

Dispute Rages Over \$200,000 Nowhere Road

Fireman Hearing Ruled Out

Fire Engineer Jerry Hollomon will not get a hearing on his charges that he was passed over for promotion because of personal reasons.

City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier ruled that under the city's civil service ordinance, an employee may not file charges against a superior, and ruled that the City Council has no right to order the Civil Service Commission to conduct a hearing.

GI Dies In Plane Accident

A Torrance soldier was killed Sunday when the light plane in which he was traveling, crashed near Sedona, Ariz.

Pfc. Donald N. Belanger, Jr., 20, of 5114 Patrick St., and a buddy, Sp4 Charles S. Ishii, Jr., of Hawaii, were returning to Ft. Huachuca from Flagstaff, after spending a week skiing.

Belanger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Belanger, and a graduate of Sierra High School. He had been in the service for a little over a year.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by three brothers, Allen, 19, Gerald, 19, and Richard, 11, and a sister, Betty, 21.

Employees' Wives Want Pay Day Set on Friday

Friday pay days in order to help family budgeting, were requested this week by a group of city employees' wives.

The senders of the letter said they would prefer being paid every other Friday, rather than twice a month, in order to take advantage of weekend bargains offered by supermarkets.

"We are withholding our signatures because we do not want to have this letter affect our husbands' jobs in any way," the letter read.

City Manager George Stevens recommended that any action should be taken up at budget time.

HEADS NEWTON SCHOOL

Terry Kirkbride, an eighth grader, was elected president of the student body at Newton School last Friday in an all-school election. Arlene Weston, also an eighth grader, was chosen vice president.

Torrance Wins Powder Puff Start in 1960

The 1960 All-Women's Transcontinental Air Race will start in Torrance, it was announced by Mrs. Betty Gillies of San Diego, chairman of the board of directors of the sponsoring AWTAR's.

Mrs. Gallies said her group selected Torrance over other West Coast cities due to an aggressive bid submitted by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, assisted by the Torrance City Council and Airport Commission. The race will leave Torrance Municipal Airport July of 1960.

Dubbed "Powder Puff Derby," the race is the most popular all-women's race in the world and annually has entries of some 130 women pilots. This year's race will begin in Lawrence, Mass., July 4 and end in Spokane, Wash.

Poker City Folly

In a tiny area northwest of the Torrance city limits a gigantic battle is being waged.

At issue is the proposal to incorporate the 1.2 square mile area as the city of Victoria Park.

The verbal fireworks might be considered just another squabble over home rule except for one vital factor.

The proponents of the new city, whose somewhat elusive leader is Joseph Asaro, want to base the income of the proposed city on revenue from a licensed poker club a la Gardena.

Gambling revenue would support nearly one-half of the projected \$100,400 per year it would cost to operate the city, according to a fact sheet distributed by the incorporators.

Proponents of cityhood have submitted sufficient signatures to call a hearing before the Board of Supervisors within the next two months.

Opponents of the city plan quite logically point out that Victoria Park will be the smallest city in the county and since it is made up mostly of homes, incorporation does not make good sense, particularly if civic survival is chained to a card club.

Incorporation foes are now circulating petitions seeking exclusion from the proposed city.

Logic and the belief that a city should not depend on gambling for its basic income moves us to support the Victoria Park Civic Council and other opponents of incorporation under these terms.

Schools Attract Home Buyers, Realty Board Chief Asserts

What people have heard about the Torrance school system apparently has helped to sell many homes in the city, Ken Miller, president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors, told the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee Monday.

During a discussion of "Some Criteria for Determining Excellence in a School System," by school officials and local citizens, Miller reported that one of the most frequent comments he hears from prospective home buyers is that they have heard of Torrance's good school system.

Because many people want to buy in Torrance so their children can attend school here, Miller said that his newspaper advertisements note which homes are within the city and school district limits.

Some other evidences of the quality of the Torrance school system, as pointed out by other speakers, include the facts that: An overwhelming majority of the money in the school district is spent either for expenses of instructing children or for teachers' salaries.

The school district strives to gear its program to the needs of each individual child. There are provisions for all types of students—the bright, mentally retarded, and physically handicapped children, as well as "average" students.

Fundamental subjects are emphasized, with more than half of the school day devoted to them.

Light Rainfall Recorded Here

Moderate rains since Saturday night brought welcomed moisture but no damage to the city.

A weekend storm brought .73 of an inch of Torrance, while a light storm Tuesday night and Wednesday morning added .66 inches.

The season's total rainfall is a scant 3.20 inches of rain compared with 8.92 for the same period last year.

The support of organizations and individuals for the speedy completion of the Harbor Freeway as a priority measure, was requested today by Henry G. Mathews, president of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber, as well as others in the Harbor area, are pushing for the allocation of \$6,000,000 to construct the super highway from 190th St. to Pacific Coast Highway, which would mean its completion from the Los Angeles civic center to the harbor.

Mathews said that his Chamber wants the Harbor Freeway completion to take precedence over the construction of the San Diego Freeway.

He asked that letters in support of this move be sent to state legislators.

Both the Harbor and San Diego Freeways are designed to link up at 190th and Figueroa Sts.

Miss Marshall, announced that for the benefit of Harbor General Hospital, displays and merchandise are being moved in, in preparation for a gala charity preview of the store on Sunday evening, sponsored by the women's clubs of the

South Bay area. The preview is to attend.

This latest addition to the company is located on Hawthorne Blvd. at Sepulveda Blvd. It is the first of a large group of stores, specialty shops, markets, banks and drug stores, and many others, now under construction or being planned.

When completed the Del Amo Shopping Center is expected to be one of the largest in the West.

Miss Marshall further states: "We are most gratified with the warm welcome being accorded us in the South Bay and Peninsula area. We have spared nothing to make the Broadway-Del Amo a store that will be pleasant and convenient to shop in and one which residents of this dynamic community will be proud."

William Belding, Del Amo store manager, added that the store will open regularly at 9:30 a.m. after the noon opening on Monday, and will remain open until 9:30 p.m. on Monday, Thursday and Friday evenings.

The Traffic Commission is presently studying a suggestion to purchase property for off-street parking to alleviate parking problems on Carson St.

City Manager George Stevens said that the street parking situation on Carson between Arlington and Cabrillo Aves. has caused a serious problem to merchants.

He pointed out that some vacant lots in the area are available for use as parking lots.



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Elks Leader Blasts Dope Drive 'Scuttle'

Elks Caravan Plans Delivery of Petitions

An accusation that attempts are being made to scuttle a stringent narcotics law was hurled today by the chairman of the Torrance Elks Lodge, which is co-sponsoring the legislation.

Joseph E. Yates, past exalted ruler of the lodge, which sponsored a petition drive to enact tough legislation, directed his charge against Attorney General Stanley Mosk.

"During the early days of this campaign . . . he heartily endorsed our program. But since being sworn in as attorney general, he has completely reversed his stand," Yates asserted.

Building Ban OK'd By City

Councilmen clamped a building ban on South Torrance but initiated action to improve the water system, following a hearing Tuesday.

No construction may be started in the area except where property owners have already spent substantial funds, under the ordinance which was ordered prepared.

An amendment by Councilman George Bradford to permit building in places where the water pressure exceeds the minimum allowed by the plumbing code, was defeated.

At the same time, the Council instructed Water Superintendent Angus McVicar to make a survey of the privately owned water system to the point where the ban can be lifted.

City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier was instructed to prepare proceedings for an involuntary assessment district against the private water company.

Walter Anderson, attorney of the Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 3, told the council that the building ban was illegal, but Remelmeier said the action could be taken in the interest of public safety and welfare.

Fire Chief J. J. Benner previously said that the low water pressure in the area constitutes a fire fighting handicap.

"Citizens of Torrance," Yates declared, "in the face of evidence uncovered in several nearby high schools in recent weeks, you surely must be aware of the dangers to which our young people are exposed."

"Only concentrated action by decent, law-abiding citizens can correct this situation."

He asked residents to write to their assemblymen to push the Elks-sponsored legislation.

The chairman also declared that illicit narcotic traffic in this country is a Communist, subversive activity and that more than 70 per cent of heroin and opium derivatives originate in Red China.



VALENTINE FOR TEACHER—Nothing is too good for teacher, Lynn Alan Dunfee, 6, a student at the Anza School, believes as he coyly presents Valentine Day heart to his teacher, Mrs. Sandra Walker.

Program Readied for Konya Day Celebration Here Feb. 28

Final program arrangements for Konya Day to honor Torrance's Turkish sister city will be made at a meeting of the sponsoring committee Monday at 8 p. m. in the City Hall.

Konya Day was proclaimed for Feb. 28, including a visit of Turkish dignitaries, a flag-raising ceremony, dances, gift exchange, music, and a dinner speech.

Part of the celebration will be the presentation of a Turkish Flag to be raised at the city hall, while the Torrance Area Youth Band plays the Turkish national anthem.

A tree will be planted in the civic center to commemorate the international friendship. The activities will be held during the afternoon, following arrival of Turkish visitors which will include a repeat appearance of Nejat Somnez, information officer. A luncheon will be held at the Palms Restaurant, with a motorcade to parade to the civic center.

The Torrance-Konya City to City Association, which is sponsoring the event, also announced that R. S. Pyle has succeeded Del Nadeau on the board of directors.

Home Destroyed by Flames Here

The home of Joe Garcia, 2560 W. 230th St., was completely destroyed by fire early Tuesday.

Torrance firemen said that Garcia apparently went to sleep while boiling water on a wood-burning stove. A neighbor saw the flames and helped Garcia out of the building.

An overcooked roast caused some smoke damage to the home of Charles Wigley, 4919 Scott St. Monday, firemen reported.

Six Nominated to Academies

Six Torrance area youths have been nominated to military academies by Rep. Cecil R. King.

Nominated to the Air Force Academy were Kenneth Clymer, of 4179 W. 172nd St., Merrill Eastcott, Jr., of 3730 W. 176th St.; Jon Haney, 142 Paseo de la Concha; David Klemp, 17308 Elgar Ave.; and John Bridges, 1706 W. 248th St., Lomita.

Naval Academy nominee was Manford Mainer of 2533 Sierra St.

COMMITTEE POST
Rep. Cecil R. King has received a new assignment as member of the Conference Committee of the House and Senate.

Access for Road Blocked

A \$200,000 super highway that goes nowhere became the subject of angry discussion at the City Council Tuesday.

The road in question is Lomita Blvd. which was recently paved and widened, but can't be connected to Hawthorne Blvd. because the State has refused permission to connect it.

The subject came up when Ted Koletos asked the City Council to allow him to build commercial structures on Hawthorne Blvd. between the present and the new Lomita Blvd.

"When I gave the city \$40,000 of land, I was told that the restrictions would be waived. I'm really disappointed," Koletos declared.

Seek Delay
City Engineer Ronald W. Bishop had requested to delay granting him exemption from the Walteria Lake hazard ordinance, so that the city could provide the necessary drainage demanded by the state before it grants the city an encroachment permit to connect new Lomita Blvd. with Hawthorne Blvd.

Koletos claimed that he had cooperated with the city by taking the fill from the road construction, thereby saving the city money in its contract.

"Why wait all this time to get an encroachment permit, something is wrong here," snapped Councilman Robert Jahn.

Bishop said that if Koletos' request is granted at this time, it might block a culvert demanded by the state, and would jeopardize the city's chances of obtaining access to Hawthorne Blvd.

The Council delayed granting Koletos the request.

Councilman George Bradford also charged that the city permits contractors to "run up and down on our spine and kick us in the teeth."

He claimed that the city had to rip up a part of Sepulveda Blvd. to install a water line because pipe had not been delivered before the street was paved.

Bishop explained that the city wanted to get the street paved in time for the Broadway opening.

Vet Tax Relief Fight on

Opposition to the removal of veterans' property tax exemptions was voiced today by Frank A. Schuk, newly appointed publicity chairman of Bert S. Crossland Post 170, American Legion.

"There is a drive on in the state legislature to do away with your veterans' property tax exemptions," he declared.

"Do you think we as veterans should be deprived of our exemptions? I don't think we should. After all, we veterans and former soldiers fought to defend this wonderful country of ours and what it stands for," he added.

Schuk alleged that if this action is taken without fight, veterans may be stripped of all benefits.

He announced that a veterans' rally will be held at the Torrance Post, 1109 Border Ave., Feb. 28, from 6 to 8 p.m. Dancing and refreshments will be offered.

Seek Dump Site

A hearing on an application for a 700-acre cut and cover dump near Dominguez St. east of the Harbor Freeway, will be held by the County Regional Planning Commission Feb. 19.

The application for the project was made by the Del Amo Estates Co.



OPENS MONDAY—The new Broadway Del Amo department store will be officially opened Monday noon following traditional ribbon-cutting ceremonies. The first completed store in the

huge new shopping center, the Broadway will be the scene of a champagne preview sponsored by Torrance women's clubs to aid Harbor General Hospital.