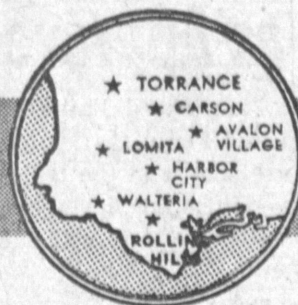


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Council Boils Over Tracts' Water Supply

It took a water issue to boil the City Council over Tuesday night, starting with a dressing-down of the city attorney by Councilman Nick Drale.

Drale said it has been the clear intention of the council that every new tract in the city be served with Torrance water. He was incensed by the fact that this intent largely has been ignored.

The issue came up in final consideration of the Steinkamp tract at Arlington and 182nd St. When the council discovered it is not to be served by the city, the fur began to fly.

Councilman Victor Benstead said the city water superintendent didn't want to serve the tract and that he just plain didn't serve it.

Councilman J. A. Beasley moved that any department head who signs a tract map without service of city water be held derelict in duty and be called to account by the city manager and the council, also the Planning Commission must make this a stipulation of every approval. The only way the condition can be abrogated is by a specific vote of the council. The motion carried unanimously, George Vico abstaining.

HOLIDAY WILL DELAY TRASH PICKUP

Rubbish normally collected on Memorial Day will be picked up the next day, May 31.

Residents may place containers for collection on the day following their normal pickup days for that week only.

Rubbish normally collected on Friday of that holiday week will be picked up on Saturday, June 4.

PAGET PONDERERS—What to do with all the pretty girls we have? let alone Redondo's offer to supply us more. J. H. Paget, Chamber of Commerce president, says Miss Redondo can't have much to do, since little ground is broken and few ribbons cut there. Dick Fitzgerald, manager, exhibits beauties.

PAGET REPLIES:

Torrance Girl Miss Redondo

J. H. Paget, Torrance Chamber of Commerce president, today returned the jibe to the Redondo chamber president for the offer to lend a Redondo girl to Torrance to serve at ribbon-cuttings, ground breakings, corner-stone layings, and tree plantings.

The exchange was fired by announcement that Miss Torrance (Betty Baker) is fed up to her beautiful teeth with these activities, and her skin is turning color from exposure to flash bulbs.

Paget said it is no news that Redondo can provide a surplus of girls, "since they are not cracking any records in ribbon cuttings or ground breakings." Being Miss Redondo must be boring, he said, since there is so little for her to do.

He added that it might be a good idea for Redondo first to obtain a Redondo girl for Miss Redondo Beach. The current Miss Redondo (Bonnie Jean Braugh) lives in Torrance.

"Holding beauty contests are a great source of amusement if you have nothing else to do," said Paget. "As for us, we'll continue to expend our efforts on industry and commercial development and leave the beauty contests to those in need of diversion."

Being in need of diversion at the moment, Paget and Dick Fitzgerald, chamber manager, thumbed through photographs of the thousands of gorgeous Torrance beauties, then decided: "As far as pretty girls are concerned, we are loaded."

Police Association Awards Scholarship to Earl Wycoff

Earl Wycoff, 18, of 22208 Shadycroft, has been awarded the Torrance Police Officers' Association \$500 Scholarship to the college of his choice.

Wycoff, a student at South High, has maintained a 3.77 average over his four years in secondary school. He plans to become a Presbyterian minister and chose Occidental for continuance of his education.

A candidate was submitted from each high school, selected on bases of need, grades, interest, and personality. These were screened in

oral interviews by a police committee comprising Glyn Boyce, Ralph Bezanson, and A. L. Jackson.

Wycoff has turned in an exemplary scholastic and extracurricular record. He is a life member of the California Scholarship Federation, photographer for the school paper, announcer for the football games, a member of the Latin Club, and a two-year member of the Radio Club, among many other affiliations.

The money is raised by the annual police show, held in November.

Torrance Press New Type Face Makes Debut

The Torrance Press, paragon of publications in the South Bay area, this week introduces its thousands of readers to a new, clean, easy-to-read type that will compose the body of the paper from now on.

This new type face is nine-point Paragon, which is compared here to the old, 8-point letters that have served our readers these many years.

This new face is in line with The Press's policy of streamlining the news for leisurely, effortless digestion. It is the first step in creating a bright, new, crisp Torrance Press of which we can be even more proud than of former editions.

This year the paper is going all out to expand—in news, in features, in readability, in picture coverage—with a thriving and rapidly expanding city and surrounding area.

With its new look, The Press even more securely will occupy its place as the leading newspaper of Torrance—in news, in circulation, and in public service.

Take a Last Look—This Isn't Our Type

This is not our type—any more. With this final item we bid farewell to the type face that has served us and our thousands of readers so long.

As Page 1 is rolled and cast for this edition, the type you now are reading is being melted down to emerge one day as sinkers, ash weights, solder, and things.

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Huge Parade Readied for Saturday

Armed Forces Day to Be Observed by Military Exhibits

Marching men, mighty military machines, and martial music will mark a huge Armed Forces Day celebration Saturday under auspices of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Highlights include a 1½-hour parade through the heart of Torrance, a display of military equipment at Civic Center and a public dance at the National Guard Armory.

Army Undersecretary Hugh Milton II will be guest of honor at the fete and will be grand marshal of the parade as it proceeds along Cabrillo Ave. and Torrance Blvd. from Carson St. to Madonna Ave., starting at 11 a.m.

Police Lt. D. C. Cook, parade chairman, said elements of virtually every branch of armed services as well as civilian organizations will participate.

Most of the military equipment in the march will join other armed forces hardware in the display at Civic Center. This display will be open to the public throughout the day, according to Robert Lewellyn, chairman of the exhibit.

Top entries in the parade will receive trophies from Milton, a representative of Gov. Brown, and Mayor Albert Isen at a private luncheon following the parade.

The Mayor's trophy for the best local entry was donated anonymously, the Governor's trophy for the top National Guard unit was donated by Horkey-Moore, and the Secretary of Defense trophy for the best regular or reserve unit was given by Harvey Aluminum.

Paige Baillie and Terry Swift, winners of a high-school essay contest, will receive their awards at the luncheon.

The National Guard-manned Nike guided missile site on Crenshaw Blvd. near 248th St. will hold open house from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The public may attend the dance scheduled for 9 p.m. that evening at the National Guard Armory, 2505 Cabrillo Ave. Tickets may be bought at the door for \$3 a couple.

Mayor Isen, coordinator of the celebration, urged all Torrance residents and businessmen to display the American flag during the observance.

Persons assisting General Chairman Jack Phillips in planning the observance, the most ambitious of its kind in Southern California, include Douglas Horlander, Dick Fitzgerald, Betty Baker, George Powell, Dr. Bruce Wagner, Lt. Col. William Koons, Robert Hurley, J. H. Paget, Police Chief Percy Bennett, and Harry Merkin.

Torrance Couple Killed in Crash Near Barstow

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hunton, residents of Torrance five years, were killed Tuesday near Barstow when another car crossed the highway center line and crashed them head-on.

The Huntons were en route to their native state of Kentucky for a vacation. Mr. Hunton was due to start on a new job as a machinist in Inglewood in three weeks.

Mrs. Hunton leaves six children. Harold Borders of the family home, 21817 Caroldale; Fred, of 21713 Moneta Ave.; Shirley, Bill, and DeLores of Bowling Green, Ky.; and Forest Borders of New Orleans.

Funeral arrangements will be made in Kentucky.

Armed Forces Day Program

PROLOGUE

1. Torrance Mounted Police, headed by Capt. Jim Garrett and Lt. Paul Parker.
2. 72nd U.S. Army Band and Color Unit, Ft. MacArthur, Calif.

3. Ft. MacArthur honor guard.
4. The Honorable Hugh M. Milton II, Undersecretary of the Army, and Mrs. Milton.
5. Mayor Albert Isen and Mrs. Isen.
6. Councilman Nickolas O. Drale and Mrs. Drale.
7. Councilman Willys Blount and Mrs. Blount.
8. Councilman Victor E. Benstead and Mrs. Benstead.
9. Councilman J. A. Beasley and Mrs. Beasley.
10. Councilman George S. Vico and Mrs. Vico.
11. City Manager George Stevens.
12. J. H. Paget, President, Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Paget.

DIVISION I

1. Torrance High School Band.
2. U.S. Army 47th AAA Brigade with mobile Nike Ajax display.

DIVISION II

1. Marine Corps Recruiters color guard.
2. Marine Corps First Division Drum and Bugle Corps from Camp Pendleton.

DIVISION III

1. Morningside High School Band.
2. U.S. Navy Recruiting Service aircraft carrier float.
3. Regulus II missile float from Navy Pacific Missile Range, Pt. Mugu, Calif.
4. Drum and Bugle Corps, Navy Recruit Training Center, San Diego.

DIVISION IV

1. 40th Armored Division band, California National Guard.
2. 132nd Engineer Battalion, CNG.
3. 40th Military Police Company.
4. 3rd Reconnaissance Squadron, 185th Armored Battalion. (Miss Armed Forces Day, Betty Baker, will ride on a tank.)
5. 251st Battery, 4th Missile Battalion, with Nike Ajax missiles.

DIVISION V

1. South High School band.
2. U.S. Army Reserve 7623rd Highway Transportation Corps.
3. San Pedro Cadet Squadron 81, Civil Air Patrol, color guard, female drill team and marching unit.
4. Bert S. Crossland Post 170, American Legion, marching unit and color guard.
5. Torrance Area Youth Band.
6. South Bay Post 777, Jewish War Veterans.
7. American Red Cross disaster unit.
8. American Red Cross float.
9. Post 3251 and Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars.
10. Department of Public Works, City of Torrance.



PRIZES—Janet Tharp and Kathleen Taylor receive awards from William Richardson, vice president of Marina Savings and Loan, and John A. Tweedy, manager, Southwest Savings and Loan.

Kathleen Taylor, Janet Tharp Win Awards as Top Students

More than 100 Los Angeles County high school seniors were honored Tuesday as outstanding student award winners in a program sponsored by the county's savings and loan associations and the California Savings and Loan League.

The students were guests of honor at a recognition luncheon in the Biltmore, Los Angeles, attended by principals, faculty representatives, school administrative officials, parents and savings-and-loan executives.

Winners from Torrance were Kathleen Taylor, Torrance High School, and Janet Tharp, North High.

They received bronze medallions and checks for \$100. Local sponsors were South-

School Board to Call for Tax Override

50-Cent Increase to Be Election Issue in October

Plans to call a 50-cent-over-ride tax election Oct. 11 were approved Tuesday night by the Torrance Board of Education. The money would be used to support the educational budget.

After receiving advice from the Torrance Industries Tax Committee and financial leaders, the board decided to change the amount of the override tax from a previously discussed \$1.

The 50 cents would be collected and placed in reserve if not all needed.

Basic reasons cited as cause for the tax election were the increasing spiral of inflationary costs, constantly increasing enrollment, more high-school students, continuing new-home construction, and a decrease in state money received by the district.

Taxes paid by one home owner do not pay the cost of educating one child, Superintendent J. H. Hull declared.

The district's operating budget comes directly from property taxes, while buildings are built with bond funds.

These are two entirely different funds. The last override tax, for 75 cents, was approved by voters in 1956.

Schoolteachers Will Get Raise This Summer

Torrance school employees and teachers will get a raise this summer, the Torrance Board of Education indicated Tuesday night, but the exact amount must be determined then.

The board studied a schedule which would grant raises of about 5% to teachers and other employees. Although they indicated their tentative approval of this schedule, they decided to defer action until assessed-valuation figures are received.

The schedule would raise the minimum teacher salaries from \$4740 to \$5000 and the maximum from \$8203 to \$8736. The board noted that many neighboring districts have been raising salaries and declared that Torrance would have to follow suit to get and keep qualified teachers.

"It is difficult for any school to withstand the inflationary trend and still get trained personnel in a highly competitive market," Superintendent J. H. Hull said. "We have reached the limit of our present taxing ability and must seek new sources of money."

Many other districts are in the same financial situation, Hull declared. Many, like Torrance, will have to dip into their reserve funds to grant a salary hike, he said.

More sources of revenue—other than the property tax—must be found, he declared. Unlike other governmental agencies, school districts have no source of income except the property tax, he said.

HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT SET TOMORROW

The sixth annual spring concert by Torrance High School groups will be given tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The event is free to the public.

Organizations that will participate are the girls' glee club, Tartar dance band, Tartar choir, and Tartar band.



WINNER—Earl Wycoff receives his \$500 scholarship award from members of the Torrance Police Officers' Association

(from left) Ralph Bezanson, Gene Erbetta, president, and A. L. Jackson. Wycoff plans to become a Presbyterian minister.