

Legal Action Planned By City Against Uncooperative Builder

COUNCIL TIRED OF DELAYS

Fed up with the constant deadlocks and evasions in negotiations with the Princeton Construction Co., members of the City Council planned to take legal action against the North Torrance builder Tuesday night.

The action followed when the Brenshaw Gardens Builder Tony Paravano declared that he would correct some but not all the faults listed by the city. He also refused an alternative recommendation to have three builders serve as a final arbitration committee to decide what should or should not be corrected.

"Only One Thing To Do" "There's only one thing to do," Mayor Nick Draie said. "Let's turn the matter over to the legal department."

City Attorney James Hall was asked to submit an opinion in writing as to what legal steps can be taken against the builder.

This recalls the first suit planned by the city when the building scandal first broke into the open. That suit was never carried out because of indications that the trouble would be corrected.

Not Corrected While Paravano made a number of these corrections, residents and the city claim that he failed to restore the original condition of the homes where

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MERCHANT FIRES AFTER FLEEING BANDITS

CITY SCHOOLS TO RECEIVE U.S. FUNDS

The Torrance Unified School District will receive two checks from Uncle Sam totaling more than a quarter million dollars to assist in new school construction, Congressman Cecil R. King informed the Torrance Press today.

The funds have been appropriated under public laws which provide Federal money to aid school districts in the construction of new facilities.

According to Commissioner of Education S. M. Brownell, the amount reserved for one Torrance project is \$232,287 and

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LATE NEWS

MYSTERY DEATH: A coroner's inquest has ruled that the sudden death of Mrs. Shirley Kalnas, 811 Faysmith, was due to natural causes. Polio and toxic poisoning were ruled out completely. The expectant mother of two died suddenly within 5 hours September 7.

MORTUARY HEARING: Testimony in regard to the controversial Halverson mortuary at Engracia and Cravens was heard by Judge Arnold Praeger in Los Angeles Superior Court yesterday. The case has been taken under submission with no date set for a final decision.

SCHOOL FUNDS: Torrance Unified School District was informed that it would receive \$312,781 in additional federal funds as a result of special legislative action. School questionnaires filled out by parents some time ago helped obtain this additional money which will be used for school construction.

STORM DRAIN: Approval of plans and specifications and a

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COUNCIL BRIEFS

SCHOOL TRAFFIC SIGNALS: Further action was taken by the Council to get the School District to pay for traffic signals. A survey is to be made to see where signals can replace traffic guards. The School District will then be asked to share the cost of the signals. According to the State Vehicle Code, the schools must chip in on the signals but not on the guards.

CRENSHAW BOULEVARD SEWER: Contract for the Crenshaw boulevard sewer was awarded Zavos & Sons, for a low bid of \$10,638.50.

OFF-STREET PARKING: A map showing all possible and actual off-street parking areas in the downtown area was submitted for study to the Council by City Manager George Stevens.

BOND ELECTION: The Council will go on record supporting both the civic center and swimming pool bond issues according to a resolution being drawn up now. Election date is October 19.



RICHARD BAURMANN, of General Petroleum Corporation, introduces Secretary of Labor James Mitchell to three General Petroleum employees during a visit the Secretary paid to General Petroleum's Torrance Mobilgas refinery. Shaking hands with the Secretary is K. R. Basham, B. W. Williams and W. K. Carder are looking on.

TORRANCE PRESS RATED IN TOP TEN FOR WEEKLIES

Continued recognition was accorded the Torrance Press this week in a national survey which lists the Torrance Press as among the top ten weeklies in circulation and as the number one community newspaper in California.

These figures were revealed in a survey made by the American Press, national newspaper journal published by the American Press Association.

The survey was based on figures published in the 1954 directory of weekly newspapers published by Weekly Newspaper Representatives, Inc. The American Press survey was based on paid circulation figures per population.

The total circulation of the Torrance Press is 30,000 copies per week at present.

EL CAMINO ENROLLMENT OVER 6000

Rising to an all-time high, enrollment figures at El Camino college now exceed 6000, Merl F. Sloan, director of student personnel, announced today. Of the first 5289 students enrolled, 192 were Torrance high graduates.

SCOOP!



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PRESS: This week newspapers throughout the country are celebrating "National Newspaper Week," October 1 to 9. Journalism students at Torrance High School here re-enact the popular conception of newspaper life. Underneath it

all, press and public are keenly aware of the value of a free press, whose guide is Truth. (Left to right) Carolyn Longacre, Iris Maurer (typing), Marilyn Powell (reading), Thelma Smith (Ye Ed), David Haftner (scoop).

THREE-CITY POLICE RUSH TO SCENE

A bandit was apparently struck in flight when William Carpenter, 53, owner of the victimized liquor store at 18178 Hawthorne ave., sent a hail of bullets after the masked thug late Friday night.

Minutes later policemen from three towns combed a vacant lot in an attempt to locate the suspect.

Masked The bandit was described as short, about 25 years old, wearing a lady's silk stocking pulled tightly over his face.

He jammed a gun at Carpenter and forced him to hand over \$200 from the cash till.

As the bandit backed out the door, Carpenter reached under the counter for his .44 caliber revolver and fired twice as soon as the thug passed in front of the glass pane window.

The bullets crashed through the window and Carpenter said the second shot apparently hit the bandit. He stumbled, fell to his knees, got up and ran towards a get-away car parked near-by, police reports indicate.

Driver Scared Driver of the car presumably was scared off and roared away while the wounded bandit staggered off into the dark. Carpenter sent three bullets into the rear of the auto.

The owner of the liquor store told investigators that the bandit entered the store armed with a blue steel revolver.

"He ordered me into the back room and told me to empty my

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Piano, Bed Disappear

"I went to a beauty contest and when I returned my piano and beddivan were gone!" Mrs. William A. Craig of 3419 West 188th street explained.

Funny part was that she was quite happy about the whole thing. She had sold the two items through a Press ad.

Mrs. Craig had placed the following ad in the Torrance Press classified section offering the piano and divan for sale:

FOR SALE—Player piano, \$90. Bed divan, good condition, \$20. MBE. 9-1472

There was nothing to bother with . . . the Torrance Press classified section told 30,000 readers of the articles up for sale and Mrs. Craig's baby sitter sold the articles while Mrs. Craig attended the beauty contest.

Let the Torrance Press classified section work for you. Call FA 8-2345.



TORRANCE NIGHT AT THE ICE FOLLIES . . . Pat Webb, Norteen proxy, and Joe Fazio, senior class proxy, here invite Mayor Nick Draie to Sunday night's Ice Follies at the Pan Pacific. The evening has been reserved especially for Torrance residents. Local youth groups are selling tickets for their own fund-raising purposes.

'TORRANCE NIGHT' THIS SUNDAY AT ICE FOLLIES

Torrance Youth Coordinating Council is pushing city-wide sales to completion for this coming Sunday's Torrance Night at Pan-Pacific Ice follies. A good representation of Torrance individuals and organizations are expected to be on hand at the beautiful ice extravaganza.

Mayor Nick B. Draie presents ice follies star, Betty Schalow, with a beautiful bouquet.

Citizens of Torrance may still avail themselves of the coupons on sale by the Youth Coordinating Council.

Local youth and adult organizations are selling tickets as part of their fund-raising campaigns.

Organizations Those organizations cooperating with the Youth Council in this city-wide event are the recreation department-sponsored

Norteen Youth Club, Methodist Youth Fellowship, Torrance High School News Torch, Student Council, Senior Class, Tartar Knights, Tartar Ladies, Debs, Provokers' Car Club, and Chi-Rho Club, assisted by the

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OOPS! PV ELEPHANT INVADES TORRANCE!

As if Torrance and Palos Verdes didn't have enough trouble already over street barricades, another complication arose Saturday night—a giant Palos Verdes elephant invaded the Hollywood Riviera section of Torrance around midnight!

The incident was first discovered by Palos Verdes police whose prowler car came to a screeching halt near Via Colusa and Calle De Arboles when the huge elephant suddenly loomed up in front of them.

Barricades Because the beast wandered into Hollywood Riviera (which is Torrance territory) and because border barricades separated them from the animal, PV police called Torrance police to handle their own territorial problem.

"At first I thought the report was a joke," Officer Mike Fisher of the Torrance police department said. "Officer Bill Mitchell and I rushed to the scene. The elephant was one which had been used to advertise a new service station. The animal had been staked down for the night but had pulled up its stakes."

Let's Get Sabu

"Just about the time we got there the elephant's keeper, who had been asleep near-by, came and caught the animal," Fisher said. "I would never have gotten out of the car if the keeper hadn't been there. I would probably have called Hollywood and asked for Sabu, the Elephant Boy."

The elephant-episode has caused several raised eyebrows and such questions as "what have you guys been drinking lately," Fisher exclaimed. He has witnesses however that this was definitely not a pink elephant.

Sgt. John Maestri was certain that the case of the Wandering Elephant would revive the Wild Lion rumor which flares up periodically in Palos Verdes.

Pair's 25,000-Mile Flight Marked by High Adventure

The Flying Wentworths landed at Torrance Municipal airport Saturday afternoon after a 25,000 flight in their light staggered-wing Beechcraft "Tatu" which took them to most of the European countries.

Hampton Wentworth is president and general manager of Longren Aircraft, while his wife, Christina, is vice president in charge of industrial relations.

Outstanding Incident Outstanding incident of the trip, according to Mrs. Wentworth, was their landing at Jerusalem.

"We cleared Luxor, Egypt, about 6:30 in the evening, although we were told the airport at Jerusalem was closed

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