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DOPE CHARGE JAILS AREA MAN

A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you think of the idea of dividing California into two separate states?" the Pennies photographer asked.

Jess Grimmer, Lawndale:

"I wouldn't see any sense in it, except maybe we'd get better representation. We would still have the same situations that we have now."



Maurice Mennie, 136 W. Jay St.:

"I don't like the way it is now but I do not think we'd ever be able to get the state divided no matter how hard you try. We will still have the same problems."

Mrs. Steve Lockman, 1839 262nd St.:

"I do not think it's a good idea. It would be good from the standpoint of more representation but I wouldn't care to see the state divided."



Mrs. Harold Hogue, Redondo Beach:

"I think we are always getting too divided these days. There is no point in dividing the state. If we're going to survive we should remain united."

Richard Schultz, Lawndale:

"Let's put it this way, California has been doing all right for some time now and I don't see any reason why it can't continue to do so."



Torrance High Construction Starts Monday

Groundbreaking ceremonies starting the construction of the administration building at Torrance High School are scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday. The awarding of the contract to build a new administration building at Torrance High School and the turning of the first shovel of dirt starting the construction is a long-awaited event at Torrance High School, Principal Carl R. Ahee said.

The construction of the administration building is the first step in carrying out a master plan to double the capacity of Torrance High School through improvements to be made on long range plans.

Torrance Cars Crash, Woman Passenger Dies

Gerald Davis, 25, of Inglewood, passenger in a car driven by Garvie Gomboa Jr., 25, also of Inglewood, suffered major injuries Wednesday night when the vehicle turned over on Hawthorne Avenue south of Del Amo Boulevard. Fog limited visibility and Gomboa's vehicle collided with a street barricade.

Schmidt To Head Realtors

Installation of new officers by the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors has been scheduled for next Saturday evening. It was announced here yesterday by President Delbert Vaughn. Realtor Jack Schmidt will be installed to succeed Vaughn. Other new officers include George Hanback, vice president; Fred Hansen, secretary; and Alvin Grancell, treasurer. Directors for the coming year will be Hallie Crow, Henry (Hank) Mahler, R. D. (Bill) McEwen, Delmar Wright, Don Borden, Geneva Meara, Ken Miller, Bob Trujillo, and Vaughn.

The past year has been a big one for the local board, and was climaxed Wednesday evening with the preview showing of the new facilities at the board headquarters, 22833 Arlington Ave.

Under the direction of building committee chairman Ken Peters, a 6,000-square-foot addition which can seat 685 persons has been added to the office. The main hall has 4800 square feet, and the balance includes a kitchen, restrooms, a foyer, and a library.

In addition, parking facilities cover more than 22,000 square feet.

Working with Peters on the building committee were Lee Dawson, Hallie Crow, Bob Clayton, Charles Kastner, Geneva Meara, Le Roy Woodruff, Earl Condey, and Henry Mahler.

Members of the women's division of the board served sandwiches, coffee, cake, punch, and hors d'oeuvres as civic officials, realty leaders, and friends of the Torrance-Lomita Board inspected the new building Wednesday night.

In other accidents, Helen Lois Mercer, 44, of 4218 Paseo De Las Tortugas, went to a private physician after her small foreign model car was involved in a collision Friday with a sedan driven by Roy John Brenton of Lynwood.

A COLLISION of two cars, both driven by Torrance residents, resulted in the death of a passenger Thursday.

The accident occurred at 129th Street and Shoop Avenue in the Hawthorne area. Killed was Betty Myers, 50, of Lawndale, passenger in a car driven by Frank F. Deshler Jr., 56, of 18437 Amie St., Torrance. Driver of the other vehicle was Mrs. Melinda A. Morgan, 18, of 1605 W. 208th St., Torrance.

Deshler's car was hit broadside by Mrs. Morgan's, according to the California Highway Patrol.

BEVERLY WINNIFRED Williams, 24, of 237 W. Irena, Redondo Beach, suffered injuries to her mouth and leg after her car was involved in a collision with one driven by Laura Cecilia Simpson, 42, of 215 S. Lucia Ave., Redondo Beach. The accident happened about 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in a private parking lot at 190th Street and Anza Avenue.

FOUR TEENAGERS were treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital Thursday after a one-car accident at Flower Avenue and Monterey Street. The vehicle was southbound on Flower Avenue and apparently continued on where Flower deadends at Monterey Street, police said.

Injured was the driver, Michael James Asquith, 17, of 215 N. Lucia, Redondo Beach; passengers, William Wilson, 19, of 1312 Cordary Ave.; Thomas Kane, 18, of 821 Cranbrook Ave., and Dan Lbnahan, 18, of 22420 Susana Ave.



SOMETHING DIFFERENT . . . Mrs. Helen Smith of 2504 Cabrillo Ave. decorates her "Christmas tree," a reconditioned 40-year-old baby buggy on a revolving pedestal. Mrs. Smith has a different Christmas tree each year and is now commemorating her grandchildren, Tara and Tawny Stever, six month old identical twins from Manhattan Beach. Last year Mrs. Smith had a Christmas tree decorated with antlers. "It's just a hobby with me. I didn't want something everybody else had," she says. (Herald Photo)

State Legion Chief Here This Week for Meetings

Legionnaires from more than 50 neighboring communities up and down the coast, including Catalina Island, will gather at the clubhouse of Torrance Post, 1109 Border Ave., Wednesday night for the regular meeting of the 19th District.

Attending the meeting as special guests will be Department Commander Roscoe T.

Morse and Albert Weinberg, past president of the American Legion Press Assn. Weinberg will be present for the purpose of making a presentation to one of the local Legionnaires.

PRESIDING over the meeting will be District Commander Nathan Sommer of Montebello. The meeting will be preceded by a big banquet starting at 6:30 p.m. Reservations for the banquet can be made by calling Louis Deininger at FA 8-7685. Tickets are \$1.50 and must be secured in advance.

Commander Earle Sumpter of Torrance Post extends an invitation to all veterans living in the South Bay area to attend the meeting and avail themselves of the opportunity to become acquainted with the works and program of the American Legion.

FIRST VICE Commander Nathan M. Mathis, in charge of membership, announces that the Post now heads the district in membership and is one of the leading posts in the state in that respect.

Members attending the district meeting are urged by the commander to bring in canned goods and other articles for the Christmas baskets. The committee also solicits cash donations.

Torrance Post clubhouse is located at 1109 Border Ave. in downtown Torrance. All veterans are welcome, Sumpter stressed.



ROScoe T. MORSE
Heads California Legion

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Crashes Car Into Another Before Arrest

A 25-year-old Lomita man was jailed in Redondo Beach Friday on suspicion of driving under the influence of a drug. Police in the beach city arrested Donald A. Phillips of 24814 Woodward Ave. at the scene of an accident.

Redondo investigators said Phillips' auto crashed into one owned by William P. Stout of 210 N. Prospect Ave., Redondo. The Stout auto was parked on the street at the time of the accident.

The Lomita man was booked on suspicion of violating a section of the state's Health and Safety Code which makes it illegal to drive while under the influence of a narcotic. Phillips reportedly told officers he had fallen asleep.

Council To Review Zone Case

Councilmen will take a third look at two proposals for apartment development in the area of 230th Street and Madison Street when it meets at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Two weeks ago, Councilmen approved both cases, one for a variance and the second for a change of zone; but withdrew that approval last Tuesday at the request of Councilman Willys G. Blount, who was absent two weeks ago.

ANOTHER councilman, George Bradford, was absent last Tuesday, so the matter was put over until this week.

Residents of the adjoining area have entered protests to the land use changes, stating that the heavy traffic such a development would generate would use the residential area for access to the larger nearby boulevards.

PETITIONS bearing 162 signatures were presented to councilmen last Tuesday, and more than two dozen persons attended the meeting to press their objections.

Reconsideration of the requests is scheduled before a full council Tuesday.

Other matters on Tuesday's agenda includes a request for variance to construct a 45-unit apartment at 3411 Artesia Blvd.; award of contract to relocate Carson Street in front of Torrance High School; recommendations for action in meeting drainage problems in Victor Precinct; and recommendations from the city traffic and lighting engineer.

AGREEMENTS between the city and the county for transfer of land on the civic center for construction of the new Superior Court complex have been drawn up and will be presented to the councilmen for approval.

Ordinances to be submitted included those for establishment of the positions of personnel director and senior airport attendant in the city, increasing the salary range for planning director, and one relating to delegation of authority in the event a top-level city position is vacant.

IN ADDITION to these, councilmen will be asked to study an ordinance proposal which would set up a \$1500 fund to be used by police officers in obtaining evidence in narcotics and similar cases. Not more than \$100 would be available to the police chief at any one time and all funds would have to be accounted for to the director of finance although their use would be confidential, according to the proposal.



SINGS TODAY . . . Joan George of Torrance will be one of four featured soloists today as the Long Beach Symphony and choral groups present Handel's "Messiah" in the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium beginning at 2 p.m. Admission to the program is free.

Traditional Christmas Program Set

Torrance High School's traditional Christmas program, featuring the talents of students in the music, drama, art, and speech departments of Torrance High School, will be presented to patrons of the school on Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the auditorium.

The program, presented under the direction of Miss Bonnie Hall and Mrs. Kay Loftus, features the Tartar choir and the Girls' Glee Club.

Highlights of the program include the traditional Christmas songs in the spirit of Christmas, past and present. A narrative script provides continuity for the program.

"The Christmas songs, the narrative and tableaux continue the tradition of fine musical program at Christmas," Dr. Carl R. Ahee, principal, stated. "We hope our public will attend and support this program," Dr. Ahee said.

Object Hits Auto Window

Jane Isabelle Smith of 2725 Monterey Ave., reported to police Friday that an object struck a window of her car while she was driving westbound on Carson Street between Fern and Greenwood avenues.