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MISS WOOL—Fred Mill, president of the Chamber of Commerce, presents trophy to Donna Isbell, 18, an SC student who was awarded the Miss Wool title for final competition in Texas, while Stefan Rubco, 20, runner-up, looks on. —Press Photo

Ousted Official Seeks Referendum on 'Purge'

Two Face Firing as Officials

A referendum vote against an ordinance amendment which will "purge" two city commissioners was threatened today by one of the fired board members who termed the City Council action as "vicious and dictatorial."

George Downey, a member of the Civil Service Commission for more than 10 years, announced intentions to circulate petitions against the change which will cut terms from six to four years.

When the law goes into effect, Downey will be automatically dismissed from the board since he has served more than four years on his present term.



NOT A HOBBY HERE—Jeanette Westister, left, and Postmaster Clara A. Conner look over the supply of four-cent stamps to make ready for a new demand when postal rates go up from three to four cents tomorrow. —Press Photo

Four Residents Claim Babysitting Fees from City in Water Dispute

City fathers are fulfilling their paternal duties to the fullest extent this week.

They are paying babysitting fees for their constituents.

To date the city has received a tab for \$15 from residents who want Torrance to reimburse them for sitters. At \$1 an hour.

The City Council authorized the expenditure last week when City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier asked that witnesses at a water hearing be reimbursed for transportation,

parking and babysitting expenses.

He pointed out that some mothers who were called as witnesses in a case involving the municipal water department and the Dominguez Water Co., had problems paying for sitters while they appeared at the Los Angeles hearing.

To date four persons have claimed reimbursement for babysitting, while two other residents are seeking \$1.65 for parking costs.

One-Way Streets in Offing

One-way traffic on six downtown streets was given approval of the Chamber of Commerce this week on a "trial basis."

The rerouting of traffic in the central shopping area originated with the parking and traffic committee as a means to reduce congestion.

"We don't say it will work, but the board felt we should give it a try," said Dick Fitzgerald, secretary-manager of the Chamber.

He said that the Downtown Retail Merchants Association has also given its approval for a trial of 30 to 60 days to see if the plan is feasible.

One-Way Plan
If the program is instituted by the city, traffic on Sartori would be shunted in a south-easterly direction, and Cravens would become a northwest artery.

Post and Marcelina streets would become one-way streets for northbound traffic, and El Prado and Gramercy, for southbound traffic.

The one-way district would be presumably bounded by Torrance Blvd. on the north and either Cravens or Arlington on the south.

To Be Studied
Fitzgerald said that the Chamber's recommendation will be forwarded to the Traffic Commission for study. If that group approves the plan, it will make recommendation to the City Council for the change.

If the plan goes through, diagonal parking stripes will have to be changed to accommodate cars in the one-way pattern.

The Chamber committee started giving serious thought to the project after it was announced that the city intends to install 12 "Chinese Lantern" signals in the downtown area. Chamber members felt this will congest the downtown area even more.

Music Law Looms to Curb Riviera Club Jam Sessions

A law designed to curb music between 2 and 6 a.m. at the Hollywood Riviera Club will be presented to the City Council shortly, City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier announced.

He made the statement Tuesday after three councilmen expressed annoyance with alleged disturbances caused by patrons of the beach club on Friday and Saturday nights.

"Something's wrong, and something should be done," complained Councilman J. A. Beasley.

Several persons were arrested on drunk and narcotics charges near the club over the weekend.

Residents near the club charge that they are annoyed by noise from crowds attending jam sessions which last through the night.

They claim that patrons go to their cars for bottles of liquor after the club bar closes at 2 a.m. Entertainment is provided in the club during weekend nights until morning.

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complaints from people living near the club," said William J. Hanson, president of the Hollywood Riviera Home Owners Association.

"The main problem seems to come after 2 a.m. when the bar closes, and people go out to their cars for bottles," he said.

Hanson said that his organization has not made any formal complaint to the city.

Mrs. Corbett Had No Trouble in Finding Tenants

Mrs. Charles Corbett of 4377 W. 161st St., Lavendale, had no problem renting her one-bedroom house after she advertised in the Torrance Press Classified Ad section.

She said she received 10 calls from the ad, and rented the place right away.

You too can take advantage of the experienced service when you call a Torrance Press ad-taker at FA 8-2345 when you have something to sell, buy or rent.

County Asks Hospital Land for Juvenile Hall Facility

A 20-acre parcel adjacent to Harbor General Hospital is being eyed by the County as a branch juvenile hall.

The county will send a representative to San Francisco to dicker with Federal officials for obtaining the property for nothing or at a cut-rate price.

Robert Huer, director of the County Department of Real Estate and Property Management, said he had been instructed by the Board of Supervisors to set aside the land for a juvenile hall.

He explained that the county acquired the 78-acre site, including the hospital, from the US Army which used it as a hospital during World War II.

When it decided the property to the county in 1947, it was with the stipulation that it be used as a hospital.

Huer said he hopes to talk the federal officials into letting the county use the 29 acres for a juvenile hall facility, without

Airport Hotel, Terminal Get OK from Council

A five-months option for the development of a hotel and terminal building at Torrance Municipal Airport was approved by the City Council Tuesday.

E. E. (Stub) Wilson, the developer, said he intends to start construction of the \$2,500,000 project within six months.

The plans call for a 110-room hotel with a pool, a terminal building with offices to be given rent-free to the city, a transit building for pilots and a flight tower.

The terminal and transit building would be turned over to the city in 15 years.

If the option is exercised, Wilson will have a 50-year lease paying the city rent ranging from \$350 to \$1000 a month during its duration.

The city shelved for two weeks a request for an extension of a lease for a Hody's Restaurant, service station and bank building on city property at Crenshaw Blvd. and Pacific Coast Highway.

Seek Apartment Minimum Size

A recommendation that would require 1000 square feet of land area for each apartment in an R-3 zone, was received by the City Council Tuesday.

Planning Director George Powell said that the amendment will give the Planning Commission control over the number of units that may be placed on each parcel of land.

Hull at Conference

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of the Torrance Unified School District, is attending a conference of 30 superintendents of the largest school districts in California, at Lake Arrowhead.

Educational and building problems will be discussed with exchange of mutual problems and solutions.

paying anything or relatively little for the land.

Torrance officials have taken a dim view of construction of a juvenile detention facility in the past and have so notified the Board of Supervisors.

Lifeguard Jailed by Police

A lifeguard who allegedly ran amuck in Hollywood Riviera early Monday morning, was taken to County General Hospital for observation.

Torrance police apprehended Michael James Strange, 23, of 219 Ave. H, Redondo Beach, after he assertedly smashed several windows and tussled on the ground with a man identified as W. P. Lukens, of 138 Palos Verdes Blvd.

A resident of 132 Palos Verdes Blvd. said that Strange had attempted to enter his apartment, but that he slammed the door.

Officers Jim Doyle and Bob Jones said that the suspect started to run after they saw him on the ground with Lukens, but stopped when they ordered him to halt.

The lifeguard also was questioned about another window breaking incident at a pizza cafe where a newspaper rack was tossed through the pane.

Strange was booked on suspicion of burglary, assault, disturbing the peace and intoxication.

Six Injured in Auto Collision

Six persons, including four youngsters, received minor injuries in a two-car collision at Torrance and Hawthorne Blvds. Monday afternoon.

Police said that Mrs. Victoria Beatrice Feldon, 36, of 815 Font-hill Ave., noted amateur artist, and four of her passengers were taken to Harbor General Hospital for treatment.

Injured in the car beside Mrs. Feldon, the driver, were her three children, Ruth Ann, Francis E. and Victoria, Mrs. Sophie Dutch, 30, of Akron, Ohio, and her daughter, Pamela, 6, officers said.

Also taken to Harbor General Hospital was Virginia Mazur, 14, of 2064 Fisk Lane, Redondo Beach, a passenger in the car driven by Ernest Martin Kayesen, 36, of 2256 W. 238th St.

Subdivision Approved

A 31-acre subdivision and nine commercial and parking lots in Rolling Hills were approved by the County Regional Planning Commission.

Palos Verdes Properties will develop the land located south of Hawthorne Blvd. and west of Silver Spur Road.

Second Ouster

Another commissioner, Ross Sciarotta, is expected to be dismissed Jan. 15, when he has served four years.

The new law, changing terms, and making appointments and dismissals subject to a Council majority instead of a four-fifth vote, was approved by a 4 to 2 vote. The action was opposed by Councilmen Nicholas O. Draie and George Bradford.

"This is a violation of the referendum voted by the people," Draie declared.

Mayor Albert Isen said he advocated the change in order that Civil Service Commission terms conform with those of other city commissions.

But Downey said the change was made because he supported Draie for Mayor in the April election.

"This is about as dictatorial a piece of legislation that I've ever read in all my experience. It is far too vicious to take a personal view of it. It is a matter of grave importance not only to the 500 plus city employees, but to the city as a whole," Downey said.

He added that "I intend to fight this . . . by taking our version to the people and let them decide whether the will of the people is going to rule or one person will take over absolute power."

Mailing Changes Probed

Cost of obtaining Torrance mailing addresses for the entire city will be studied by a Chamber of Commerce committee headed by Paul Loranger.

The move is designed to make certain there will be no waste of taxpayers money in the campaign to include all sections of the city for service by the Torrance Post Office, explained Dick Fitzgerald, secretary-manager of the Chamber.

The committee will also determine if the Torrance Post Office will get as good or better service than those provided by Redondo Beach, Gardena and Lomita.

Seek Petitions

The Chamber will also seek petitions from residents who now receive their mail in care of "foreign" post-offices, to endorse the change.

The Chamber is backing the program originated by Mayor Albert Isen who proposed that all sections of the city should receive their mail through Torrance postal addresses.

Other Services

As it now stands, Hollywood Riviera residents receive their mail through Redondo Beach, a portion of North Torrance is included in the Gardena Post Office and in parts of the southeast, the mail is delivered with Lomita addresses.

Fitzgerald said that the Chamber has received offers of help from Gov. Goodwin J. Knight, Senators William F. Knowland and Thomas Kuchel, Congressman Cecil R. King, and even a letter from Sherman Adams, presidential assistant.

Higher Postal Rates Go Into Effect Here Tomorrow

Postmaster Clara A. Conner of Torrance, said today she expects plenty of stamps and postal cards to be on hand for sale tomorrow to meet new postage rates which become effective then.

She explained the Post Office Department has been issuing new stamps, stamped envelopes and postal cards to post offices for several weeks in anticipation of the new rate changes.

Large additional supplies of the regular 4c stamp, bearing the likeness of Abraham Lincoln, are being received here to meet the new first-class letter rate of 4c an ounce. In addition, issues of special stamps and commemorative stamps will be available at the local post office in 4c denominations.

A new "Champion of Liberty" stamp, honoring Simon Bolivar, the late great South American liberator, will be on sale at the local post office on July 31, in 4c and 8c denominations. (The 8c stamp is used in international mail.)

Adequate supplies also are expected in other stamps, cards and envelopes, including new 7c air mail stamps, replacing the 6c air mail stamps; 3c postal cards replacing the 2c cards; 5c air mail postal cards replacing the 4c air mail postal cards; and 4c and 7c stamped envelopes to be used in place of 3c and 6c stamped envelopes.

Action Delayed on Tract Map

A public hearing on a zone change and subdivision map in west Torrance was continued until next Tuesday, "to clear up some questions."

Mayor Albert Isen said he wants to get some more information on why the 428 lots to be subdivided by Don Wilson should not be served by the municipal water department, instead of the Dominguez Water Co., with which the city is now in litigation over service.

The tract will be bounded by Del Amo Blvd., Torrance Blvd., Henrietta st. and the west city limits.

City Manager F. E. Hopkins of Redondo Beach asked that Torrance withhold action on the grounds that the site should be developed for a regional county park, although the county has said it has no such intentions.

stamped envelopes.

"Picture" post cards will require 3c stamps for surface transportation and 5c stamps for air transportation. Ample supplies of 3c and 5c stamps are expected to meet anticipated demand for these stamps.

Old supplies of 3 and 6c stamps, 2 and 4c postal cards and 3 and 6c envelopes may be used after August 1, by adding an ordinary penny stamp to these.

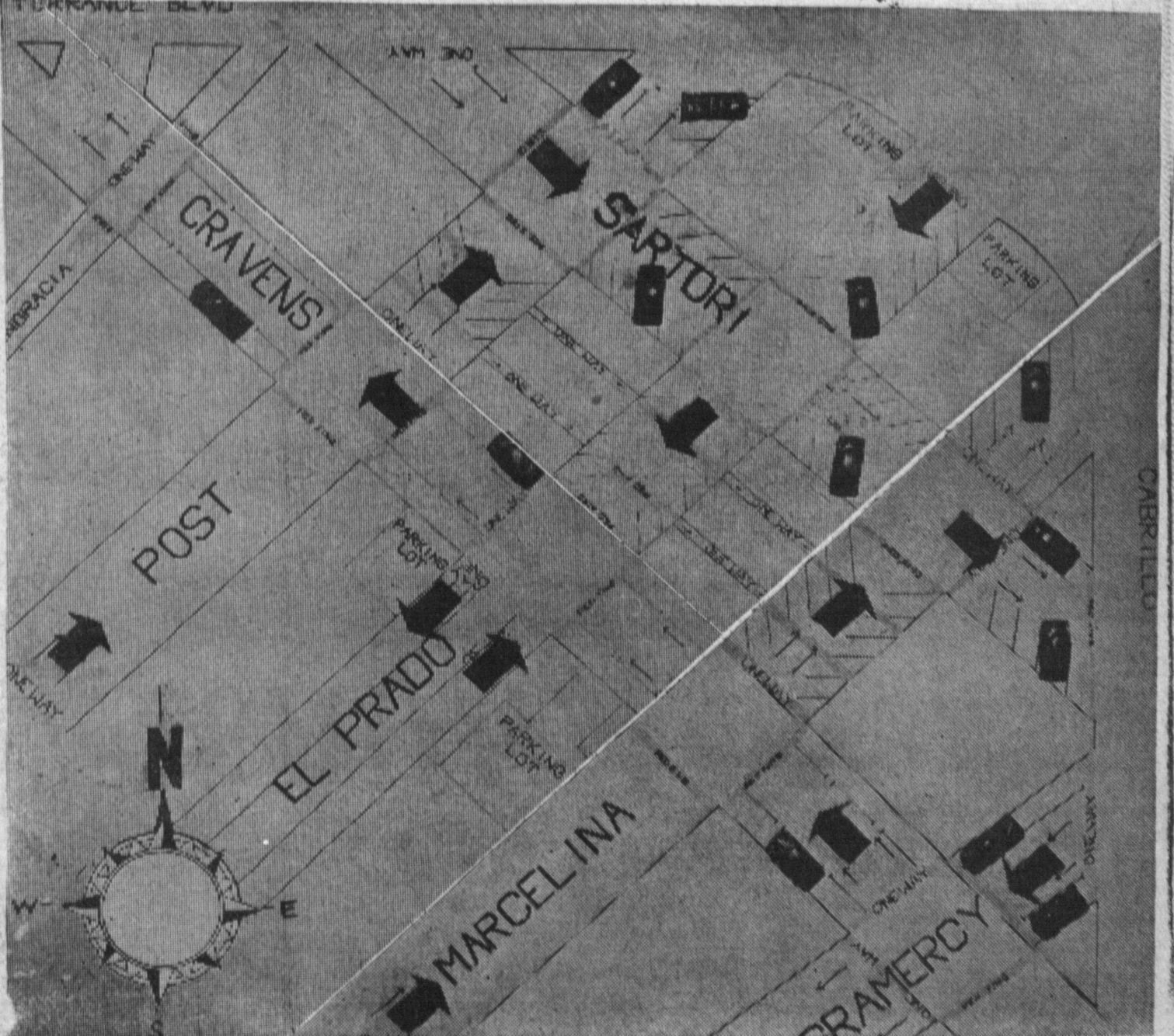
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ONE-WAY SYSTEM—Map shows proposed one-way street system for downtown area which was approved by Chamber of Commerce. Post and Marcelina would become northbound streets, El Prado and Gramercy, southbound; Sartori, eastbound, and Cravens, westbound.