

Gambling Foes Prepare For Test Of Marble Game Ban

Attack On Law Is Threatened

Foes of gambling in Torrance are alert to the threat of Attorney Bill MacFaden, of Redondo Beach, that his clients may challenge the legality of the City Ordinance by which marble games have been banned from operation in Torrance.

Pre-Cast Schools Cost Told

The use of pre-cast concrete construction will definitely be a great saving in the building of classrooms the Torrance Board of Education was told at its meeting Tuesday night by Fred Barlenbrock, Los Angeles architect.

Slides were shown to the Board on pre-cast construction. Barlenbrock explained that it is considerably cheaper than poured concrete for classroom construction and better insurance of delivery can be guaranteed than for poured concrete construction. It was pointed out that at a pre-cast construction type school near completion in Owens Valley, the cost, which, because of location is 20 per cent higher than that would be at Torrance, was, on the average \$11 per square foot. For a 2304 square foot classroom building there, the cost per square foot was \$12.37. Cost in Torrance would be about \$8.80 per square foot compared with present costs of from \$9.85 upwards.

At another project using the pre-cast construction, the cost for a 1,667 square foot gymnasium, including folding bleachers, stage lighting, dressing rooms, and acoustical arrangements, the cost per square foot was \$11.

Fordice Awaits Council's Okeh For Expenses

The "Ayes" and "Nays" checked each other at the Sept. 12 Torrance City Council meeting when City Treasurer Fordice, who is crippled, asked for reimbursement of \$25.00 for her August expenses — car, telephone, etc.

With Councilmen Nick Drale and George Powell with the affirmative vote and Councilman Willys Blount and Mayor Bob Haggard with the negative vote, the matter was referred to the Finance Committee until such time as a full Council be in session.

The ordinance goes into effect October 1. MacFaden, who told the City Council two weeks ago that he might test the ordinance, would not reveal the names of his clients, nor would he make any statements regarding his threat when interviewed by the Press. His statement was referred to City Attorney C. D. Smith, who is ill and unavailable for a statement.

Those who, with the aid of the Press, championed the anti-gambling movement which resulted in the ban of the marble games, state that they will fight the matter in the courts if necessary.

Test Welcome They said that they expect the police to enforce the ordinance, and if any operator or cafe owner wishes to stand arrest to make a "test" of the law, the gamblers will lose in the end because they will press for enactment of a new ordinance should the legal flaws be found in the present one.

The Torrance anti-marble game ordinance is supposed to be patterned after similar ordinances in effect for years in Long Beach, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County (unincorporated) areas and elsewhere throughout California.

"The marble games are going and they are going to stay out," said a representative of the church group which fostered the ban with parent-teacher representatives.

City Workers Dues Checkoff Is Reinstated

Request for resumption of check-off of dues of the city workers was granted at the Torrance City Council meeting Tuesday night, as the local City Employees Union Local 360 had severed relations with the United Public Workers of America, and had joined with a bonafide local of the C.I.O.

The dues check-off had been ordered stopped by the Council a few weeks ago on the ground that the UPWA is an organization dominated by those with subversive ideals.

The local union immediately divorced itself from the UPWA and became a local of the C.I.O., with the United Steelworkers of America, Local 1414, Torrance, assisting them.

CONGRESS SEAT DRAWS INTEREST

Revision of Congressional district boundaries still is at least two years away, but based upon the premise that the Harbor Area will be entitled to a separate district, with little or no area within the City of Los Angeles proper, potential candidates for the House of Representatives already are being mentioned.

Based upon the 1950 official United States Census, the State Legislature is the body to adjust district lines of Congressional and Assembly districts. Representative Cecil R. King, who has been this area's (17th Congressional district) Congressman for many terms, lives in the Los Angeles end of his district, and should the new Harbor Area district be formed to exclude territory north of 100th street or thereabouts, King would be excluded from this district.

There is little doubt that the Legislature will get right down to business in the matter of redistricting California, because many of the legislatures themselves have their eyes on the new Congressional seats to be created.

THOMAS NAMED Among them, we are told, is Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, a Democrat, able representative in Sacramento of the 60th assembly district for many years. It is conceded that Thomas would have little difficulty in making Congress his goal should King be removed from competition.

Justice of the Peace John A. Shidler is another Democrat whose name already has been mentioned among local political

Army Lists Breakdown In Personnel

Following military classifications were announced this week by J. G. Caldwell, chairman of the local draft board:

CLASS I-A—Available for military service.

CLASS I-A-O—Conscientious Objector Available for Non-Combatant Service Only.

CLASS I-C—Member of the Armed Forces of the United States, the Coast Guard, the Coast and Geodetic Survey or the Pacific Health Service, and certain registrants separated therefrom.

CLASS I-D—Member of reserve component or student taking military training.

CLASS II CLASS II-A—Deferred because of civilian employment (except agriculture).

CLASS II-C—Deferred because of employment in agriculture. (Continued on Page 12)

An Editorial

PARKING 1000 AUTOMOBILES

Much is said about the automobile parking problem in Torrance, but little done, principally because of the monumental problem it presents.

The Press is squarely behind any move that is made to improve parking conditions and to provide more facilities, even to the construction of an airport of three or four stories to be paid for out of parking fees.

However, a survey by the Press reveals that there is parking space for 1000 automobiles within easy walking distance to all the stores in the central shopping area.

The system we suggest is in use elsewhere, very successfully, and it should be invoked in Torrance.

This is it: Cabrillo boulevard and Torrance boulevard are 80-foot streets from curb to curb.

Provide parallel parking at the curb for their entire distance from Cravens avenue to Madrid avenue.

Place a narrow, asphalt island in the middle (through the blocks only) and provide parallel parking along side the island, on both sides, right there in the middle of the street.

This not only will provide parking for 1000 cars, but it will serve to better regulate traffic at intersections. There will be plenty of room in the remaining lanes of the boulevards for traffic, even heavy traffic.

On Cabrillo boulevard and Torrance boulevard (in the area under discussion) there are spaces for only 282 cars to park. On Sartori (from Cabrillo to Torrance boulevard) and El Prado (from Torrance boulevard to Cravens) there is on-street parking for only 160 automobiles. This totals only 442 cars.

Utilize the centers of those wide boulevards with parallel parking, and you will have on-street parking for nearly 1200 automobiles.

Sections of Los Angeles are using the system, Hermosa Beach, Hawthorne, Inglewood and other cities use it.

Let's at least experiment with it in Torrance.

Water Bond Vote Surveys Started

The City of Torrance, water engineers and legal advisors will proceed in all haste to get the much needed Torrance water bond issue on the ballot, but it will be several months before this can be accomplished, according to City Manager George W. Stevens.

The City Council held a hearing on the matter Tuesday night, at which interested parties were invited to ask questions and criticize the issue.

James M. Montgomery, consulting engineer, has been retained to prepare the plans and technical details for the water expansion, while O'Melveny and Myers, attorneys of Los Angeles, are working out legal phases of the issue.

Montgomery, in a report issued in April, recommended a bond issue of \$1,444,900.

Subsequently, in an interview with the Press, William Stanger, manager of the Water department, said that the present system is capable of carrying for only 2000 more new homes in Torrance. Of these, more than 1,000 already are authorized by the building department.

BONDS NEEDED If Torrance is to continue to expand and grow, the water bond issue, which will pay for itself, must be voted by the people, he said.

The program proposed by Montgomery is as follows: 10,000,000 gallon concrete reservoir to be constructed in Palos Verdes Hills section of Torrance, east of Crenshaw boulevard, \$414,950.

24-inch main from reservoir to Del Amo boulevard (present water works), \$286,150.

Improvements along Crenshaw boulevard between 190th street and Del Amo boulevard, including purchase of the 20-inch feeder main in 190th Street and the 16-inch-feeder line in Crenshaw (Continued on Page 12)

Daylight Savings Time Stops Sept. 24

Pacific Standard time will be in effect Sunday, Sept. 24, at 2 a.m. Pacific Daylight time will no longer be in effect on that date.

Prop. 1 to Require New Tax

Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull Tuesday night asked that the Board of Education consider a special tax election for next year in event Proposition No. 1 on the November election ballot passes.

Hull said that according to information received from the County Assessor, \$13,705,200.00 worth of personal property will be eliminated from the tax roll in Torrance by passage of Proposition No. 1.

This would amount to nearly a quarter of a million dollars being sliced off of Torrance's school budget.

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OFF TO THE GAME TONIGHT!—Jaycee Bob Peckham (driving) Lion John Ott (center), and Lion Frank Selover are getting ready to go to the Tartar football game with "Booster Night" tomorrow night at the Torrance High school football field. The Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce and Lions are jointly sponsoring "Booster Night" to support the Tartar team throughout the season.—Press photo.

Bus Service Cut May Be Costly

Cancellation of the Harbor City, Harbor Hills, East Lomita bus line by the City of Torrance is bringing continued protests, and it was rumored that the deal may cost Torrance far more than the "expense" of running the buses to the now stranded area.

That the City of Los Angeles appreciated the service rendered its people through running the bus line into the Shoestring strip area southeast of Torrance was made known by officials of the metropolitan center.

They find themselves in no position to do anything about the transportation matter, because they have no municipal bus system and Los Angeles Transit Lines cannot extend to the area, it was said.

However, since Torrance does not feel that it wants to take care of the Los Angeles people involved, restrictions may be put on the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines which will prove costly.

NEW TERMINAL

One restriction may be, it was said, that an off-street terminal will have to be provided to replace the curb-service terminal at Tenth street and Hill street.

Other retaliatory means are being considered, it was rumored (Continued on Page 12)

Case Against Patrolman Dismissed

Case was dismissed as a disturbing of the peace charge was dropped against suspended Police Officer "Tex" Beal, former traffic officer, according to Police Chief Stroh.

Beal was accused of smashing a plate glass window, and using profane language, while off duty, at the Gold Star Cafe, 813 Border avenue. The affair is reported to have happened two weeks ago.

The complaint, now dropped, was signed by Mrs. Betty Wagner, wife of the restaurant owner.

Acting under the sections of the Police Officers Code, Police Chief John Stroh suspended Beal September 12, after which Beal resigned September 14.

Charges were dropped on Beal's resignation with the Torrance Police Department.

'Unloaded' Gun Kills Local Boy

KEYSTONE. Gilbert Johnston, 16, of 223 W. Carson street was shot to death 8:30 a.m. Tuesday morning as he was about to leave for his classes at Banning high school, it was reported.

The fatal shooting took place at the home of Joe Aldrich, 21, of 2125 S. Main street. Aldrich is being held for questioning, pending completion of the investigation.

The bullet came from an "unloaded" gun allegedly in the hands of Aldrich, according to L. C. E. Gregory of the Lennox sheriff's office. The shooting, believed to be accidental, occurred after the boys had left for school and then returned for gasoline money, relatives told L. Gregory.

He just happened to pick up the gun and push the bolt shut and it went off, was Aldrich's recounting of the episode.

Rushed to Harbor General Hospital, Gilbert was dead on arrival from a chest wound. Coroner's investigation is pending.

The victim's widowed mother, Mrs. Mary Johnston, was put to bed and a doctor summoned. The death of her youngest son marked the third time in three years tragedy has struck her family. The father, Jack Johnston, was killed in an automobile accident in Phoenix three years ago. The same year her youngest daughter, Anna Mae Johnston, died at the age of 14 years of heart trouble.

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Local Areas Effected by Rent Lift

LOMITA — Effected by the lifting of rent ceilings by Los Angeles county in its unincorporated areas are Lomita and part of Harbor City.

The Los Angeles board of supervisors voted four to one in favor of decontrol last week.

The action, taken after a two-hour hearing on the stormy issue, will not bring immediate results, however. Their resolution urging decontrol will be forwarded to Federal Housing Expediter Tigue Woods who must make the decision.

James H. Smith, president of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce, said that the property owners in that territory are very happy about the rent decontrol. "The majority of residences are home-ownership, but those affected are sure pleased about the decontrol," said Smith.

"Most of the people are buying their own homes, but those effected by the rent decontrol are tickled to death about it," said James Caldwell, president of the Harbor City Chamber of Commerce.

Temporary City Attorney Asked

The City Council Tuesday night authorized City Attorney George Stevens to appoint a temporary city attorney to handle the work of City Attorney C. Douglass Smith who has been absent for some time due to illness.

It was said that Smith's absence is causing a tie-up in legal affairs of the city.

4434 PUPILS ENROLLED IN SCHOOLS

As the school enrollment levels off, it is shown that 4,434 pupils have been registered as of last Friday, an increase of 115 since the beginning of the week, according to Warren Hamilton, of the Torrance Unified School District.

This figure is 859 more than that of last year the first day of school.

The enrollment increase of each school of the district as of last Friday's tallies over last year's figures is as follows: Fern Avenue School, '49-575, '50-642; Perry Elementary School, '49-496, '50-460; Seaside Elementary School, '49-359, '50-563; Torrance Elementary School, '49-982, '50-1034; Walteria Elementary School, '49-275, '50-410; North Torrance Elementary School, '50-450; Torrance High School, '49-701, '50-859.

CONTINUATION SCHOOL

Warren Hamilton, Child Welfare and Attendance Supervisor, announced that there are now five students enrolled in the Continuation School, but that he expects at least 10 or 12 to be registered for the semester.

The continuation class, under the supervision of Hamilton will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon each Saturday starting Sept. 23 in the High School Administration building.

Attendance is compulsory for all those high school students under eighteen years of age who have not graduated and are working full-time.

Those planning to attend continuation school can register at the Torrance Unified School District Administration office at 2355 Plaza Del Amo or at the Torrance High School, said Hamilton.

Council Ignores Civil Service, Makes Amends

A tie-vote occurred at the September 12 Torrance City Council meeting when Councilman Nick Drale moved to comply with the recommendation of the Civil Service Board concerning promotional examinations for Police Woman and Court Clerk.

The Council had previously approved the appointment of Police Woman and Court Clerk without the recommendation of the Civil Service Board and without the giving of the necessary promotional exams.

The matter was referred to the Personnel Officer, City Manager George Stevens for his recommendation, and to City Attorney Smith for an opinion, to be discussed at the next agenda meeting.

Torrance Man Wounded

Pfc. Alex C. Elliot, son of Mrs. Lona May Elliott, 123 E. 216th St., was reported wounded in action in Korea, by the Department of Defense.



DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU is the reminder pictured above, as members of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce re-enact a traffic accident in which death took its toll. Scene is part of the Jaycee September safety drive.—Press photo.

Jaycee-Lion Sponsored "Booster Night" Opens Football Season

"Get behind the Tartars" could well be the theme tomorrow night at the Torrance High School Stadium.

Proclaimed "Booster Night" by Mayor Bob Haggard, the Torrance Lions Club and Junior Chamber of Commerce are jointly sponsoring this official opening of the Tartar football season.

The Tartars will defend Torrance against Glendale Hoover High this first game of the season.

AVAILABLE TICKETS

Lions and Jaycees will be busy posting stickers on the windows of Torrance merchants where tickets for Tartar games are available.

The city fathers are expected

to attend "Booster Night" tomorrow, 8 p. m., at the football field.

All Torrance people are urged to come out and back up their home football team, as the Tartars are the only representatives of Torrance in the sports realm.

25 YEARS OF FOOTBALL

The Tartar team has been representing Torrance High School in the football field since 1924, covering 25 years of hard football playing.

Some of the outstanding seasons the Tartars have been through was in 1934, under Coach Donahue, when they scored a high of 98 points against their opponents 30, winning every game that season. Another Tartar high was in

1946, when they won six out of eight games with one game tied. The total score for the season was 97 points against their opponents 45.

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