

Boy Drowns in Crater

MAYOR ORDERS CRACK-DOWN ON DANGEROUS SUMP HOLES

Emergency Legislation Proposed to Relieve Double Sessions Here

A plan which would make more money available to fast-growing school districts and enable them to better meet their building needs has been developed by Dr. J. H. Hull, local superintendent of schools.

Hull is hopeful that the ideas will be incorporated into a legislative bill to be considered at a special budget session of the state legislature as an emergency school aid measure.

Basically, the plan calls for short term loans from the state in anticipation of contemplated bond sales.

More Money

According to Hull's plan, Torrance, instead of only being able to get \$2,000,000 next year of the \$10,000,000 voted in bonds, would obtain an additional \$6,000,000.

"This would make it possible for the district to buy sites, start plants, and get all children off double sessions, and the state would be paid back in about three years," Hull explained.

With the present \$2,000,000 a year ceiling, we can expect 5000 children on double sessions for the next five years or so, Hull indicated.

How It Works

The plan calls for emergency building aid on a short term (Turn to Page 6)

Court Committee Enlists Help Of Local Organizations

Letters and resolutions are now being sent to 100 clubs and organizations in the Torrance area to enlist their support in obtaining a municipal and superior court here, according to Boris Woolley, chairman of the municipal court committee appointed by Mayor Albert Isen.

Woolley said that the joint efforts of the clubs will play a significant role in convincing the County Board of Supervisors that a local court is necessary and that local residents are vitally interested.

County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, in a letter to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, pledged his support in obtaining such a court.

Supervisor Burton W. Chace's office stated that Chace is giving the matter "the most serious consideration." The Torrance Press has long been an advocate of a local court, having pointed out frequently that the tremendous growth in population in this area demands local court facilities.

The court committee's letter states a number of reasons why a local court is absolutely necessary, including the following:

1. There is no court in Torrance.

2. The people of Torrance

There Were At Least 20 of Them

"I had to fight the people off—almost!" Mrs. Norman Schuyler of 2946 Sepulveda exclaimed happily in commenting on the terrific results she had advertising in the Torrance Press classified section.

FOR SALE—1936 Buick 2-door, 48 engine, one owner, reliable transportation, \$45. FR 5-1314.

"I had at least 20 calls—and they kept coming for days," she said.

If you wish to sell, buy, bargain, or rent, place an ad in the Torrance Press. It's so fast, certain, and inexpensive—call FA 8-2345 now. You'll count the results in crisp dollar bills.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

HODY'S: An additional 70 feet were included in the Hody lease across from the proposed airport triangle shopping center. Hody's was granted the land for "other related uses." Mayor Albert Isen and Councilman Willis Blount opposed the granting of the 70 feet feeling that the provision was not restrictive enough. Three councilmen voted in favor.

ARLINGTON AVE.: City Manager George Stevens told the council that he would meet with officials of Dominguez Land company to discuss the matter of right-of-way. An attempt is being made to open up Arlington as a major artery for getting to downtown Torrance.

SCHOOL BOARD: Chariton Newborn was elected president and Dr. Joseph Bay, vice-president Tuesday night.

POST OFFICE: Special Christmas schedule was announced as follows: Main office will be open December 10-23 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday December 11 and 18 from 1-4 p.m.; National Guard armory at (Turn to Page 6)

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'DEAR SANTA'... Santa Claus now has his own mail box in Santaland. Anxious to drop their letters in the box were these Torrance youngsters as Mrs. Clara A. Conner, postmaster, hands Santa a handful of mail. Letters may also be addressed to Santa Claus, Santaland, Torrance.—Press Photo.

Jess Hill Discusses 'Winning'

"One problem will stay with us forever—the problem of winning. The whole American attitude is predicated on a winning attitude."

So spoke Jess Hill, head football coach of USC, who addressed members of the Lions club and their guests—the varsity teams of Torrance and North high schools and their coaches—at a noon luncheon Tuesday.

Hill went on to say that he does not like a boy who likes to lose.

"They say, 'Be a good loser—anyone who feels good when he loses is crazy,'" Hill said. "There is a difference between a good loser and a gracious loser. There is nothing in the book that says you must like losing. There is no disgrace in losing but there is (Turn to Page 10)

Man Lures Girl Into Car, Takes Nude Photographs

A 12-year-old girl, on her way home from Sunday School, was lured into a car by a 37-year-old man who brought her to a shack in Torrance to take nude pictures of her and then released her again within a block of her home in Hawthorne.

The girl's accurate memory and a few skimpy clues resulted in the arrest of Allen C. Brown, 37, of Long Beach, who admitted these charges, according to Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton of the Torrance Police Department.

Brown, who is married and a father of two children, allegedly promised the girl a baby-sitting job but drove her to an abandoned shack along Earl st. south of Torrance Blvd. instead.

He threatened to harm her if she did not take off her clothing. As she complied, he took numerous photographs of her. The girl was able to lead police back to the scene of these incidents and individuals in the area who knew Brown were able to lead police to him indirectly.

Brown said that he has had a very strong urge recently to photograph nude women, Ashton said. The detective further stated that Brown gave the girl a serious lecture about never getting into the car with a man again.

While he took pictures of the girl, he did not molest her in any other way, Ashton said. Brown served a four-year term for child stealing and was presently on parole.

Columbia Cooling Tower To Cut Down Water Use

Installation of equipment which will enable the Torrance Works of United States Steel's Columbia - Geneva Steel division to conserve approximately 900,000 gallons of water a day in operation of the plant's circulating system was announced today by C. C. Morgan, general superintendent.

Placed in operation late last week, the cooling tower makes possible the re-use of 96 per cent of the total water circulated with only a 4 per cent makeup requirement in operation of the plant's circulating system which cools rolling mills and other equipment used in the making and shaping of steel.

Water formerly was allowed to cool in a pond before it was re-circulated through the plant's cooling system. Because of runoff and evaporation, it was necessary to introduce fresh water at the rate of about 1,300,000 gallons a day to keep the plant circulating system operating.

The new two-cell cooling

tower stands 33 feet high, and has the capacity to cool 10,500,000 gallons of water daily from 100 degrees Fahrenheit to 80 degrees, the temperature at which it can be introduced into the plant cooling system. In continuous operation, water flows into a 6,000,000-gallon reservoir after it has completed its cooling cycle. The 7000-gallon-per-minute pumps draw water from the reservoir to the top of the redwood structure where it is sprayed into fine droplets which fall to the bottom of the tower. Two huge fans at the top of the tower create an air stream which cools the water as it falls. Eighteen feet in diameter, each fan has four stainless steel blades driven by 60-h.p. motors. After the water is cooled it is re-circulated.

Salary for Councilmen Proposed by Chamber

A proposal to pay councilmen \$100 a month was submitted to the City Council by the board of directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and will be considered at a 5:30 p.m. meeting of the council, December 20, together with other proposed charter amendments.

The proposal is one which the Torrance Press was first to suggest in an editorial some time ago.

The Chamber's letter stated that a special committee appointed to study the work of the City Council made the recommendation.

Members of the committee include: Loring L. Bigelow; Walter A. Garrabrandt; Milton A. Hunter; E. A. Karlow; Paul O. Roettger; and Arthur O. Oisea chairman.

At present, councilmen serve without pay except for money received for expenses. The proposed salary is in line with what other cities similarly situated pay their councilmen, the Torrance Press determined in its study.

The matter must go to a vote of the people.

Thursday, December 8
10-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. Santa Claus will interview children in Santaland.

Friday, December 9
10-11 a.m. 6-7 p.m. Santa Claus will interview children in Santaland.
7-8 p.m. Bettie Thomas Accordionettes to entertain.

Saturday, December 10
10-11 a.m. 6-7 p.m. Santa Claus will interview children in Santaland. (Turn to Page 10)

Tot Swallows Pills, Dies

A 13-months-old boy who became inquisitive about a bottle containing stomach remedy pills died Tuesday after eating 70 of the pills before being discovered.

Dennis Randall Irwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Irwin of 3303 W. 189th st., was discovered eating the pills by his father who rushed him to Harbor General Hospital.

He was intercepted by Officer Buck Ingram who bundled the lad into his patrol car and raced to the hospital with sirens screaming.

The child died despite efforts by doctors to save him. Funeral arrangements were made with McGlynn Mortuary in Los Angeles.

Lomita CofC Meets Tonite

Lomita Chamber of Commerce will hold a dinner and general membership meeting tonight, Thursday, December 8, at the Wayfarer's restaurant in Lomita.

Dinner will start at 7 p.m. and the general business meeting will follow at 8 p.m. The program will be presented by attorneys Boris Woolley, Ken Garcelon, and Werner H. Benson. Reservations may be made by calling the chamber, DA 6-6378.

How Do Teachers Feel About 'Little Red School House'?

How do the teachers feel toward "the little red school house plan" being tried in a number of classes at Walteria elementary school? The underlying idea of the plan is that children learn more

Special Feature

from each other because of their differences. As a result, three different grade levels have been combined into one classroom. Does it work? For the teachers' reactions turn to page 4.

OPERATION 'LITTERBAGS'



THEIR ANSWER TO THE LITTERBUG... Girl Scouts of Troop 532 and 267 are making litterbags for automobiles as part of the city-wide clean-up campaign. Offering Mrs. William Marleau one of the containers for her car

are (r-l) Marie Sadunas and Francine Frohnhoefer of Troop 532, and Susan Frost and Elizabeth DeGutes of Troop 267. The litterbags are free.—Press Photo.

Boy Dies Trying To Save Dog

A renewed crack-down was ordered this week on all sump holes which are in violation of the city ordinance. This action followed the death of an 11-year-old boy Friday.

"Reading the tragic headlines in the newspapers and having in mind that Torrance has an ordinance regulating sumps, we should have a report from George Powell on the local situation and get complaints filed immediately against violators," Mayor Albert Isen declared Tuesday.

Isen's remarks apparently had reference to the death of William "Billy" Bomersback of 26348 Fairview ave., Lomita, who was drowned in a 10-foot crater at Chandler's Sand and Gravel co., near 26311 Narbonne ave.

This particular crater, however, was properly fenced including a barbed wire top. The boy and two companions managed to climb over the fence.

Tries to Save Dog
Billy, according to reports from Lennox sheriffs, was trying to save his dog, Rusty, who had slipped or jumped into the crater while chasing mud-hens.

The dog, ironically, swam to safety while Billy, unable to swim, drowned despite heroic efforts of companions to save him.

Billy had been accompanied by two fellow sixth graders at St. Margaret Mary's school, Tony Carstens and Nicky Andrade.

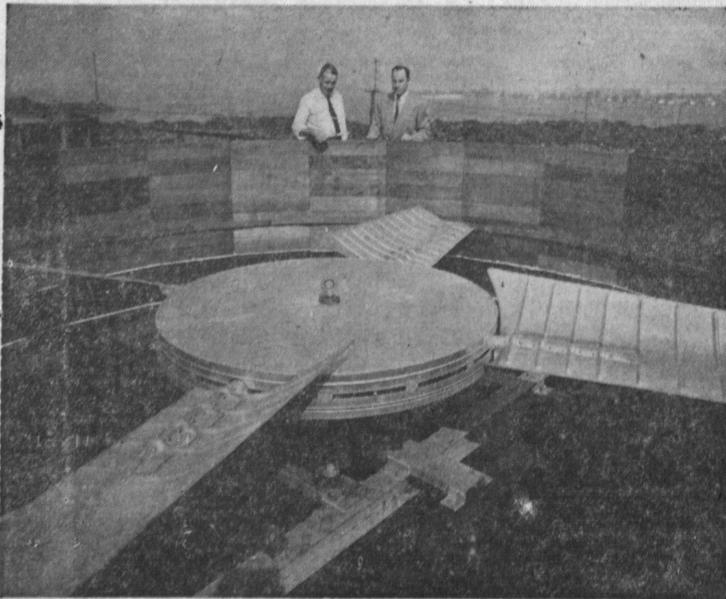
Desperate Effort Made
Seeing Billy's fate, Tony climbed down to the crater and held out his leg for Billy to grab. The boy, unable to hold on, slipped further into the crater and soon disappeared from sight.

Nicky, in the meantime, had reclaimed the fence and stopped a passing motorist who arrived in time to pull out Tony who was floundering around in the water looking for his buddy.

Sheriff's deputies and firemen rushed to the scene. Capt. Bob Thomas, Ray Boyce, and Bill Whitecar of the County Fire Department soon retrieved the body. They were unable to revive the boy.

Mother Collapses
Mrs. Bomersback collapsed when notified of the accident and was taken to Hillside (Turn to Page 6)

GIANT COOLING TOWER



INSTALLATION of a cooling tower at the Torrance Works of United States Steel's Columbia-Geneva Steel division enables the plant to conserve approximately 900,000 gallons of water a day in operating the plant's

cooling system. Above, from left, R. J. Jacobs, field engineer, and D. H. Hyde, superintendent, industrial relations, inspect one of the fans, which are 18 feet in diameter and have four stainless steel blades.

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