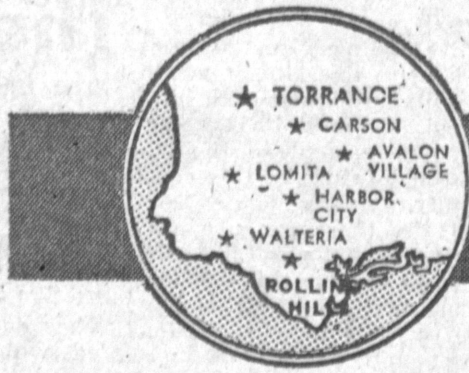


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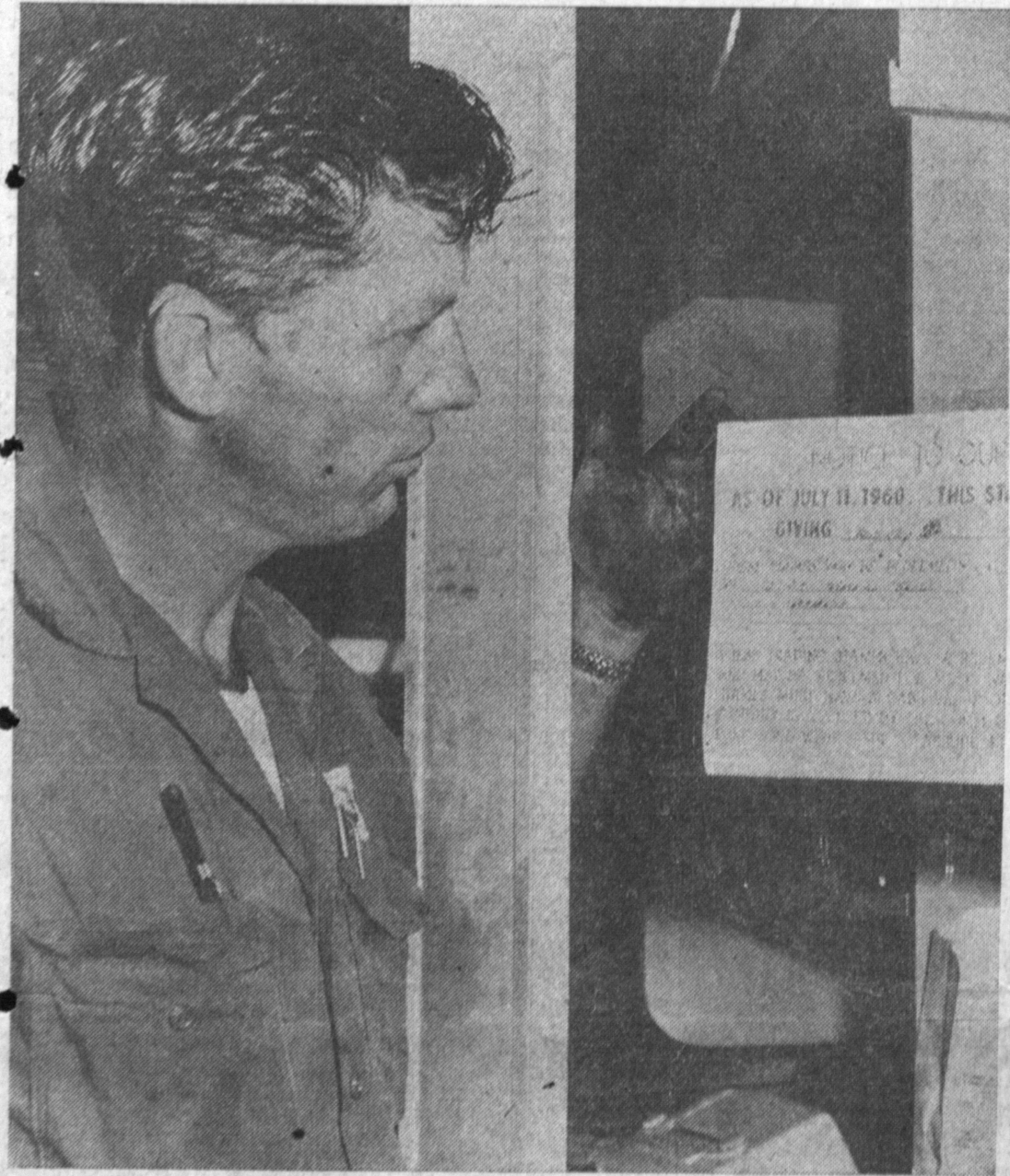
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CITY ADDS EXTRA BUS LINES

Gas Dealers Nix Stamps



REBEL—George Mikel, Torrance station owner, notifies his customers that he no longer gives trading stamps. One of the first dealers to campaign against the stamps

in South Bay, Mikel plans to enlist Gardena dealers next. More than 90 per cent of the dealers are ready to break the stamp habit, Mikel claims.

Stations Halt Free Handout

By Bob Wintermeyer
"Stamps don't draw business anymore, so there is no reason why I should have them."

Even though the public may still enjoy collecting trading stamps and redeeming them, the statement above is typical of the attitude of Torrance service station owners as discovered by a Press poll recently. Chuck McAvée, one of the owners of the Flying A service station at Crenshaw and Sepulveda Blvds., added that he has discontinued giving stamps because "Other types of businesses can raise their prices to offset the cost of the stamps. However, I can't raise gas prices because the oil companies would raise the wholesale prices."

The station owner added that he was in favor of the recent law requiring dealers to post the gas price with and without the stamps, saying "This law will certainly help us to get rid of the menace."

He continued that he did good business when the stamp territories were protected. However, with the addition of a recent stamp which had no territories, people didn't have to go to any special establishment for the added awards.

"Stamps no longer draw customers," he reported. "We paid \$600 a month for stamps; we can buy advertising much cheaper than that."

McAvée was also disgusted about a letter sent to him from a stamp company. The

SOUTHWOOD, SOUTHWEST AND DEL AMO TRACT SECTIONS TO BENEFIT

Board Okays 5% Pay Hike

A "skin tight" budget of \$11.6 million was approved by the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday night. The budget includes salary raises of approximately five per cent for all employees.

Formal hearings on the 1960-61 budget will be on August 2 at the board's regular meeting.

The new budget represents an increase of about \$1.3 million over the 1959-60 budget, but will have a 1/2 per cent reserve to take care of unexpected situations or emergencies (Financial experts recommend at least a 10 per cent reserve).

Inflation, increasing enrollment, and large numbers of high school students were cited as main reasons for the increase this year.

Salaries Raise
Despite the tight budget, all employee salaries were raised. Minimum teachers' salaries were hiked from

At the City Council meeting Tuesday, proposals to extend bus service locally and provisions to furnish necessary related equipment were passed as submitted by the transportation committee.

The council decided on a five cent fare increase, raising the rates from 15 cents to 20 cents. Also, it was decided to retain the present 20 cent fare zone perimeter within the city and issue transfers to connecting municipal bus lines.

Additional zone areas were increased from five to seven cents, making the fare to Los Angeles 55 cents and to Long Beach 50 cents.

New service will be added to serve the Southwest homes, Southwood homes, Henrietta St. north of Torrance Blvd. and the new tract at Sepulveda and Crenshaw. The lines is to have 60-minute service Monday through Friday via 190th, Entradero, Del Amo, Henrietta, Torrance Blvd., Palos Verdes Blvd., Carson, service road back of Del Amo Shopping Center, Sepulveda, Arlington to the terminal.

This new route will employ one bus, 1 1/2 drivers for a total of 157 miles daily at an estimated loss of \$36.18 per day.

Second Route

A second route scheduled, estimated to cause a \$43 loss per day, will lead to Hollywood Riviera serving the Calle Mayor area between Kathryn and Sepulveda and Calle Mayor and Calle Miramar. Also, it will serve Ellinwood tract and South High School.

This will entail one additional bus, driving 165 miles per day with the use of 1 1/2 bus drivers. Also, the council discontinued the Hollywood-Riviera — El Camino Saturday service.

The Torrance-Los Angeles runs on Sundays were reduced from a one-hour to a two-hour schedule. The revenue from this run has been 7 cents per mile, making it an extreme loss. This change will reduce mileage 211 miles per Sunday and reduce two-man day's salaries.

Opposition

In opposing the service decrease, Councilman Nicholas O. Dralle said, "This line is our only paying line; every time there is a bus schedule change, we cut it."

Commenting for the defense of the action, Councilman J. A. Beasley said, "I see no purpose in running the previous hourly buses."

Continuing, Councilman Willis Blount mentioned, "Buses of Torrance should be municipal buses, with a strong program within the city."

The plan also called for the appropriation of \$36,000 from the 1960-61 capital outlay fund for the purchase of three 32 seat buses.

In inquiring about the use of the 20 seat buses, Marshall Chamberlain, head of the municipal lines, said, "These smaller buses are lightweight and apt not to last as long as the 32 seaters. Also, there will be more maintenance on the smaller buses."

He continued that with the larger vehicles, any bus

Carnival Opens Ranchero Days

Kicking off the annual Ranchero Days, the Torrance carnival opened yesterday at the Civic Center grounds with cotton candy, ferris wheel rides, merry-go-rounds, and booths sponsored by local organizations.

The carnival, in coordination with the Ranchero celebration, is being co-sponsored by the Torrance Mounted Police and Chamber of Commerce.

The championship rodeo, to complete the 11-day festival, will be held July 30 and 31.

Proceeds from the events of this week will be used for the city's 1961 Tournament of Roses float entry.

At the carnival, 10 major rides, 15 rides for children, and 45 games and booths are featured.

Motorists Strike Torrance Youths

A nine-year-old bicyclist riding on a sidewalk received injuries Monday as he was struck by an auto backing out of a drive-way.

Marvin Lange of 22025 Ravenna, Torrance, was taken to Harbor General Hospital for treatment of bruises and abrasions after the accident at 18616 South Figueroa.

The youth was struck by Dorothy Marler, 20, of Gardena.

Denny Swanson, six, of 4903 Lee St. Torrance was hit and injured slightly as he darted out from between two parked cars into the pathway of Hazel Dell Huteb, motorist heading north on Anza.

When Miss Huteb left her auto to aid Swanson, her car rolled into the parked vehicle of Scott Hancock, 4525 Torrance Blvd.

Vandals Rob School of Recording Equipment

Vandalists broke into Crenshaw School Wednesday night and removed one record player and stripped the speaker from another. They entered through a slide door which was pryed open with a blade on a pry bar.

Civic Groups OK October Election

Two Torrance PTA's Tuesday added their endorsements to the Torrance Unified School District's October 11 override tax election.

The boards of Wood Elementary and South High School endorsed the proposed tax override, which will be used for the operating budget of the local school district. The Torrance Industries Tax Committee and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce have endorsed it.

Home Instructors Aid Local Youth

Home teachers Ethel Lewis and Lena Redfern served 79 students in Torrance during the past year, according to a report of the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday night.

Of the students, 42 had heart trouble, rheumatic fever, or some other condition which made it impossible to attend regular classes. Thirty were crippled in some way, either temporarily or permanently, including several with broken limbs.

City Can Avert \$100,000 Garbage Loss, Says Vico

Officials Continue Fight for 26-Acre Surplus Site

Torrance school officials indicated Tuesday that they will continue their fight to obtain a 26 acre government surplus site, despite an official turnover by the General Services Administration.

The land in question is located at the southern end of the Torrance Navy Depot, between Crenshaw and Apple Ave. Eighteen months ago, the district sought the property when it was declared surplus.

However, in a letter, Jesse Evans, GSA field office chief, told school officials:

"In denying this request, GSA has taken the position that the highest and best use of this property is for industrial development, and since there is other suitable property available at lesser cost in the area, which would adequately serve the needs of the district, it has been determined that the greatest national benefit would be derived by offering the property for public sale."

Superintendent J. H. Hull responded to the letter immediately when he fired off letters to Vice President Richard Nixon, Health Education, and Welfare Secretary Arthur Flemming, Cal-

ifornia Senators Thomas Kuchel and Clair Engle, Rep. Cecil King, Education Commissioner Lawrence Derthick, and other top government officials.

In them, he noted that the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare had recommended that the property be assigned for educational use.

Hull's letter, directed to Franklin Floete, GSA administrator, said, in part:

"The letter denying the property for school use says, 'There is other suitable property available at lesser cost,' which is hardly a true or accurate basis for the decision. It must have been made by someone who doesn't know the area. There is no land in Torrance today that is any cheaper than the land in question. In fact, it would be hard to find any land in Torrance for less than approximately \$25,000 an acre."

"The board of education does not see how any public agency, even the General Service Administration, can possibly say that public sale for industry will benefit the national interest more than a high school that would

mittee received bids ranging from 78 cents to \$1.48 per unit cost. The bids were based on a twice weekly collection of garbage and a weekly collection of trash standard over a five year period.

What to do with equipment owned by the city and personnel is another factor that must be considered, Vico said. "Some companies have indicated that they would absorb all personnel and perhaps buy some of the equipment," he added.

Once the study is completed the committee will render its findings to the Council. It will take a majority of four to put private collection into force.

Several weeks ago the com-



WALKIE-TALKIE—Although the Dave Crockett of Torrance doesn't claim a coonskin cap, he can claim service to his country, for he donated a walkie-talkie to the Civil Defense Department of the city.

Crockett Serves Defense Program

Dave Crockett of Torrance is helping to protect his country just as his namesake did over 100 years ago.

Crockett, who is head of radio communications for the Torrance Civil Defense unit, built a walkie-talkie that will serve to improve communications in an emergency.

The two-and-one-quarter pound unit, which is powered by a four pound battery, is effective within a five mile radius of the Torrance City Hall, where the Civil Defense control center is located.

Retailers Open New Bus Station with Dollar Days

Torrance officials will initiate the city's first bus station today at 10 a.m. at El Prado and Cabrillo.

"When Mayor Isen cuts the ribbon, we will have started on the way to preparing Torrance as the operator of a first class bus line," Councilman J. A. Beasley exclaimed.

This will be the first transit line in Southern California which has its own bus station.

The Downtown Retail Merchants division of the Chamber of Commerce is celebrating this event by giving away free balloons at the ceremony. "We welcome all to attend and partake in the festivities," Spokesman Abe Robinson of Lawson's Jewelry said.

"We now have a sheltered waiting room for bus riders with washrooms, restrooms, and a seating area available to the public," Marshall Chamberlain, superintendent of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, said.

He continued that a large map and schedule will be conspicuously posted for the public so that transfers and connections may be made with a minimum of delay.

All Torrance Municipal buses will start from this point.

DOWNTOWN DOLLAR DAYS START TODAY