

POLE CAT-Frank Bakulich, a lineman, gives demonstration of pole climbing to Janice Little and Sharon Chavira during Pacific Telephone Co. open house Thursday and Friday.



TOOL DISPLAY-Gene Nelson paints out some of the smaller Cools used by telephone personnel to sixth graders of Perry School. Some 2400 youngsters from all Torrance schools toured the company's Torrance exchange.

More Than 4000

Isen, Drale Feud on **City Tax Assessor**

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A suggestion that Torrance have its own tax assessor to keep taxes from zooming out of control resulted in a heated argument between Mayor Albert Isen and Councilman Nickolas O. Drale and even talk of seccession from the county.

The verbal duel was triggered when Drale suggested that City Manager George Stevens study

formation of a tax assessor's office instead of using the county's.

"I wouldn't even waste Mr. Stevens' time on this," snapped Isen.

"You're opposed to anything for the benefit of the people,' Drale charged back.

Face Deficit The councilman said that the

county is presently faced with making up for \$6.000.000 in tax revenue lost by the county due to a recent court ruling exempting defense plant inventories.

"We're a city of \$200,000,000 assessed valuation and pay a lot of expenses for the county and not receiving benefits," Drale asserted.

Isen termed the councilman's suggestion "obsolete and medieval," and claimed that Long Beach and Pasadena, which have their own assessor, are trying to get rid of them.

Bone Is Only For City The mayor also said that the ity assesor could only set valuation for city taxes and that the New City ounty, school district and other taxing agencies will still use the county assesor, making for

duplications. "People have received huge tax increases, we'd be of service Chapman L. Bone, 38, former to them." Drale said. Hermosa Beach city manager

Ship Wreck, Power Failure in Storm A powerful storm mowed down a tree, signs and powerlines causing a black-out in Walteria, and sank a fishing boat off the coast, Friday night. The 42-foot "Linodia", sank off Pt. Fermin, but both crew

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members, who wore life jackets, managed to swim to shore at Portuguese Bend after nine hours in the water.

Deputy sheriffs said that Curt Morgan Olsen, 35, the skipper, and Lauren Scott, 39, were taken to Hillside Emergency clinic after their long ordeal in the choppy seas.

A powerline was blown down at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Crenshaw Blvd. causing a power line failure that plunged the Walteria section into a black-out for 90 minutes.

A tree was felled in the 200 block on Paseo de Gracia, and signs were reported blown down, in other parts of Torrance.

Police also logged false burglary alarms which might have been set off by the storm ...

Architect, Library Chairman lash over Bid Procedure

cedure were hurled during an credits the architect, but also we should pass his phone numargument over furnishing the El Retiro branch library when the City Council and I feel I ber around and post it at the must say something," he said. airport," Commissioner Dick the architect and chairman of Mayor Albert Isen took sharp

the Library Commission clashed issue with Varner. over prices. William J. Hansen chairman of ing you. Remember he made

the library board claimed that some criticism on the library his specifications for fixtures building which was later cor- communication actually brought in more favor. rected." able bids than those of Archi-

Commissioner Quits In Airport Hassle

Charges that the door is being opened to political pay-offs in future airport leases were hurled Thursday night at a stormy meeting of the Airport Commission when one of its five members resigned in a huff. Commissioner Malcolm B. Neal stalked out of the meeting after announcing his on the spot resignation while the other four framed a motion®

that they want a clear-cut statement from the City Council on Insanity

The storm was raised by a recent Council decision that stripped the commission of the power provided by the power of the pow to negotiate leases on Torrance Municipal Airport. Campaign Funds

Neal charged that if all the eases are negotiated directly by the Council, management of the airport will become "political." think that future leases

ten in. I'm resigning," Neal said. and robbing a Torrance girl, The commissioners all expressed disapproval of a motion nade two weeks ago by Council-

negotiations be taken out of the

Floyd said.

Table Agenda

Anger over the Council's new policy 'erupted 'at' the beginning "Mr. Hansen is not discreditagenda and proceed with oral

Both sets of bids and specifications were finally referred to Chester regarding a lease. "I' think there is something seriously wrong with our bid-internet in the seriously wrong with our bid-cilman Robert Jahn and George Bradford, Building Superinten-leases lets not waste your time leases lets not waste your time

ter.

Scharfman, director of finance;

In a later item, the Council

Boy, 16 A psychiatric examination for Wilburn Anthony Henderson, will have campaign funds writ- 16, accused of shooting, raping was ordered made before his trial in Long Beach Superior

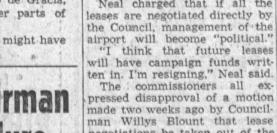
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Court Dec. 15. Superior Judge Joseph M hands of the commission. Maltby ordered the youthful "If Mr. Blount wants to Colorado Springs defendant to

Charges of poor bidding pro- feel now that he not only dis- handle all negotiations, I think be examined by Drs. Marcus Crahan and Robert Wyers, atter he pleaded innocent and innocent airport," Commissioner Dick by reason of insanity at his are raignment Wednesday.

Henderson is formally charged with forcible rape, assault with a deadly weapon, assault with when the commission decided intent to' commit murder, asto 'dispense with its regular sault by force and robbery.

The youth allegedly attacked the 15-year-old Seaside Heights But the first request for a girl in her home, and shot her hearing was made by Thomas in the chest with a .32 caliber pistol after she screamed for help. Henderson then assertedly slugged and robbed the girl's how friend as he mished to he or ours," Floyd informed Ches rescue. After fleeing the scene, he Tom : A brams, commission changed his clothes, dyed his president, said that until the orhair, but failed to fool an alert dinance regarding the new poli-Redondo Beach policeman who cy is adopted, he feels that the captured him an hour after the commission is still empowered crime. o negotiate leases. Henderson is also mamed de-Floyd finally made his motion fendant in a \$400,000 civil suit o ask the .Council what it considers the commision's job is, brought by the girl. now that the leasing powers have been taken away. Torrance Abolish Group



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Phone Co. Open House

There was real community interest in Pacific Telephone's ben House event last Thursday and Friday and according to the latest count by local manager Dick Pyle who said 4129 visitors showed up for the festivities. School children and teachers by the busload visited the telephone center during the morning hours

and in the afternoon housewives, friends and neighbors toured the big communications' center and Carson Dump watched the demonstration in **Zone Rejected** the parking lot outside.

The manager said that the Open House was successful from to ways. It made it possible for folks to see what the inside of a telephone building looks like and how telephone equipment works and it also enabled telephone people to become better acquainted with those they serve in the area.

"I wis to extend my thanks to all who took time out to attend our programs, the manager said.

Crane to **Be Held For Trial**

Kenneth Raymand Crane, 30 is held for arraignment in Inglewood Superior Court Nov. 28 on charges he murdered his wife, following preliminary hearing in Torrance Municipal Court Friday.

Judge Donald Armstrong ordered Crane, a longshoreman, held without bail.

He is charged with shooting his attractive wife, Joan, 27, a rel estate saleswoman Oct. 31 the couple's home, 22910 Cain brillo Ave., with a shotgun, to gram. climax an argument over money

and her housekeeping. Peterson as two possibilities. Crane has consistently claimed that the shooting was accidental Water Commission recently, the and that the 16-gauge shotgun selection method resulted in a went off when his wife struck temporary "strike" by Councilthe barrel.

Howard F. Gavin, sheriff's bal- Blount and George Bradford. listics expert, testified that the

gun's firing pin was broken Seek Christmas Jobs when he received it.

Under cross examination by attorney George Shibley, he tes- Christmas jobs during their vatified that the gun did not go off cations, L. R. Albro, work exaccidentally. perience coordinator for the

Testimony introduced by Dep- Torrance Unified School District uty District Attorney T. B. Mc- announced this week. Nary showed that the muzzle He urged businessmen who of the gun was about one foot have temporary work available, nesday at the Redondo Beach forms, will be shown Wednesaway from Mrs. Crane when it to contact him for prospective Elks Club, with a tale of his day at the Torrance Arts and discharged. job-seekers.

Isen countered by saying that was appointed administrative asonly 16 per cent of the tax bill sistant to City Manager George for municipal services, and Stevens this week.

that the city has nothing to do Bone, who held administrative positions in San Diego for eight with the other 84 per cent. "Let's not fool the people. I'm years before, he served two just as interested as you, if not years in Hermosa Beach, will more, in keeping the tax rate succeed Bob Rogers who re-

low," the mayor said. cently resigned the post. Starting salary for the posi-

CHAPMAN L. BONE

"Anything we're for, you're tion is \$758 per month. against," Drale retorted. Stevens said that Bone will be **Torrance** County assigned to make reports sur- complete. At this point Councilman Ro-

veys and investigations and will bert Jahn said that he favored be placed in charge of the weed a tax office for the South Bay abatement and employes safety. area, and even State legislation programs. to set up a county government

Selection of Bone was hailed for this area. as "a good choice" by Mayor "I favor a Torrance County," Albert Isen. The Council conthe mayor agreed. firmed the apponitment unani-

Drale's motion to refer the mously. subject of a municipal assess-

ment system, or at least a branch office of the county assessor in Torrance was finally approved with all but Isen vot-

ing in favor. mendation of the County Zonsmoke dies down, you'll find

More than 135 residents, I'm right," the mayor said closarmed with over 1300 signaing the subject. tures appeared at a hearing

Culture Group Problems Aired by Co-Council

Seek Members of **Disaster Group**

Carson area residents have won their battle to prevent es-

tablishment of a rubbish and

garbage dump on Vermont Ave. between 208th and 214th

The request for a zone ex-

ception by the Berada Corp.

was turned down by the Coun-

ty Regional Planning Com-

mission this week on recom-

to oppose the zone exception

Residents claimed that the

dump would have created a

health hazard, attract rodents

and insects, and lower prop-

ing Board.

two weeks ago.

erty values.

Councilmen have been asked Pool. to make nominations to the new Civil Defense Commission, but

this time there will be no selection of names from a hat, which resulted in a walk-out by councilmen recently. Mayor Albert Isen asked

councilmen to submit lists of names of persons who might be qualified to form a disaster pro-He mentioned Cmdr. William

Mason, and Attorney Clifford Band, the South Bay-Torrance During the selection of the

men Nickolas O. Drale, Willys

Several hundred high school Group which has lost its workstudents will be available for shop.

WINS SPEECH TROPHY

Nat Gibson, Torrance business, walked off with the first "The World of Mosaics," a place trophy at the South Bay film about one of the world's old-Toastmasters Club meeting Wed- est and most interesting art experiences in the Wild West. | Crafts Center, 1511 Cravens Ave.

Councilman / Robert Jahn. He said that Varner's specifi- for report Tuesday. cations were written so that it limited bidding to one cabinet-

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criticism.

comparison more difficult.

accepted the El Retiro library building, after Jahn insisted some items be "red-tagged" for maker. Lower Price Don Mansfield, assistant city correction. manager, said that prices re

ceived on Varner's bids are ac-**No Expense Fund** tually lower than those received Hansen's specifications

and moreover that they are more for Planners Hansen maintained that the

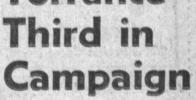
He said that if the Council Planning Commission memrespective specifications were bers will continue to pay travel warts to take over most of the sent to different firms making and meal expenses out of their duties, it might as well abolish own pockets. the commission.

At one point Varner angrily . The City . Council Wednesday Before Neal quit, he said that accused. Hansen of continuous turned down a request that the airports run directly by the ordinance which presently limits Council are not successful since. "For the past year I have their pay to \$20 a month be the council has neither the taken considerable abuse and changed to permit reimburse know-how nor the time to de ridicule from Mr. Hansen . . . I ment of expenses. vote to the operation.



OSCAR WINNERS-Receiving "Oscars" in the Red Feather drive are two Torrance division chairmen and their section chairmen who went over the top in the Community Chest drive. In rear at left is Mrs. Gloria Baxley and

Mrs. Jean Gerald, division chairmen. In front are Mrs. Nancy McNeil and Mrs. Edith Dussiere. The latter accepted in behalf of Mrs. Joseph Orchard, who was unable to attend the meeting.



With 48% of its total goal of \$7,740 collected, Torrance Community Chest residential campaign was in third place at the Harbor Area Report meeting attended by more than five hundred Community Chest volunteers Thursday at the Plush Horse.

In individual awards they ranked higher, taking five of the twelve "Oscars" awarded for firsts over goal, divisions and sections, and of the total of 54 divisions in Harbor Area making 100% of goal, Torarnce had 22.

Overall the residential division of Harbor Area Chest Campaign was leading the rest of the Los Angeles Community Chest with 42% of its goal collected, and five of the first six residential divisions to report 100%. These divisions were two in Torrance. one in Rolling Hills and two in Gardena.

Gardena Leads

Gardena led the Harbor area cities with 80% of its total residential goal, San Pedro was second with 59%; Torrance next with 48%; Harbor City-Lomita, 31%; Wilmington, 30%; Palos Verdes 24% and Rolling Hills 21%.

Many Torrance workers had not yet reported on Thursday according to Mrs. Ruth Schrum, unit chairman for Torrance and she said the campaign seemed good prospects for making goal to be in excellent shape with when all reports are in and the necessary call-backs have been made where people have not been at home.

50 Per Cent

In its over-all compaign for \$27,060, the Torrance Community Chest headed by Jim Becker has now reached a little over 50% of its total quota which is about 2% behind Gardena and only 8% less than San Pedro at present the leader in Harbor Area.

Tax Cuts "When all the hullabaloo and May Hit Torrance

Torrance councilmen were none too sure whether they should praise or condemn an economy move by the county government.

Mayor Albert Isen proposed that a letter be sent to Super-A round table discussion to visor Burton W. Chace, praising discuss the problems of Torrance cultural groups will be reported program of cutting held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at county government costs.

the Victor Benstead Swimming But Councilman Robert Jahn was not too certain whether this

The session will be sponsored is such a good move. by the Coordinating Council. "You notice that Long Beach, "There is much room for as- and Santa Monica are going to sistance and patronization of be taken care of in the budget. Torrance cultural groups, and an Where's the economy going to understanding of their aims is come from, Torrance?'

the first step in helping them He said that Chace has taken assume their proper place in our care of other parts of his discommunity," said Mrs. John trict, and that the economy Mangan, president of the council. measures might be undertaken

Participating in the panel dis- at the expense of Torrance and cussion will be representatives other less favored cities in the of the Torrance Area Youth supervisor's district.

"I won't vote for such a let-Youth Ballet, the Torrance Art ter until I know where the Group, the Recreation Depart- cuts are going to be," declared

Councilman Gearge Bradford. Others are the South Bay He charged that Del Amo Civic Light Opera Association, Blvd. is paved in Long Beach, the Torrance Area Symphony but no money is allocated for Orchestra. Not represented will the same street in Torrance city be the Torrance Little Theater limits.

Councilmen finally agreed they want to see the letter before it's dispatched.

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