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Parking Meters

As commercial areas are developed in various parts of Torrance, now seems a good time that usefulness of parking meters in the downtown area should be reviewed.

More and more downtown businessmen hear complaints from their customers that they are being penalized for patronizing them by having to "feed" parking meters. Many of them, who have received overtime parking citations voiced disgust and vowed they will not return.

The new commercial areas provide adequate free parking and motorists do not have to worry about parking meters or overtime citations there.

As a result more and more business flees from downtown, and the city loses sales tax revenue when shoppers make their purchases out-of-town.

Parking meters were installed downtown for two reasons. One was to assure a turnover in parking spaces. The other was to finance off-street parking lots.

Parking enforcement and payments on two lots now just about take every cent collected from meters. Until the lots are paid for, there is little prospect of the city purchasing any additional lots.

We believe that the city, businessmen and the Chamber of Commerce should get together and discuss removal of parking meters before they put a blight on the central shopping area.

Councilmen Deadlocked on Pav Boosts for Top Brass

Whether top city employees will get a raise above a blanket five per cent wage hike will depend on the vote of one councilman whose absence Monday resulted in a series of tie votes.

After motions to approve and disapprove the adjustments for top city brass failed to receive the necessary 3-2 votes, the council ordered that a revised study be brought back on the agenda later when Councilman Willy Blount can be present to break the tie.

Adjustment for top and medium officials was proposed by Chapman L. Bone, assistant city manager, as means to bring them in par with officials of comparable cities.

Under the plan he submitted, some persons would receive as much as 25 per cent increases including the general five per cent wage hike.

"Some of these people have been here only six or seven months. I can't see giving them a big raise," Mayor Albert Isen commented.

Councilman Robert Jahn, who said he favored some adjustment as concerned with supervisory people who might not be qualified for their elevated positions.

"Who's going to be responsible to get rid of them if they are no good?" he wanted to know.

Bone said that training courses in supervision will be slated next year to help up the supervision.

But pot shots fired at some officials finally aroused the anger of City Manager George Stevens.

"We have to give the same service as other cities. And we're doing it with half as many people as they are. Our people are producing. By golly, on the whole they are as good as any," he declared.

He said that the police and fire department are as good as in other cities with twice as many men.

"Let's be fair. It's the end product that counts," he said.

Isen and Councilmen Nickolas O. Draie and Victor Benstead said they opposed any adjustments other than a five per cent salary boost for all employees.

Jahn, George Bradford, and J. A. Beasley announced they favored some adjustments.

Burglars Break into Wood School

Burglars, believed to be juveniles, broke into the Howard Wood School where they helped themselves to \$3.86 in change.

Police said while they were inside, they also forged the principal's name on a work permit and put out girls' pictures.

Two guns were stolen from an auto owned by Hal Darby, 4713 Paseo de las Tortugas, while the car was in a service station at Redondo Beach and Crenshaw Blvds. The .22 and .32 caliber pistols were valued at \$100.

Burglars who entered the home of Russell J. White, 2635 W. 175th St., helped themselves to 28 rolls of pennies, valued at \$14, police reported.

BLOODMOBILE DUE
The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Civic Auditorium, 1349 El Prado, on June 25, from 3 to 7:30 p.m. Persons who want to donate blood may call Mrs. Patricia Orsini at FA 8-0647, and make an appointment.



SCHOOL OFFICIALS RESIGN—Three Torrance school officials resigned this week to take better jobs elsewhere. Shown discussing the Torrance "Little Red Schoolhouse" program are Dr. Warren Hamilton, director of special services, and Dr. Max Appleby and Dr. F. R. Cyphert, curriculum consultants. Hamilton will become school superintendent at Yellow Springs, Ohio, while Appleby will become an assistant superintendent at the Acahanes District, and Cyphert will join the faculty at Ohio State. —Press Photo

Pair Captured Minutes After Staging Robbery

City Auditorium Sold

Bank Buys Old Buiding for \$125,000

Sale of the Civic Auditorium as a bank building, and use of the proceeds as down payment of a new auditorium was approved by the City Council Tuesday.

The 20-year-old building at the corner of Cravens Ave. and El Prado was sold to the Security First National Bank for \$125,000.

In moving to accept the offer, the City Council specified that the cash be put in a fund to build a large new auditorium in the civic center.

Part of the money can also be used to pay for plans and City Manager George Stevens was instructed to negotiate with an architect to make preliminary designs.

The rest of the building is expected to be financed through a bond issue or a lease purchase program.

Bevan Jones, vice president of the bank, said that he does not expect that any work will be started on the old auditorium for at least four months and that the building can be used by the city during that time.

He said he did not expect the bank to be completed in less than nine months.

Jones announced that the bank has received charters for four Torrance branches and is seeking a fifth location.

Charters have already been received for branches in downtown Torrance, at 174th St. and Crenshaw Blvd.; 174th St. and Hawthorne Blvd.; and at Hawthorne and Sepulveda Blvds. A fifth branch has been applied for at 190th St. and Anza Ave.

Adams School, which is designed to relieve crowding at Wood School, will contain eight classrooms, two kindergarten rooms, an administration unit, shop and homemaking facilities, and a multi-purpose (cafeteria-auditorium) unit. More classrooms may be added later.

Work at Fern School will include earthquake-proofing and modernization of lighting, heating and other facilities.

Work on the two projects will begin as soon as possible. The Adams work is expected to take about nine months, while the Fern rehabilitation will take some eight months, barring strikes or other difficulties.

RABIES CLINIC
Rabies clinics will be held today from 7 to 9 p.m. at McMasters and El Retiro Parks.



FEEDING TIME—Nanette, a French poodle owned by John E. Mollie of 2264 West 229th St., casts a motherly eye over her litter of 10 puppies born last Saturday. It was her second litter.

Mollie said that he was surprised at the number of offspring, since he hadn't expected more than five. All the puppies are in good health. —Press Photo by Art Willey

Holdup Suspects Captured

Two suspects, said to be uncle and nephew, were captured early Monday morning 10 minutes following robbery of a service station.

Taken into custody after an alert Redondo Beach policeman spotted their car from a broadcast description, were Ray D. Horton, 28, of Redondo Beach, and Gary Gene Horton, 21, of Huntington Beach.

The men were apprehended at Pacific Coast Highway and Sapphire St., by Officer William Fields, shortly after they assertedly held up a service station at 5125 Pacific Coast Highway.

The pair assertedly robbed attendant Gerald Kincer of \$40, after one of the suspects approached him with a gun.

A .38 caliber revolver was found tucked in Ray Horton's waistband, while a .32 automatic was found in the glove compartment of their car, officers said. Both weapons were fully loaded and extra ammunition was found in the car, police said.

After Fields spotted the suspects' car, he radioed for assistance. He and two other officers stopped the Hortons' auto and the suspects surrendered meekly.

Tax Hike Seen in Budget

When the 1959-60 city budget is presented for public hearing Tuesday, a tax increase of approximately five cents is expected to be needed to balance it.

City Manager George Stevens has already recommended boosting the general levy from 99.1 to \$1 per \$100 assessed valuation.

Another four cents levy for park and recreation purposes is also expected to be suggested to balance the city expenditures at approximately \$4,500,000.

Stevens told the City Council Monday that he is still \$75,000 from balancing the budget. If a salary adjustment for upper echelon city workers is knocked out, this will reduce the amount by approximately \$35,000.

The city manager warned that his budget does not provide for any capital improvement projects.

As an example, he cited that three new neighborhood parks have been developed, but that there is no money available for building restrooms at them.

Earlier, Stevens announced that he does not expect revenues to rise more than 10 per cent, even including sales tax revenue from Del Amo Shopping Center.

In spite of the small increase in revenue, he said that this amount is off-set by need for more manpower to run the city.

A list of 67 new employees has already been whittled to 22.

No funds are available either for new fire stations at Torrance Municipal Airport nor in West Torrance, he said.

Civic Council to Present Honors

Honorary life memberships in the Victoria Park Civic Council will be awarded today at 7:30 p.m. in the Towne Ave. School.

Presentations will be made to civic leaders who have contributed to the community.

These include Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, Arlyn Weber, Evelyn Truhe, Rev. Paul Garrison, Mrs. Charlotte Belcelark, Mrs. Paul Hinkle and the Carson Chamber of Commerce.

O.K. LOMITA TRACT
A 15-home subdivision on two acres south of Lomita Blvd., east of Walnut Ave., Lomita, was approved by the County Regional Planning Commission.

Dr Hamilton Two Other School Aides Quit Posts

Three Torrance school officials Tuesday night submitted their resignations to the Board of Education. All three have accepted promotions elsewhere.

Dr. Warren Hamilton, director of special services for the past five years, will return to his old home town, Yellow Springs, Ohio, to become superintendent of schools.

Dr. Max Appleby, curriculum consultant, has accepted a post as assistant superintendent of the Acahanes Union High School District, Lafayette, Calif.

Dr. F. R. "Ted" Cyphert, curriculum consultant, has been named associate professor of education at Ohio State University.

Named as curriculum consultants were Bruce Wagner, South High principal, Lloyd Jones, Seaside Elementary principal and Dr. W. Craig Thomas, former consultant here.

John A. Lucas was promoted from assistant to principal at South High. William A. Zecher was promoted from teacher to principal at Seaside.

New assistant principals at South High are Haig Marshlian, student activities advisor at North High and Jay Willard Morgan, boys' advisor at Torrance High.

Ralph E. Wilson, Carr teacher, was elevated to assistant principal, but not assigned to a school yet.

Appleby and Cyphert both have been here two years. Hamilton has been with the district since it was organized in 1947. He previously was director of child welfare and attendance. He also has taught in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and New York.

While in Torrance, Dr. Hamilton was co-author of a study of Torrance's "Little Red Schoolhouse" program at Waverly School.

Active in civic affairs, he has been president of the Torrance Lions Club, First District Welfare Council, Torrance Case Conference Committee, and a district officer of Lions International.

He also has served as vice president of the Harbor District Mental Hygiene Assn. and as a board member of the YMCA, Torrance Dental Health Assn., and Harbor Welfare Planning.

Seek Return of Dog That Fled from Dog Catcher

Return of a Hungarian Pile named "Sham" is sought by the South Bay Humane Society following the pooch's escape from a dog catcher Saturday night.

The animal was picked up at the scene of an accident in Hollywood Riviera and put in the truck. When the driver made another stop in Gardena, the dog had chewed through a rope, bit the driver, and fled.

Its owner, a 10-year-old girl afflicted with diabetes is grieving for the animal which resembles the "Shaggy Dog" in the movie and is black and silver.

Anyone who has information on the animal is asked to call the humane society at FR 2-8174.

ATTENDS INSTITUTE
A Torrance teacher, Cecil Paschall, has been selected to attend a science and mathematics institute at DePaul University.

"Torrance police officers and firefighters, serving undemanding, must continually expose themselves to greater hazards than men employed by cities that are fully manned," DeArmitt said.

He said that because of this reason, Torrance police and firemen should be paid at least equal to those of Los Angeles and the County.

The union president said that much public interest has been shown in the request for a 10 per cent salary hike and a long-evity program calling for one-step raises after five, 12 and 19 years of service.

DeArmitt urged that residents write their councilmen to tell them their views on requests made by the police and firemen.

Attends Confab
Martin Jack of 2435 Border Ave. left Saturday to attend the annual conference of the American Driver Education Association being held this week at Michigan State University.

Jack, an instructor at Leuzinger High School, Lawndale, will act as a consultant.

Two Girls Hurt Backs in Mishaps

Two teenaged girls suffered back injuries in different mishaps Sunday.

Gloria Garnica, 16, of 4143 W. 182nd St., was injured in a swimming accident at Torrance Beach, and Dolores Bongiorno, 13, of 4507 1/2 Torrance Blvd., was hurt in a horseback riding accident, police said.

Both were taken to Harbor General Hospital.

Girl, 5, Injured in Auto Crash

A five-year-old girl was taken to Riviera Hospital for checkup following a two car collision at Sepulveda and Crenshaw Blvds. Monday.

Marilyn Freiling, passenger in the car driven by her father, Glenn David Freiling, 32, of 2622 Cabrillo Ave., received a bruised cheek, police reported.

The other driver, Warren Claude Van der Leest, 67, of 607 Via Los Miradores, was not hurt, officers said.

Mother of the Year Contest Continues

Entries are coming in rapidly for Carl's "Mother of the Year" contest, co-sponsored by Carl's Markets and the Torrance Press.

Now entering its third week, the contest seeks to find the outstanding mother—as seen by her own son or daughter.

The winner will receive a mink stole from the Gay Shop, be guest of honor at Carl's Market grand opening at 228th St. and Vermont Ave. next month, where she will receive a gold shopping cart full of groceries of her own choosing.

To win these prizes for Mom, plus a \$100 wardrobe for the young person under 18 who submits the winning entry, all you have to do is use the contest form in today's Press, and state in as many words as you wish, why your mother should be chosen "Carl's Mother of the Year."

In order to give as many people as possible an opportunity to enter, the rule that the entry must be accompanied by a recent snapshot, has been dropped.

Deadline for receiving entries at the Torrance Press office, 1406 Cravens Ave., is midnight, June 30. A handy contest form may be found on Page 23 of today's Press.