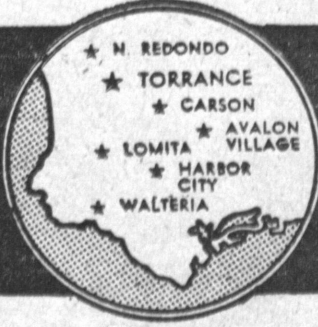


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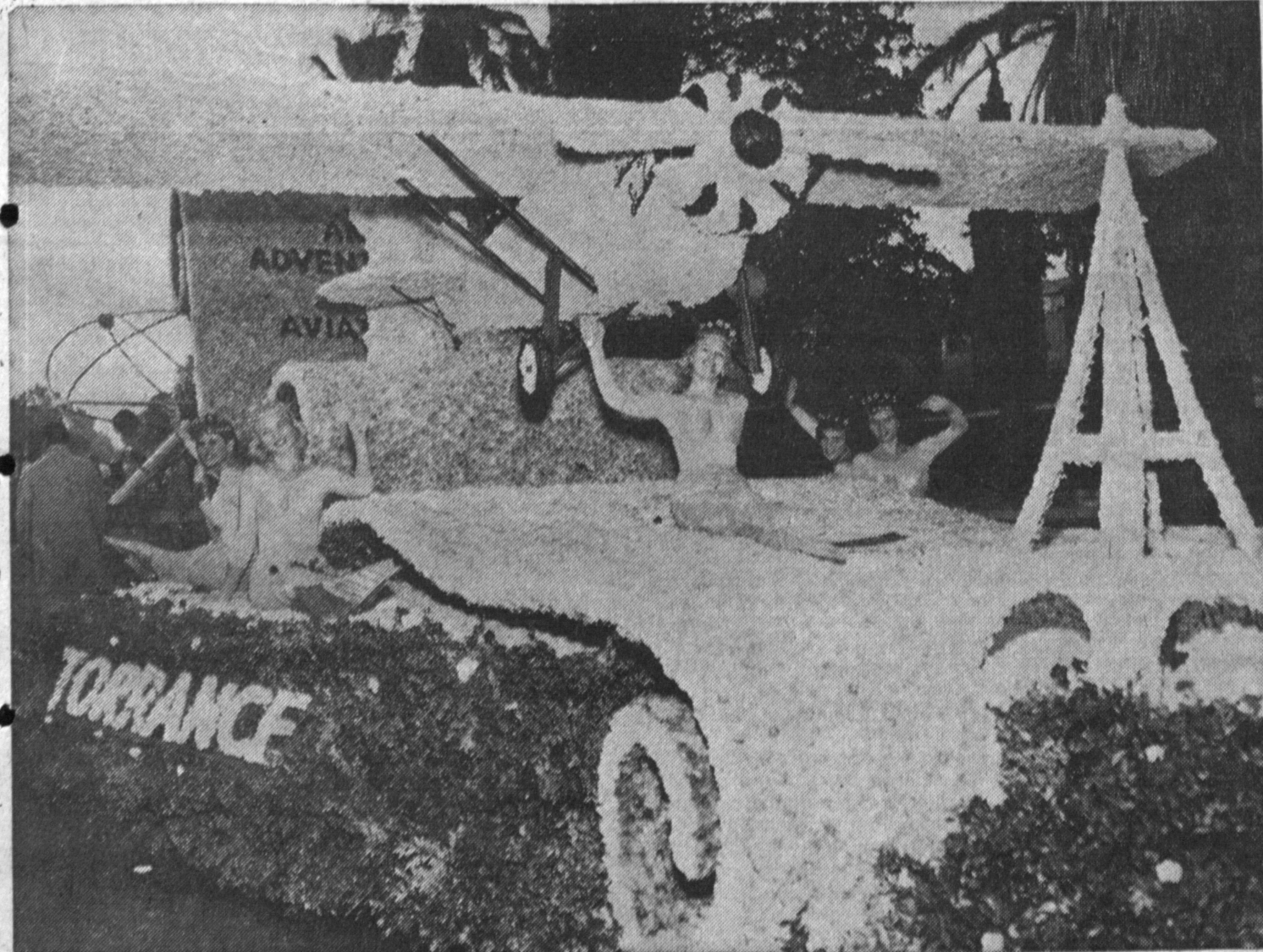
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PRIZE WINNER—Torrance's float, depicting Lindbergh's historic solo flight across the Atlantic, won first prize in its class in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena on New Year's Day. Some 200 volunteers participated in decorating the float with a

multitude of flowers. The float, which will be on exhibit in El Prado Park this weekend, depicts Lindbergh's plane, the "Spirit of St. Louis," the Eiffel Tower and the Statue of Liberty. It was called "Adventures in Aviation."

Torrance Float Awarded First Place Parade Prize

The contributions of some 200 volunteers paid off New Year's Day, when Torrance's float won first prize in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena.

The Torrance float, "Adventures in Aviation," which depicted Lindbergh's pioneer solo flight across the Atlantic, won first place in Class A-6, for California cities with a population between 100,000 and 200,000.

Chamber of Commerce officials who sponsored the colorful float, proudly pointed out that this is only the second float entered by Torrance. Last year's won third prize.

Girl Is First '59 Arrival

A 6 pound, 11 ounce girl appeared to be the first baby born in a Torrance area hospital in 1959.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Sanchez, of 1234 W. 139th St., Gardena, and clocked in at Harbor General Hospital at 4:38 a.m. on New Year's Day. She had not been named at press time.

Another girl, also as yet unnamed, was the first 1959 arrival at Torrance Memorial Hospital. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Campbell, of 21041 Evelyn Ave., and checked in at 4:51 a.m.

The mother is a school teacher. The youngest Campbell weighed in at 8 pounds, 14 ounces.

The first baby, and a boy at that, was born in Riviera Hospital at 9:06 a.m. Named Dwain Ray, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Troy H. Hibdon, of 427 Harbor Hills, Lomita. The young man weighed 8 pounds, 1 and one-quarter ounces.

He was named after two Air Force buddies of his father's.

Deadline Looms for '59 1st Baby Contest

Deadline for the Torrance Press "First Baby of 1959" Contest is rapidly approaching.

A shower of gifts awaits the parents of the first baby to be born this year, sponsored by leading Torrance merchants.

Entry blanks must be submitted to the Torrance Press, 1406 Cravens Ave. by 10 a.m. Jan. 6. Persons who did not clip out the coupons contained in the official announcement, may still pick them up in our office.

The contest is open to all expectant mothers who reside in our circulation area. The first baby born will be declared the winner. In case of a close contest, hospital and city records will be the deciding factor. The baby may be delivered anywhere, but records must be available for judging.

Prizes will include numerous items required for babies, including clothing, food, and furnishings.

A consolation prize is again presented by Allen Jewelers, who will make an award to the last baby born in 1958.

Major Markets Closed in City

Girl, 20, Killed in Car Crash

A young woman, passenger in a car which swerved into a power pole guy wire, was killed Friday evening, while her three companions escaped with minor injuries.

Pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital was Manola Thomas, 20, of 18903 Hawthorne Blvd. She and William Bade, 34, of 407 Pacific Coast Hwy., Redondo Beach, were flung out of the rear seat of the car, police reported.

Officers said the accident occurred on 190th St. just east of Hawthorne Blvd.

The car driven by Thomas Roger Kenneth, 27, of 2709 Mathews St., Redondo Beach, apparently swerved out of control and plowed into the wire.

It was the first traffic fatality of the year.

Kenneth, Bade, and Elanora Phy, 21, who resided with the Thomas girl, were treated for minor injuries, police said.

No Food Shortage Felt Yet

Independent market operators girded themselves for an onslaught of customers next week as most chain supermarkets closed down in a dispute with the Retail Clerks Union.

But Ben Scott, secretary-treasurer of Local 905, representing Torrance and Harbor area stores, flatly stated that his union is not on strike.

"This is an illegal lockout. We hold that the old contract is still in full force," he said.

He said that 600 employees reported for work at markets which had been closed down by the management in a lock-out following picketing at the Hollywood Ranch Market starting at 12:01 New Year's Day.

Market owners said that the full effect of the shut downs will probably not be felt until this week since most markets reported stock-piling by customers Wednesday, on the eve of the deadline set by Los Angeles locals.

Negotiations for a new contract which called for increases of approximately 80 cents an hour in wages and benefits over a five-year period, had led the threats of a strike by the Los Angeles unions and a lock-out by market owners.

"I know we'll win, and the public will be fed," said Scott.

Sign-Up
He asserted that 80 of 111 markets in the Harbor area have signed an agreement to abide by the new contract.

While the huge supermarkets closed down, independents and so-called "Mo and Pop" stores were doing brisk business.

Best estimates were that many families had stored up a week's supply of groceries Wednesday, hoping that it would tide them over during a short shut-down.

Specialty food stores such as bakeries, dairies and butcher shops were also greeting more customers than usual.

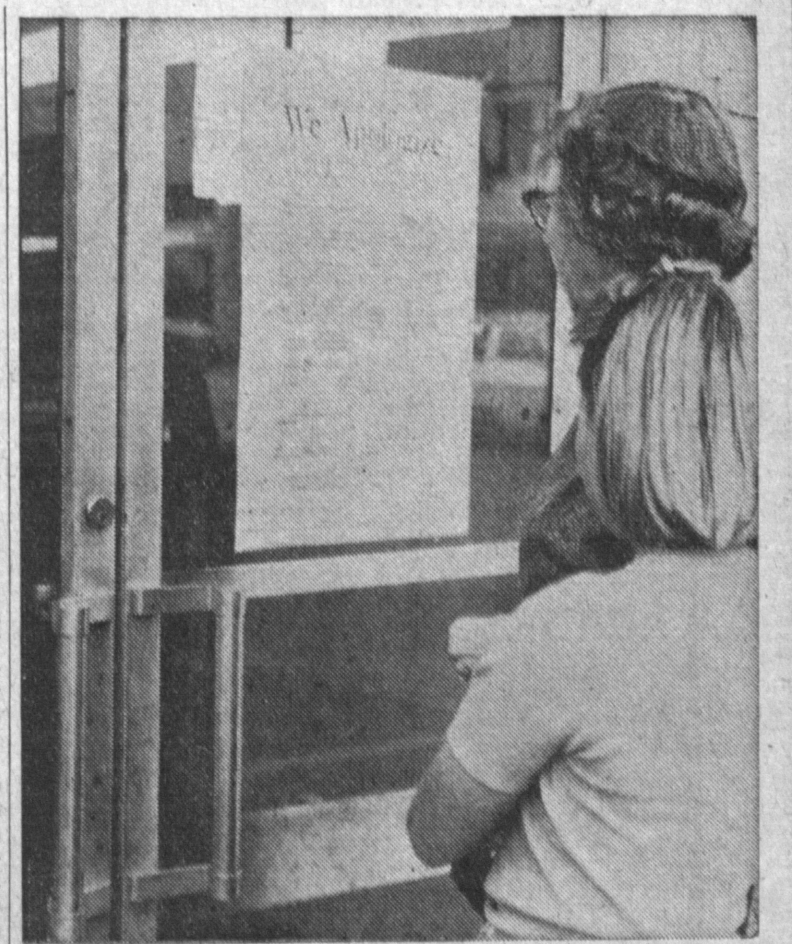
Bananas Stolen

It wasn't that the loss was too great but the mess was quite unappetizing.

That must have been the thought of Patrick Dennis McCoury when he returned to his home at 4822 Cadison Place and discovered that burglars had helped themselves to two bananas and left the peels on his bed, police reported.

TEAC MEETING

Next meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee will be held Jan. 12 in the YWCA.



NO BUSINESS TODAY—Mrs. Roy Volz, of 20550 Earl St., and daughter, Shirley, find supermarket closed due to shut-down of chain stores, due to dispute between management and the Retail Clerks Union. Independents are still open for business, and Harbor area Local spokesman charges that closing is caused by lock-out, not strike. Press Photo

Construction in Torrance Tops \$23,000,000 in '58

Construction zipped along at a 1958 pace of \$23,010,725, Building Superintendent Lee Schless reported this week.

While only one-half of the building valuation of the 1956 record year, when \$46,000,000 in permits were issued, last year proved a substantial pickup from 1957.

During 1957, the valuation here was \$18,986,679. The past year got off to a good start in January, when in excess of \$7,000,000 in permits were issued.

December, 1958, valuation was \$1,849,554, also an increase for the same period in 1957, when permits with a total valuation of \$1,390,924 were issued.

Although annual figures were not completely compiled as yet, building officials said that permits for 355 single family homes with a total value of \$5,133,508 were issued.

Another \$2,516,953 was issued for 326 apartment house units.

Large scale development of subdivisions accounted for the record in permits during 1958, building officials pointed out.

Judge May Be Taken to Court By City Schools

A judge may be hauled into court by the Torrance Unified School District.

The district has filed condemnation proceedings for 1.6 acres of land for the new Madison School site at 178th St. and Doty Ave., owned by Judge and Mrs. Parker Wood.

The suit was filed after the property owners allegedly refused to accept the price of \$48,700 offered by the school district. Four other parcels of land have already been acquired, school officials said.

Parking Extension Approved

Parking meters will be changed over so that motorists may remain parked in the same stall for two hours, instead of having to feed the meter hourly.

The action was taken Tuesday by the City Council on request of the Chamber of Commerce, which asserted the present, one-hour limit is a hardship on shoppers.

"What's the purpose?" inquired Councilman Victor Benstead, who joined Councilman Willys Blount in opposing the change. "First they asked for meters to move traffic. Now they don't want it to move. It doesn't make sense to me."

Mayor Albert Isen told him the purpose is to give shoppers more time and not to have to worry about their cars being cited for overtime violations.

But Isen was critical of some merchants and their employees who took advantage of the pre-Christmas parking meter "holiday" by parking their own cars in front of their stores instead of keeping them free for shoppers.

All meters except those now designated for 24 minutes will be affected by the change.

What the switch actually means is that motorists may now put in two nickels and leave their vehicles for a two-hour pe-

Bus Terminal Change Under Council Study

A committee composed of Councilmen J. A. Beasley, Willys Blount and Robert Jahn will investigate a new terminal facility for the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines.

City Manager George Stevens notified the City Council last week that the present terminal at Cravens and Cabrillo Ave. will cost the city another \$150 a month because of a raise in rental.

The corner of Sartori and Torrance Blvd. or the old city hall building were suggested as possible alternatives.

Name City Aide

Bob Carlson, assistant city manager, city clerk and finance officer of Paramount, will be the new senior administrative assistant.

He will succeed Chapman L. Bone, who was promoted to assistant city manager Jan. 1, to replace Don Mansfield who became Bell city administrator.

CHAMBER MEETING DAYS

Board of Directors meetings of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays instead of Mondays. The first meeting will be held Jan. 6.

Two Boys Hurt In Experiment With Explosives

Two boys experimenting with gun powder and chemicals were seriously injured Wednesday afternoon, with one of them losing his left hand.

The explosion, occurred in the home of William Long, 16, of 25107 Narbonne Ave., who was holding a bottle containing the mixture. A friend, Dave Schuhmann, 17, of 2250 W. 250th St., received a number of injuries in the blast.

Deputy Sheriffs said that Long lost most of his left hand when the explosion shattered windows and smashed a kitchen table.

Expectant Parents Class

Midwinter classes for expectant parents will start Jan. 15 at the Torrance County Health Office, 2300 W. Carson St. They will be held on Thursdays at 1 p.m.

Classes will be given on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Lawndale Health Center, 14616 Grevillea Ave., beginning Jan. 8.

CONCESSION FIRE

A fire which broke out in the Babe Ruth League concession stand caused approximately \$125 damages to its contents, Torrance firemen reported Friday.



TRAFFIC VICTIM—Raymond G. White, 15, a newspaper carrier boy, of 3850 Newton St., is being placed on stretcher after his bicycle collided with an auto at Ward St. and Pacific Coast

Highway Wednesday. Police said the youth suffered a broken shoulder and cuts. The driver of the car was identified by police as Albert Travis Prochaska, 20, of 24053 Ocean Ave.