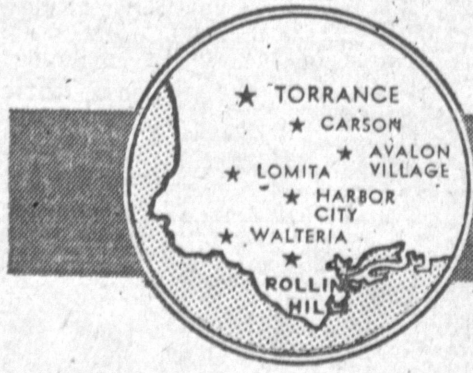


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NATION AWAITS 'DERBY' RACE

Country's Top Aviators Here for Annual Show



RARING TO GO—Female aviators of "Gravel Mary" anticipate the start of the "Powder Puff Derby" as they prepare to line up in position number eight. The two Torrance house-

wives are Mrs. Mary Pinkney (left), co-pilot, and Mrs. Iris Critchell, pilot. The team will begin the race Saturday at 9 a.m. from the Torrance Municipal Airport.

Santa Style

Burglar Uses Roof Entrance

Down through the rooftop, a Santa Claus type burglar—without such intentions—stole into the Torrance S&H redemption center during the holiday weekend and helped himself to gifts therein.

The burglar bored approximately 15 holes into a plywood-asphalt roof with a one inch bit, then, after knocking a hole in the roof, slid into the building at 2194 South Hawthorne Blvd.

The take, a total of \$100 cash out of several drawers, several cameras, watches and electric razors, didn't leave the proprietor, the Sperry and Hutchinson Company, very happy upon discovery of the holiday visitor.

Decent Literature Committee Grows by Council Action

Strengthening the Committee for Decent Literature, Tuesday night, the Torrance City Council increased the membership of this body from five to seven members, each councilman and the mayor appointing a representative.

Three members serving on the committee this year are Dr. Cortum, acting chairman; Mrs. Stoeckel, and the Rev. Schatz.

The committee was set up to make recommendations to the city council for improvement of the moral quality of the literature sold or distributed in the city. It was delegated to find ways and means to eliminate obscene literature sold or distributed in the city.

In moving that the committee be continued, Nicholas O. Drale, councilman said, "The committee is doing an excellent job, I am in favor of continuing it."



AQUARIUM BUILDERS—Students in Mrs. Joan Ruhl's second grade class at Riviera Elementary School, Torrance, are basing their summer school work around an aquarium and marine life. The students are writing reports and doing research on the sea, and are setting up their own small aquarium. Shown admiring the first fish in their room are Linda Tussey and Steven Riley.

Of the 83 distaff pilots slated to start Saturday from the Torrance Municipal Airport for the 14th annual All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race, the Powder Puff Derby, 32 of them originate from California.

The race has drawn 51 female pilots from out-of-state to compete in the 12,500 mile grind from Torrance to Wilmington, Delaware, beginning Saturday at 9 a.m.

Robert Cummings, television star, and his wife, will be on hand as Honorary Starter. He will wave the flag on the number one entry, Mrs. Patricia Gladney with Mrs. Margaret Standish, co-pilot.

Cummings will also be guest of honor at the Take-off Luau tonight at the Polynesian Restaurant. The public is invited to attend the ceremonies which begin at 7 p.m.

The new Plush Horse Inn is the headquarters for out-of-state entries who have been arriving in Torrance since July 1.

Before this year, the record number of women entering was 69, this number was set in 1958. Now, with the long list of racers this year, that record has been smashed.

The start is sponsored by the City of Torrance and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Long Beach Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc.

New Speed Changes Revealed

Chief Percy Bennett of the Torrance Police Dept. announced today changes are to be made in speed zones on Western Ave. and 190th St. Chief Bennett said many more streets are being surveyed at the present time with more changes to come.

Chief Bennett was quick to

warn motorists that these increases are to bring speed limits up to a realistic speed based on traffic flow and that people who drive in excess of these new limits will be cited. The new speed zones arrived at were based on radar surveys checking traffic flow, accident rate, and type of area.

Chief Bennett said that new speed zones such as have been made on Crenshaw, Prairie, 182nd St., and a portion of 190th St. are working out very well so far and that people in general seem to be driving within the

posted limit. "I'm sure the motoring public will find these new speed zones will assist the traffic flow on our City streets and make driving more of a pleasure," he said.

Western Ave., 190th St. to Torrance Blvd. from 35 to 45 m.p.h., Western Ave., Torrance Blvd. to 220th St. to remain at 35 m.p.h., Western Ave., 220th St. to south city limits 35 to 40 m.p.h., 190th St., Hawthorne Blvd. to Crenshaw, 35 to 40 m.p.h., 190th St., and Crenshaw to Western Ave., 35 to 45 m.p.h. are the changes to be made.

Prophecy Comes True

Double Lines Double Cross

"I see lines, many lines, pale lines, double lines, crossing lines," were the words of the fortune teller as she looked into the future of Torrance and the future of the streets and highways of Torrance, several years ago.

Yes, that prophecy has come true, lines have since covered the streets of that fair city, probably caused by a drunken street painter or one trying to "set out for himself."

For, you see, the pavement in Torrance is covered with pale white lines where no line should be, and dark white ones where they should be. It makes it very confusing for the driver who attempts to travel down Sepulveda or other similarly marked roadways. Which line to take?

Irate Parents Tag School Board as 'Rubber Stamp'

Boundary changes for eight elementary schools were approved by the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday night in an effort to help the double session problem. Affected were Towers, Flavian, Steele, Hillside, Waverly, Carr, Perry and Madison Schools.

When the new Madison school is opened in September, it will include part of the present Perry and Carr School attendance zones, the board decided. The move is designed to decrease or eliminate double sessions at both Perry and Carr Schools.

Groups of parents had protested both changes, but the board felt that the changes could be the best answer for all concerned.

A petition protesting the proposed boundary change of the Carr School was presented the board representing 70 irate parents.

Group Complains
"We do not believe that every possible alternative has been considered," the group proclaimed. A spokesman for the group said that the parents were against the prospect of making their children cross two main boulevards, Prairie and Artesia.

He continued, mentioning the hazards to be met by children traveling to Madison School. They included the freeway construction which

will entail removal of houses, the traffic on Prairie and Artesia, and the condition of the crossing during rainy weather.

Plea for Busses
The group asked for bus service and the board stated that it agreed to work with the city to obtain sidewalks and bus service if they decided it was necessary.

"Nothing definite was offered," the irate citizen mentioned. "We want to be certain of the safety of our youngsters."

"We believe that this decision was cooked and dried before it ever went to the meeting. The Madison School location was the result of poor planning and now the board wants us to like it, whether we do or not," the spokesman said.

Future Plans
The group plans to pass another petition and present it to the board. The parent mentioned that 12 families have already stated that they will refuse to send their children to Madison, that they refuse to have their children face the hazards prevalent.

The board voted to move the eastern boundary of Waverly's district from the present Tandem Way to Rolling Hills Rd. This move was made to equalize the load between the two schools, since the Hillside enrollment

is continuing to rise, while Waverly's is decreasing. Boundaries for the new Towers School also were established, with Towers slated to get many of the children now attending Flavian School. Flavian, in turn, will maintain part of its present area and gain some students now attending Steele School.

Board Authorizes Sale of Bonds for School Sites

Sale of an additional \$770,000 in school bonds was authorized Tuesday night by the Torrance Board of Education. The money will be used to buy two new elementary school sites in the Waverly Lake area.

Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip noted that the state building fund currently does not have enough money for the purchase, so the district will have to sell more bonds. If the district had to wait another year for the money, price of the sites probably would have increased considerably, he said.

The school sites would serve a tract of 1000 or more homes currently being built in the Waverly Lake area. The district is currently studying proposed locations in the area to select the sites.



DODGERS CINCH PENNANT!—Sorry, not the guys from Los Angeles, but the Dodgers of the Harbor City Little League. Yes sir, they won 19 in a row without dropping a decision, not including their final game, which they play Friday night. The future big leaguers are, front row, (left to right)

City Employees Receive Raise

Integrated increase.

The 2½% increase, plus the 3%, will be given city workers making \$652 and less per month.

In justifying the action, Nicholas O. Drale, councilman, said, "The cost of living has gone up just as high for the little guy as for the big guy."

Although Mayor Isen stated that he favored the blanket raise, he okayed the percentage raise when the 2½% was given to the workers making less.

Attempting to alleviate the problem where, as Mayor Albert Isen puts it, "the rich get richer and the poor get poorer," the city council passed a 2½% wage increase for workers through the 54th classification along with the 3% "three-step" pay plan raise for all.

Classifications included in the 2½% raise are all employees on the pay range up to the status of accountant. Beyond the accountant's classification, the city employees will receive only the 3% in-

Bucking Broncos Highlight Events of Rancho Days

Bucking broncos, cowboys chasing steers with lassos, and all the festivity associated with rodeo life will prevail at Torrance July 20 through 31 as the city's Mounted Police and Chamber of Commerce combine to present the 1960 Rancho Days.

Carnival and Mid-way events will take place from 4 p.m. July 20 through July 24. The rodeo is scheduled for July 30 and 31.

Profits from the celebration are used to defray the costs to the city of Torrance's entry in the Tournament of Roses Parade. The Rancho Days festivities have paid almost one half of the \$5,000 annual cost of the float.

In an address to the city council, the Chamber of Commerce said, "We sincerely believe that this is an opportunity for the residents of Torrance to have wholesome entertainment, meet old acquaintances, socialize, and at the same time be a direct benefit to the community."

The chamber mentioned that it is representing over 25 church and service club groups who derive revenue from this community event for their own philanthropic programs.

"There has been some criticism of the waiving of fees by the city because the owners of the carnival and the rodeo stock do take a greater share of the proceeds than does the city," the chamber proclaimed.

However, it mentioned that the carnival does furnish the means to make a much needed profit. Also, it added, "every cent of our proceeds actually is spent on direct city betterment. The float is officially a 'City of Torrance' entry; it is not an entry of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce."

Harold Stevens, Gene Samson, Steven Okamura, Steven Fukuzaki, Donald Graham, Norman Giffin and bat boy Mark Schleibaum. Top row (left to right), Manager Steve Okamura, Steven Kagle, John Meenan, Charles Morrow, John Kopchik, Pat Schleibaum, Mark DuBose, Coach Joseph Kopchik. Photo by MAC