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**A Penny for your Thoughts**

"What is your opinion on a shopping mall in central Torrance?"

Answering were:

Mrs. Ed Watt, 26006 Oak St., Lomita, housewife:

"I think the idea is wonderful, especially if one plans an all-day shopping trip. Then you have a place to stop and rest. Most people shop until they are tired then go home, but if they had a place to stop to rest for a few minutes they would do more shopping, so, of course, that would mean more business."

Mrs. Gladys Davis, 26008 Oak St., Avon representative:

"I think it would help bring more business to central Torrance, especially if there were convenient parking spaces. I like the idea of a mall because it would centralize our shopping and we wouldn't have to worry about watching traffic."

Mrs. R. D. Long, 1575 W. 208th Street, housewife:

"I think it is a wonderful idea especially for mothers with children. There wouldn't be any need to worry about the children running into the street, and there is now. Mothers would also be able to keep better track of their children. It would be quieter shopping, thus making it more enjoyable."

Elizabeth Wilson, 409 Fiat St., housewife:

"Shopping is so important to Torrance, that I think a mall would be a big improvement and maybe it would give us more variety. It would be more convenient for everyone because of its central location and one could take any bus to get to it without having to change or wait between buses."

Mrs. Irene Garnet, 1652 W. 204th Street, Guest Home for Aged Men manager:

"I think a mall would be a grand idea but it would need plenty of free parking space nearby. I think these parking meters keep a lot of people away for one doesn't always have the penny or two you need, so it should have free parking space. It would be more orderly with less traffic and probably would be more friendly. Friendliness is a big factor after all, in any project."



INSPECT DISPLAY . . . Dr. Harper Q. North (right) shows Chamber of Commerce President J. H. Paget some of the tiny products of his company and a drawing of the Lawndale plant now under construction during Tuesday's breakfast meeting here. Construction on the new \$10 million plant here will begin in October, and occupancy is scheduled 11 months later. (Herald Photo)

## Electronics Firm to Build \$10 Million Plant in City

Construction of a \$10 million transistor factory is planned here on an 82-acre site on the north side of Torrance Municipal Airport, it was announced Tuesday by Pacific Semiconductors, Inc.

Plans to build the facility to be known as "Transistor Park" were revealed by Dr. Harper

Q. North, president of the firm, at the April Chamber of Commerce Breakfast. He said the plant will be located on property extending east from Madison St. and south of Lomita Blvd.

INITIAL employment will probably be in excess of 3500 persons, Dr. North told the capacity crowd at the breakfast meeting.

Construction of the first units of the park are scheduled to begin about Oct. 1 of this year and will be occupied in September, 1961.

THE LOCAL plant will be in addition to plants in Lawndale and Culver City, and will be devoted to design and produc-

tion of tiny diodes, rectifiers, and transistors which are being used widely in computers, space vehicles, and other electronic devices.

Pacific Semiconductors, Inc., using the mark "PSI" as its brand with the Greek psi as the symbol, was founded six years ago by Dr. North as a subsidiary of the Ramo-Woolridge firm.

## 1.29-Inch Rain Hits, More Due

A Pacific storm which swept over much of Southern California late Tuesday and early yesterday dumped 1.29 inches of rain here and is scheduled to repeat its performance.

The rains brought a rash of traffic accidents to Torrance, none apparently serious, and flooded a number of intersections.

TRAFFIC collisions were logged at 174th and Crenshaw, Western and Torrance Blvd., two at Arlington and Border Ave., Pacific Coast Hwy. and Hawthorne, and at Western and Carson St.

Dorothy Wall of 22015 Harvard Blvd., was treated for injuries after the collision at Western Ave. and Torrance Blvd.

CREWS OF the city's street department placed barricades throughout the city Tuesday night and manned the pumps in the Hollywood Riviera area where low areas collect water.

Barricades were placed at Torrance Blvd. and Madrid, Lomita Blvd. between Crenshaw and Hawthorne, 188th St. and Crenshaw, 180th St. and Regina Ave., 182nd St. and Regina Ave., 163th St. and Gramercy Place, Ainsworth between Redondo Beach Blvd. and 188th St., at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Hawthorne, and at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Nancy Lee Lane.

## Arraignment Continued to This Morning

Complaints charging a 26-year-old Torrance man with murdering his wife and causing the death of the child carried by his victim were issued yesterday afternoon by Deputy District Attorney T. B. McNary of the South Bay Municipal Court District.

Named in the complaints was Marvin Joseph Tylor, of 23304 Falena Ave., who is charged with shooting his 24-year-old wife, Carol, and causing prenatal injuries which resulted in the postnatal death of the infant being carried by Carol.

Arraignment of Tylor on the two charges was continued by Municipal Judge Donald Armstrong yesterday afternoon until 10 a.m. today. The case was continued because Tylor's attorney was unable to be in the court for arraignment yesterday.

ISSUANCE OF the complaints yesterday climaxed the first phase of one of the city's most publicized crimes which began Tuesday when a neighbor called police to say the Tylor couple were fighting and that a gun was discharged.

By the time police could gain entrance to the Kettler Knolls home, the young housewife and mother was either dead or dying of a gunshot wound in the head. She was pronounced dead at Harbor General Hospital a few minutes later and the baby was taken from her 15 minutes after that by Cesarean section.

THE DRAMA of the case began at that point when Dr. Earl Kendrick started mouth-to-mouth resuscitation after he and Dr. Gary Barry had delivered the child from the dead mother.

After 45 minutes, the child's blue tinge had turned to a healthy pink, and the infant was placed in a rocking respirator.

THE BIRTH of the baby un-



THOMAS HONORED . . . Assemblyman Vincent Thomas (left) who has represented the 68th Assembly District in the Legislature for 20 years, was cited by a resolution of the Torrance city council this week for his contributions to Torrance. Here Mayor Albert Isen reads the citation during a presentation ceremony at the council meeting Tuesday night. (Herald Photo)



COVER UP . . . Det. Sgt. Donald Hamilton leads murder suspect Marvin J. Tylor into interrogation room after he was booked on a charge of murdering his wife here early Tuesday. Tylor was charged yesterday with his wife's murder and with the death of the couple's child which was delivered after his wife died. (Herald Photo)

## Council Puts End to Meters

Parking meters are on their way out of downtown Torrance.

The city council voted Tuesday night to assume the obligation for payment on the two off-street parking lots now being purchased from parking meter funds, and to remove the meters from the city's streets.

It was indicated at the meeting that removal of the meters might take as long as six weeks, because of the necessity for repealing the ordinance governing them and reinstating a two-hour parking ordinance for the area.

Mayor Albert Isen told the HERALD yesterday, however, that the meters could be taken out "this afternoon if they'd do it."

A CHECK indicated that a two-hour ordinance governing parking is now in effect in the downtown area in addition to the parking meter ordinance.

"It has always been illegal to park more than two hours in the downtown area," Lt. Donald Nash, head of the police traffic bureau said.

"WE COULD go out and take the meter heads off the posts this afternoon," Mayor Isen said.

During discussions which preceded the vote to remove the meters, Abe Robinson, jeweler and president of the Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce, told the councilmen that it wasn't the sole idea of the merchants to remove the coin collectors.

"THE PEOPLE who shop in Torrance are 95 to 100 per cent against them," he said. "The people will be happy to have the meters out," he added.

Expenditure of \$18,000 to assume the balance of the payment for the two off-street parking lots still being purchased in the downtown area met with mixed reaction by councilmen. Victor Benstead moved to have the city sell all vacant property in the downtown area which it owns and put the proceeds into the fund for a new civic auditorium on the civic center. He got no support.

GEORGE BRADFORD reiterated his belief stated a week ago that the city had an obligation to provide parking for the area.

"Let the merchants get up an assessment district," Benstead said.

The council finally resolved the matter by ordering a new parking ordinance (which may not be necessary according to yesterday's information), transferring the obligations of the district to the city's general fund, removing the meters and reassigning the personnel; and repealing the meter ordinance.

IN OTHER action, the council concerned in a recommendation of the civic center development committee that the uses on the site be restricted to court, library, museum, and city buildings and that such uses as post office, health department, welfare agencies, motor vehicle offices, and others be denied if a site is sought.

The name of Fred R. Stevens Jr., of 23837 Madison St., was submitted in nomination by Mayor Isen for the Civil Service Board. The council will be asked to confirm it next week.

## Powder Puff Pilots to Meet Today

Entrants in the annual Powder Puff Derby which will start from Torrance Municipal Airport next July will draw for race assignments at a luncheon at the airport this noon.

The 60 lady pilots who are expected to participate in the 1960 event will hear Radio Star Richard Arlen and Disc Jockey Johnny Grant at the luncheon.