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A Penny for your Thoughts

When the HERALD photographer saw these ladies he knew that if they were not shopping at the moment they soon would be so he asked them, "Why do you shop in Torrance?" Some varied and interesting answers resulted.

Mrs. Edward Engle, 26326 Oran, Harbor City.

"I shop in Torrance because I find it nice to come here and I usually can find the things I want without difficulty."

Mrs. George Clemens, 2573 W. Carson.

"As I don't drive a car and have to walk when I shop I find it very convenient to patronize the shops and stores in Torrance."

Mrs. Grace Ackley, 2605 Arlington.

"I have been shopping in Torrance since 1919. I liked the stores then and I still do. I do most of my shopping here and also buy my groceries here. Everything is close and I can do all of my shopping in one trip."

Mrs. R. E. Williamson, 704 Madrid.

"I like the stores, the merchandise and the clerks in Torrance and do all of my shopping here. Torrance has been my home for 32 years and think people should patronize their hometown shops and stores."

Mrs. Jack Quigley, 1003 Arroyo.

"I shop in Torrance because everything is so close I don't have to drive too far and with all of the traffic these days, this is important to me. I like the new shops and stores as well as the old ones."

Mrs. Liddle Cummins, 24331 Launite Ave.

"I think Torrance stores have the variety and quality in their merchandise and shopping here is pleasant and convenient. I like shopping here and it was 'rave'."

Improvement Authorized

Work will soon be started on the improvement of the east side of Crenshaw Blvd. between Redondo Beach and Manhattan Beach Blvd. to relieve the traffic congestion in the vicinity of El Camino College. Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced this week.



AIRPORT QUEEN . . . Donna Isbell, 19, has been chosen as "Miss Airport Day" for the Sept. 6 celebration. A coed at the University of Southern California, Miss Isbell will be honored during the day-long celebration. She is 5ft. 6 in. tall and the statistical countdown is 371-231-3612.

LIKE STATUS QUO

Board Vetoes Charter Vote

Discussions of such weighty problems of state as whether the walls of the luxurious new county court buildings were aesthetically acceptable when lined with \$2.05 a square yard jute instead of satin-weave glass cloth at \$3 a yard were laid aside Tuesday as the board of supervisors took a few minutes to wipe out the recommendations of its special appointed county charter amendment committee.

Presenting a united front in the matter, the supervisors:

1. Killed recommendations that a county manager system of government be established.
2. Killed recommendations that the board of supervisors be increased from five to 11 members.
3. Killed recommendations that the county assessor and sheriff be appointed, not elected.
4. Killed a move by Supervisors Ford and Dorn to compromise by increasing the board to seven members.

ALL WAS NOT lost, however. The supervisors:

1. Voted to increase membership on the Civil Service Commission from three to five.
2. Voted to remove the two-week maximum vacation limit on long-time county employees.

Both of the latter items will be placed on the Nov. 4 general election ballot.

Opposition to the recommendation that the board be increased to 11 members was spearheaded by Supervisor Frank Roselli, who presented figures to show that it would cost the county an additional \$1,250,000 to maintain the extra members of the board.

HIS FIGURES were challenged by Torrance's Mayor Albert Isen, who told the board that the savings that could be made under the county manager form of government could more than offset the extra costs.

"And extra quarters would be no problem," Isen told the supervisors.

"All you'd have to do is split the 12-room suites and the supervisors could lose a room to see who got the shower."

Isen's request that the charter recommendations be put to the voters was backed by spokesmen for Redondo Beach and the League of California Cities.

IT'S NOT UP to the board or you or me to decide the matter, but it's up to the people, Isen declared. "Changes that are a reflection of freethinkers to frame an en-

tirely new charter might be ordered by the board were reported yesterday. If such action is taken, a 15-man board would be named to draw up the charter.

The charter could not be placed before the voters before November, 1960.



VISITING STUDENT . . . Per Svanvik, 17, talks over his first impressions of America with Mrs. Frances Stockie, huge placement chairman for the American Field Service of the International Student Exchange. Mr. Edwin Grogan, 2424 Madison in whose home the Norwegian youth will be a guest during his enrollment at Torrance High School, is pictured on the right. (Herald Photo)

Norwegian Student Arrives; To Attend High School Here

When 750 American Field Service Exchange students arrived in New York last week, Per Svanvik was aboard and his final destination was the Torrance area where he will live with the Grogans, have their Max for a companion and attend Torrance high school as a senior. This is a chance to see much of the world and to be under the supervision of Mrs. Frances Stockie, placement chairman here. Continuing as added, "Your townways are wonderful. In all senior school activities with special on American ways and traditions."

FEE SPEAKS French, German, Norwegian and English. He plans to learn languages in Norway after he has completed his university studies in Oslo. His studies here will include American history and English and civics.

73-Year-Old Woman Saved From Flames

Cite Daughter In Bold Rescue

The daughter of a 73-year-old woman was credited yesterday with saving her mother from a burning room in a Torrance home fire.

Mrs. M. F. Gerards, of 3535 W. 187th St., received burns on her foot and scorched the lower front of her clothing as she pulled her mother, Mrs. E. M. Powers, from her blazing bedroom at the Gerards home.

Mrs. Powers was treated for shock by Fire Department teams until a doctor could be summoned. It was reported that she suffered a serious heart condition.

The flames were discovered in the bedroom of the home yesterday after they had caused damage to an overstuffed chair, the rug on the floor, and the edge of the bed in which the elderly Mrs. Powers was confined.

Mrs. Gerards pulled her mother from the room, then

grabbed a garden hose and had the flames nearly under control by the time the Fire Department crews arrived. Forces under the direction of Battalion Chief Gordon Northington completed the job and followed through with salvage operations.

Acting Fire Chief Robert Lucas said the fire apparently started in the overstuffed chair. Damage was held to less than \$500 by the quick action of Mrs. Gerards, he said.

There was little smoke damage, he added.

Crash Hurts Torrance Men

Two Torrance men were injured in San Pedro Monday when the auto in which they were riding veered off the road near Pacific Coast Hwy. and Frigate Ave. and crashed into a fire hydrant and power pole.

Treated at Wilmington Receiving Hospital were James Haefli, 23, of 915 Border Ave., driver of the auto, and Walter A. Pinkard, 24, of 1635 Coxa Ave.

Haefli suffered a bruised chest and Pinkard was treated for a bruised face. Police investigators said the driver apparently fell asleep before running off the road.



TROMBONISTS . . . Alan and Judy Alright, 17 and 9, will play a selection of duets as part of the Fun Through Music program to be featured at the Torrance Park Band Shell Sunday at 2 p.m. Judy's horn is not a toy but a rare imported alto trombone. The young musicians are the son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan R. G. Alright, 505 Via Los Miradores. (Herald Photo)

HERE SUNDAY

Parks Slate Music

The Torrance Recreation Department will present the "Fun Through Music" program in its second annual park concert at the Torrance Park Band Shell Sunday at 2 p.m. For eight weeks, over one hundred boys and girls have been "blowing it out" on trumpets, clarinets, trombones, tubas, etc. at the various parks in Torrance. At the same time, they have been meeting once a week on a city-wide basis at the Civic Auditorium in downtown Torrance to prepare for their final combined-park concert.

In addition to the usual repertoire of marches, overtures, waltzes, and novelties, the band will feature Don Bruner, playing a saxophone solo; Steve Westcott, a drum solo; Doug Westcott, an accordion solo; Allen and Judy Alright, presenting a trombone duet; and Freddie Myers, a trumpet solo. The public is invited to attend this program, which is under the direction of Jim Davidson, assisted by Bob Salibury.

JUST \$5062

City to Pay for Slip-up

In separate actions here Tuesday, the city council voted to deny a request for a professional building variance on Pacific Coast Hwy. in Hollywood Riviera and to pick up the tab for a \$5062 error in a south Torrance sewer district.

The request of Albert Lassitt for a variance on Riviera property zoned for multiple dwellings to permit construction of a professional office building was denied after residents of the area protested strongly to the council. The planning commission had previously recommended approval by a 4-3 vote.

THE SEWER district error was pointed up during hearings last week on final plans for the sewer.

Local Storm Drain Needs at \$4 Million

Torrance will receive more than \$4 million for storm drain construction if the \$225 million bond issue proposed for the November ballot is approved by voters. It was reported this week.

A major portion of the sum would go toward solving the huge Watteria Lake problem, according to the plans adopted by the County Flood Control District.

A Watteria Lake project of \$820,000 and a south Torrance project of \$910,000 top the list for the city.

Others include \$215,000 for east Torrance; \$482,000 for the downtown area; \$284,500 for Watteria; and \$512,700 for 225th St.

The projects outlined for the November bond issue would

Volunteers Staff Cancer Aid Center

Through the combined efforts of many volunteers, cancer dressings are available without cost to cancer patients at the District 3 Information Center of the American Cancer Society, located at 425-B East Queen St., Inglewood.

Assorted sizes of surgical dressings may be picked up by a family member, friend or close relative at any convenient district information center located in Los Angeles County.

Airports Help Property Values, Realtors Told

Experience has shown that properties around airports—especially those with commercial and industrial development—grow in value through the years, members of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors were told this week.

Speaking at the August breakfast meeting of the board was Woodruff DeSjiva, manager of Los Angeles International Airport, and a speaker in the development of the airport.

national in response to questions of the realtors by saying that many of the leases were short-term leases. **LONG-TERM** leases—those for periods longer than 10 years—all have a provision for renewing the leases in the last year of the term. DeSjiva outlined leasing policies of Los Angeles International Airport can be a major attraction to new business and industry, the airport executive told the area realtors. He said many of today's industrial and commercial firms want access to airports and the facilities they offer for transportation and communication.