

CITY DECLARES WAR ON WEEDS

New Removal Program Opens

A six-week program of weed abatement which will permit the city to clear weeds on vacant property and bill the owner opened this week with the posting of notices ordering abatement of the nuisances.

Under the plan, property owners who do not take steps to rid their property of weeds will find a contractor on the job with tractor and discs doing it for him. He will find the cost of the operation on his tax bill next year.

In many cases, landowners prefer this type of operation. City Manager George Stevens told the city council recently. In this way, they are relieved of the job of contracting to have one lot cleared, or of doing the job themselves.

A timetable of operations which ends Aug. 1 with filing of assessments with the County Assessor has been set up by the city council.

The city council will hold hearings for July 8 and July 15, dates for discussing lots and fields, and specifications for the work.

Decision to enter into the enforced weed abatement program followed discussion by city council members for a number of years of the five hazard and unsightly conditions of weed-grown property.

Cash Taken From Home

Homer Evanson, 5021 Jacques Ave., reported burglars entered his home Friday and stole \$12 from piggy banks.

Mary Strong Murder Case Set for July 21

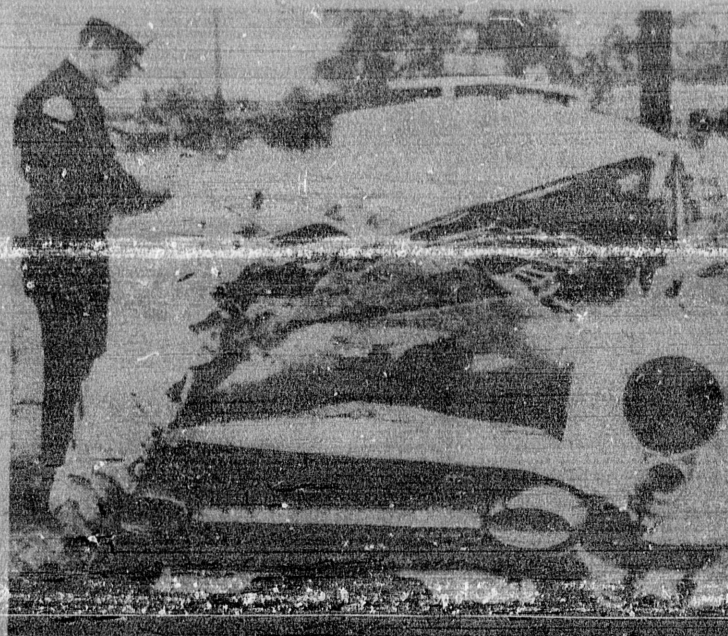
Trial of ex-nurse Mary E. Strong, 56, on charges of second degree murder and performing an illegal operation was continued this week until July 21.

Thomas W. Cochran, prosecuting attorney, asked for the delay when it became necessary for one to be out of town for a week. He said several witnesses were still to be located, also.

Trial will be held in Long Beach Superior Court on the charge that Mrs. Strong murdered Mrs. Priscilla Young, 37, of Wilmington.

The ex-nurse was ordered to trial after a coroner's jury charged her with the death when it was determined Mrs. Young died of an incomplete abortion.

Mrs. Young died March 31 in the Torrance home of Mrs. Strong.



DRIVER ESCAPES... Officer Tom Woodridge inspects damaged auto in which Edward Medesh, 20, of 21901 Paul Ave., miraculously escaped serious injury here early Thursday. Investigators said the car skidded several hundred feet before rolling over on Hawthorne Ave. near Emerald St. Medesh told officers he swerved to avoid hitting an oncoming truck. (Herald Photo)

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Two More Links of Harbor Freeway to Be Opened Soon

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced this week that a four-block section of the Harbor Freeway will be opened between 62nd and 90th Sts. to through traffic within two weeks, and that the segment from 96th to 124th will be completed and placed in use within 60 days.

Opening of the four block section will enable the permanent construction of the on and off ramps to the freeway at 92nd St.

C. A. Fowler, job superintendent for the contractor, told Hahn that the later construction schedule included the opening of the short extension and the opening of the major section within two months.

City Congestion
"It is most important that the Harbor Freeway be opened to traffic as soon as possible to provide relief from the congestion which is strangling the southwest section of the County," the Supervisor said.

He pointed out that work on El Segundo Blvd., between Avalon and Figueroa and between Normandie and Vermont, is being rushed to completion to handle the additional

traffic which the opening of the freeway to 124th will produce.

Popular Freeway
"Right now, 190,000 cars use the Harbor Freeway every day, making it the second most important freeway in California. With the extension of the freeway to 124th, it will soon become the heaviest traveled roadway in the world," Hahn stated.

He has urged the State Division of Highways to advertise the next section of the freeway—between 124th St. and 130th St.—for construction bids as soon as possible to provide six more miles of completed roadway to assist in relieving the southwest and bay areas of the critical road deficiencies.

Plans for the project are completed, right of way secured and cleared and money has been budgeted. Last August he led a delegation of 40 civic leaders and public officials to Sacramento to urge that the money be appropriated for the project. As a result, funds were provided and the project can go to contract as soon as bids have been received.

City Charged With Patriotic Neglect

The All-America City was charged with "patriotic neglect" this week in a letter to the city council which pointed out that the merchants and residents failed to display the American flag on Flag Day recently.

Calling the attention of the councilmen to the situation was Mrs. Clyde Huxley, 4415 Milne Drive, who said both the councilmen and merchants were "responsible for neglecting their civic duty."

Also responsible are the many Americans who shop and live in Torrance who either have forgotten to display their flags or are powerless with the idea that it is easy to reverse our national symbol," she wrote.

Mrs. Huxley urged all residents to fly the flag next Friday, Independence Day, stating "The Fourth of July should serve notice to all patriots that in the year 1776 men died to make possible the flag for which we live."



BEARDED LIONS... Deputy District Governor Warren Hamilton (left) of the Lions Club installs Jack Parker as president of the North Torrance Lions Club at a dinner-dance meeting Saturday. Parker succeeds Dick Hubert in the club's top office. Seated with the new president were Nelson Culliam, first vice president, Jerry Chantry, second vice president; Roland Stamm, third vice president; Hagk Simpson, secretary, and Paul Parick, treasurer. The bears are a prelude to Ranchers Days scheduled for Torrance late in July.

Trash Schedule Begins Monday

A new rubbish collection schedule goes into operation in Torrance tomorrow and will be followed Tuesday by official closing of the city dump at all but municipal operations. It was announced yesterday by John Atkinson, sanitation supervisor for the city.

Under the new schedule, homeowners will put out combustible rubbish and garbage the same day, although separate pick-ups will be made Atkinson said.

In a letter sent this week to all residents of the city, the officials pointed out that rubbish goes into one container while cans and bottles must be put in another.

"Dirt, rocks, sod, water heaters, metal furniture, brick, plaster, concrete, or trash mixed with garbage is not picked up," the notice said.

Residents north of 182nd St. will be serviced tomorrow by the garbage and trash trucks under the new schedule. The area south of 182nd St., west of Crenshaw, and north of Monterey Ave. will be serviced Tuesday. The area west of Crenshaw between Pacific Coast Hwy. and Torrance Blvd., except homes east of Maple Ave. and north of Monterey, will be served Wednesday.

Homes south of Pacific Highway will be serviced Thursday and homes east of Crenshaw and south of 150th St. on Friday.

Closing of the city dump to the public was ordered recently by the city council after it was pointed out that the fill has reached a point where controlled dumping must be used to complete the operation.

Residents with rubbish to dump may use the county dump at 26300 Crenshaw Blvd. It is open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Faster Medical Aid Planned in Outlying Areas

Improved medical and ambulance services for residents of the Torrance "Shoestring Strip" and Harbor City was predicted today by Los Angeles City Council President John S. Gibson, who listed recent changes for these services.

Dr. Charles Sebastian, director of the Receiving Hospital for the city of Los Angeles, announced effective last Friday, new plans for services in the area south of 190th St. to Palms Verde Dr. North and for the city area between east and west boundaries.

Persons requiring ambulance or emergency service in this area henceforth will be transported to the Harbor General Hospital near Torrance instead of the longer run to the Receiving Hospital in Wilmington. Not only will this shorten the time for such emergency service, but ultimately will result in a savings from the shorter distance for ambulance calls, officials said.

Arrangements with the county for such emergency treatment in addition to the hospital now maintained in San Pedro and Wilmington, Dr. Sebastian said.

Marines Say: Fly the Flag

Torrance's Marine Corps recruits are conducting their campaign to get as many flags on display on holidays as possible, it was reported here yesterday by First Sergeant John Holly and Staff Sergeant Allen Sweeney.

The two Marines said they would be happy to answer any questions about display of the flag.

A circular leaflet on the subject of "Our Flag" is available at the office of the main Post Office in downtown Torrance.

The flag is the symbol of national unity, and should be displayed far more frequently than it is at present, Sergeant Holly said.

"We want to see the American people change that attitude," Sergeant Sweeney said.

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DRIVE PLANS... New City Chairman Jim Becker (left) points out the important residential areas to be covered during the 1958 Community Chest campaign. Residential volunteers will be under the leadership of Mrs. Bernice Goodwin, area residential chairman. Looking on with Becker and Mrs. Goodwin are J. A. Robinson (second from left), Harbor Welfare Federation chairman, and Ed Patterson, area vice chairman.

Six New City Chairmen Named For Community Chest Drive

There will be a nearly new broom in the Harbor area when the Community Chest holds its annual drive this fall, according to area vice chairman Ed Patterson, acting for Glenn Koger, area chairman.

Of the seven new city chairmen appointed at a meeting at the Hacienda Hotel, six are serving as city chairmen for the first time.

Dr. Warren Low, chairman for Harbor City has been active in community affairs in both Harbor City and Lomita where he is President of the Chamber of Commerce.

Bob Langgane of Gardena, the Community Chest is a family affair. Both Bob and his wife have worked for the Chest since 1956 when he first served as Advisory Gift Committee member and then chairman.

Jim Becker of Torrance is an executive of Southern California and his wife, Mrs. Bernice Goodwin, is a well-known community worker.

Other new chairmen are: Dr. Warren Low, Harbor City; Mrs. Bernice Goodwin, Harbor City; J. A. Robinson, Harbor Welfare Federation; Ed Patterson, Harbor Welfare Federation; and Mrs. Bernice Goodwin, Harbor Welfare Federation.

A Penny for your Thoughts

The city's photographers, mandated with examining towers about life in outer space, decided to ask some real imaginative authorities:

"What do you think life in outer space would be like?"

Steve Perez, 10, of 21207 Shearer Ave., student at Carson St. School:

"It would be nice. You'd have to wear a lot of things... gadgets and air lungs. And everybody would wear space suits. I'd like to live in outer space... nobody could make you do things you didn't want to do."

Carlos Perez, 11, of 21207 Shearer Ave., student at Dolores St. School:

"Nobody could live out there... there's too much radiation and lots of meteor. You'd have to wear about a two ton helmet and fly in a heavy rocket ship. You'd float around like a cloud."

Terry Dieleman, 10, of 1741 Marina Ave., student at Torrance Elementary:

"We studied it in school. It's sort of like the higher you go the more friction you get. When you eat your lunch, it would move around. You'd need lots of experience to know how to live in outer space. I wouldn't like to try it."

Rosamie East, 10, of 1562 W. 266th St., student at 106th St. School:

"There might be animals there. And people would build platforms so you could get out of the space ship. I think people will be traveling in space real soon. I'd like to go. You'd need lots of oxygen."

Jerry Scott, 9, of 1841 204th St., student at 186th St. School:

"I think it would be fun to ride in a space ship and live in outer space. I would like to study about it. It would be fun. I think I'll fly in outer space one day."

Janice East, 12, of 1562 W. 266th St., student at Stephen M. White:

"I'd love to go. I'd like to see what it's like. I'd like to see the stars and planets. I'd like to see the moon. I'd like to see the other planets. I'd like to see the universe. I'd like to see everything. I'd like to see it all."