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A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you think of the latest Soviet accomplishment in space?"

Mrs. James Sanderson, Rolling Hills Estates: "I think it is a tremendous feat myself. It really is a marvelous accomplishment. It does show that Russia is quite far ahead of us in the race for space, and I hope we can catch up in the very near future."



Phillip Wizer, 17013 Atkinson Ave.:

"I think it's a wonderful accomplishment, if it is really true. I don't know if it is true. They didn't let us see it on television like we did our astronauts. I'd have to see it to believe it."

Isabell Parker, 22221 Reynolds Dr.:

"I think it is real good. Just because some people don't like the Russians is no reason to disagree with everything they do, or to doubt everything they claim. I do think it is a very great feat."

Mrs. Paul Schneider, 2062 238th St.:

"Scientifically, I think it is a wonderful thing. I wish it had been the United States, though. I don't think we are too far behind the Soviets in space, and I'm sure we'll do the same thing soon."

Bud Fuller, Palos Verdes Estates:

"I think the two men in orbit show evidence of real progress in this area. I'm not at all skeptical about the truth of it, and I don't think we are quite as far behind as the publicity would seem to indicate."

PUNJABS
by gumparty

YOU CUT A FINE FIGURE

Dedication On Friday To Continue

Dedication ceremonies for a 4.6-mile section of the San Diego Freeway cutting across Torrance will be held tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. The ceremonies will be held at Hawthorne Boulevard and 164th Street.

Dedication festivities are being arranged by the Inter-City Highway Committee, representing 11 southwest communities. Gov. Edmund G. Brown will attend, and will speak briefly during the ceremonies.

Brown will arrive at the Torrance Airport tomorrow at 10 a.m. and motor to the dedication site.

ALSO PARTICIPATING will

Zirbes to Enter Plea Tomorrow

Emil J. Zirbes, 53, of 5518 Calle de Ricardo, Torrance, will enter a plea to murder charges tomorrow when he appears in Inglewood Superior Court.

Zirbes was ordered to remain in Los Angeles County Jail pending his court hearing in lieu of \$15,750 bail. The father of three, Zirbes was arrested at his home on July 13, following the death of his wife, Margaret, 48.

Mrs. Zirbes was shot six times with a .32 caliber automatic pistol.

be the mayors of the area. Mayor Albert Isen of Torrance and his colleagues from other cities through which the freeway passes will attend. Chamber of Commerce officials from the area will also be on hand.

Master of ceremonies for the affair will be Torrance councilman J. A. Beasley, chairman of the Inter-City Committee.

The officials will lead a parade over the 4.6-mile section following the dedication. The freeway will be opened to traffic about Sept. 1, following clean-up work and completion of the center fencing.

A LUNCHEON will be held at noon at the Jump 'n Jack in Waltheria. Nicholas O. Dralle will be master of ceremonies at the luncheon.

The freeway section was built under two contracts. The Griffith Co. did the work on the 3.5 miles from 190th Street to 174th Street at a cost of \$7,078,000. The remaining 1.1-mile section was built by Fredrickson and Watson Construction Co., and cost \$3,312,500.

WORK IS NOW in progress on the section from Hawthorne Boulevard to Jefferson Boulevard, a distance of 8.3 miles. It will connect at Jefferson with a section already completed as far as Sunset Boulevard.

Projects now under way will be finished during 1963, and will provide a freeway route from Long Beach to the San Fernando Valley.



INFORMAL CONFERENCE . . . Torrance City Manager Wade Peebles (left) and Assistant City Manager Orin Johnson discuss the problems Edward Ferraro (center) will run into as he joins the city's administration. A past city administrator in Lawndale, Ferraro will hold down an assistant city manager position. (Herald Photo)

New Assistant City Administrator on Job

Long-time city administrator Edward Ferraro has reported for work in Torrance as an assistant city manager.

Torrance lured Ferraro away from Lawndale where he had served as the city administrator since its incorporation in December, 1959.

Prior to his Lawndale job, Ferraro served five years in the Chief Administrative Office in Los Angeles County. He has also worked in the Department of County Engineering as a senior administrative assistant, and has been a staff assistant in the County-City Assembly Committee.

Ferraro holds a bachelor of arts degree from UCLA in political science and a masters degree from the same institution in public administration.

During his service in the Army, the new city official worked for the Counter-Intelligence Corp.

Currently looking for a house in Torrance with Ferraro is his wife, Dolores, and two sons, Vincent, 4, and Michael, 3.

County Aid Pledged for Financing

An allocation of \$16,000 in county funds for the construction of a pedestrian overcrossing on Crenshaw Boulevard at 187th Street was announced here Tuesday evening, thus assuring financing of the project with city, county, and school district funds.

City Manager Wade Peebles announced the county approval at Tuesday's meeting of the City Council, saying Supervisor Kenneth Hahn had agreed to the county participation a few hours before the meeting. City officials had been skeptical of the chances of getting county aid.

Allocations of like amounts from the city and the school district — approved in principle earlier — should complete financing of the project, Peebles indicated. State officials had earlier turned down a request that they participate with state funds.

PARENTS OF students attending Crenshaw Elementary School on the east side of Crenshaw Boulevard at 186th Street had requested school officials to seek approval of the overcrossing because of the hazards presented to the several hundreds of children crossing Crenshaw Boulevard each school day. Opening of the San Diego Freeway nearby with off-ramps spilling cars onto Crenshaw Boulevard adjacent to the school would add to the hazards, parents claimed.

School officials approved participation in the project in July and received like assurance from the City County the following week.

CITY MANAGER Peebles was instructed to prepare a joint agreement for the project and to draw up a maintenance pact with the school district to care for the overcrossing when it is completed.

In other action at Tuesday's council meeting, Councilmen gave informal approval to a plan to extend Van Ness Avenue through the city following Arlington Avenue, Border Avenue, Cabrillo Avenue, and Eschelman Avenue into Lomita.

The plan has been discussed on several occasions in recent years, and has been offered again by Councilman Nicholas Dralle as a means of aiding traffic flow into the downtown area of the city.

"VERY FEW changes would have to be made," Dralle said. He said only a few business houses would be effected by an address change and that the benefits would more than offset the inconveniences. Only Councilman George Vico appeared to oppose the suggestion that the council set the change in motion to become effective sometime next year.

"How's it going to benefit (Continued on Page 4)

City Manager's Office Coordinates CD Plans

(Editor's note: This is the second of three articles which THE HERALD will publish on the state of civil defense plans in the City of Torrance. Today's article discusses the plans which the city has formulated to meet possible disaster. Information for the report has been taken largely from the "Progress Report on Civil Defense" prepared by Orin P. Johnson, administrative assistant to City Manager Wade Peebles, and presented to the City Council recently.)

By JERRY REYNOLDS
Herald Staff Writer

More than 112,000 people now live in the City of Torrance, and in the event of a major disaster, civil defense operations could prevent many of those people from losing their lives.

Care of the sick and injured, repair of major damage in the city, and continued operation of the city government are all provided for in plans worked out by a staff of civil defense volunteers and officials under the direction of Wade Peebles, city manager and director of civil defense for Torrance.

Organization of civil defense in Torrance is carried on by Peebles in cooperation with Area G. But specialized plans for this city have also been prepared.

IN THE EVENT of a disaster — whether it is an enemy attack or a major natural disaster — the network of civil defense volunteers and officials would swing into action under Peebles. Current plans

place the responsibility for operation of the plan on the city manager.

Under the direction of Peebles, all city departments and elected officials have been assigned areas of responsibility. These officials would assume control of the city government until the emergency has ended.

Since the current plan is very detailed, let's assume that a disaster of major proportions has affected the city and follow the operation of the plan.

MEMBERS of the City Council would act as an advisory group to the director. Vacancies occurring on the Council would be filled by the remaining councilmen, or by a general election. The city manager would direct the governmental operation during the interim, but would have no legislative power.

Executive advisors — the council and mayor — would take any action needed to support the director. Appropriations and emergency ordinances are examples of the type of action. Full civic authority would remain in the council's hands.

The operations advisors, headed by assistant Chief of Police M. H. Porter, would direct the operation of all city departments in meeting the emergency. Departments would (Continued on Page 4)

Thalidomide Baby Due For Extensive Surgery

Seven-week-old William J. Webb Jr., was readmitted to the hospital in which he was born yesterday morning for extensive surgery to correct deformities caused by the drug thalidomide.

The infant is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Webb of Gardena. He was born with a partial radius bone in one arm and none at all in the other

after his mother took thalidomide during the early stages of her pregnancy.

The Webbs arrived at Harbor General Hospital shortly after 8 a.m. yesterday to make arrangements. Extensive tests and examinations are planned for next week, and surgeons will then attempt a bone graft operation.

SURGERY is tentatively slated for Aug. 23. During the operation, doctors will attach the boy's arm to the small bones in his legs in an effort to get the live bone of the leg growing in his arms.

If successful, the operation will enable the tot to live a normal life and use his arms. The infant was also born without thumbs, but no surgery is planned to correct that condition.

MRS. WEBB, a native German, took the drug in Germany in the early stages of her pregnancy. It was then available in Europe without a prescription.

The Webbs say they knew the possibility of the baby being deformed, but did not consider an abortion.

Cost of the operation is expected to be about \$3,000. Webb, a plastics employe, says no arrangements have been made yet for paying the bill.

yet named the surgeon who will perform the operation, but the Webbs evidently know him. Mrs. Webb said he is a "great surgeon, and a great man."

The mother said she wanted "her baby to come to Harbor General Hospital," and wanted the doctors there to perform the surgery. "I am very confident the baby will get the best of treatment."

Guilty Plea Entered by Steelworker

Once a suspect in two recent Torrance kidnapping cases, steelworker Robert Combs, 40, of 21115 S. Denker Ave., pleaded guilty to two counts of child molesting Tuesday in San Pedro Municipal Court.

Arrested July 20, and booked for suspicion in the kidnappings of Dorothy Gale Brown, 11, and the disappearance of Karen Lynn Tompkins, also 11, Combs was cleared on both cases but admitted molesting two other girls, ages 11 and 12, police said.

Held in lieu of \$26,250 bail, Combs will appear before Superior Court Judge Maurine C. Sparling Sept. 4 for determination of whether he is a sexual psychopath and for sentencing.

Three Get Citations From City

Three veteran city employees received permanent resolutions of congratulations from the City Council Tuesday night for services above the normal duties of their offices.

Marjorie Moss, deputy city clerk, was congratulated for her work in the city clerk's office in recent years, particularly her performance during the extended absence of former City Clerk A. H. Bartlett who has been ill during recent years.

John M. Simmons, who retired from city service recently, was handed his resolution in plaque form by Mayor Albert Isen who commented on Simmons' "lots of years of faithful service."

Officer A. L. Jackson of the Torrance Police Department was commended for his off-duty work with juvenile organizations, particularly police sponsored car clubs of the area. A number of car clubbers attended to witness the presentation to Officer Jackson.

City Crews Late

Rubbish pickup in the city for the week beginning Sept. 3 will be one day later than usual because of the Labor Day holiday.

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