

## A Penny for your Thoughts

The last time the HERALD's inquisitive photographer could have asked today's question was in 1912 when Arizona became the 48th state of the nation. So naturally, he wouldn't pass such an opportunity this week when he could ask:

"What do you think about so-called 'new state'?"

Answering were:

Lewis Marchetti, Compton printer:  
"Wonderful, wonderful! They should have been in long ago. Now we should take in Hawaii, too. If they're going to give Alaska statehood, they should give it to Hawaii, too."

Mrs. C. W. Wittenburg, 21303 Archibald, housewife:  
"It's wonderful - it should have been done a long time ago. Alaska has been part of United States for a long time, and it is time they were given the rights as a state."

Mrs. William M. Seaborn, 3327 Andrews, housewife:  
"My husband was complaining this week that he wasn't young enough to rush up there to see the new state. What puzzles me though, is where they're going to put the new star on the flag."

Cheryl Ann Tripp, 2232 Andros Ave., Torrance Elementary School seventh grade:  
"I like it. It will be good for the United States. I don't know whether I'd like to go up there though. Maybe when I'm older."

Barbara Freeman, Gardena advertising agency employee:  
"There is always room for expansion of the United States. We should bring Hawaii in, too. I'd like to see the United States bring in some other areas because the bigger and stronger we are, the safer we'll be."

Lesley Whinnard, 2212 Arlington Ave., Torrance Elementary School eighth grade:  
"I sure it good. I'd like to go up there now. It would be interesting. We'll have to find another Betty Ross to make a flag for us now."

### Heart Sunday

Business and residential collections for the 1958 Heart Fund in Torrance, scheduled for \$200,000 of the county total of \$1,043,807, it was disclosed today in a report on the fund returns from pledgees received during the February Heart Campaign.

Mrs. Frank Shaffer, 2025 Santa Fe Ave., Torrance, will bring Heart Sunday Chairman's approved proposition to the 171 volunteers.

# AUTO PLUNGES OVER CLIFF; YOUNG MOTHER OF TWO DIES

## 75,000 Signers Open Dope Fight

A drive to bring about stiffer penalties for persons convicted of selling narcotics which got under way here recently as a project of the Torrance, Gardena, and Redondo Beach lodges of the Elks has been approved by officials of the California Grand Lodge of Elks for a statewide campaign. It was announced here yesterday.

## Clinton Cooke To Lead Board Of Education

Clinton B. Cooke was elected president of the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday night in the group's annual election. He succeeds Joseph Arnold, president for the past year.

Walter Garrabrant was named board vice president, succeeding Cooke. At its meeting, the board also welcomed its newest member, William C. Boswell, who was elected to the post in May 8 balloting.

The new board president is general superintendent of the fabricating department of the National Supply Co. A board member for the past two years, he lives at 16216 S. Wilton Pl. with his wife, Helen, and three children. He was re-elected to the school board in the May election.

## Mayor's Civil Service Proposal Opposed

Legality of a proposed ordinance to put the city Civil Service Commission under the more direct control of the mayor has been challenged.

### City Manager's Pay Stays Flat

While city employees are looking forward to the possibility that the council might grant them a 2 per cent raise in August when the fiscal year is adopted for the 1958-59 fiscal year, at least one city employee learned this week that his salary will remain unchanged.



CRASH SCENE . . . Rescue workers (upper arrow) check over car in which a Torrance mother was killed Tuesday afternoon when it hurtled over a cliff at Palos Verdes. The hood of the auto (lower arrow) lies near the spot where the victim's body was thrown during the tumble. (Herald Photo by Roger Smith)

## Auto Tumbles Over 250 Feet

A young Torrance mother was killed Tuesday afternoon when her auto plunged over a 250-foot embankment at Bluff Cove in Palos Verdes Estates.

Police said Mrs. Antoinette Myrtle Hewitt, 29 of 4214 W. 172nd St., died when her car hurtled over the cliff in the 900 block of Palos Verdes Drive West. Her body was tossed out of the car about 100 feet down, investigators said. The car continued to tumble down the steep incline for another 150 feet.

A rescue party called in a Coast Guard helicopter to remove the body when they found the area almost inaccessible on foot.

Conrad Schurr of Alhambra, who was fishing from rocks at the base of the Palos Verdes cliff and told investigating officers that he heard a horrible blast and a scream. He turned to see the car hurtling through the air.

Police theorized that the victim may have suffered a heart attack before the car went over the cliff. No skid marks were visible.

J. T. Hewitt, the woman's husband, told police his wife left their daughters, Nancy, 10, and Joanna Marie, 8, with friends. He was at home at the time.

L. Harold McDuffee and Paul Van Dyke landed their Coast Guard helicopter on a ledge nearby and brought out the victim's body.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. today at Niland's Chapel of the Flowers in Redondo Beach.



FRED W. MILL . . . Takes Chamber Job

## Overcrossing Cost Share Approved

The Torrance School Board Tuesday night voted to pay one-third of the cost of building a pedestrian overcrossing over busy Pacific Coast Hwy. in front of South High School.

The state indicated recently that it would approve such a structure if the city of Torrance and the school district would each pay one-third of the estimated \$49,000 cost. The Torrance City Council approved the plan at its June 27 meeting.

All three governmental agencies will work together to determine the exact location for the overcrossing.

The school board long had sought an overcrossing to allow South High students to get across the highway safely. Stop lights at Calle Mayor and Pacific Coast Hwy., near the school, are expected to be in operation soon.

### Torrance Finances

Mill, division controller and assistant secretary of the National Supply Co. of Torrance, will hold office next June 30, 1959. J. H. Pagel, manager of J. L. Newberry's Torrance store, was designated first vice president and Dick Pyle, local manager of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph's Torrance office, second vice president. Glenn Roger, manager of Rame Cable Corp., will hold the treasurer's post.

## Cramer Heads Park Board

Bob Cramer, chairman of the parks and recreation commission during the past several months, was unanimously returned to the chairmanship in nominating the chairman of the group at its meeting last week.

One of Cramer's first jobs in the new year will be working out details of a program H. Milton Sippel, Cramer was here July 16 when Torrance named to the post without opposition in District IX of the Recreation Society.



HEADS ROTARY . . . John O. Schmidt, Pacific Smelting Co. executive, this week assumed the presidency of the Torrance Rotary Club, succeeding Dr. Leo Ray. Actual transfer of authority was accomplished at a "demotion party" last Tuesday evening at which time Dr. Ray, a Torrance associate, was enrolled in the ranks of past presidents with appropriate ceremonies. Others serving with him for the 1958-59 year are Glenn Roger, vice president, and John B. Lind, treasurer. New directors are Dr. Ray, Leonard F. Cramer, Fred King, Donald Marshall, John T. F. Cramer, John B. Lind, Glenn Roger and Kenneth and Roger Kroetz.

## HIS INTENTIONS WERE GOOD, BUT HE GOOFED

William Loudermilk's intentions were good, but the odds were against him.

According to police, the 33-year-old Loudermilk, who lives at 21321 Harvard St., decided to drive up to Northern California to pick up a friend.

The friend was being released from San Quentin Prison and Loudermilk is accused of stealing a car to make the drive.

In addition, the Torrance resident, who currently is on parole from San Quentin where he was serving a term for armed robbery, is charged with four counts of issuing bad checks.