



FUND-RAISING PITCH . . . The Babe Ruth League will hold a fund-raising breakfast this Saturday morning, July 31, from 9 a.m. till noon on the parking lot of one of the local markets. Mike Deasy of the Angels (back) and Roy Rusk of the Beavers have no trouble "selling" Mrs. Ben Rusk and Joe Rizzo, manager of the local market, on the event.

EDITORIAL

IT'S UP TO US

Two steps forward were taken this last week with regard to the problem of double sessions in our schools.

1. A group of North Torrance residents, according to true American tradition, spearheaded the drive "to do something" about our local school problem which will become more serious as this area continues to grow. The group asked the Board of Education to speed up the High School building program and to introduce quarter sessions as a means of coping with the double sessions problem.

2. Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, declared that he would keep "an open mind" on the matter of quarter sessions, but is inclined to remain skeptical about public acceptance.

"People do not like to change their ways 'of doing things', especially when the proposed change is of a major nature," he said.

Introducing quarter sessions in the Torrance school district would definitely be a major change. It would mean that there would be four semesters per year. School would be open all year around. Students would go to school three semesters out of four with vacations interspersed throughout the year.

The community would have to readjust itself if it were to accept the quarter plan, especially in regard to vacations.

Right now we need to utilize our school facilities to their fullest capacity in order to cope with the needs of Torrance's growing population. We must avoid the half-way measures of half-day school sessions, particularly in the High School.

An overwhelming majority of public opinion will be needed to convince the School Board that we wish to replace the present antiquated school program with quarter sessions.

We feel that Torrance residents will realize that the benefits to be derived by our children from such a program will more than outweigh any short comings or inconveniences.

Only through such action as was taken by the North Torrance Voters can the change in our school set-up be brought about.

We urge every individual and group of individuals to give serious thought to the desirability of quarter sessions and then make their opinions known through letters to this newspaper and by contacting the Board of Education.

This is one time definitely where public opinion can shape the history of this community.

The case rests with you, Mr. and Mrs. Torrance.

INJURED OWL SAVED BY FRIENDLY CROW

Ollie the owl found out this week that an owl's best friend is a policeman. Ollie, who had been fluttering around with a broken leg, was taken into protective custody by Officer William Crow and brought to the police station where it was fussed over by concerned police officers and matrons.

Liberty-loving Ollie grew restless again after a while, and finally, persuaded Officer Crow to take him back to the place where he had been found. This brought to an abrupt end what appeared like the beginning of devoted friendship between Ollie Owl and Willie Crow.

Police Chief W. H. Haslam took a less sentimental view of the proceedings.

"After all," he said, "We can't have an owl flying around the jail. Some of our inebriated inmates might think they're seeing things."

LATE NEWS

CLOSE CALL. While Councilman and Mrs. Victor Benstead were away Tuesday night, the refrigerator developed a gas leak and caused an explosion. Quick action by the fire department prevented the gas from accumulating in the house. The refrigerator was a total loss.

SWIMMING POOL: The Los Angeles City Recreation and Park Department this week ap-

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Winners Announced In Press Photo Contest

Joseph Ulrich, 21, of 1529 W. 221st st. this week emerged the winner of the \$50 first prize offered by The Torrance Press in the Annual Amateur Photo Contest. Ulrich's winning photo, entitled "Get Hot, Dice!" is a remarkable study of four colored laborers taking time out from their work for a quick turn at the dice.

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Ulrich's photo won over five others, each of which will receive a prize.

Second place winner is J. Winston Holmes of 1121 Eriel Ave. His photo, which captures the delightfully bold and big schemes and dreams of youth, is entitled "Small Boy—Big Dream" and shows a boy watering an elephant. Holmes will receive a Kodak Dual-flash F8 deluxe flash camera outfit (\$27.50)

donated by A-1 Photo Supplies. Emerging in third place is R. J. Deurloo of 2445 Park street, Walteria. Deurloo submitted a striking night shot of the First Christian Church. He will receive \$15 worth of equipment from Photo Arts Studio.

Fourth place goes to Russell H. Carroll of 3203 W. 186th st. for his humorous shot entitled "H'mm, Now How Did That Tune Go?"

Mike Chambers of 1603 W. 224th street, emerged in sixth place. He submitted a bristling shot of a grey goose whose anger was aroused beyond endurance, which picture he called "Grey Goose—Mad! Real Mad!"

Russell H. Carroll was also a sixth place winner. He won this prize with a very able news photo of His Excellent Bishop Timothy Manning giving a blessing as he was leaving the church.

All three runners-up will re-

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Torrance Man Indicted On \$1500 Oil Refinery Theft

7200 Gal. Of Oil Stolen

A grand jury indictment for the alleged theft of 7,500 gallons of gasoline from oil company refineries was brought last week against James Floyd Watts, 32, of 22505 S. Vermont ave., Torrance, and Bert B. Lewis, 42, of Culver City.

The indictment was brought against the men by Dist. Atty. S. Ernest Roll.

Each is at liberty under \$15,000 bond. They were arrested on charges of grand theft of 7,500 gallons of gasoline valued at \$1,500 last July 4 from the El Segundo plant of the Standard Oil Company of California.

The two will enter their plea in the Los Angeles Superior Court, Department 44, Tuesday, August 6.

Roll said Watts, a salesman at the plant, admitted being paid \$1500 by Lewis for two tankloads of gasoline. Sheriff's deputies said the fuel was traced to one of Lewis' two service stations.

STATE TO IMPROVE HIWAY 101

One section of Torrance's murderous Highway 101 is about to be tamed. Funds have been appropriated for providing curbed center strips with left-hand turn lanes from Hawthorne area to the Redondo city limits.

The project will be advertised for contract within the next few weeks, the State Highway Division has informed the City Council.

A total of \$185,000 has been appropriated for this project.

The city has been trying for years to get something done about the hazardous Pacific Coast Highway. The present provisions will still not affect the stretch which lies between Hawthorne and Crenshaw Blvd.

Early advertising of the con-

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EIGHT DIFFERENT VERSIONS of the same bathing suit, and every one's just oh so nice! Displaying their new Rose Marie Reid bathing suits are the following "Miss Community Fair" candidates. (l to r): Jacqueline Pagac, Soroptimist; Ann Webb, Firemen's association; Theresa Reddington, Optimists; Pauline Glueckert, Rod

and Gun; Ella Mae McLeod, Lions; Earsie Sims, Jaycettes; Lois Jones, Women of the Moose; and Pat Gaida, Kiwanis. Others, not present, include: Janeene Colombo, Torrance Gardens; Carol Wintner, No. Torrance; Flo Luongo, Civitan; and Vera Robertson, Lomita Optimists.

They're Poppin' Out All Over

Some people just can't get any sleep, and the funny part is—they're glad of it!

Take Mrs. G. Long of 2067 248th st., for instance.

The Thursday she placed an ad in the Torrance Press classified section, she was whipped out of bed by incessant telephone calls long before the rooster even thought of crowing.

Mrs. Lang had a trailer for sale. Her inexpensive, 75-cent ad read as follows:

FOR SALE—HOUSE TRAILER. FOR SALE. Terms can be arranged. 2067 248th St. DA. 6-1755

Phone FA. 8-2345. You'll find that you can sell anything you have to sell with a PRESS Classified Ad.

Juvenile Hall Location Here Considered

Harbor General hospital would become the alternate site of the proposed County Juvenile hall if Rancho Los Amigos in Downey is rejected, a county official revealed yesterday.

According to L. S. Hollinger, assistant chief administrator for the county, a 12-acre section of the hospital grounds was originally considered for the juvenile hall.

A portion of the Long Beach General hospital is another possibility for the hall, he said. Cost of the structure has been placed at \$1,900,000.

Driving Range

James Crawford was awarded the bid for a golf driving range on the Torrance airport. Crawford, a local resident, was given a five-year lease. The only other bidder was Ronald E. Moran.

County Approval Needed To Industrialize S-W Torrance

Relinquishment of sub-surface rights to Lomita Blvd. is being sought from the County by the City in order to open a large area of southwest Torrance to industrial development, according to City Attorney James M. Hall.

The action is being taken at the request of the Early Investment Co., owner of a large tract of land along Lomita Boulevard, west of Hawthorne Ave.

The firm said that if the County will give up its rights below the roadway, the Standard Oil Co. will relinquish its surface drilling rights in the area. This will make it possible to lease or sell sites for industrial development in the area.

Holding of the sub-surface rights by the County, unusual

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'Little Merchant Plan' Used For Press Distribution

Torrance Press carrier boys are in business for themselves. They are given the newspapers, a delivery route, and the opportunity to develop habits of industry and responsibility.

You are entitled to a free delivery of the Torrance Press. If you wish, you may pay the paper boy for his services. What he receives, he keeps.

The sum you give him shows your appreciation of his careful service and is his compensation.

Each carrier is required to give a receipt for the sum you give him.

The amount you give him is optional. However approximately 25c per month is suggested. You are entitled to receive your copy of the Torrance Press whether you pay or not and regardless of how much you pay.

Miss Pagac Still Leads Fair Contest

Jacqueline Pagac of the Soroptimists still leads the way in the "Miss Community Fair" ticket-selling contest.

While Jacqueline has held her first place position since the contest began three weeks ago, the second and third place positions appeared less stable. Ella Mae McLeod of the Lions yielded second place to Pauline Glueckert of the Rod and Gun club. Ella Mae dropped into third place instead.

The fair will be held at Torrance Blvd. and Maricopa August 11 through 15. Numerous concession stands, booths, and dazzling entertainment will be provided.

Forty booths for the fair have already been spoken for.

The top three ticket sellers stacked up as follows for this week: Miss Pagac, \$195, 12670 points; Miss Glueckert, \$128.50, 9621 points; Miss McLeod, \$102.75, 9445 points.

The rest of the line-up to date is as follows: Earsie Sims, Jaycettes; Janeene Colombo, Torrance Gardens; Theresa Reddington, Optimists; Ann Webb, Firemen's association; Lois Jones, Women of the Moose; Carol Wintner, No. Torrance; Pat Gaida, Kiwanis; Vera Robertson, Lomita Optimists; and Flo Luongo, Civitan.

Postpone Mortuary Decision

A final decision by the Planning Commission on the Henry Halverson mortuary was postponed until August 4.

Halverson asked for a variance to build a mortuary at Cravens street and Engracia, across from Stone and Myers Mortuary some time ago.

The Planning Commission approved such a variance but the Council referred the matter back to the Commission "for further study" when Councilman Albert Isen raised vehement objections to having a

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Annual Swim Program Starts This Tuesday

Next week's the week for Torrance's annual swim program to get under way. The program, sponsored by the Kiwanis club and Recreation Department, will last four weeks. It will be held every Tuesday and Thursday, starting August 6.

Parents must register each child in person at the local playgrounds.

Swimmers will be picked up at the following times and places:

	PICK-UP	LEAVE
Park Torrance	9:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.
Park Avenue	9:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.

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Local Fair Contestants On TV. Next Week

Torrance's Community fair will be highlighted on a half-hour TV show this coming Wednesday, August 4, on channel 13 at 8 p. m.

Appearing on the program will be the 12 candidates for the "Miss Community Fair" title. The show is sponsored by Oscar Maples Ford agency.

Last night's program was dedicated to the "Miss Torrance" contest which will be held tomorrow night. Appearing on the program in addition to the candidates was Sandra Constance, who is "Miss Torrance of 1954."

"Miss Torrance of 1954" and "Miss Torrance of 1955" will be crowned at the home of Hal B. Laudeman, Torrance area commissioner

Councilman Recommends Four Sites

The city's campaign to do something about the retail shopping needs of Torrance continued to pick up momentum this week when Councilman Albert Isen proposed that the city take immediate steps to purchase every off-street parking area available in the downtown district.

Proposed Sites

Isen's motion was unanimously adopted by the four members of the City Council who were present. Councilman Victor Benstead was absent.

Isen proposed that the city take immediate steps to purchase the following lots.

1. Cabrillo and 213th st. (the site of the burned-out Pacific Waste Products company);
2. El Prado and Cabrillo (west side of the street);
3. Cravens and Post (north of John's Paint Store and opposite the Torrance Press);
4. Cravens and Engracia (the site of the proposed Halverson mortuary, opposite the present Stone and Myers mortuary).

No action was taken in regard to any of the four recommended sites, nor was there any discussion among the councilmen in regards to any one of them.

Praise

Isen praised Mayor Nick Draie and Councilman Victor

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COUNCIL BRIEFS

AIRPORT MOTEL: A 50-year lease for a motel 150 feet west of the entrance of Torrance airport has been requested by the El Rancho Palos Verdes corporation. The project would eventually include 60 units, a swimming pool, and cost \$75,000. The matter was referred to the Airport Commission.

APPROPRIATION: The L. A. County Road Department informed the city that a \$36,355.64 budget appropriation under county aid to cities is available for the year 1954-55.

182ND STREET: Realignment of 182nd street and other streets in the vicinity of 182nd St. and Falda ave. was asked by the State for the eventual passage of the Sepulveda Freeway.

MOVING HOUSES: An urgency ordinance regarding the moving of houses was adopted by the City Council.

Teacher Caravan Back From Tour

Ross Sciarrotta, Sr. of 1630 Beech avenue returned last week from a trip across the nation with a teacher caravan which he headed.

Sciarrotta, a summer school teacher at Long Beach State College, organizes these tours annually as one of the college's summer courses for teachers. Fifteen teachers participated this year.



"SCOUTER'S AWARD" . . . Gilbert F. Roxy, Torrance assistant area commissioner, (center) was presented the "Scouter's Award" last week for outstanding services rendered to youth activities in this area. Making the award was William Stokes, Harbor district commissioner. The certificate and medal were presented at the home of Hal B. Laudeman, Torrance area commissioner