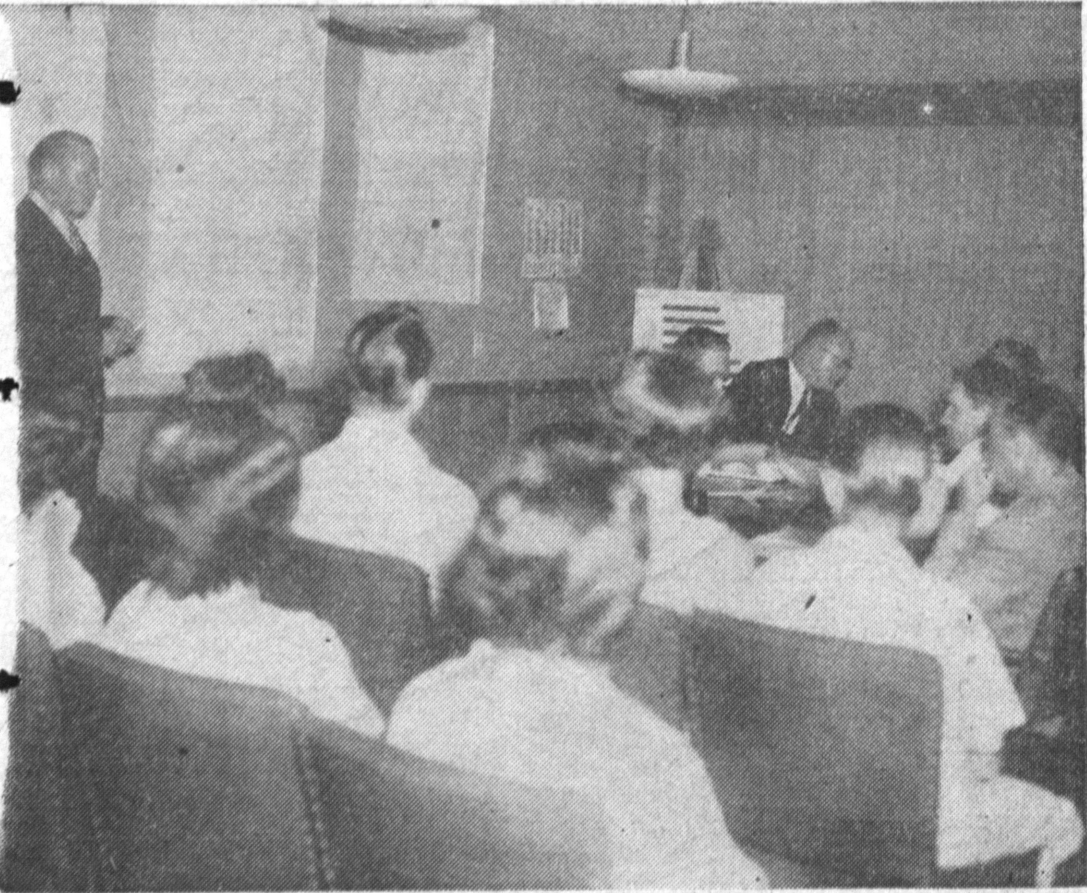


PARENTS PROTEST DOUBLE SESSIONS



DOUBLE SESSIONS... Parents appeared before the Board of Education Tuesday night protesting double sessions for the high school this

coming year. They asked that the building program be speeded up and that the school program be changed to quarter sessions.

A group of North Torrance parents registered strong protest before the Board of Education Tuesday night over high school double sessions and demanded that the building program for the North Torrance High School be accelerated.

Three developments emerged from this session:

1) Dr. J. H. Hull, in a statement to the Torrance Press the following day, declared that he would be willing to introduce quarter sessions "if the community wants them";

2) No additional funds were said to be available to put the contractor for the North Torrance high school on a "double

session" to speed up the building program;

3) Dr. Hull admitted that a mistake had been made and that the North Torrance high school could have been finished six months sooner.

The School Board chamber was filled to capacity by members of the North Torrance Voters, a civic improvement group composed of parents, homeowners, and North Torrance residents.

The North Torrance group's action was sparked by a series of editorials appearing in the Torrance Press recently recommending various steps to cope with double sessions.

Speed Up Program
Ed Williams, president of the

group, requested that the contractor for the North Torrance high school be put on a double shift in order to speed up the building program.

As it now stands, the school will not be ready till September of 1955. Williams maintained that the additional cost involved was more desirable than putting Torrance high school students on double sessions for this coming year, as has been planned.

While the Board assured Williams that it had the interest of local-school children at heart, it said that the money was simply not available to pay an additional rate for an accelerated building program.

Quarters Sessions
Williams also recommended

that Torrance schools be converted to a quarter system in order to help eliminate double sessions. This would mean the use of school buildings 12 months out of the year instead of the present nine months. There would be three semesters per year with students attending school two out of the three semesters.

The Superintendent of Schools explained that he was opposed to this primarily because he would be bucking public opinion. People, he said, are used to the present set-up and they don't care to change over to the quarter plan. One of the great disadvantages of the plan, he said, is that it would interfere with the summer vacation schedule which people

have come to accept. Other cities have tried it, he said, but went back to the old system.

In a statement to the Torrance Press the following day Dr. Hull indicated that he had an "open mind" on the matter and that he would be willing to institute quarter sessions if he knew that the community wanted them.

He said that public opinion and the habits of a community are so strong that he would not want to buck them unless assured of the community's backing on such a serious matter.

"Unfortunately" Mistake
Dr. Hull did apologize to the group for an "unfortunate" six-months' delay in the construction of the North Torrance

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The Need For Compulsory Anti-Rabies Vaccinations

(In order to air our civic needs, the Torrance Press is running a series of weekly editorials written by people of the community. Editorials may be submitted by anyone. All manuscripts become the property of the Torrance Press. We welcome ideas on any subject, controversial or otherwise. Editorials do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the publishers.)

By MRS. BETTY MAY HELMS, Guest Editor

I'm sure all of us are aware of the age old adage "A LITTLE KNOWLEDGE IS DANGEROUS," which, in my opinion, expresses fully the reason so many people of today are against compulsory anti-rabies vaccination for dogs.

Perhaps a series of articles, by well informed veterinarians on this subject would do a great deal to educate us.

We read in nearly all the local newspapers of the great havoc innocent people and children suffer, when they are bitten by a rabid dog.

But do we really want to do anything about preventing such occurrences?

I am a sincere lover of all pets. I have a potential Champion Chow dog, together with a couple of very lovable household cats, and I would no more think of NOT having them inoculated, than I would to let my children grow up without having the necessary inoculations to prevent any and all the childhood diseases. Why not take the same necessary precautions for our pets as we do for our children?

I don't claim to be an authority on the pain and discomforts of "anti-rabies inoculations," but there must be a great deal of merit in them, without too much pain, or else, why would they be prescribed by reputable veterinarians?

Those of us who care about the welfare of our pets, think nothing of having them vaccinated for distemper, to save them from any unnecessary discomforts. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

As an answer to the question: "How can we have compulsory vaccination and still keep within the financial limits of all of us?" I have a suggestion that might merit some serious thought. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, (SPCA) is very much concerned with the welfare of all animals. They could be contacted and probably some form of an arrangement made with them, whereby a nominal fee is charged for the inoculations, which should be compulsory for all animals susceptible to rabies. This would prevent present cases of unknown and stray dogs inflicting dangerous infections on innocent people and animals.

Those who would prefer a private veterinarian could avail themselves of his services. This way no unauthorized person can "get rich" off the protection needed for our pets. At the same time it's possible for all of us to get this much needed help.

The actual inoculation itself can't possibly be as painful as the treatments needed once an individual or animal is suspected to be rabid.

I for one, firmly believe in the compulsory anti-rabies inoculations for dogs. Since this is a means of PREVENTING AN ACCIDENT, BEFORE IT HAPPENS, such a law seems to make 'good sense.'

Let's have an expression of ideas on this issue and see what the result will be.



Mrs. Helms

LATE NEWS

BUM CHECKS: A warning was issued this week against a number of bad personal checks which have been cashed in this area. The checks are drawn on the Bank of America, carry a July 2, 1954, date, and range in value from \$10 to \$95. The entire amount is usually spent on merchandise and made payable to the store in which cashed. The signature is that of John W. Clark of 4302 West 160th street, a vacant house. The suspect is about 35 years old, 5'10", slender, and wears rimless glasses.

BURGLARY: Tools valued at \$150 were stolen Sunday night from Bill and Rudy's Sand and Gravel Pit, 246th street and Hawthorne. Juveniles are suspected, according to Det. Sgt. Percy Bennett. A magazine was set on fire and used as a light. Lack of oxygen averted a major blaze when the still-smoldering torch was left at the scene.

CLOSE CALL: William Hackett, of 124 230th street, Keystone, and another man pulled a 65-year-old man from his burning car this week and put out the flames that enveloped him, in time to save his life. Paul Deville of Los Angeles was treated at Harbor General hospital for second and third degree burns that covered a third of his body. Deville's car was struck from the rear by a car driven by Leroy Penny, 19, of 616 East Carson street, Keystone, who was treated for head and hand injuries.

A REASON FOR GLASSES: City Manager George Stevens was watching police handle the details of a collision on El Prado Tuesday. He did not notice a post while he was walking along and ran smack into it. Damage? One pair of glasses.

MOUNTIES DO IT AGAIN: Torrance Mounted Police won the first place trophy at the El Segundo Festival last Sunday. (Continued on Page 5)

Controversy Over Trailer Park Reopens

Issuance of a variance to construct an 80-unit trailer park in a single family residence zone opposite the Howard Wood, 236th St. and Arlington, drew fire from a crowd of local residents at the Council meeting.

Alleging that the council was grossly misinformed last week when they passed the variance, Jack Sterns, a resident of the area acting as spokesman for the audience, asked that the council rescind its action immediately.

He declared that the residents of the tract immediately adjacent to the embryo trailer park were sufficiently angered that they would take the case to court if the council doesn't act favorably.

'Misinformed'
Sterns alleged that the Council was misinformed when told that the objections of the School Board and the residents had been withdrawn. Sterns submitted petition with 70 names opposing the ruling.

Other protests on the same matter came from Dr. Hull, who declared that he had never withdrawn his protest, and from the American Savings and Loan Institute, who have financed those 38 new homes. They claim that their investment has been prejudiced and that they will take the case to court.

New Hearing Set
In acting on the matter, the (Continued on Page 5)

Policeman Recovering From Serious Injuries

Torrance Police Officer A. L. Jackson, injured when struck by a car which dragged him 52 feet a week ago Wednesday, was improving and "resting comfortably," according to Torrance Memorial hospital officials.

Jackson received a skull fracture, head injuries, and a compound fracture of the left leg when struck by a car driven by Gerald Glen Smith, 30, a sailor stationed at Long Beach.

The 30-year-old policeman and Officer Don H. Cook were checking a parked car on Crenshaw boulevard near Dominguez street when the car driven by Smith came bearing down on them. Cook jumped out of the way just in time. The oncoming car swerved. It struck (Continued on Page 5)

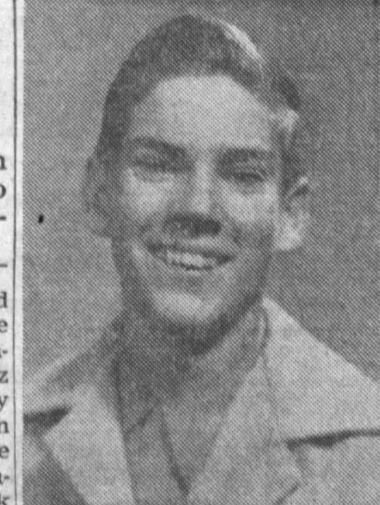
Press Buys Linda Vista Newspaper

As part of its continuous expansion program, the Torrance Press this week purchased the Linda Vista Reflector, a five-year-old weekly newspaper with a circulation of 13,000.

It is the intention of the Torrance Press publishers to continue with the expansion policies of the Reflector so that it may continue to serve the constantly growing community. The name of the Reflector will be changed to the Linda Vista and Claremont Press.

At present, the Linda Vista Reflector serves Linda Vista, Claremont, and northern San Diego. The Reflector is a newspaper with legal status.

No new staff appointments have been made as yet.



DAVID VONDERAHE
... Killed in Crash.

Vonderahe Killed In Plane Crash

David Vonderahe, 20, of 1452 Engracia ave., was killed instantly when his single-engine plane stalled and crashed from a low altitude near Elsinore. A passenger, James Douglas Robb, 20, of 1307 Rolling Knolls dr., Harbor City, was taken to Riverside County General Hospital with numerous cuts and bruises.

The plane crashed in a pasture 300 yards Southeast of Elsinore airport shortly after taking off.

Vonderahe was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vonderahe, 1452 Engracia. Also surviving him are two sisters, Margaret and Loretta.

Funeral services were held yesterday.

Vonderahe and Robb had attended an airshow in Riverside. They flew to Elsinore later to talk to pilots in preparation for a glider soaring test to be held there soon.

ZONE STUDY TO BE MADE BY PLANNERS

A momentous step was taken by the City Council Tuesday night when it voted to set aside large parcels of land all over Torrance and rezone them strictly for retail shopping areas (commercial).

The move to save large parcels of land for the purpose of large shopping centers, to keep up with the growing needs of this mushrooming community was spearheaded by Councilman Victor Benstead. Benstead's move met with the favorable approval of the rest of the Council.

Survey Asked
The rezoning matter has been referred to the Planning Commission for study and recommendation. The body has been asked to make an overall survey of the city and recommend large portions of land which would be ideally suited for commercial development.

Benstead had no specific area in mind but said that all of Torrance should be surveyed.

Organized Program
Benstead's far-reaching proposal brought into sharper focus the means of dealing with the local shopping needs.

Mayor Nick Draie set the ball rolling on this matter recently when he called upon city officials, the City Council, civic bodies and civic leaders to start concentrating on developing the city for retail shopping purposes.

Councilmen Albert Isen and Mervin M. Schwab joined Benstead and Draie in support of the zoning plans. Councilman Willys Blount was absent.

City Manager George Stevens (Continued on Page 7)

PHOTO CONTEST

6 Winners to Compete For \$50 First Prize

As the Second Annual Torrance Press Amateur Photo contest draws to a conclusion, Joseph Ulrich, 21, of 1529 W. 221st st. was chosen the final winner this week with his prize-winning photo "Get Hot, Dice."

Fair Queen Competition Grows Keen

Competition was growing keen this week in the "Miss Community Fair" contest when Ella Mae McLeod of the Lions club emerged top ticket salesman.

Soroptimists Ahead
While presenting a definite challenge to Jacqueline Pagac of the Soroptimists who was in first place last week, Miss Mc-

The photo is a remarkable study of five colored laborers taking a few minutes off for a hot and fast crack at the bones. The contest is now officially over and no more entries will be accepted. First, second, and third place winners among the six finalists will now be selected. They will be announced in this coming Thursday's edition of the Torrance Press.

Following the announcement, prizes will be awarded. There will be prizes for the first three winners as well as the three runners-up.

Prizes
The first prize of \$50 cash will be awarded by the Torrance Press.

Second prize in the all-ama-



"GET HOT, DICE!"... Joseph Ulrich, 21, of 1529 W. 221st st., was chosen the sixth finalist in the Torrance Press photo contest for submitting the above shot which needs no explanation. First, second, and third place winners and the three runners-up will be announced next week.

\$ —Dollar Days This Week-End... Shop Here!— \$