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## Asks for Legislation

### Drale Seeks Limit on Annual Tax Increases

Legislation which would put a limit on the amount property taxes could be raised in any one year was suggested here this week by Councilman Nick Drale.

Coming on the heels of the annual tax notices which were mailed out Nov. 1, Drale's suggestion for a ceiling on the percentage by which an assessment could be boosted cited reports that some homes in the vicinity of the new Del Amo Shopping Center has been raised as much as 800 per cent.

In letters to Assemblyman Vincent Thomas (D-San Pedro) and Charles Chapel (R-Inglewood), Drale urged immediate efforts to solve the skyrocketing tax problem which taxes home owners.

Drale suggested a possible 25 per cent maximum yearly increase as starting point, but said his figure was chosen arbitrarily.

"The basic idea is to spread assessment increases over a longer period of time," Drale said.

"People are on a fixed income or those people who have leased their properties for a definite period of time for stated amounts cannot recover the increase placed upon their property by the increase in taxes," he said.

In lieu of limiting the tax increase, he suggested that increases might be spread over a five-year period.

### A Penny for your Thoughts

With the U.S.C. Washington game being one of the big football classics on the Pacific Coast, your HERALD photographer Saturday morning asked the people pictured below: "Who will win the U.S.C. Washington game?"

Steve Parker, Torrance High "B" left halfback: "U.S.C. will win if Willie Wood comes through as he did in their game with California. The loss of Walt Gurasich may mean a lot to U.S.C. as a first string player is usually the best man for the position."

Cliff Wehner, Torrance High "B" left end: "I think U.S.C. will take this one, but the score will be close. My guess is 13-12. I don't think the loss of Gurasich as valuable a tackle as he is, will make the difference."

Bill Starr, Compters high school teacher: "U.S.C. is a local team and naturally I am for them. It is rough to lose a player like Walt Gurasich and it is bad for the morale of the team. U.S.C. has had too many bad breaks."

Mrs. Robert Schooley, 2780 Oranado St.: "I will go along with my husband, Bob, in his picking U.S.C. to win over Washington. But then my woman's intuition tells me that it just might be Washington this time."

Norman Bastick, 720 Crenshaw Blvd.: "I think Washington will take U.S.C. and do it easily. I saw the U.S.C. and U.C.L.A. game and think the letter displayed them. I don't look for a big upset, say 20 to 7, in favor of Washington."

Mary Porter, 2312 Maricopa St.: "My selection is Washington over U.S.C. I do think it will be a close game with maybe one point difference in the final score. Really I am better at picking our own high school games, though."

### Friend Finds Body of Man After a Week

The body of a Torrance aircraft worker who apparently shot himself several days earlier was found in his North Torrance home late Wednesday.

Police said Elwood W. Polson, 42, who lived at 4312 W. 178th St., had apparently fired a .22 caliber bullet into his head. It was believed he probably took his life shortly after a divorce hearing, Oct. 26.

Polson's body was discovered by a friend who had become alarmed at not seeing the victim for several days. The friend called police after peering through a window and spotting Polson sprawled on the floor of his home.

Police said the aircrafter left four sealed notes addressed to his estranged wife and other relatives.

Private funeral services were conducted yesterday at Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel by members of the Christian Science church. Burial was in Green Hills.

He is survived by his widow, four daughters, Velma Wehber of Kodiak, Alaska, Loreita Sider, Arline and Patricia Polson, all of Torrance; a sister, Mrs. Evelyn Johnson of Anaheim; and two brothers, Clifford of Anaheim and Russell of Rhode Island.

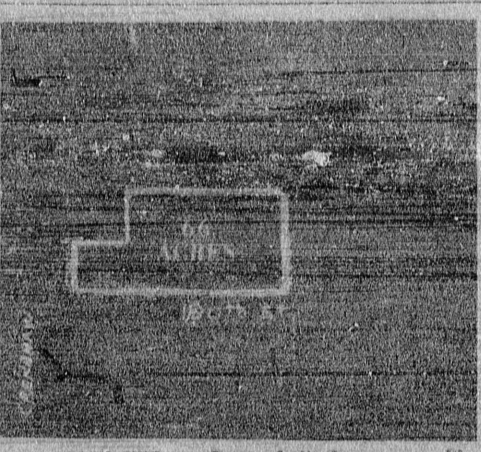
### Schools Seek Federal Aid For South Hi

The Torrance United School District will seek an additional \$1,000,000 in federal funds to help with its building program.

The Board of Education Tuesday approved the application which seeks federal help for the final unit of South High and the first unit of West High School, which will be built within a year or two.

To date, the district has received \$2,370,000 in federal funds for the construction of South High School. Under Public Law 615, school districts are eligible to get federal money for help in building if federally-connected industries have brought an influx of new workers and their children to a town.

Warren Hamilton, director of special services, told the board that he was not certain the government would approve the request, "but it's certainly worth a try."



NEW PLANT SITE . . . Proposed site for a new multi-million dollar AirResearch Manufacturing Division plant at 190th St. and Crenshaw Blvd. here is now under consideration by the planning commission for rezoning. No protests were received at the first public hearing.

### Plans for New Firm Here Told

A proposed land site of 65 acres here at 190th and Crenshaw Blvd. assures The Garrett Corp. ample room for new plant construction meeting long range expansion plans for its AirResearch Manufacturing Division.

This point was emphasized yesterday by J. C. Garrett, corporation president while explaining the anticipated move to employees in the company publication, "The AirResearcher."

Negotiations are still under way for procurement of the property by Garrett.

POENTIAL expansion of the AirResearch facility, adjacent to the Los Angeles International Airport, has become limited because of new airport construction activity.

The Torrance site is approximately 10 miles southeast of the present AirResearch facility and its selection came after a survey conducted by G. D. Breslow, assistant manager of industrial relations, in conjunction with the personnel department.

RESULTS REVEALED that more than half of the 4700 AirResearch employees live immediately south of the L.A. airport plant. 700 more are scattered to the east throughout the Los Angeles area and another 500 reside in the vicinity.

Cost of the project was set at \$14,211 which was four per cent lower than estimates. Of this amount the city will contribute \$1,787 to pay for the additional width of the roadway in excess of the normal assessment to property owners.

Work is expected to begin before Dec. 1, according to the Board of Public Works.



WIFE SYMPHONY . . . Rosemary McCamp and her husband, Judge John A. Shilder, will be hosts at a 1958 Torrance Civic Symphony at their Hollywood Blitters home. The season's first concert will be held Wednesday night.

# Slayer Given Prison Term in Wife's Death

## 1-to-10-Year Term Ordered

Thyones, 37, a Torrance refrigeration mechanic, was sentenced Friday to serve a state prison term of 1 to 10 years for the fatal shooting of his estranged wife in front of her Los Angeles home on Oct. 27, 1957.

Riddle was sentenced to serve the term on a manslaughter conviction after a jury earlier this year failed to convict him of murder. He was found guilty of manslaughter last Oct. 10 by Superior Judge Edwin L. Jefferson who based his decision on the preliminary testimony transcript.

Riddle, whose address was listed as 3522 W. 222nd Place, allegedly fired his wife, Dorothy, into his pickup truck parked in front of her Los Angeles home. He shot her three times then firing a fourth shot at himself, shattering his jaw, according to testimony at his first trial.

Retrial on the murder charge was postponed several times after the first jury deadlocked. Riddle underwent a throat operation and was unable to stand trial for several months.

## Montgomery High Dads Set Meeting

Ted Marx of Tide Water Oil Co. will speak on "The Magic Briefcase," tomorrow evening when the Fathers Club of Bishop Montgomery High meets at 8 at the school.

The scheduling of Marx is in line with the club's objective of making the meetings informative and interesting. A spokesman for the group said.

An increasingly large attendance attests to the popularity of the meetings, the spokesman said.



TARTAR QUEEN . . . Announced as 1958 Torrance High Homecoming Queen this week was Diana Cook, who won the selection by student body elections over 15 finalists. Her court is composed of Betty Baker, Diane Hunter, Carol Saxon, and Diane Wray. The queen and her court will be presented to the public at the Inglewood-Torrance grid game Friday, Nov. 14. (Herald Photo)

### Tot Nearly Choked By Loop of Ribbon

A loop of a ribbon around the neck of a 15-month-old Torrance girl Friday was blamed in the near strangulation of the child, according to police.

Susan Jo Briscoe was given first aid by a Fire Department rescue squad then rushed to Harbor General Hospital after her mother found her unconscious at the family home at 5119 Lee St. in Southwood.

Investigators said the ribbon with which the girl had been playing apparently caught on the handle of a bedroom door and became looped around the toddler's neck. Struggles to free herself caused the cloth girl's throat.

Mrs. Fred Briscoe, mother of the toddler, was frantic when she discovered the child and neighbors called the fire department and police. Firemen administered oxygen before the child was sped to the hospital.

Her condition was described as "good" later by hospital attendants.

### Planners Reject School Zone Bid

Rezoning of the old Walters Elementary School site at the southwest corner of 232nd St. and Ward St. to permit multiple dwelling residential units was recommended here this week by the city's planning commission. A request by the board of education that the property be rezoned to permit commercial use was turned down.

A decision to recommend multiple dwelling use of the land instead of the requested commercial use was made after residents and property owners near the site protested to the city. Most nearby residents stated they preferred to see the property turned to single-family residential use.

The property was vacated by the school district several years ago when construction of the new Waterloo Elementary School on Madison St. was completed.



MORE AID . . . Cecil Clarke, representing North American Aviation Co. and its employees, presents another check to officials of the Little Company of Mary hospital now under construction at Torrance Blvd. and Earl St. The \$25,000 is from the Donor's Club of North American employees. (Herald Photo)

### Two Red Feather Sections Meet Quota on First Day

The Torrance Community Chest residential campaign was in full swing during the week end with high hopes for reporting 100 per cent of their goal by next Thursday at the Harbor Area Report meeting at the Plaza Hotel, according to Mrs. Ruth Schram, residential chairman.

One of the first sections in the entire Los Angeles area to report 100 per cent of goal was Mrs. Joseph Orchard of division 774 in North Torrance. She reported at 1 o'clock on Thursday the day of the Pick-

off Almost as fast was Mrs. Philip Roberts of division 742 who was first in the Central Torrance section and who reported Thursday evening with 100 per cent.

Mrs. James E. McNeil of 731 was first in the South Torrance section with 100 per cent by Friday morning. Mrs. Melton was the first section organized this year and had been the first section to report 100 per cent last year.

Mrs. Paula McNeil of division 737 also reported 100 per cent of her section goal on Friday morning.

Mrs. Bernice Goodwin who is Area residential chairman for Torrance Gardens, Lombis and Harbor City said that the area is doing an outstanding campaign this year. In Gardena more than 80 per cent of the city goal had been collected before noon on Friday and Lombis and Harbor City were also pushing for 100 per cent before next Thursday.

"If every worker member were motivated this week we can count on Harbor Area being first again," said Mrs. Goodwin.