

# City Councilmen Turn Down Own Salary Increase

## Pay Hike Action Delayed

City Councilmen postponed decision on pay hikes for city employees until Sept. 30, and said a polite "no thank you" to a proposal to raise their own salaries. Not only were the city fathers in a spending mood at Tuesday's meeting, but they nearly failed to be able to pass legislation to collect taxes from property owners.

This came when two of the five council members present, voted against the adoption of a \$1.214 per \$100 assessed valuation tax rate, on grounds that they opposed a one-cent reduction in the levy.

**Hire Police**  
Councilman George Bradford, who along with Willys Blount voted against the emergency ordinance at first, said that he wanted to keep the present rate and hire additional policemen with the money.

It was only after some hasty consultation with the city charter which apparently requires a unanimous or four-fifth approval of the ordinance, that Blount and Bradford changed their votes in order to be able to pass the ordinance by the required majority.

Mayor Albert Isen pointed out that their previous opposition, had it stood, might have prevented the city from collecting taxes this year.

**Own Pay Hikes**  
The Councilmen also turned down a suggestion to raise the pay of councilmen to \$4000 a year, and that of the mayor to \$9,000, making the latter position a full time job.

All council members presently receive \$1200 per year and expenses. Suggestion for the councilman pay hike was offered by Jonathan Dunover, a leader of the city employe organization which has been pressing for pay hikes.

Isen and Councilman Robert Johnson, said they might welcome a raise, but thought the suggested figure considerably too high.

Isen said that council members do not work for the pay involved but because of a sense of civic responsibility.

**Postpone Raises**  
Pay raises for employes were postponed for a month until a council meeting is present.

In other actions, the council withheld approval of a tentative subdivision map until some agreement can be worked out with the Dominguez Water Company.

The proposed tract, sought by Wilson, is bounded by Hemlock St., Torrance and Del Amo Aves., and the west city limits.

**Building Pace Set By Sears**  
Torrance construction will well top the \$2,000,000 mark during August, preliminary reports indicated today.

A \$1,750,000 permit for the new Sears-Robuck Store in the Del Amo Shopping Center, Hawthorn and Sepulveda blvds., accounted for a major share of this month's valuation.

In addition to the store, to be constructed on the southern end of a mall, anchored on the north by the Broadway Department Store, is a \$45,000 service station to be operated by Sears-Robuck.

The new Sears store is expected to be completed in the fall of 1959, as are a number of other stores to be constructed on the mall from Carson st. to Sepulveda blvd.



**FILL HER UP**—Nancy Almond, fuels up plane owned by Stewart Schureman for the Palms Springs Air Race, special feature of Torrance Airport Day Sept. 6. Miss Almond, who is Miss Sunland-Tujunga, is the daughter of a former Torrance businessman.

## Array of Activities in Store for Airport Day

A whole day of activity is promised those who attend Torrance's Airport Day, Sept. 6, according to sponsoring officials.

From 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. guests will witness an Air Race, view four movies, see crop-dusting and fire fighting demonstrations, view the latest in civilian aircraft, see a number of military exhibits, attend open houses at the Nike Site and Ryan Oceanographical, near concerts from three bands, and many other surprises.

Frank Lovejoy, famed for his portrayal of General LaMoy in the movie, "Strategic Air Command," and more recently in TV's "Meet McGraw" series, will M.C. the award presentation ceremony at 5 p.m. Lovejoy will pilot his own plane to the festivities.

Music will be furnished by bands from March Air Force Base, Fort McArthur and the Torrance Area Youth Band. The Airport Day Event is being sponsored by the Aviation Committee of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the City of Torrance and its Airport Commission to arouse public awareness in the rapidly expanding airport.

## Drivers Jailed For Speeding

Two drivers were sent to jail Monday by Municipal Judge Donald Armstrong after being nabbed by Torrance police on speeding and reckless driving charges.

Frank L. Wasko, 29, of 4106 Carmen st., was sent to the county jail for seven days on charges of driving his car 70 m.p.h. in a 35 m.p.h. zone and running a boulevard stop during a chase by a police car.

Larry Wayne Forsberg, 20, of 1748 W. 256th st., Lomita, was given a four-day jail sentence after being cited for engaging in a speed contest and traveling 85 m.p.h. in a 45 m.p.h. zone.

## Compulsory Air Insurance Law Hearing in Lomita

Lengthy agitation for compulsory liability insurance for airplane owners will come under official scrutiny next week when the State Senate Interim Committee of Aviation conducts a hearing in Lomita.

The two-day probe of requiring pilots to carry insurance will be held Sept. 2 and 4 at the Lomita Elementary School, 247th st. and Narbonne ave., starting at 10 a.m.

Mrs. Dessie Myers, president of the Lomita Property Owners and Registered Voters Association, said her group has pushed for mandatory insurance for eight years, since an airplane crash in Lomita destroyed a house.

The association this year was joined by the Lomita Chamber of Commerce and the Lomita Civic League following another crash last year. A delegation from the Pacoima Chamber of Commerce and PTA has also requested time on

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# Dope Grower Fights Police Raiding Party

## Freeway Speedup Sought

A delegation of South Bay leaders, led by Torrance Councilman Nickolas O. Drate, today pressed demands for speedy construction of the San Diego Freeway.

The 11-city group today has a 15-minute appointment with the State Highway Commission in Sacramento.

Representatives of Torrance and South Bay cities will ask that a hefty portion of \$304,000,000 in federal funds be allocated to expedite construction of the San Diego Freeway between International Airport and the interchange with the Harbor Freeway.

Supervisors Kenneth Hahn and Burton W. Chace were to accompany the delegation and stress the importance of the traffic artery through the dense, congested area.

Other Torrance delegates are Councilman J. A. Beasley, official representative on the Inter-City Highway Committee, John J. Barton and Tom Brewer, citizen members and Dick Fitzgerald, Chamber of Commerce manager.

The group which left yesterday, will return tomorrow.

## LL Wants Sump

Requests for the use of the Entradero Sump by the Tordon Little League was made to the city this week.

The group requested the use of city equipment to grade the area and will provide all labor and materials to fence the sump. President Roy O. Lloyd of the League announced.

## RECEIVES DEGREE

Richard Keith Brown of Torrance, has received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Colorado where he attended the summer session.

## CHANGE JOBLESS OFFICE

The California Department of Employment today announced that their new address in Torrance will be 2007 W. Carson st. Mrs. Winona Ellis, manager, stated that all activities now carried on at the 1628 Cravens avenue and 1931 Carson street addresses will be located at the new address after September 2.

## Poor Postal Service in Welteria Area Charged by Civic Group

Charges of unsatisfactory postal delivery and lack of access to post office boxes, were hurled this week by the Welteria Civic Organization.

In a letter to the City Council, the group announced that it will not take a stand on a move to include all parts of the city into the Torrance mail district.

"It is the unanimous opinion of the members of this organization that the decision on mailing addresses should be made by the residents of the communities affected and not by the residents from all parts of the city," wrote Bessie D. Slonecker, secretary.

This was in reply to the City Council resolution in which it urged that all parts of Torrance be given Torrance mailing address.

Mayor Albert Isen advocated the step some time ago, citing that several parts of Torrance have Redondo Beach, Gardena and Lomita addresses.

In her letter, Mrs. Slonecker wrote that mail in Welteria is often received long over-due, because it has been mis-sent. She cited that a person may send a letter to a friend three

blocks away, and that as much as a week elapses before he receives it.

Another charge made by the organization is that owners of post office boxes, who work, are unable to get to them except perhaps on Saturday mornings.

"They claim that the Welteria station of the Torrance Post Office is only open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. The branch is closed Sundays and holidays.

Postmaster Clara Conners said that the station is constructed in such a manner that it can not be left open except during business hours, because the box section is not blocked off from the rest of the building.

"I can see their point," said Mrs. Conners. "We have asked the department to at least leave the door open while someone is in the building before and after regular business hours."

She said that the only way this problem can be solved is by constructing a floor to ceiling wall between the box area and the rest of the station.

"If we leave the front door unlocked, this would leave the whole building open and someone could ransack it," she explained.

Mrs. Conners also denied that there is unnecessary delay in delivery of the mail. She said that the mail collected in Welteria, as in other parts of Torrance is taken to the Post Office annex, where it is sorted and distributed to the carriers.

## Gun Fired In Tussle For Weed

A young Torrance couple was arrested on narcotics charges Monday after sheriff's deputies caught them cultivating nine marijuana bushes in their yard.

The illegal gardeners, Kenneth Eugene Comer, 21, of 22824 Mariposa ave., and his wife, Delores Jean, 20, were taken into custody following a wild struggle in which Comer and two deputies were injured, officers reported.

Four narcotics officers who had staked out in the vicinity, waited until Comer returned home and allegedly dug up the bushes and took them inside the house.

**Starts Struggle**  
As the officers entered the rear door, Comer allegedly told them: "You can't come in here without knocking."

The suspect then knocked the officers' identification cards to the ground and raced to the bathroom where he tried to flush the marijuana plants down the toilet, officers said.

During a struggle in the bathroom, one of the officers' gun discharged, but caused no injury.

Comer was given eight stitches for scalp cuts he received during the struggle before being taken to the County Jail where he was booked on suspicion of cultivating and possession of marijuana and resisting arrest.

**Wife Arrested**  
His wife was arrested on suspicion of possessing marijuana. Officers said they seized a quantity of marijuana debris in the pocket of Comer, a truck driver.

They said one of the nine bushes being grown on the place was 30 inches tall. The arrest was made after the house had been under surveillance for some time. Deputies said the plants appeared to have been watered shortly before they inspected them.

## Burro Market Good, Former Owner Finds

Although she had a rather unusual item for sale, Mrs. Donald Desevy, of 1185 Bond Drive, Manhattan Beach, found that the Torrance Press classified ad columns are tops even when it comes to selling donkeys.

She was able to sell her gentle, female burro for \$10 shortly after her classified ad appeared in the Torrance Press, and was full of praise for the good service she received from the Press staff.

"If you have something to sell, buy or rent, call a classified ad-taker at the Torrance Press, FA 8-2345 for quick and courteous service."

## Early Deadline

Because of the Labor Day holiday, deadline for news and advertising for the Sept. 4 issue of the Torrance Press has been advanced to this Saturday, Aug. 30, at 5 p.m.



**COMPETE FOR TITLE**—Eight of the 10 candidates for Queen of Welteria Roundup Days, to be chosen Sept. 14, are pictured here. They are, Sheryl Kean, Glenda Schwartz, Top row: Caroline Cox, Gloria Dutton, Collette Holst and Sharon Breniman. Press Photo

## Woman Injured As Auto Hits Telephone Pole

A woman driver received a possible fractured jaw and facial cuts, when her auto smashed into a telephone pole at 190th st. near Hawthorne blvd., early yesterday morning.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital was Mrs. Martha Janice Putman, 31, of 20513 Entradero st., an employe of a Gardena poker club.

Police said her station wagon left the road and broadsided into the pole. The driver was thrown out of the car as it turned over after nearly toppling the post.

In another accident Tuesday, Alan Lynn Domenici, 23, of 20016 Tailsman st., suffered head injuries when he was struck by an auto near his home, police said.

Driver of the car was identified by officers as Wayne Arnold Brecht, 30, of 2711 Ralston Lane, Redondo Beach. The boy was taken to Torrance Memorial Hospital.

## Ten Candidates Compete for Queen Honors in Welteria Roundup Days

Ten candidates have signed up as contenders for Queen of the Welteria Roundup Days to be held between Sept. 2 and 14.

Sponsored by the Welteria Businessmen's Club, the annual event will be highlighted by a full day's schedule of events on Sept. 14.

The day will start with a Buckeye Breakfast from 5:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Ozark Barbecue, to be followed by a parade at which Dove O'Dell will be grand marshal.

Activities will officially get underway on Sept. 2, when a sheriff will be elected to enforce wearing of beards and Western clothes, according to publicity chairman Dick Sagrillo.

The fundraising event to raise money for youth groups is headed by Herb Jackson, assisted by Don Mathews.

Concessions and games will be held in the park starting at 1 p.m., with the Queen to be selected at 4:30 p.m. An automobile will be given away as a special prize.

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