

# Pressure Tag Stirs Planners

The Planning Commission ordered an amendment to its minutes Wednesday night after one of the commissioners took exception to having the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association termed a "pressure group."

John Mulvihill, a member of the commission, and also of the civic group, demanded that the minutes of the previous meeting reflect the statement made by Chairman Bert Lynn.

"You're trying to discredit the organization," Mulvihill charged. Lynn retorted that the expression "pressure group" is not derogatory, and cited dictionary definitions to prove his point.

"I don't think there is any question that these people are a pressure group according to dictionary definition," Lynn shot out.

Mulvihill remarked that it was Lynn's tone of voice, to which he objected. Lynn had made the remark after a resident asked that a zone case be postponed until he could present the matter to the North Torrance association. Lynn refused on grounds that the commission will not be influenced by "pressure groups."



THANKS AIDES—Councilman Nickolas O. Drale, left, thanks campaign workers during a rally held at Higgins Brickyard Wednesday. The candidate for mayor shakes hands with Mrs. Philomena Davis, co-chairman of his campaign, and Joe Doss, campaign manager.

# Distributor Defends Protested Movies

A spokesman for a film distribution firm today defended the showing of the movie "Mom and Dad" which had stirred protests before the City Council, and resulted in a resolution asking theater managements to self-censor their bills.

"It's been shown in 32 different countries in the past 10 years as basically a health picture. It has never been sold otherwise," declared S. Pat O'Sullivan, representative of the Modern Film Distributors.

He said that poll had been taken last Friday night among patrons of the Torrance Drive-In Theater where the film was shown.

"No one found the feature objectionable, but rather educational," O'Sullivan said. He said that advertising material which was found objectionable by several residents, was sent from Chicago, and that the back page of the handbill contained a printing mistake since the material did not refer to the picture.

Mrs. Neil Hawkins, president of the Carl Steele PTA told the Council she objected to the advertising material as being offensive. Last Tuesday the City Council enacted a resolution which asks theater managers to refrain from showing films which might be considered offensive by the community, and urged that restraint be used in advertising.

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# Protest Use as Sumpsite

(Continued from Page 1) Jim figures and may be increased if any further damage occurs.

Plaintiffs in the action are Mrs. Kemp, George Pagaduan, of 22771 Ocean ave.; La Marr Waite, of 4227 W. 174th st., who owns property in the area; Frank Savelle, of 22704-C Earl st.; William E. Kilgore, of 22704 1/2 Earl st.; C. C. Graves, of 22768 Earl st., and W. T. McClenahan, of 22708 Earl st.

Peterson said that Mrs. Kemp's son has been suffering from jungle rot due to the flood water which is blocking their home.

Mrs. Kemp pointed out that a street department truck which was sent to her home to assist her evacuation became mired down in the driveway and had to be towed out Thursday.

"Some kid is going to get get drowned in all that water around here. Maybe we should put a stick of dynamite under the city hall to get some action."

# Voice of America May Use City For Broadcasts

(Continued from Page 1) U.S. Information Agency which sponsors the radio program to sell America to the people of other countries.

Dussel said that he will appoint a committee to frame the letter which will be submitted to other organizations for approval before it is sent off by the May 1 deadline.

Cities with a population of 100,000 or more are to be used. Basis for selection includes three points, Dussel said.

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# College Board Changes Meeting

Future meetings of the El Camino College Board of Trustees will be conducted on the second and fourth Mondays at 7:30 p.m., Forrest G. Murdock, secretary to the Board announced today.

First meeting under the new schedule will convene on April 14. Meetings are conducted in room 2 of the Administration building. The date change was made at the March 25 Board session.

# Smith Re-elected to Post

Ben Smith was re-elected chairman of the Torrance YMCA Board of Managers for a second year.

Other officers are Sam Van Wagner, vice chairman; Dr. Rollin R. Smith, treasurer; and Scott Albright, secretary.

# Former Fighter Jailed on Ham Theft Charge

Tommy Harrison, 29, former California lightweight boxing champion, finished a three-day jail sentence today on charges that he stole a ham from a Torrance market.

"I took it because my wife and kids were hungry," the former pugilist told Municipal Judge John A. Shidner after pleading guilty to a petty theft charge.

Harrison, of 1086 W. 254th st., Harbor City, was arrested late Wednesday after customers in a market where he had purchased a loaf of bread, notice a bulge under his coat.

When the former boxer started to run, he dropped a canned ham, police said.

# Parkway Planting Sought by Club

A report on planting and maintenance of parkways on Torrance blvd., was demanded by the City Council this week, after it was prodded by a letter from the Torrance Woman's Club Garden Section, signed by 484.

The group charged that beyond periodic efforts at weed killing, no care is taken of the parkways. They also requested installation of a sprinkler system.

Councilman Nickolas O. Drale said that the Council had sent a letter to the park superintendent a year before, and demanded an answer.

# March Building Shows Increase Over Last Year

March building in Torrance showed a healthy increase over the same month last year, the monthly report issued by Building Superintendent Lee Schizas showed.

Last month, \$2,390,431 of permits were issued, compared with \$1,235,015 during March, 1957.

The total included 67 permits for single family dwellings; 10 for apartment buildings; 10 commercial buildings, five industrial buildings, 53 for additions and alterations. Included in the total is \$325,000 for the new municipal court building in the civic center.



# Scout Leaders Plan Kickoff Meet For Scout-O-Rama Ticket Sale

A five-man committee will handle the "count down" for blast off of ticket sales on Saturday, April 12 at Narbonne High School athletic field for the Boy Scouts of America gigantic Scout-O-Rama. This announcement was made by Committee Head, D. Boone Kirks of Torrance, today to launch its ticket sales with a rally for more than 4000 Cubs, Scouts and Explorers of the Harbor District. A goal of 10,000 tickets has been set for the district.

The Scout-O-Rama to be held May 24 in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum will run from 1 to 10 p.m., featuring more than 400 booths and a huge stage show with many Hollywood stars as well as scout talent participating. Each demonstration booth will be sponsored by an industry cooperating partner. The huge show will cover the Coliseum floor with a model airport, electrical and plastic demonstration, guided missiles and rockets, conservation, cooking and yachting, and many other exhibits.

In making the announcement of the April 12 rally, Kirks emphasized the importance of every scout in the Harbor District being at the Narbonne athletic field, Western ave. at Lomita blvd., at 10 a.m. In addition to the distribution of tickets, there will be a big program of athletic competition between the various troops, Kirks said.

The ticket sales committee consists of Jim Arney of Gardena, Dan Heiland of Lomita, Andy Patrick of San edra, Boone Kirks of Torrance and Ken Fortney from Wilmington.

# Record Crowds Throng New Dale's Store

Record crowds of shoppers thronged Dale's Department Store, 1334 El Prado this week-end, requiring police to direct traffic.

The management of the store also reiterated that the firm, which features merchandise at below discount prices, is here to stay in Torrance.

It pointed out that its policy of name brands sold at wholesale prices will be continued for men's women's and children's ware.

Crowds became so large at times, that the firm actually had to limit the number of patrons inside the store at any one time. The company announced that it is able to sell merchandise at below discount prices, because of a direct link with a famed wholesale house.

# Lighting Petitions Circulated

Southwood home owners expect to obtain necessary signatures for a street lighting assessment district by Wednesday, John Brady, chairman, announced.

Fifty residents of the 2700-home tract are now making the rounds with petitions for the placement of ornamental light poles and to pay for energy on their county tax bill.

Action to form an assessment district was taken by the Southwood Homeowners Association as result of a report which indicated that poor lighting was partially the cause of prowlers, thieves and peeping Toms.

The police committee reported that 25 per cent of all homes had been bothered by criminal elements of one kind or another. The committee pointed out that in some instances, where lights were installed, crime was reduced by 90 per cent.

In order to be the first 1959 lighting district, its proponents must obtain signatures of 60 per cent of the home owners by April 15.

NEW CLUB PRESIDENT Charles A. Davis, of 2702 W. 189th pl., is the new president of the Northrop Management Club.

CANCER SOCIETY SPEAKER Allan K. Jones, educational chairman for the American Cancer Society will address the Lomita Lions Club Monday at 7 p.m. at the Wayfarers Restaurant, and present a movie.

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May it expell the pain and the weariness that comes with feeling, living and doing; may it keep us humble yet strong, tolerant but understanding.  
May we rejoice in the blessings that have come our way and thankful of those that have come to others.  
May we keep our face to the sun and our spirit on the heights—for this is the beginning of man's love for his fellow man.

**JUST A WEE SLICE**  
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Dark areas above already are represented by incumbent councilmen. Light areas need local representatives.

May we suggest three candidates who are qualified for the job, live in areas without local representation, and merit your vote on Election Day, April 8.

★	<b>J. A. BEASLEY</b> (South Torrance)	✕
★	<b>ROGER 'PAT' HOGUE</b> (West Torrance)	✕
★	<b>MURL REEVES</b> (North Torrance)	✕

Committee for Area-Wide Representation  
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**P.S.: We Urge You to Retain Incumbent Mayor Albert Isen**

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