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# PARKING METERS ARE PULLED OUT

## A Penny for your Thoughts

"Now that Chessman has finally been executed, what is your opinion about it?"

Answering were:

Victor Casavan, 965 Sorock Dr., Guard for Sprig Engineering:

"I think he had it coming, though I don't usually believe in capital punishment. It was the law and I believe the law should be upheld, or there isn't any point of having laws. The big mistake was that they didn't do it right away, then these other countries wouldn't have gotten into it."

L. L. Graves, 2109A Cabrillo, precision grinder:

"I think it has just been a political football, at least that's the way it looks to me. I feel that we should let the law take its course, whether he made money on his book or whether he was a poor man, we should enforce the law. If the law says that he is guilty and should get the gas chamber, then he should get it, same as the next one."

Mrs. Letty Wicker, 1815 Borden Avenue, housewife:

"I don't believe in capital punishment so I don't think Chessman should have been executed. I think everyone should have a chance to reform and he didn't have. Oh, he was ornery, but I don't think he did anything bad enough to get the death penalty for. According to God's word, they committed a sin, just as much as he did when they executed him."

A. J. Marek, 1308 Portola, retired:

"I think they should have done it 10 years ago. They arrest them, give them a sentence, then let them out to do it again, so in cases like this I definitely believe in capital punishment. When it's profitable to the lawyers and judges they keep it going. I'm glad it's all over with at last."

Mrs. Marguerite Baudin, 2208 Arlington Ave., housewife:

"I think they should have done it a long time ago if they were going to do it. Why torture him for so long? I think it's been a waste of the taxpayers' time and money to drag it on and keep it alive this long."



CITIZENS SPEAK . . . A total of 619,014 Californians have signed an initiative petition to reapportion the California State Senate. Shown at the final filing of the petitions are (from left) Registrar of Voters Benjamin S. Hite; Frank G. Bonelli, chairman of the board of supervisors and author of the 20-20 reapportionment plan; Victor H. York, Whittier businessman and treasurer of the Committee for Equitable Representation in the State Senate; and Frank P. Doherty, chairman of the committee. A total of 420,462 valid signatures were needed to qualify the measure for the Nov. 8 ballot.

## Bonelli Reports More Than 600,000 Ask Senate Change

Climaxing an intense six-month statewide crusade by Frank G. Bonelli, chairman of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, to place before voters a plan for reapportionment of the California State Senate, the final filing of an initiative petition for his 20-20 plan for reapportionment was submitted Tuesday at the office of County Registrar of Voters Benjamin S. Hite.

Bonelli, accompanied by Frank P. Doherty, prominent Los Angeles attorney and chairman of the statewide Committee for Equitable Representation in the State Senate and Victor York, committee treasurer, to Hite's office to file the last of the signed petition forms.

WITH TUESDAY'S filing, petitions bearing a total of 619,014 names have been circulated and filed in sixteen counties of the state calling for a special ballot proposition on reapportionment. To qualify for placement on the November 8 ballot, the initiative re-

quires 420,462 valid signatures of registered voters.

Signatures on the original statewide filing of the initiative, completed March 7, totaled 345,000. The signatures on the supplemental statewide filing today adds 274,014 more names, it was pointed out.

"THIS IS indeed a splendid demonstration of the need for reapportionment of the Senate in the interest of equitable representation for all segments of the state," Bonelli declared. "I am confident that this crusade for equitable representation will go all the way to victory in November."

Bonelli's plan is aimed at ending the domination by Northern counties of the State Senate by giving the 18 Southern counties of Southern California equal representation in the 40-member upper house of the Legislature. At the present time, the Northern counties hold a commanding majority of the Senate seats with 28 senators, while the 13 Southern counties are limited to 12 senators.

In addition to Los Angeles County, the petitions were circulated in Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, San Mateo, San Joaquin, San Francisco, Sacramento, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, and Ventura counties.

### Council Backs Bid For Post Office

"THIS IMBALANCE in Senate seats exists," Bonelli pointed out, "in spite of the fact that the Northern counties have less than six million population while the Southern counties have a combined pop-

## 'Off With Their Heads Isen Cries

The reign of parking meters in downtown Torrance ended this week with little fanfare beyond the adoption of an ordinance by the city council and an ultimatum from Mayor Albert Isen which went:

"Off with their heads."

After a life of more than five years, the downtown parking meter district was officially ended by the adoption of a repealing ordinance on a split vote of the city council. Voting against the motion to take them out were Councilmen Willys Blount and Victor E. Benstead Jr.

CITY WORKMEN began removing the heads yesterday, ending what many shoppers and businessmen considered a threat to the central shopping district.

In other action, the city council concurred again with

### 40-Year Resident Dies Here

Mrs. Martha Ellen Attebery, whose home at 4166 W. Sepulveda Blvd. was a center of activities for many years in the earlier days of Torrance, died there Tuesday at the age of 76. She was a native of Texas, but had lived here for nearly 40 years.

Under the Attebery 20-20 plan, the Northern counties would have 20 senators and the Southern counties would have 20, he explained. Los Angeles County would have six more senate seats, giving the county a total of seven.

The Attebery home was for many years the scene of area dances, club meetings, ice cream socials, and in recent years, church services.

THE HOME also was a focal point of communications for many years, having the only telephone in the open farming area west of what is now Hawthorne Ave. in that area.

Funeral services for Mrs. Attebery will be held at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel Friday morning at 10 with the Rev. C. T. Walberg officiating. Burial will be in Pacific Crest Cemetery.

MRS. ATTEBERY is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Hazel West of Torrance, Amelia Sappenfield of Missouri, and Mamie Kirchner of Texas; two sons, Bill Wicker of Texas and J. G. Wicker of Ventura, Calif., 20 grandchildren, and 45 great-grandchildren.

residents of the southwest part of the city that a traffic control signal is needed at Tulita Ave. and Pacific Coast Hwy., and agreed to push the matter with the State Division of Highways.

A LARGE delegation of residents and parents headed by George Schneider, former member of the city's planning commission, appeared at the council meeting.

Schneider said his group would provide the pressure, "but the city must provide the leadership."

HE ASKED that the city press its demand that the State Division of Highways remedy the hazardous solution at the crossing that is used by several hundred school children each day.

The council also approved an allocation of \$30,000 to cut Carson St. through the small park in front of Torrance High School, making the thoroughfare a through street. The design for the alteration was approved, and will be sent to REMCO, holders of reversionary rights on the parkway, for approval.

A TRAFFIC signal at the high school is being proposed in the new design.

The name of Fred R. Stevens submitted by Mayor Isen for appointment to the Civil Service Commission, was approved, councilmen abstained on a roll call vote.

Stevens, a service station operator, resides at 21605 Redbeam Ave. A Madison St. address was given by the mayor last week when the name was first proposed.

### Vico to Make Test Run in JC Roadeo

Councilman George Vico will take the first run as the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce stages its teenage rodeo on Sunday, May 15, in the Central Manufacturing District, it was announced this week. The first phase of the two-part program will be held at Torrance High school Saturday when entrants take written examinations.

## Herald Readers Respond With 54 Pints of Blood

By BOB WILTON, Herald Staff Writer

That the Torrance HERALD reaches into the homes, and the hearts, of area residents was proved after a story and picture was published last Sunday appealing for blood donors drew responses from 54 donors.

The blood was needed for Christy Frantz, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Frantz, of 2425½ W. 248th St., who was critically burned while sitting in an automobile in front of her home Easter Sunday.

A match from a paper book she had found dropped into her lap after she lighted it and the play dress she wore burst into flames inflicting third degree burns over 75 per cent of her body. Christy was rescued by George Westbrook, 25930 Cayuga Ave., and rushed to Harbor General Hospital where her grave condition made it necessary for transfusions of 15 pints of blood during the following days.

After the story stating the need for an additional 30 pints of blood for Christy appeared in this newspaper the 54 pints of blood were donated, 16 from the North Torrance Lions Club.

Leslie Smith, assistant director of the hospital, told the HERALD that the response to the article was great, and that the little girl's condition was greatly improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Torrance played their role in this drama well and now thanks to all concerned Christy Frantz is on the road to recovery.



ATTENTION GETTER . . . Miss Betty Baker, wearing an Army uniform as few WAC and no soldiers ever did, points out fact that "Everybody is going to the Armed Forces Day parade" and celebration here on Saturday, May 21. Hugh Milton, undersecretary of the Army, will lead the military and patriotic units past the reviewing stand at 11 a.m.

## End to Area Water Stalemate Nearing

The City Council Tuesday night approved an agreement reached by city and county administrative officials that will allow development of adequate water facilities for southeastern Torrance and northern Lomita.

Under the agreed pact, the city will serve the Torrance section and the county will install the pipelines. However, the city will be responsible for the maintenance and supply of water needs.

The nullification of the lawsuits will make it possible for the county to sell \$600,000 worth of bonds voted in the Jan. 5 annexation election which annexed the area to County Water Works District 13.

Sale of the bonds is necessary to install adequate water service facilities.

The lawsuits were aimed at nullifying the Jan. 5 annexation election, and to condemn Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 2, which now serves the vicinity.

Under the agreed pact, the city will drop two lawsuits that have hindered the development of water facilities here and the county will allow the city to serve the southeast section's water needs.

Torrance property owners will be required to pay their share in the retirement of the bonds.

Although the City Council approved the agreement, as recommended by George Stevens, it remains to be approved by the County Board of Supervisors.

## 150,000 Population, 39,000 In School Seen Here in 1970

"Conservative" estimates indicate that Torrance's school enrollment should reach more than 39,000 within 10 years, according to a report to the Board of Education Tuesday night. Currently, some 25,000 students attend Torrance schools.

Prepared by the Department of Special Services and Research in consultation with experts, the report indicates that Torrance's total population probably will be about 150,000 in 1970, with about 28 per cent of the group in school. Today, about 25 per cent attend school.

THE REPORT indicates that most experts feel Torrance and Southern California will continue to grow as at present and that marriage and birth rates will remain about the same. These figures would hold true if available land zoned for

homes is actually used and if no rezoning occurs in areas zoned for industry.

If land is rezoned or if large-scale apartment developments occur, this figure might be low, the report indicated.

WITHIN FIVE years, in 1965-66, the school enrollment is expected to be about 26,200—including 27,300 elementary and 8,000 high school students. In 1970-71, the enrollment

would be 39,300—including 28,000 elementary and 11,300 high school students.

Today, about 20 per cent of the total school enrollment is in high schools, but in 10 years, about 29 per cent of the total will be on the secondary level.

Torrance's Planning Commission expects some 4,000 single family homes and 12,000 multiple-unit dwellings within the next 10 years, it was indicated.

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