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DRIVE FOR PARK BONDS OPENED

A Penny for your Thoughts

With an eye on traffic, the HERALD's inquiring photographer asked this question:

"Do you believe teenagers should have cars and if so, at what age? If he gets a car, do you think that parents should buy it for him, loan him the money, or make him earn the money himself?"

Tom Hood, 14, 2404 Gramercy Ave., Torrance High student:

"Teenagers ought to have cars. Most of them do, and 16 seems like a good age. They should have to earn the money, or maybe borrow it. They'd take better care of it they did."

Freddie Jennings, 2708 Eldorado, secretary:

"I think it's okay for teenagers to have cars and 17 would be about right. They should earn the money themselves, however, because they would probably take better care of it."

John Perkovich, 21121 S. Broadwell, electrician:

"It depends on the teenager. They could have one from 16 on up, but if they do not use it right, it should be taken away. If the parents can afford to buy it for him, that's all right, but if they can't, the teenager should earn it."

David Owens, 15, 2416 Arlington Ave., Torrance High student:

"Teenagers should have cars, but they should get a job to pay for it. Most of the guys at high school do have them and I think it's all right at 16."

Mrs. Alice Greer, 1912 Carrillo Ave., housewife:

"I think cars are all right at 17 or so. Parents might help out a little, but they ought to make them earn their own money or at least part of it. It teaches them more responsibility."

Asa Vaughan, 1601 W. 207th St., aircraft worker:

"They should have a car, but at an age when they know what to do with it. Generally, I suppose that would be about 17 or 18. It's all right for the parents to buy it, but they should be paid back."



TRIP SOUVENIR . . . Sharon Starns (Miss Torrance) models souvenir album containing a recording of the Chicago performance of the Torrance Area Youth Band made last December. Copies of the specially produced album were presented to members of the city council by the band last week. (Herald Photo)

Vote on Election Of Attorney Sought

A petition seeking a popular vote on the election of the city attorney will be circulated, the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn. decided at its board meeting last week.

An NTCIA proposal for popular election of the attorney was turned down by the City Council recently by a 3-2 vote. The petitions would call for a popular vote on the proposal on the June 3 ballot, according to John G. L. Crain, NTCIA president.

Measure Opposed
Only opposition to the petition came from Treasurer Herma Tillim.

Crain said he was not sure that election, rather than City Council appointment, of the city attorney would be better but he said that it was an issue which should be decided by the voters. He said the move was not started because of any question of the ability or honesty of the present city attorney, Stanley Remelmeyer.

Poley Set
"I feel that inasmuch as the City Council depends on the legal advice of the city attorney, he is therefore setting the policy of our city government," said John Kesson, NTCIA past president. "In a policy-making position, one should feel free to rule in the interest of the public at large to truly assure

Crash Hurts Two Drivers

Two drivers received minor injuries when their cars collided Thursday in front of 5431 Torrance Blvd.

Treated by family doctors were Michael Dean Becker, 17, and William Robert Keas Ferri, 22, both of Redondo Beach.

Talk Set for Civic Group

Questions about tax assessments will be answered by an official at the April 8 meeting of the Southwest Park Civic Assn. meeting at Carl Steele School.

Other subjects planned for discussion are past and present plans for entertainment, neighborhood beauty, and actions of the City Council. At a meeting last week at President Roger Hogue's house, plans were mapped for an all-out membership drive and adult dances. The group will provide rides and baby sitters for voters in the April 8 election. Mrs. Frill Fischer, 4721 Darien St.; Mrs. Ivan Jurco, 4718 Darien, and Mrs. Eva Bisou, 4914 Hallison St., are in charge of the program.

Leaders Meet To Lay Plans

Community leaders opened a "Vote Yes" drive for the city's \$3 million park bond proposal here yesterday at a breakfast meeting presided over by Mrs. Louis Bisou, chairman of the campaign committee.

Meeting at Daniel's Cafe were representatives of many Torrance organizations and members of the bond committee who outlined the proposals as the first step in winning a favorable vote on the matter on April 8.

Torrance Has Wettest Year Since 1940-1

Unless the skies suddenly stop weeping, Torrance could set a new rainfall record this year.

The 1.45 inch of rain which fell Thursday and Friday brought the season's total to 17.50 inches, making this the wettest period since 1940-41. The additional precipitation equalled the 1951-52 record, and doubled last year's 8.23 inches of moisture at this time. Average rainfall is 12.93 inches.

Walteria Lake water levels moved up a little and the flooded residents near 227th and Ocean Ave. sadly watched the water levels around their homes, already at record highs, move upward. During the height of the rains, some of the city's sumps overflowed and the off-flooded Paseo de Gracia area was filled with water.

The season's record rainfall in recent years occurred in 1940-41 when 30.98 inches of rain descended on the city. Driest spell was in 1947-48 when only 4.49 inches came down.

King, Queen Named
Selection of Carletta Baldwin as Queen of the campaign and Bret Ross as the drive's King was announced at the breakfast. The youngsters will be used in publicity to point up the need for the bond issue, Mrs. Bisou said.

Members of the bond committee circulated petitions to put the issue on the ballot in April after it failed at a special election held on Oct. 29.

To Split Funds
Under the terms of the policy approved by the city council one-third of the \$3 million issue would be used to improve parks now owned by the city, including some which have had no improvements placed on them. Two-thirds of the funds would be used to acquire new sites totaling about 132 acres.

Three major parksites to be acquired include one in North Torrance, one on the civic center, and a third in Walteria.

In addition to the major parks, the funds would be used to acquire a number of neighborhood parks of approximately five acres.

Plans to acquire a 42-acre parksite in the Walteria Lake area were abandoned last week and the funds for that project split among smaller sites.

Driver Hurt In Accident

Joseph Patrick Burlingame, 24, of 2428 Andreo Ave., was treated for minor injuries when his car hit a parked vehicle in the 2600 block on Arlington Ave., Friday night.

The parked car, registered to Robert Wall, 2603 Arlington Ave., crashed into another parked auto, this one registered to Gordon Watts of Hermosa Beach.

Horse Killed In Collision

A traffic fatality was recorded here yesterday but police officers weren't too alarmed.

The fatality was a horse. According to police, a car by Russell Norman Hassen, 25, of Redondo Beach, struck the horse which crossed the street at Crenshaw Blvd. at 236th St.

The horse reportedly was owned by Joe Garcia, 2560 W. 235th St.



GONE WITH THE WIND . . . It looked like a Halloween prank, but a freak gust of wind during Friday night's rainstorm apparently picked up this sheet metal canopy from the ground at the Sheridan-Gray Corp., 24701 Crenshaw Blvd., and dumped it on the roof some 35 feet higher. Two legs of the canopy went through the roof and workmen puzzled over how to get it down without becoming entangled in surrounding power lines. A crane later removed the canopy. (Herald Photo)



DRIVE OPENED . . . Mrs. Louis Bisou, chairman of the committee backing a "Yes" vote on the April 8 park bond issue, shows one of the new campaign signs available now while Bret Ross and Carletta Baldwin, king and queen of the campaign, exchange royal greetings. The drive opened with a breakfast meeting here yesterday. (Herald Photo)

Parents Will Meet Tuesday

Ed Ahrens, principal of the Long Beach Point Two School, will speak at the Plaza Center School Parent Group meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Torrance Unified School District board room, 2335 Plaza del Amo.

Several officers of the Long Beach School's PTA also will attend the meeting. Harold Ritz, district commissioner of Boy Scouts, will give an outline of the Scouting program for the children, and application blanks will be available for boys who wish to join.

Apartment Okayed By Commissioners

Despite disagreement over what constitutes an agreement, the Torrance Planning Commission gave a green light to a three-unit apartment on property at the end of Fonhill Ave., north of 190th St.

Residents of the area and George Rosenblatt met Sunday in an effort to satisfy protests and came up with what Rosenblatt thought was an agreement. However, Frank Johnson, 18720 Fonhill, spokesman, said the residents didn't see it that way and asked for delay to have the North Torrance Civic Improvement help in the matter. He said he had 100 signatures on a petition opposing the apartment.

Two planning commissioners said they also understood that there was an agreement, and didn't see what the NTCIA had to do with the matter. Planners recommended a three-unit apartment be built on the site, that a wall be built along the edge of the property, that the building conform in roof to adjoining homes and have a three-car garage, and that no more building be permitted on the land. Rosenblatt had asked for a six-unit apartment.

Restaurant Nixed
Planners turned thumbs down on the proposal of Jack Weinstein to convert a home at 4171 W. 182nd St. into a restaurant after receiving several protests.

Separate proposals to build two apartments over three-car garages were held over after neighbors protested that their privacy would be lost by this plan. Seeking the variances were Dale Wands, 24255 Los

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