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NEW SCHOOL TAX HIKE HINTED

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Now that American automobile manufacturers have definitely entered the small car field do you think this type of vehicle will eventually replace the conventional family car?"

Mrs. Charlotte Seaborn, 2227 Andro, housewife: "I don't think they will ever replace the larger family car completely. Oh, they will have their place because of their economy, but too many people like the comfort of the larger cars too. My husband is crippled and the small cars are too small to allow him to get in and out easily so we will never own one."

G. D. McGuire, 21908 Western Ave., retired: "I think that they won't, though they may become very popular because of their economy. The little ones are hard to see in our congested traffic, and so I think add another hazard to driving. No, I still like the comfort of a larger car."

Cecil Courtney, 1749 Cedar Avenue, Long Beach 13, steelworker: "I don't think they will replace the larger cars completely but they will take a great share of the market for the next few years because of their economy. They are easier to park, and such things. It may eliminate some of the foreign competition but the foreign cars will still hold their own. Though I don't own a small car, I'd sure like to."

Cletis Holt, 2119 Andro Ave., unemployed: "I think that eventually they will, especially among those in the lower income bracket. The small cars are real good for our city traffic and short jaunts, but for longer trips, I'd prefer a larger car."

Mrs. R. J. Costello, 20312 S. Normandie Ave., housewife: "No, I don't think they will replace the larger family cars entirely, but they will become quite popular. We would like both ourselves, a small one for my husband to drive to and from work, or for shopping, and a larger one for longer trips."

CARD PARTY SLATED
The American Legion Auxiliary, Lomita unit 645, will sponsor a card party Wednesday, March 23, at 8 p.m. at 34702 Narbonne Ave., Lomita. Regular card games will be played.

Three Struck By Cars Near Their Homes

Critically injured here this week when struck by an auto near his home was Raymond Ortiz, 6, of 2235 1/2 Del Amo. Young Ortiz was taken to Harbor General Hospital with head injuries after he was struck by an auto driven by Joseph F. Wyson, 37, of 16620 Patronella Ave.

In a second accident, 8-year-old Fred Messersmith, of 4335 W. 179th St., suffered a broken collarbone when he was struck by an auto in front of his home. Driver of the car was Verna M. Donnas, 22, of 4228 W. 179th St.

A 6-YEAR-OLD girl was struck in front of her home Friday evening when she dashed into the street to meet her mother who had been visiting across the street from their home.

Taken to the Little Company of Mary Hospital with abrasions about the body and face was Kathleen Ann Lippincott, who resides at 22005 Palos Verdes Blvd.

THE VICTIM'S mother told investigating officers that the little girl dashed into the street to meet her although she had yelled at her to stop.

An auto driven by John Franklin Martin, 19, of 4708 Laurette, hit the child a glancing blow and knocked her to the pavement. He had no time to stop after seeing the child, he told police.

A 13-MONTH-OLD child was treated at a private medical center for what was described as minor head injuries after an auto in which she was riding slammed into a parked car on 164th St. Friday evening. Richelle Ann Arranaga, who was riding with JoAnn Herbata Arranaga, 21, of Compton, was treated in Gardena. The Arranaga auto hit one owned by John Wolchanaski, 44, at 2310 W. 164th St.

31 Saxons Named to Honor Roll

Thirty-one Saxons made the All School Honor Roll for the fall semester with "A" averages.

The seven Seniors with "A" averages are Rochelle Baumgarten, Sidney Bereskin, Patricia Chase, Valerie Dutton, Agnes Gavin, Judy Sheets and Larry Staat. Jo Ainsworth, Patricia Bryden, Dora Kelly, Jimmie Louise Simmons, and Naomi Yokoyama are the six Juniors with "A" averages.

Thirteen may be an unlucky number, but it is a lucky number for Jonathan Beck, Arthur Felix, Gregory Jackson, Diana Liken, David Lippman, Cecelia Lopez, Patricia Moore, Sandra Peterson, Carol Robinson, Pamela Schummer, Toni Sheets, Karon Struble and David Turcott, the thirteen Sophomores with "A" averages.

Not to be left behind the Freshman Class has five students with "A" averages. They are Elias Baumgarten, Barbara Berry, Linda Faulk, Dennis Gregg and Roberta Wiede.

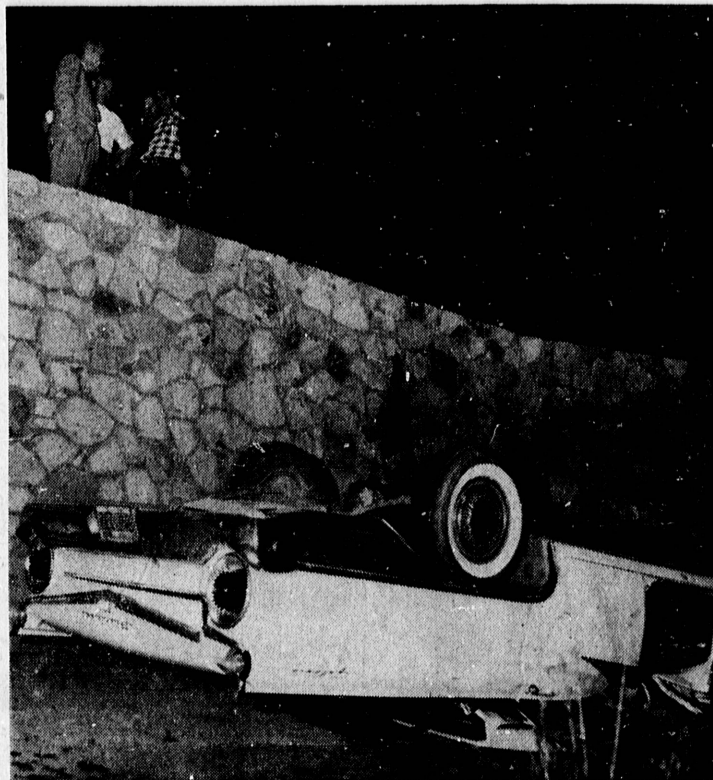
Talent Show Slated for Saturday

Youngsters in the El Retiro Park area will have an opportunity to show their talents when the play area stages an amateur hour on March 26, according to the Torrance Recreation Department.

Play Leader Sharon Stewart said awards will be given to winners of various events such as singing, instrumental music, dancing, recitations and novelty acts.

Prospective performers are asked to contact Miss Stewart at the park.

The 2 p.m. event is open to the public and admission is free.



CONVERTED FLATTOP . . . The late model hardtop sedan driven by Wade E. Ballard, 48, of Rolling Hills, was converted into a late model flattop here late Thursday when it flipped off the roadway and plunged into a drainage culvert at Rolling Hills Road and Crenshaw Blvd. Ballard was pulled from the wreckage and taken to Harbor General Hospital with possible serious injuries. (Herald Photo)

Firemen Continue Drive For YMCA Campaign Fund

Members of the Torrance Fire Department, making a door-to-door canvas on behalf of the Torrance YMCA, collected more than \$2000 the first two nights of the drive, it was reported here yesterday. Off-duty firemen, volunteering their time to the YMCA campaign, will continue their efforts to reach every home in the city by Wednesday to solicit funds for the local organization.

"WE DECIDED to lend our support to the YMCA because the money raised is used in Torrance for Torrance youngsters," Richard DeArmitt, president of Torrance Fire-Fighters and co-chairman of the campaign, reported.

The total YMCA campaign for 1960 has a goal of \$32,000, according to Secretary Joe Wilcox. More than \$25,000 of this goal has been raised. "It's the remaining balance which will insure continued operation of the YMCA program," he said.

HOPE THAT the drive will be concluded this week was expressed by Wilcox and other YMCA leaders. They credit the work of the firemen as the spark that makes the goal a real possibility.

An invitation to all YMCA campaigners to bring final reports to the Y building next Thursday evening for a victory meeting has been issued by Campaign Chairman Albert Isen.

Local Retail Sales Reach New Levels

Torrance's taxable retail sales reached a new all-time high in the 3rd quarter of 1959 according to an announcement by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

President J. H. Paget said figures just released by the State Board of Equalization showed that a record high of \$24,072,000 was reached, close to a million dollars over the 1959 first quarter figure and over \$3 million higher than the last quarter of 1958.

Total taxable sales for the first nine months of 1959 also reached a new high of \$66,235,000 or 15 million more than the record year of 1957. Paget said this figure is vital to the economy of Torrance as it means that \$66,235 goes to the city of Torrance.

Cities rated as "strong" retail cities that have been passed by Torrance include Lakewood, Culver City, Merced, Redwood City, Salinas, Santa Rosa, and Whittier.

Therapy Pool Drive Nears Total Quota

A total of \$53,570 has been pledged in cash or materials for the construction of the Harlan Shoemaker Therapy pool, it was reported this week by Campaign Chairman Charles Soderstrom.

Cash received for the project has reached nearly \$38,000, Soderstrom said. Pledges of services and materials have accounted for an additional \$12,000 while AID and other pledges have added another \$2000.

Construction should start this spring, Soderstrom said. State, county, and city approval is being obtained, he said.



ENDS PRE-FLIGHT . . . Larry Allen Drury, aviation cadet lieutenant, son of Paul Drury and Mrs. Mildred Baker of Torrance, was graduated from pre-flight training at Lackland Air Force Base at San Antonio, Tex., and has been home on leave before reporting to Bainbridge Air Force Base in Georgia.

Boost May Be Needed On Override

Additional taxes may have to be levied to continue the present educational program in Torrance, Torrance business leaders were told this week during Educational-Business-Industry Day.

Citing rising costs and the need for "competitive" teachers' salaries in the next few years, Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, said more money will be required and a possible override tax vote may be called to get it.

THE OVERRIDE tax would be a last resort measure, he indicated, but said "we must have money from some source if we are to avoid cutting out some part of the program." He said class sizes had been increased and kindergarten classes doubled up in efforts to save money.

"BUT WE HAVE few more economies which can be made without affecting the overall program," he added. The override tax will be necessary unless large sums of money are forthcoming from such sources as state or federal governments, he hinted.

COMMENTING ON the cost of operating the school district, S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent, reminded the businessmen that the district had a \$20 million budget; a \$750,000 monthly payroll; 1400 employees, and 25,000 "customers." Unlike businesses, Waldrip said the schools were forced to expand whether they could afford it or not.

THE CURRENT school tax rate is \$4.0620 per \$100 of assessed valuation. This includes a tax of \$0.5713 for support of El Camino College.

An override tax rate of \$0.75 was voted for the district here several years ago. The full override is being used for the first time this year.

Officials Predict New Mark

A new attendance record seems assured for the Annual Banquet of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, scheduled for March 30 at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles, according to Chairman James Becker. Dinner is at 7:30 p.m. in the Pacific Ballroom, with the Cocktail Hour starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Sierra Room.

Becker said a surprise is in store for those attending as the preview showing of the color-sound movie on Business-Industry-Education Day in Torrance will be shown.

Other highlights include the address by James Mussatti, general manager of the California State Chamber of Commerce, one of the nation's finest speakers and the announcement of Torrance's "Citizen of the Year" for 1959.

Presidents of Torrance service clubs will receive Community Service Plaques as part of the Chamber's program to give proper recognition to those leaders who dedicate a year of their lives to community betterment.

Members of Becker's Committee include R. S. Pyle, William Belding, Sy Frank, and Jack Phillips.



FIRE VICTIM AIDED . . . The children of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cooper who lost all their clothing when their home at 823 Amapola burned earlier this week, were refitted Thursday through the efforts of Officer A. L. Jackson (left) and members of the Torrance Police Department. Shown here with the children and Officer Jackson are Mrs. Jack Roberts, mother of Mrs. Cooper, and Peter Cooper, who is recovering from burns. Mrs. Cooper is still confined to Harbor General Hospital. (Herald Photo)



MEMORIES . . . Most every woman has wheeled her dog in a baby buggy when a little girl and the scene is usually one that a news photographer wants to take a picture of. Patty Moore, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Moore, 1606 Beech Ave., was snapped taking Peppy out for a sunning. (Herald photo)