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# DOPE ROUNDUP STILL ON

## Horner Repudiates Charges He'll Get \$20,000 As "Home Rule" Director

"I will donate my entire fee to any local charity if the anti-incorporation group can prove, as charged in a recently distributed unsigned circular, that I will receive or have ever been promised \$20,000 for my services as director of the current campaign for home rule in Lomita. If such a claim had not been maliciously inspired, I'd be complimented by its implied evaluation of my talents, but it's so ridiculous that I can't allow it to go unchallenged."

### Statement By Horner

That was the essence of a notarized statement made public Tuesday night by Jack Horner, public relations counsel, at the Wayfarer's Restaurant where 12 out of the 13 candidates running for members of the city council of the proposed new city of Lomita, were formally "inducted" as executed members of the Chamber of Commerce Civic Committee for Incorporation.

"Unable to present any valid facts against self government for Lomita, the opponents of incorporation are frantically scraping the bottom of the barrel for rumors and innuendos," Linden H. Chandler, who presided at the meeting, declared in commenting on Horner's offer.

### Neutral Group

After Chairman Chandler had explained that his group will represent the neutral group of the Chamber of Commerce Civic Committee for Incorporation. (Continued on page 2)

## Steel Layoff Totals 160

Reduced demand for structural steel products will result in layoffs of about 160 workers by next Monday, at the Torrance Works of U. S. Steel's Columbia-Geneva Steel Division.

According to an announcement by Donald Lasell, general superintendent of the Torrance Plant, one of the plant's four open hearth furnaces was shut down and the 12-inch rolling mill will be reduced from 14 to 10 shifts per week, by the end of the month.

The layoffs will be on a seniority basis with most of the 160 employees involved hired since September of 1955. Lasell indicated that efforts are being made to assist displaced employees in similar jobs in the Torrance area.

## Scholarships To Localities

This week Bill Clemenger, President of the Torrance Educational Association, mailed the second \$100 checks to the first two students selected for the scholarships for future teachers, established in 1956 by TEA. The two receiving the checks were Barbara Jean Billefelt, 256 Paseo De Granada, Redondo Beach and Shizako Judy Okada, 18715 S. Western Avenue, Gardena. Miss Billefelt is now a sophomore at El Camino College and Miss Okada is a sophomore at USC.

The money for the scholarship is collected from the teachers in Torrance in a charity drive in the Spring of every year. The students are selected by a committee from each high school in Torrance, and upon sending a transcript of their college grades, receive \$100 in their Freshman and Sophomore years, and \$200 in their Junior and Senior years. The one requirement is that they must be really interested in becoming "the best teacher possible."

Last Spring \$100 was given to two other students selected, who are now Freshmen at college. Mary Yoshioko, 4020 W. 230th Street, Torrance, and Jane Nakawatase, 4557 W. 190th Street, Redondo Beach will receive this scholarship each year they are in college, providing their grades do not fall below standards.

## Kiwanis Favor Cityhood

Emphasizing that all local organizations have a vital stake in helping to "Save Lomita For Lomita" and pointing out the important part which similar groups have played in the successful incorporation campaigns of 14 other communities in Los Angeles County, Eugene E. "Snuffy" Meyer of the Chamber of Commerce Civic Committee for Incorporation has addressed an appeal to 24 local clubs, lodges, churches and other organizations, urging their official endorsement of the current campaign for "home rule."

The campaign to secure the active backing of all local groups was sparked last week when the Lomita Kiwanis Club, by an overwhelming vote of its entire membership, went on record favoring approval of cityhood when the question comes up at the special election on October 29th.

## Propositions Endorsed by Chamber

All registered voters of Torrance will receive pamphlets explaining why the Torrance Chamber of Commerce is endorsing all propositions and charter amendments to be voted on at a special city election on October 29.

Recommend 'Yes' Vote President A. E. Thompson said the board of directors of the chamber voted to recommend a solid "yes" vote only after a long and serious fact-finding study was made and pros and cons on each issue thoroughly discussed.

The chamber leader said that all issues affect the growth and prosperity of Torrance.

The chamber's industrial committee is strongly supporting both bond issues. Chairman Glenn Koger stated, Koger added that industrial development demands a planned city which must include among other things parks and recreation facilities and a modern airport.

## Dental Health Column Starts In Press Today

Beginning this week a series of informative columns will appear Thursday and Monday in this paper by Dr. Ernest J. Tarr, prominent Torrance dentist. This will be a question and answer column dealing with various Dental Health Problems. This will permit our readers to learn the newest and most modern methods regarding dentistry. It will also help all to better take care of their teeth more intelligently and enjoy fuller dental health. If our readers have any questions concerning dental problems, you want answered in this column, write to Dr. Tarr, 1311 1/2 Sartori ave., Torrance.

## ANOTHER \$100.00 GIVEAWAY

Well, another \$100.00 was given away last Monday night by the Downtown Merchants of Torrance who are currently celebrating their Gold Rush Days.

Mrs. Lorraine Brorby was the happy winner when her ticket was drawn in front of McCowan's Drug Store on Sartori, Monday night, another lucky person will win another \$100.00.

All you have to do is be present at the drawings after first depositing one half of a ticket given you at any one of the Downtown Merchants' stores, in a box provided for that purpose.

Next Monday night's drawing will be held in the vicinity of Strum's Department Store on Sartori near Post.

## CONTEST GIRLS NEEDED

A call for South Bay girls from 15 through 18 to enter competition to select "Miss Air Force" was issued today by officials of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The contest will be held on Saturday, October 5 at 8:30 p.m. at the Stadium Theatre in Torrance as a portion of that city's "Salute to the Air Force," commemorating the Golden Anniversary of Air Power scheduled for October 13 through 17th.

Girls may reside in any South Bay City and will be elected on poise, beauty, and personality. Contestants will be judged, not in bathing suits, but in party dresses, it was stated.

The winner will receive a trophy and a "Golden" model of an Air Force Plane, and will represent the Air Force on numerous TV shows as "Miss Air Force." There are no entry fees or sponsorship needed for participation, it was pointed out.

Application blanks are available at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce office, 1345 El Prado.

## "Thou Shalt Not Steal"

The average citizen would not understand the terse technical term for pilfering on a police blotter. But, simply stated, pilfering is petty theft. And sometimes it is found on police blotters, but more than likely it is not. Specially here in Torrance.

After a great deal of investigation, the Torrance Press learned that wide spread pilfering has been a very acute problem with the Downtown Merchants of Torrance. So, acute is the problem, that the Merchants are reporting total losses upwards from several thousands of dollars per month.

Most of these thefts, the Press learned, seldom ever went on the Police Blotter. And there were several reasons given for this lack of cooperation with the police in these matters.

First and foremost, the merchants involved felt that when a customer was apprehended, as it were, with merchandise which was about to be stolen, the item in question was of insignificant value. Second, most of the accused persons were juveniles—much too young, the merchants say, to be a problem for the police.

The majority of Merchants queried said that they believed the problem lay at home with the parents of the juveniles. That there is not enough emphasis placed on other people's property by parents. Consequently the juvenile has little regard for what belongs to someone else and takes it as his or her own. We feel it is a sad commentary on the parents of Torrance youth when such a situation is encountered and the juveniles have not really been properly instructed that "Thou Shalt Not Steal."

Perhaps this editorial sounds melodramatic. Perhaps we are overemphasizing the whole problem. But, the facts speak for themselves. Some merchants are attempting to protect the juveniles they catch pilfering, that their parents may have the opportunity to correct the child.

Perhaps this is a good idea, although reasonable and prudent people might differ in this outlook. But, how long can these juveniles be protected by the kindly merchant. How long will it be before one of them becomes a bit bolder and with more experience makes attempts at things beyond the petty theft category?

## Bad Check Charge Here Jails Mother of Six

An attractive young housewife was jailed yesterday after she admitted passing bad checks, "to buy food for my six children."

Arrested in Vallejo, and brought here on a local warrant charging four counts of forgery was Mrs. Bonnie Mae Lyle, 21, who formerly lived in Carson.

According to police, the woman passed nearly \$300 of worthless checks when she resided in this area last year. She told police that with the money she bought food for her children.

### EDITORIAL

## Indictment Expected By D.A.

The County Grand Jury this morning listened to testimony in the Torrance Bail case of Warrant Officer Jack Gee. And before the day is over, the District Attorney's Office announced they expected the jury would issue an indictment against Gee.

Fred Henderson, Deputy District Attorney presented the case before a formal hearing of the jury for two hours. When the jury adjourned for lunch, he told the Press that two important witnesses in the case were missing and it was possible that the jury might withhold further action until the witnesses can be produced.

Gee, who at one time was Warrant Officer, for the Police Department, is accused of 7 instances of alleged misappropriation of bail funds taken from traffic violation defendants.

The case came to light earlier this year when Eugene Aulicino of Los Angeles was arrested for failing to post bail in a traffic violation. He claimed that he had paid the bail to Officer Gee. Gee later said that he deposited the money with the police department, however, no record could be found of the money. Several similar incidents of this nature led to Gee's firing by City Manager George Stevens in February.

The amount in question, approximately \$10,000. (Continued on page 2)

## License For Dogs A Must

If you've got nothin' but a hound dawg about your house who isn't registered, better get on the ball fast. The SPCA announces that all dogs not registered September 30th will have to pay \$4.50 instead of the usual \$3.00 license fee.

The SPCA added that those making application must have Rabies Vaccine Information upon presentation of the registration application.

The Society estimates that approximately 5,000 dogs are still unregistered in the Torrance area.

## Nab One More Here In Narcotic Dragnet

Narcotics agents of the Sheriff's Department, in conjunction with local police, arrested another alleged peddler of narcotics late last night, bringing the total number of arrests in the area to 5 in the last 48 hours.

Working incognito, police said the suspect, who is reported to be 17 years old, was picked up for an alleged sale of marijuana made in June of this year. His name was withheld because of his age as he was turned over to juvenile authorities. Officers made the arrest in an undisclosed area in the Waverly section.

Meanwhile, the hunt is still on for a dark-haired young man last seen driving a late model green pickup truck. According to Manhattan Police he attempted to make a pick up of narcotics in a hiding place in a fence at First Place and Ingle-side Drive yesterday.

In a stake-out, police waited for the suspect until he arrived to pick up the narcotic. On attempting to make the arrest, the suspect immediately sped away. The two officers fired at the truck, but were unable to stop it.

Earlier, the cache had been found by Bob Wallace who reported it to police. They waited for the pickup. One of the officers was injured when he attempted to get into the truck to make the arrest. (Continued on page 2)

## National Newspaper Week Set

The Elks will pay nation-wide tribute to America's free press in observance of National Newspaper Week October 1-8, Ralph Jakubowski, Exalted Ruler of Torrance Lodge 1948, announced today.

Carrying out the theme for the week, "Your Newspaper Serves," the lodge's observance will stress the services rendered by newspapers that are so fundamental to the welfare of our society, Mr. Jakubowski said.

Plans for the Newspaper Week observance are being drawn by A. D. McDonough.

H. L. Blackledge of Kearney, Nebraska, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Order of Elks, has asked all lodges to join in the observance of National Newspaper Week, Mr. Jakubowski said. "In gratitude for its signal services to our democratic society, the benefits of which are shared by every one of us, let us, the Elks, make National Newspaper Week, in Elksdom's 90th year, a warm salute to America's great free press," the national Elks head urged.

## Mother of 7 Gives Birth To Triplets

A mother of 4 girls and three boys gave birth to triplet girls yesterday at Harbor General Hospital. And although the infant trio was reported born prematurely, they are reported in good condition.

The mother, Mrs. Bonita Kenney of 834 1/2 Via Wanda, Long Beach, says she hasn't named the little ones as yet. She is referring to them as A, B, and C. Mrs. Kenney's other children range in age from 2 to 14 years.

Hospital attendants said A weighed 3 pounds, 9 ounces; B 3 pounds, 5 ounces; and C, 3 pounds, 10 ounces, at birth.

## Little Gain In Traffic Safety

Seven recommendations for improvement in the city's traffic safety picture were presented by George Watts, regional director of traffic safety for the National Safety Council. They were:

- 1) Better enforcement of pedestrian laws.
  - 2) Improvement of public safety educational program.
  - 3) Increase the number of policemen.
  - 4) Ban left turns at more intersections.
  - 5) More and better street lights.
  - 6) Better reporting of traffic mishaps by citizens.
  - 7) Use of intoximeters to test suspected drunken drivers.
- Watts said that despite Torrance's better reporting in the city's second participation in a traffic safety inventory, only 5 (Continued on page 2)



### BIG SPLASH!

One of the first contestants for the "Miss Airforce" contest jumps in the water hoping to make a big splash in the beauty contest of October 5th at the Stadium Theater. She is Sharon Smith of Torrance.

## Big Tax Injustice Probe Slated by Local Chamber

City and Chamber of Commerce officials of six South Bay cities will meet October 1 at the Redondo Beach Elk's club to discuss alleged "tax injustice" of the Lakewood Plan, it was announced today by President A. E. Thompson of the Torrance Chamber.

Thompson said, "City officials are becoming increasingly alarmed over what appears to be a tax injustice to our communities due to apparent inequities caused by the Lakewood Plan!"

The Lakewood Plan provides for county-city contracts for municipal services such as police and fire protection. Opponents of the plan state that taxpayers of cities providing most of their own municipal services are paying part of the overhead for cities operating under the Lakewood Plan.

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce president said his group is inviting all mayors, City Councilmen, City Managers and Assistants, and Industrial leaders, of Torrance, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, and Gardena to the noon luncheon.

Thompson added that at the gathering an attempt to "get the ball rolling" in an investigation and a possible formal protest would be made. (Continued on page 2)

## Urges Early Enrollment in Flu Classes

"Learn the symptoms and nursing care of Asian flu victims before the predicted epidemic strikes!"

This was the advice given here this week by Mrs. Fred E. Johnston, volunteer chairman of Red Cross nursing services, to residents of Los Angeles and vicinity.

"The registered nurses serving as instructors in the Red Cross nursing courses emphasizing care of Asian flu sufferers will be unavailable for teaching assignments after the epidemic hits," Mrs. Johnston warned. "These nurses will be needed in hospitals and in caring for men, women and children." (Continued on page 2)