

# Truck Tally: Six Wrecks in Two Million Miles

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# COUNCIL UPHOLDS ZONE CHANGE

## A Penny for your Thoughts

Learning that the summer reading program at the North Torrance Library was coming to a close, the Pennies Photographer visited the children last week and asked them "What part of the program have you most enjoyed and why?"

Their pictures and answers appear below:

Gwen Van Aken, 18202 Yukon St., 11:

"I like to read mystery stories and books, so I have very much enjoyed the chance to read and take my time to enjoy the stories. This is my first summer in the program and I like the whole program very much."

Barbara Arkie, 18011 Erminita Ave., 11:

"My favorite books are mysteries and adventure stories. I like the reading program because I can read my favorite stories and enjoy them. Sometimes I read other kinds of books, too."

Mike Ochenbach, 3634 180th St., 9:

"Books tell me things that I didn't know before. I especially like to read science books. Experiments and things like that hold my interest longer than just plain stories. This is my first year, and I have really enjoyed it."

Ricky Cobb, 17030 Erminita Ave., 9:

"I like the reading most of all, I think. Science books are my favorites, but I also read other kinds of books. The program helps us to get ahead of our classes, too. We have a record to show to our teachers when school begins."

Linda Cobb, 17030 Erminita Ave., 11:

"I agree with my brother that the reading is most fun, and it doesn't make too much difference what I read, although my favorites are books about horses and mysteries. Just belonging to the club is a lot of fun, too."

## Drivers Earn 61 Tickets

Dirt haulers using Hawthorne and Crenshaw Blvds. have traveled more than two and one-quarter million miles on city streets in recent months and have been involved in six accidents.

During the same period, drivers of the huge trucks received 61 police citations for various violations, according to a report handed to members of the council Tuesday night by Assistant Police Chief M. H. Porter.

PORTER'S REPORT, detailing all citations issued to Hesse Mace and Homen trucks since June 1, 1961, showed violations of signal controls was the most frequent cited with both haulers earning a total of 19 tickets for this offense.

Only five speeding tickets have been issued with Hesse-Mace holding a 4-1 edge over Homen, the report stated. Other citations included stop sign violations, impeding traffic, right of way violations, improper turns and passing, and various mechanical defects.

"TO DATE, Homen trucks have driven 1,116,510 miles on Crenshaw and have been involved in two accidents, one accident charged to the truck driver," Porter said.

"Hesse-Mace trucks have driven one and a quarter million miles on Hawthorne and have been involved in four accidents, three charged to truck drivers," he reported.

As an interesting sidelight, the report stated that a truck driver had to shift gears from 180 to 200 times in a 15-mile round trip from the loading site.

The report compiled from Police Dept. records, included the period from June 1 to Aug. 26.

### Weather

	High	Low
Sunday .....	88	57
Monday .....	100	62
Tuesday .....	95	56
Wednesday .....	90	58

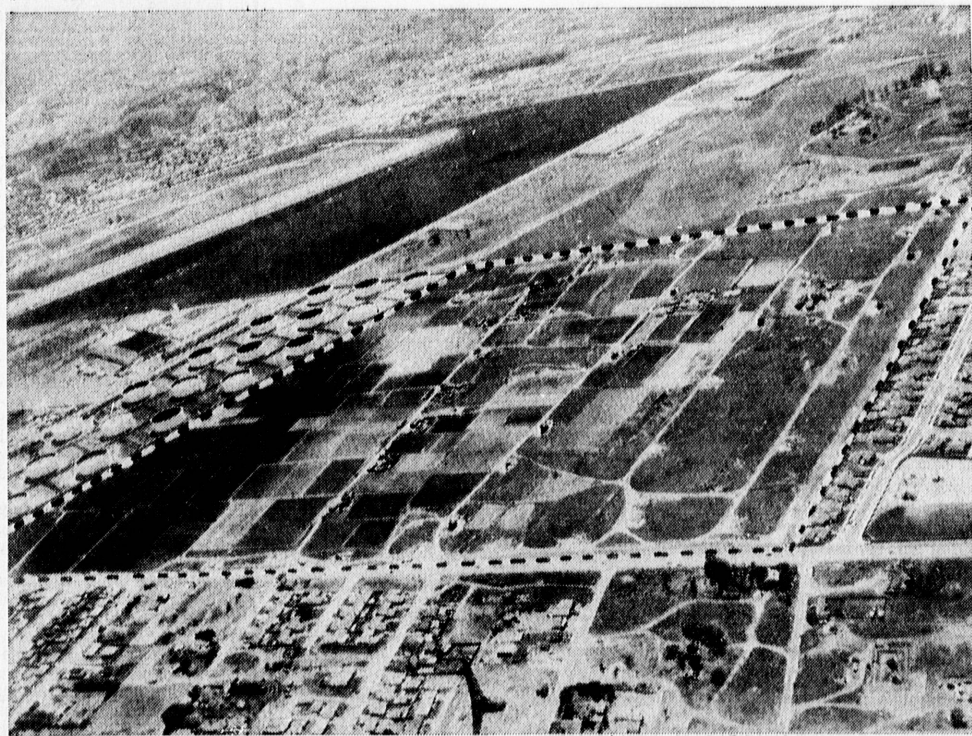
## Ten-Year-Old Featured In Local 'Pops' Concert

Ten-year-old Jimmy Howard will be featured Sunday, Sept. 17, during the Torrance Civic Symphony's sixth annual concert in the Torrance High School auditorium.

Jimmy, a fifth grader at Lincoln Elementary School, will play the Romanza from the D minor concerto. There will be no charge and no reserved seats to the concert although cost of the concert will be about \$1000.

Original songs by Torrance song-writers Edna Hinkel and Libby Quinn will complete the program. Vocalists will be Dorothy Lewis, Jeanie Dru, Scott Douglas and pianist Roy Youngman.

Music from Richard Rogers' latest musical will be played with other numbers such as the Emperor's Waltz by Strauss, the Comedians' Dance from Smetana's opera "The Bartered Bride," Von Weber's Overture to Eurenthe and the Funeral March of a Marionette by Gounod which Alfred Hitchcock uses as his theme song.



CLEARED FOR HOMES . . . Rezoning of the Marble property (outlined above) to permit construction of about 600 new homes has cleared the last major hurdle with approval of an ordinance ordering a change of zone from manufac-

turing to residential. Councilmen voted 4-2 Tuesday night to approve the ordinance. Opponents have talked of seeking a referendum on the case, which would put it on next April's municipal ballot.

## Renovation of Torrance High Administration Building Ordered

After a lengthy debate that sometimes wandered far afield, the Board of Education Tuesday approved plans for the rehabilitation of the present Torrance High administration building and construction of a new service unit.

The total cost of the project is estimated at about \$400,000, and will provide six new classrooms in the present administration building. The new unit will serve the administration and special services staff of the high school.

Bids previously received on the project were rejected last February and the architect was ordered to modify the plans. The present main entrance to Torrance High will

be retained in the new plans, but will not serve as an entrance to the building. Board members retained the entrance because of its position at the end of the El Prado mall.

AT ONE POINT in the debate, the board was so far off the subject that state aid had been attacked from the audience. Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, replied in response to challenges issued by one spectator, "We have six million dollars worth of elementary schools we would not have if it hadn't been for state aid, and I think you should be in the business of commending the State of Cal-

ifornia for the job they've done in housing these kids."

Work on the new Torrance High classrooms, a project entirely independent of the expansion of the high school voted last week, will be completed during the summer vacation period next year. It will bring the Torrance High capacity to 1500 from its present 1200.

IN OTHER ACTIONS, the board moved rapidly through a long agenda. The Board:

• Discussed the changing of high school names. Bert Lynn called the matter to the Board's attention to the high school names, saying, "Much can be gained, nothing can be lost by changing the names." He suggested student body votes be taken on the matter. The board tabled further action.

• Approved bids for \$27,390.17 for various district supplies and maintenance requirements.

• Approved revisions in the teacher's handbook changing

elementary grading methods from progress reports to letter grades.

• Postponed for one week commissioning of an architect for the new Torrance Elementary School.

• Heard a request from a Mrs. Robinson for bus transportation to North High School from Erminita St. in the Carr attendance zone. The Board referred her problem to assistant superintendent S. E. Waldrup for study, but denied buses.

### Chief Returns; Sends Thanks

Torrance Chief of Police Percy Bennett was back on the job this week following indisposition that sent him to Torrance Memorial hospital for a checkup.

Chief Bennett is telling friends and associates he's glad no serious condition was discovered and expressing gratitude to the many who sent him greetings during his illness.

## Doak Quits; to Auction Stocks

Disposal of stock and equipment of Doak Aircraft Co. at 22309 S. Western Ave. has been scheduled for next Thursday, it was announced here yesterday.

The firm, which has discontinued operations after more than two decades of aircraft manufacturing here, will put its huge inventory of machines and equipment under the auctioneer's hammer beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 14.

THE FIRM was the creation of Edward R. Doak, who resigned as vice president and general manager of the El Segundo division of Douglas Aircraft and began the manufacture of first molded plywood military training plane. He had foreseen the metal shortage which was to plague manufacturers during World War

II, and had designed the wood plane as a substitute.

Following World War II, the company switched to the manufacture of furniture. With the revival of military demands prior to the Korean War, the Doak firm switched back to aircraft parts manufacturing, and for several years remained one of the principal suppliers of precision parts to the Southern aircraft industry.

IN RECENT years, Doak has personally guided the design and production of the Doak 16—a vertical take-off and landing craft with mid-air transition to horizontal high speed flight. Among items to be auctioned on a piece-meal basis next week are machine shop tools, forklifts, cranes, tool cribs, precision equipment, car, trucks, and office equipment.

## Voters Could Decide Issue On Petition

Efforts to refer the decision on rezoning the 150-acre Marble property in south Torrance to next April's municipal election failed Tuesday night as the council voted four to two to approve an ordinance ordering the zone change. Final adoption of the ordinance is scheduled for next Tuesday.

Mayor Albert Isen's move to have the matter put on next spring's ballot was a defeat, with only George Vico backing up the suggestion.

"In the intervening month or five weeks since we last considered this, a strong public opinion has risen against this," Isen said.

ISEN HAD indicated earlier that he would lend his assistance to any group seeking to circulate a referendum petition on the rezoning, forcing it onto the April ballot.

The ballot suggestion was opposed by Don Wilson, who petitioned for the rezoning to permit construction of about 600 homes on the property.

"The council shouldn't go to the voters with every controversial matter which comes before it," Wilson said.

WILSON TOLD opponents of the rezoning that the property could not be utilized for industry.

"It is inconceivable that they (industry) will come to Torrance and pay \$25,000 to \$30,000 an acre for property when the price in Dominguez Hills is \$20,000," he said.

Among those speaking against the petition were George Heaton, Rome Cable Co. executive; Elizabeth Weber, a south Torrance housewife; and R. I. Plomert Jr., who was representing the Socony-Mobil Corp. and the Torrance Industries Tax Committee.

ALL OPPOSED the rezoning on the grounds that further home development on industrial property would place additional burdens on the taxpayers to support costs of the schools needed to serve the area.

Supporting the rezoning were Councilmen J. A. Baasley, Willys Blount, George Bradford, and Nick Dralle. Councilman Victor Benstead, who has opposed the petition at previous meetings, was absent Tuesday.

IN OTHER action, the council:

• Turned down a proposal to raise city fees for processing variances, use permits, and zone changes.

• Approved change of zone from A-1 to C-2 for property on Ocean Ave west of Watteria Park.

• Approved a variance to permit construction of commercial building at Hawthorne and Lomita Blvds. requested by Ted Koletos.

• Denied request for variance to construct a 30-unit apartment between Mesa and Newton St. in Watteria.

• APPROVED claim of Harold F. La Mour for refund of costs incurred when tree roots stopped up sewer outlet from his home at 2066 W. 236th St.

• Referred proposal of Torrance Sand and Gravel Co. to excavate Entradero Sump to Parks and Recreation Commission for study.

• Awarded contract to Del Mar Contractors, Inc., for construction of Del Amo Blvd. from Anza Ave. to Henrietta St. on a bid of \$70,320.70.



KIT CLARDY  
Ex-Congressman Dies

## Kit Clardy Dies After Operation

Kit Clardy, former Red-probing congressman from Michigan, died Tuesday following heart surgery at the South Bay Hospital. Clardy was 67.

He had retired and moved to Palos Verdes Estates. He and his wife resided at 1633 Via Arriba.

ELECTED to the House of Representatives in 1953, he had served on the House Un-American Activities Committee and also served as committee counsel following his term as a representative. He was a Republican.

Clardy was a member of the Masons, Shrine and Kiwanis Clubs. He graduated from the University of Michigan Law School and became assistant attorney-general in Michigan. Clardy was also a member of the Michigan Public Utilities Commission.

FUNERAL services will be held today at 12:30 p.m. at the Wee Kirk O' the Heather Chapel in Forest Lawn, Glendale.

## Police Clear Latest Karen Case Suspect

Following a lie detector test Monday, the latest suspect in the disappearance of Karen Tompkins was cleared. The test showed he had no knowledge of the girl's disappearance.

He is being held for sheriff's deputies on a nonsupport charge.

Police have questioned hundreds of men in the area in connection with Karen's mysterious disappearance, but no clues or leads have been turned up.

Eleven-year-old Karen has been missing from her home since Aug. 18. She vanished while making her way from the Halldale Ave. School home.