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FORCES GATHER TO BEAT ANNEX

Petitions Go To Residents For Signing

Residents of the El Camino College area who oppose annexation to the city of Torrance opened their campaign this week to gain enough protests to block the move before it comes to an election. Spearheaded by several housewives who are opposed to the move, the drive for signatures got off to a good start when most of the residents in the area east of Crenshaw Blvd. and north of the present city boundary took petitions, according to Mrs. Allen T. Palmer, of 2610 W. 154th St.

"ANNEXATION to Torrance would effect this area most strongly," Mrs. Palmer told the HERALD yesterday. "That effect would come in our school system," she said.

Under their present system, children of that area attend Los Angeles city schools which operate on the 6-3-3 plan (six grades of elementary school, three grades of junior high school, and three grades of high school), and also use the mid-term system.

TORRANCE schools have eight grades of elementary schooling and four years of high school. The local schools admit new students only at the beginning of the fall term, thus have no mid-term students who began school at the first of the spring semester.

"While residents east of Crenshaw are strongly opposed to the annexation move, we are receiving strong support from the rest of the area west of Crenshaw," Mrs. Palmer said.

Control of the fire was achieved in less than 15 minutes, but damage to the rafters structure of the roof led Fire Chief J. J. Brenner to declare the garage a total loss.

A PRELIMINARY investigation by officials of the local department turned up evidence that the fire was started when a youngster lighted a candle in the garage. A full investigation will be made to determine cause, fire officials said.

Smoke damage was reported in the kitchen of the home, but the fire was contained in the garage.

15427 Cordary, president of the El Camino Civic Assn. He is busy trying to keep protests down at the scheduled public hearing on the matter here on Sept. 6.

"LET'S LET it come to a vote," he pleads. "By forestalling a sufficient protest at the Sept. 6 meeting, the people will have a chance to study the matter and make the proper decision," he said.

Sterling admits that he is not certain that annexation is the only answer for the area, but he wants to study all of the facts.

ANNEXATION OF the area to Torrance has been petitioned by residents comprising 25 per cent of the registered voters of the area.

To block an election, owners of more than 50 per cent of the property in the area must file protests with the city before Sept. 6.

Should the protests be insufficient, an election will be called about 54 days after that hearing, or about Nov. 1.

Awards THS Grad Honors

Carol Lea Mathlin, a 1960 graduate of Torrance High School, has been awarded honors at entrance by the University of Redlands. She will enter Redlands for the fall term as a member of the freshman class.

Honors at entrance are awarded in recognition of academic honor and achievement on the basis of scholastic record.

Miss Mathlin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mathlin, 1115 Cerise Ave. She will major in math at the university.

Freak Crash Kills Horse, Spares Rider

A 13-year-old equestrienne miraculously escaped serious injuries here Thursday evening when her valuable quarter horse bolted, carrying her in front of an auto on Western Ave. at 235th St.

Linda J. Kleinhaus, of 2077 W. 233rd St., was returning home from a nearby roping arena with neighbors Sandy Cook and Jimmy Walsh when her mount, Dunny's Lad, broke for home, carrying her onto Western Ave.

An auto driven by Alton Addison, 45, of San Pedro, struck the horse and rider, tossing the Kleinhaus girl onto the pavement.



HORSE vs. AUTO . . . Thirteen-year-old Linda Kleinhaus, whose horse, Dunny's Lad, lies in the foreground, is placed in an ambulance after being struck by the auto at the right at 235th St. and Western Ave. Thursday evening. The horse was later destroyed, but Linda and the driver of the car escaped serious injuries. (Photo by James Holstrom)

Douglas Restores Pay Cuts

Restoration of all company salaries pay cuts retroactive to the time they took effect last April 11 was announced today by President Donald W. Douglas, Jr., of the Douglas Aircraft Company.

The action was taken immediately after receipt of an arbitrator's decision that the company should restore salary cuts of members of the Southern California Professional Engineering Association who had filed grievances under terms of their contract.

"WHILE this decision applies only to 210 members of the Association, we cannot in fairness ask some of our salaried employees to accept a pay reduction and allow others to be exempt," said President Douglas. "Therefore, all salary reductions are being restored retroactively to employees now on the payroll."

"The Company still believes that the contract with the Engineers permits it to reduce pay, but it will, of course, abide by the arbitrator's decision."

"I DEEPLY appreciate the loyalty and patience demonstrated by the many hundreds of employees who have been affected by this salary reduction. Although the company is still going through a difficult financial period, increased efficiency of operation and recent contract awards have improved our position and, in general, our prospects appear better than at the time this action became necessary."

THE HORSE was injured severely and was destroyed by Police Lt. D. C. Cook who came to the scene from his nearby home.

The Addison auto was heavily damaged by the impact.

The driver of the auto and the girl were both checked by physicians for injuries and released.

PUC Says No to Bus Rehearing

The California Public Utilities Commission has denied a rehearing of its recent decision authorizing Cross Town Suburban Bus Lines to make several route changes and extensions in the Torrance area.

The changes included the rerouting of a portion of the No. 7 line along 174th St. to the South Bay shopping center at Hawthorne Blvd. and the extension of Lines 2 and 6 to serve the Del Amo shopping center at Hawthorne Blvd. and Carson St.

The changes were protested by the city of Torrance on the grounds that the Torrance Municipal Lines would be adversely affected financially.

In denying a petition by the city of Torrance, the Commission said it had carefully considered the allegations but found "no good cause" for granting a rehearing.

Car Hits Big Tree, Four Hurt

Four persons were seriously injured yesterday morning when an auto driven by a Torrance man was demolished in a collision with a tree. The car was found rammed into a huge tree at Compton Blvd. and Main St. Its engine had been pushed into the back seat.

The driver, Harold D. Vokt, 28, 17103 Atkinson Ave., suffered a possible skull fracture. His hand was pushed through the shattered windshield when Highway Patrol Officers arrived at the scene.

Henry Wiederspahn, 42, Demetra Robbins, 26, and Beatrice Montoya, 35, all of Compton, were also in serious condition.

All four occupants suffered multiple cuts. They were taken to Bon-Air Hospital in Los Angeles.

Fatal Crash Driver Gets Six Months

A 25-year-old Torrance man has been sentenced to six months in county jail and three years' probation for the traffic death of a Rolling Hills man at the entrance to Torrance Municipal Airport last April.

Sentenced by Judge Thomas C. Yager of the Inglewood Superior Court was Lance D. Young of 22905 Walnut Ave., who was arrested by Torrance police after his car slammed into one driven by William A. Drummond, 41, a Rolling Hills veterinarian. Drummond died in the crash.

Drunken driving charges against Young were dropped during the court proceedings, but conditions of the probation include abstinence from alcoholic beverages, loss of his driving license for a year, and restitution to other victims in the four-car crash.

Bogus Aid On Loose

Reports that an unauthorized person is posing as an account collector for the City of Torrance have been made to the police department and finance

office, according to Jerome Scharfman, city finance director, who warned that residents should insist on proper identification before paying any such bills.

The alleged bunco artists have first telephoned people in the area asking them to have money ready to be picked up in payment for waste collections. It was said by a spokesman for the finance office. No specific cases were cited and no arrests have been made it was stated.

Coleman Firm Reports Earnings

Earnings of Coleman Engineering Co., Inc., for the first quarter of fiscal 1961 reached 46 cents a share compared with a loss of 6 cents a share for the like period last year, T. C. Coleman, president, announced today in a quarterly report to shareholders. Sales also increased.

Northrop Declares Quarterly Dividend

The board of directors of Northrop Corp. today declared a quarterly dividend of 40 cents per share, payable Sept. 20, 1960, to shareholders of record Sept. 6, 1960.

A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you think is the most needed civic improvement in Torrance and why?" That was the question that the Pennies photog asked the following five people in downtown Torrance.

Mrs. Richard Harper, 922 Sartori Ave., Apt. C. housewife:

"I think Torrance needs a teenage center where the kids could go and listen to records, dance, or have other activities. They need someplace where they can go and be with others of their own age and keep off the streets."

Mrs. James Phillips, 1565 W. 219th Street, housewife:

"I don't think that Torrance has enough activities for the teenagers, so I think a teenage center is the most needed thing. This applies especially to the age group 10 and 15—they're in-between and need a place where they could go for activities."

Art Mascarnoz, 1163 West Flint St., student at Stephen White Jr. High:

"Better bus service because it is too long to wait between buses and it takes forever to get to town or back home. They could have direct services, too. Torrance could also have another pool, say out in the Southeast section."

Mrs. Helen Schilling, 22833 Ladeen Ave., a housewife:

"I think a park so kids could have a place to play is the most needed improvement. I live near the Del Amo Shopping Center, and there is no place except the street for the children in my neighborhood to play. Just a small park would help."

Mrs. Pauline Coulin, 2421 W. Carson Street, housewife:

"I think the city needs more public restrooms in the downtown area, especially for the small children who come to town with their mothers. They do have those at the bus station, but they are so public, opening right onto the sidewalk."

Mumps Decline

For the first time in several weeks, the Los Angeles County Health Dept. reported that no cases of mumps were listed in Torrance. The report for the week ending Aug. 20 lists three cases of Measles and three cases of Scarlet Fever.



CHEST LEADERS MEET . . . Members of the Torrance area Community Chest drive met last week to discuss plans for the coming campaign. Shown, left to right are leaders John Schwartz, business chairman; Harold Frenzt, city chairman; Dr. Robert Jackson, advance gift chairman; and Ralph Morris, commercial and industrial unit chairman.



MOPPING UP . . . Torrance firemen begin mopping up operations after a blaze in the garage at 19346 Flavian St. was put out. The firemen responded to the alarm early Friday afternoon. The fire was believed to have been started while a youngster was playing with a lighted candle. (Herald Photo)