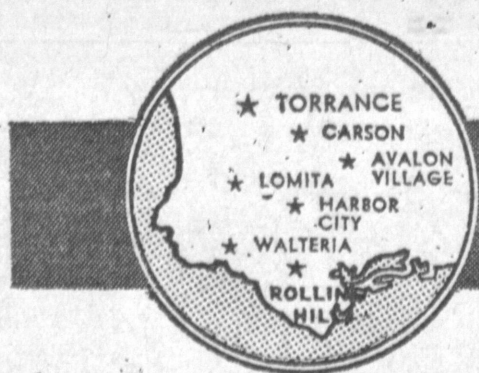


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Mayor Scolds City Manager for 'Hushing' Water Scandal

Officials Boil As Accidents Grow

Deeply concerned over the mounting number of accidents in the Torrance area, augmented by reckless youngsters zooming out into traffic from driveways, Mayor Albert Isen today urged Torrance parents to slow down in their driving and "lay the law down to their children."

Torrance has had 9 deaths and 531 injuries from auto accidents in the first six months of the year, Mayor Isen declared, "and this is absolutely without reason," he stated.

"Parents are the first ones to blame, for if they don't set an example before their children, if they cheat at street corners and stop-signs, they have only themselves to

linger, Norman Benedict, and Robert H. Vroman. Ex officio officers include James Whitmer, traffic safety engineer, Lt. Don Nash and David Cook, police department.

Created by a unanimous resolution voted by the city council recently, Torrance's new Traffic Safety Council will meet once a month, Kurtz announced, with the public invited to participate. Committees are now being formed to augment the entire program, Kurtz said.

"Traffic deaths and injuries don't stop overnight," Kurtz declared. "With a long-range program of citizen education, and with the cooperation of every civic group and the school board, Torrance can go through next year with an unblemished record," he added.

Mayor Isen pointed out that since the first of the year, there were 832 traffic deaths in Los Angeles County, and 63,132 injuries. California totalled 3588 deaths, and 143,634 injuries.

"Translated into human suffering and family agony, the damages are uncountable," the Mayor emphasized.

George Watts, director of traffic safety, Los Angeles Chapter National Safety Council, served as guest speaker at the organizational meeting.

The solution to traffic deaths and injuries lie in four words, Mayor Isen stated, "Drive and walk safely."

First project underway by the Traffic Safety Council will be the compiling of factual records of every traffic accident in Torrance within the past six months, to determine the principle causes of these accidents and their locations.



END OF THE LINE for reckless speed-demons, for guys in a hurry, for drivers with their heads up their elbows, is symbolized by this three-car smash-up shown here. Urging drivers and pedestrians to look sharply and slow down, Torrance

Mayor Al Isen deplored the growing number of accidents in the area and reminded citizens "each life is precious and each citizen is valuable to the growth and well-being of the community."



GEORGE KURTZ
... Traffic Safety Leader

blame when the police department calls to tell them their children are on the way to the hospital with broken bodies," the Mayor said.

Mayor Isen joined prominent Torrance citizens this week in a kick-off meeting of the local Traffic Safety Council.

Headed by George Kurtz, 23004 Evelyn Ave., attorney, the Traffic Safety Council has embarked on a three-pronged goal: to formulate a far-reaching safety program; disseminate traffic safety information, and the education of local citizens in traffic safety.

Serving with Kurtz are James Kenneth Clutter, 812 Acacia Ave., vice chairman, Jeanne Gerald, secretary, John McMullen, F. E. Mel-

Alondra Park to Get Face-Lift with New Works

Torrance's play area, Alondra Park, between Prairie Ave., Manhattan and Redondo Beach Blvds., is on the verge of becoming the finest recreation center in the county with the announcement today of approval of plans for the park's development and a call for construction bids.

Bids will be opened Aug. 31, according to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Project includes construction of a new playground area, two parking areas, picnic tables, concrete pads for two softball field bleachers, and for the baseball bleachers, portable bleachers for one softball diamond, lighting for one softball field, an electrical service building, new drinking fountains, walks, drives and landscaping.

The new playground will be located on the west, adjacent to the new recreation building recently dedicated. All playground equipment will be set in concrete, covered with six inches of sand for protection of the children.

Civic Leaders Address Home Owners Today

Residents of Victor Tract, reaching from Del Amo to Torrance Blvd., Hawthorne to Prospect, will have a chance to voice their home ownership problems when they meet tonight (Thursday) at Bishop Montgomery School, 5430 Torrance Blvd.



GEORGE POWELL
... Planning

Charles Deck, president, Torrance Property Owners Association, 20513 Toluca Ave., announced questions of sewers, grading, and classroom additions, will be discussed, as well as an election of officers for the coming year.

In existence for the past three years, the Property Owners Association "welcomes all newcomers to the area, and gives each homeowner an opportunity to get his voice heard in civic matters," Deck declared.

Slated to address the group tonight are Jay Beasley, City Councilman, discussing the neighborhood bus line system; Dr. J. H. Hull, School Superintendent, George Powell, Torrance Planning Commission secretary, City Engineer Walter Nollac, and Gene Johnston, former Deputy County Tax Assessor.

Nominated for posts heading the Association are president, Walter Pollack, 5306 Maraicopa, vice president, Roland Appel, 20525 Wood St., and secretary-treasurer, Peter Boonstra, 3833 Spencer St., according to Mrs. Willard Milligan of the nominating committee.

Torrance homeowners and newcomers to the area are invited to attend the meeting, Deck declared.

Officials Meet to Commemorate City's Founder

Marking the 35th anniversary of the Torrance Memorial Hospital, in honor of Jared Sidney Torrance, whose dream it was to have a community hospital, city officials met at the hospital yesterday for a commemorative luncheon.

This date was selected by the 1926 board of directors, headed by Ester Maxwell, the first superintendent of the hospital, as a tribute to Torrance.

After the death of Torrance March 29, 1921, his heirs, led by his widow, purchased the site for the hospital at 1425 Engracia, had the building constructed and deeded it to the Torrance Hospital Association.

In the fall of 1920 Torrance had decided to form the hospital association. Shortly afterward, through business dealings, he came into possession of what amounted to a 91-year annuity, which he turned over to the association for the purchase and maintenance of the hospital.

In March of 1921, he added an additional \$100,000 in his will to the hospital fund.

The hospital, which has facilities for surgery and x-ray treatments, treats one per cent of its patients free of charge as charity cases.

In the 35 years of its existence, there have been 27,036 babies born at the hospital, amounting to one-quarter of the population of Torrance. More than 112,600 patients have been treated at the hospital since its opening.

Fifteen Sworn in U.S. Army Here

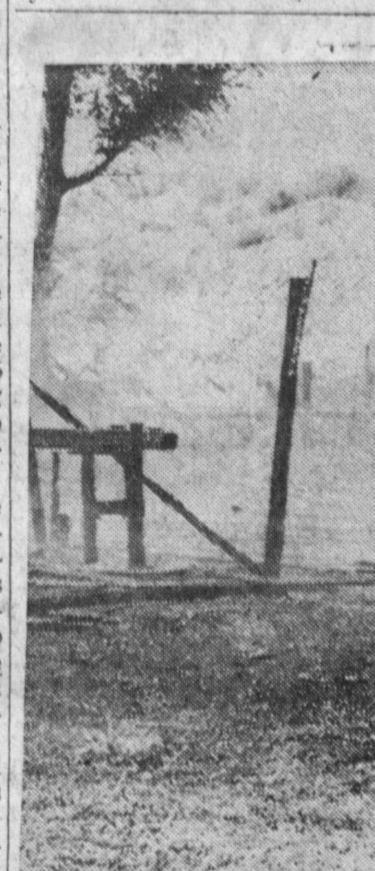
Fifteen men from the Torrance area are slated to be sworn into the United States Army, Aug. 10, in Torrance, under the Army's unique "buddy group." Recruiting Sgt. Donald Fleming said today.

The young men will serve their basic training as a team and will go on to specialized training per individual request, Sgt. Fleming said. The swearing-in ceremonies will be held in the Torrance City Council chambers.

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Mid-Western Civil Air Patrol Women Tour City

Six women from the mid-west, members of the Civil Air Patrol, were hosted at the City Hall by Mary Pinkney, Torrance woman, who is active in the Powder Puff Derby.



SMOULDERING RUINS—Boys with matches cannot only start raging forest fires which burn up thousands of dollars' worth of valuable timber, they can get an abandoned

stable in flames, which greeted freeway drivers as it blazed this week at 186th St. and Arlington Ave. The property belonged to the Garrett Corporation.

Refuses Report As Inadequate

An irate mayor at Torrance's weekly City Council meeting Tuesday evening hurled back a confidential report to City Manager George Stevens on the city's boiling water-main issue, calling it "inadequate" and demanding full and complete details.

The water-main scandal, which has erupted in the City Hall, concerns former Councilman Robert Jahn, who allegedly did not deposit the full amount necessary with Water Supt. Angus McVicker for extended water mains needed for a 20-unit building Jahn was constructing.

"We cannot evade any questions or tolerate favoritism in the City Hall, nor can we dismiss issues. We must have full facts presented," Mayor Isen declared, "if our citizens are to have full confidence in local government."

A deposit of \$1000 was made with the Water Department by Jahn Construction Co. on March 18, 1959, with a promise to pay the remainder within a few days. The payment was made at the time the construction actually started, City Manager Stevens wrote in his report.

McVicker, water superintendent, billed the Jahn Construction Co. on several occasions but did not receive



GEORGE STEVENS
... City Manager

payment, Stevens added. The Finance Department also billed Jahn on several occasions. "The city has varied in its policy of financing water main extensions," Stevens reported. "Extensions have been financed from one extreme, with the city putting

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PRIZE WINNERS—Torrance, which boasts the highest birth rate in the region, awarded blue ribbons with trophies to the bluest-eyed and reddest haired babies in the Southland. Winners were James Pasquariello (left), the carrot-top, here with his mother, Mrs. Frank

Pasquariello, 1261 W. 212th St., and James Neary, son of Mrs. James Neary, 21140 Dalton Ave. The two-year-olds won the awards competing against 600 youngsters at Ladera Park in the annual contest sponsored by the County Department of Park and Recreation.

Dog Brings Home \$102 Bill for Smashing Automobile

Dogs have the reputation for being man's best friend, but when your 65-pound Boxer darts out in front of a stranger's car, and the small claims court rules you owe \$102 for damages, you think twice—particularly if your dog repays you by running off.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Peterson, 4113 W. 178th St., Torrance, were accosted some weeks ago by Donald Holmes of 3730 W. 181st St., who demanded \$513, claiming the Peterson's dog, Duke, had crashed into his 1953 Rambler, damaging the front grill and the headlight. The incredulous Petersons said it was impossible.

Duke's owners took him to the South Bay Pet Hospital for a check-up, and the dog was released the following day.

Some time later, Holmes reappeared, asking for \$102 in damages. Unable to collect,

he filed a suit in the small claims court. The final straw, say the Petersons, came when Judge Donald Armstrong, Municipal Judge in the South Bay Judicial District, heard the case last week and ruled against the dog.

Peterson, a machine-shop set-up man at McCulloch Motors, has the right to appeal the judgment to County Superior Court, says Judge Armstrong. "It's the general principle of law that owners should be responsible for their pet."

The Petersons shruggingly say to appeal would require a deposit covering the \$102, \$25 for court costs, \$13 for filing fee, as well as attorney's fees.

Meanwhile, Duke, the 65-pound Boxer, minus any broken bones or head injuries, has gone off on vacation—destination unknown.