could be obtained under the circumstances.

Price Thought Fair
These sentiments were echoed by Charles S. Shattuck, who appraised the property for the sanitation districts. He told the group of sanitation officials that the property had to be appraised according to its highest and best use, which was a dump. Most courts, he said, would hold this opinion, even though it was zoned for a park, as had been suggested.

"All that Great Lakes Carbon has is a hole in the ground," Mayor Foy declared. "The ultimate use for the land is a park. I think it could be zoned that way. We might be able to save half of the price by going to court."

Torrance Mayor Isen agreed with Foy and suggested that

other appraisers be hired to see whether they concurred. Mayor Zaccagnin agreed with both of them.

Trio Outvoted
They were outvoted, however. Mayor Adams Bolton, Gardena, said that he was an industrial realtor and felt that the price was not unreasonable.

Supervisor Burton Chace, who presided at the meeting, agreed with the majority.

Under plans outlined by Rawn, the dump would be filled in 10 to 15 years and then would be used as a park. He said that he had been advised that the present method being used to obtain the property was the best under the circumstances.

Shattuck noted that the cheapest property in price was not always the cheapest to operate and maintain.

Plans for South High Approved By School Board

Bids for South High School will be called for as soon as approval is granted by the U.S. Office of Education and the Housing and Home Finance Agency, the Torrance School Board decided Tuesday night.

Under the action taken Tuesday night, the board approved the plans and specifications for an administration building, six classroom units, a shop building, and music units. Work on a gymnasium, library unit, and other facilities will follow shortly.

Building permits for the unit were taken out early this week for \$1,600,000. Total cost of the work is estimated at about \$3,000,000.

The board Tuesday night also approved a master plan of landscaping for the new high school, which will be located on Pacific Coast Hwy. near Calle Mayor. This work would cost about \$53,100.

It also recommended approval of a bid of \$7847 for installation of wire fences at the new school.

Special Census Nearly Finished

Enumeration of the city's present population is more than 90 per cent completed and should be done except for callbacks by the end of this week, Special Census Supervisor Benjamin Kundin reported here yesterday.

Most crews have finished editing books on the tabulation, the supervisor reported. Last books are expected in by today.

First Report Soon
Preliminary reports on the census will be ready for City Manager George Stevens by the middle of next week, census officials report. No estimate of the total expected will be given.

The HERALD today is publishing a missed persons form on Page 2 which should be filled out and mailed to the census officials by anyone residing in the city who was not checked by an enumerator, Kundin reports.

This being a presidential election year may give a false reading on this total, however.

School Given New Name; Others Get Monickers

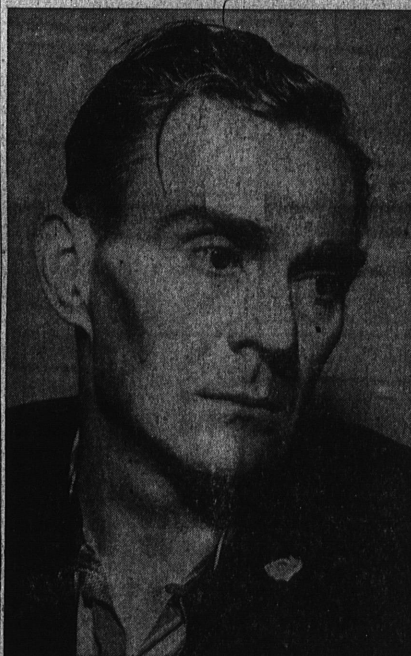
To clear up confusion, North Torrance Elementary School is going to get a new name. Henceforth, it will be known as Casimir Elementary School.

This decision was made by the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday, after hearing reports that mail, parents, visitors, and other matters were getting confused because of the existence of North Torrance Elementary School, North Torrance High School, and Torrance Elementary School.

Others Farther North
When North Torrance Elementary School was built five years ago, it was the northernmost school in the district. Now, several schools are located farther north. Since the



VICTIM MAUDIE HORSLEY
... Police Seek Slayer



HUSBAND FRED HORSLEY
... Questioned in Wife's Death

School Bond Sale Gets OK

Sale of \$2,750,000 worth of the school bonds was authorized Tuesday night by the Torrance Board of Education.

The bonds, part of \$10,000,000 approved by the voters last year, will be used to speed

construction of additional facilities and new schools. The sale was made to take advantage of the amount of sales authorized each year.

The bonds will be sold on Dec. 4 and will be dated Jan. 1.

schools included:
Lincoln School—near 166th and Arlington Ave.
Hamilton School—near 182nd and Arlington Ave.
Jefferson School—on Carson St. in a now-developing tract west of Hawthorne Ave.
Adams School—on 238th St. near Arlington.

Washington School—on Beryl Ave. near Ronald Ave.
Madison School—at 230th and Madison St.
Columbia School—at 186th and Prairie Ave.
Ainsworth School—at 174th and Ainsworth Ave.
Spencer School—at Spencer and Amie Ave.
Calle Mayor School—near Calle Mayor and Carlow Rd.

In picking names for 10 other proposed elementary schools, the board tried to pick names of nearby streets or areas to designate the new educational units. Failing to agree on a fitting name, the board reached back into American history for school names.
Names Chosen
Names picked for proposed

Blow to Neck Killed Victim, Autopsy Shows

Torrance police are still seeking clues and a possible motive in the brutal slaying of a pretty young aircraft worker and mother of two here early Tuesday morning. Two suspects arrested earlier have been released, but the victim's husband is still held on an open investigation charge.

Killed by a blow which caused severe damage to her neck and throat was Mrs. Maudie Lee Horsley, 34, of 3221 W. 190th St. Her husband, Fred, told officers he was awakened about 2 a.m. when he heard a voice calling, "Fred, Fred, come help me." He said he dashed into the dark kitchen where she saw the outline of a man standing over the body of his wife.

Chased Attacker
Horsley told Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton, who took charge of the investigation, that he grappled briefly with the man, chasing him out the back door, before calling police. Horsley had a large bruise on his right cheek and had scratches about his face and neck, Ashton reported.

Ashton gave the following account of the events leading up to discovery of the body shortly before 2 a.m. Tuesday.

Mrs. Horsley, an aircraft assembler at the Santa Monica Douglas plant, checked out of the plant at 12:32 a.m. after completing her shift on the job. She apparently arrived home shortly before 1:50 a.m. while her husband, Fred, was asleep. Also sleeping in the house at the time were the couple's two children, Fred Jr., 12, and Lucy, 2, and the victim's brother, Willie Coulter, 22, a deaf-mute.

She entered her home where her assailant was waiting, or had followed her in, police theorized.

Caller Hysterical
Officer Bill Winther, on duty at the desk at the time of the call to the police, said the caller sounded like a woman, and the only word he first understood was "baby."

After telling the caller to be calm, Winther obtained the name "Horsley" and the address and dispatched cars to the scene immediately.

The victim was rushed to Harbor General Hospital where she was pronounced dead.

Blow to Neck
Dr. Frederick Newbarr, chief county autopsy surgeon, told Captain Ashton yesterday that death was apparently due to a heavy blow to the neck of the victim by an instrument probably about one-half inch square.

Ashton said bloody footprints found on the back step of the home could have been made by Horsley as he ran through the house after the alleged assailant.

Police found the victim lying on the kitchen floor with her body blocking the door to the outside. Her head was jammed against the refrigerator next to the door, Ashton said. Her blouse and jeans had been torn away by the attacker.

Police Check Notes
A note from the victim's husband thanking her for the dinner and signed "with love" was found near the woman. Her purse was also found nearby, its contents strewn over the kitchen floor. Another note, apparently written by the victim earlier, mentioned her brother, and said he had taken his car to be repaired, asking that someone go after him if he wasn't home by a certain time.

Horsley, also an aircraft worker, told police that his wife usually prepared most of his dinner before leaving for work.

Two possible suspects, Dallas R. Morris, 22, and Ronald L. Cody, 23, who were arrested shortly after the crime by Hermosa Beach police, were released later Tuesday after they were able to present substantial alibis.