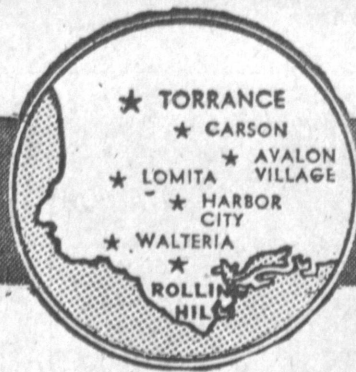


**24-Hour
Want Ad Service
DA 5-1515**



TORRANCE PRESS

3238 SEPULVEDA BLVD., TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA

Inside the Press

Mike Callas 3B
Classified 3-8D
Churches 4B
Darlene Cope 3B
Entertainment 6-7C
Sports 3B
Theater Guide 6C
Women 1-5C

VOLUME XII, NUMBER 45

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1960

10c A COPY

FIREMAN HERO LAUDED

Torrance Press Drive for Teenager Gains Support

The Torrance Press-sponsored drive, to aid young 15-year-old Rollin "Hook" Reser, stricken with a dangerous disease, and lying in the Riviera Hospital with a newly amputated leg, gained momentum this week from rank and file citizens throughout the area.

More than \$600 has been collected to date, with inquiries coming in every day, David L. Weeks, area chairman to aid the youth, told the Torrance Press today.

Meanwhile, the Lomita Auto Wash, owned by Al Di Rocco, Highway 101 and Narbonne, will stage an all-day car-wash drive, Sunday, Oct. 2, with all proceeds earmarked for the "Hook" Reser Fund.

More than 20 volunteers will man the car-wash station, working from 9 a.m. until late afternoon. Di Rocco will turn over all proceeds of the day to the drive.

Mrs. Ralph Reser, the boy's mother, works part-time at the car wash station.

Expressing thanks to the community for its support in this drive to help raise funds for the stricken teenager,

Ralph Reser, the boy's father declared "there are certainly a lot of good-hearted people here, and we are deeply appreciative."

Reser, employee of the Mayflower Trailer Co. in Torrance, and his family live at 1630 W. 254th St.

In addition to collection jugs placed in stores throughout the community for the fund, the Harbor City-Lomita Babe Ruth League has scheduled a dance Oct. 21, with proceeds going to the drive.

"Oct. 22 is Hook's birthday; he will be sixteen," Mrs. Reser announced.

Young "Hook" Reser, baseball-playing, average teenager before he was felled by the sometimes fatal disease, does not know the seriousness of his case. "His spirits are good," his mother declared.

Torrance residents who wish to contribute to the "Hook" Reser drive may mail their checks to Box 392, Lomita, or to the "Hook" Reser fund, care of the Torrance Press, 3238 Sepulveda. Checks may be made out to the "Hook" Reser Fund.



COMMUNITY AID—Auto wash owner Al DiRocco shows Mrs. Ralph Reser, mother of young "Hook" Reser, 15-year-old amputee, a sample of the jugs local residents have placed throughout the area to aid the stricken youngster.

City Accepts Gift of Trees from Del Amo Estate

Torrance's most generous gift of recent years, a substantial growth of trees eventually worth close to three quarter million dollars by the Del Amo Estates, won approval this week as the city council unanimously approved accepting the trees.

The council also voted to allocate an initial sum of \$5000 to cover cost of removing the trees and transplanting them to chosen areas throughout the city.

Presented to Torrance recently by the Del Amo firm, through the efforts of Councilman Victor Benstead, the trees had been questioned by some city councilmen as costing too much to remove, and being in some instances "undesirable."

City councilmen Willy Blount and George Vico reported they had inspected the entire area, and told councilmen "we can have any trees we want from this area."

Removal of the trees will proceed during the next two-year period. City councilmen also unanimously approved a resolution of appreciation on behalf of the city be presented to the donors.

Alondra Park Set for Large Scale Building Program

Planning to improve and develop Alondra Park into one of the finest regional recreational centers in Southern California, the Board of Supervisors this week awarded construction contract for major improvements in the northwest section of the park and approved preliminary plans for the development of approximately eight acres in the northwest portion of the park.

Under terms of the improvement contract awarded to the low bidder, the Geisler Construction Company, work will start in the northwest section within 30 days.

Work will include a new playground area, ball field improvements, two paved off-street parking areas, picnic tables, drinking fountains, walls, walks, new lawns and landscaping.

Preliminary plans for the northwest section of the park extending from Manhattan Beach boulevard west of Dominguez channel to the lake area, call for the removal of the existing service yard and a number of temporary buildings and the complete development of the area.

Man Praised for Saving Life of Teenage Girl

For courage above his normal line of duty in rescuing a drowning girl, Torrance fireman Kenneth V. Atkinson, 4838 Theo Ave., won the plaudits of the city council here this week.

In a letter received by George Stevens, city manager, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Johnson Jr., of Rialto, wrote "thanks to one of your firemen, we still have our 13 year old daughter."

"We are spending our vacation in Green Valley. This morning we and the people from the next camp went down to the lake. My husband took the boys fishing, and the lady next to us and I took the small children swimming. We let the bigger girls rent paddle boards a little ways down from us.

"We were watching the girls and suddenly the neighbor said, 'Wasn't that your daughter that went under,' I looked and she was going under again."



KENNETH ATKINSON

"She said later she had cramps in her legs and when she slipped off the board she couldn't get back on, and when she tried, the board slipped away from her.

"My 12 year old girl saw her but she froze, and the 13 year old girl with them didn't see what was happening. My younger daughter started screaming for help.

"We started running and screaming. We were about 100 yards away from them, but before we were half way there, a young fellow was

School Tax 50c Override Vote Set for October 11

"We are facing a financial crisis and unless the voters endorse the school tax override, the Torrance Unified School District will be short one million dollars in this year's budget," Superintendent J. H. Hull warned homeowners this week in an appeal for public support.

The school tax override, fifty cents, will be voted upon in a city-wide election Tuesday, Oct. 11.

"This vote has nothing to do with bond money for new building," Hull emphasized. "The tax override is purely

for teachers' salaries, and to keep our schools a going concern," Hull declared.

"If there were other ways of raising the needed money, we would do so," Hull announced. "However, we cannot stop inflation, nor the high birth-rate, nor new people moving into Torrance," he said.

The Torrance school board budget for this year is \$11,600,000, "and we have budgeted every cent of it, including using every drop of our reserve money," Hull declared.

Ordinarily, school boards have a ten percent "reserve" to carry them over summer months and to pay the first months' salaries, until taxes are collected, Hull explained.

The state makes the first payment of tax collected monthly available in November.

"Our teachers are looking after the largest school enrollment in the history of Torrance schools," Hull stated, adding "every indication shows our high school enrollment will increase tremendously."

Boys' Wild Midnight Ride Gives Police Merry Chase

Paul Revere's midnight ride warning the early settlers on the east coast "the British were coming," had nothing on an even wilder ride by two Torrance boys, 11 and 12, early Tuesday morning.

Unlike the boys in Mark Twain's sagas of mid-western life, where Huckleberry Finn took a raft down the easy-going Mississippi River, young Daniel Timms, 12, and his pal, Randy Landreath, 11, took the Timms' car on a 90-mile an hour spree down the Pacific Coast Highway.

The boys were taking off to "hole up in the mountains," but the six year old family Chevy only made it to Hawthorne Blvd., near the Palos Verdes boundary line.

Caught up in the wild ride were units from the Torrance and the Redondo Beach police departments, giving frantic chase.

Police cars first caught whiff of the merry ride when their heads snapped as the southbound car whizzed by at 85 miles an hour.

Hot on the pursuit, the boys led the police down Pacific Coast Highway, zigzagging from side to side, going thru a red signal at Ave. H, fishtailing, and careening on and off center islands.

Police tried to set up a road block at the Coast Highway near Hawthorne, but the boys merely pushed down harder on the accelerator, swerving from one side of the street to the other, missing a head-on collision by inches.

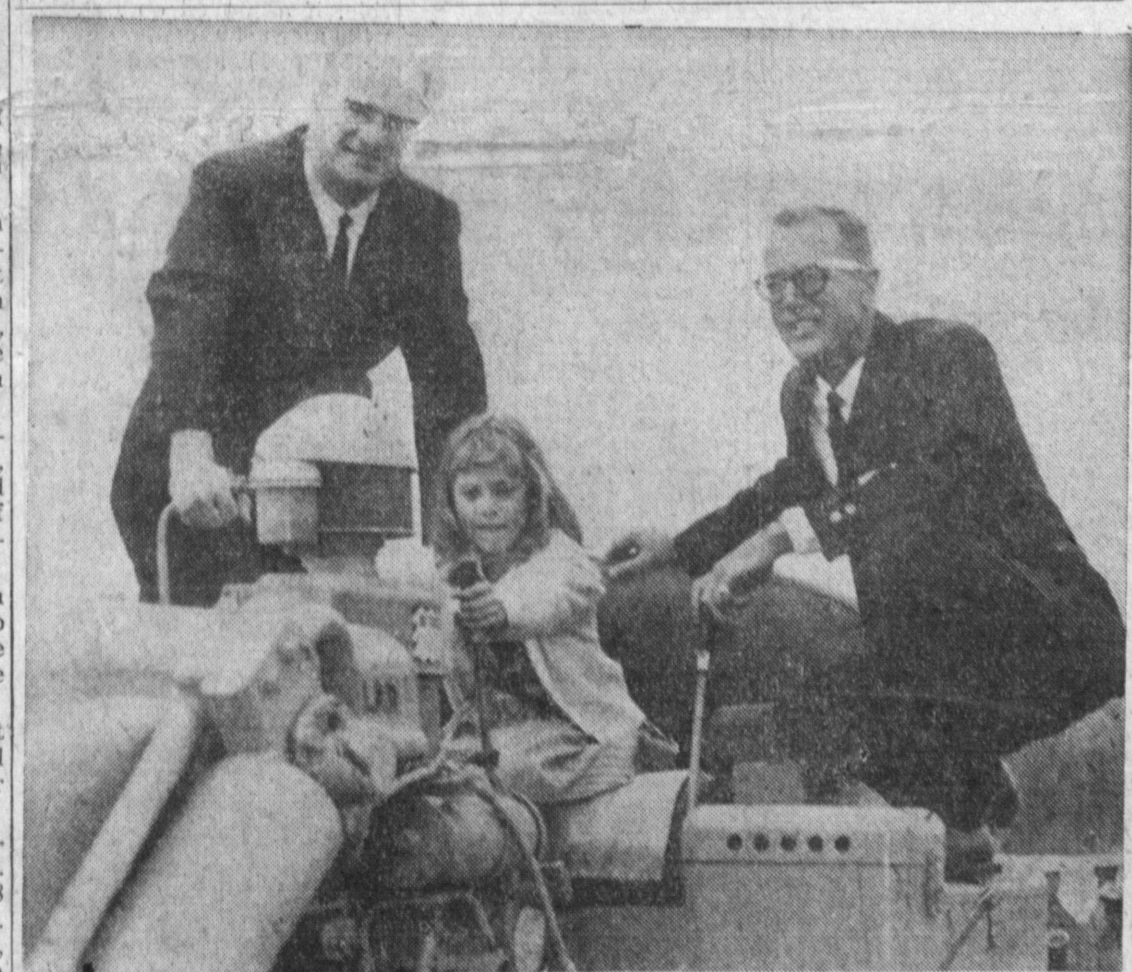
The boys were finally halted near the Palos Verdes line, but only after they crashed into the left rear fender of the Redondo police department's 1960 Ford.

The two youths were taken into custody at the Redondo Beach police station, where young Timms tried to make an escape, but was foiled.

The wild 5-mile pursuit came to a final end as harried police officers mopped their brows in the early hours.

The Timms' car was impounded, and Mr. and Mrs. Cloy E. Timms Jr., 2828 Martha St., and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Landreath, 1959 Renosa, in Torrance were called with the news that their youngsters were far from their individual beds.

To paraphrase the old-time radio announcer, "there's razor-stropping time tonight!"



GROUND-BREAKING—With young 8-year-old Tammy Brink at the controls, Superintendent J. H. Hull and School Board President William C. Boswell lend a hand, as earth flies for Torrance's newest school, Victor Elementary. The school is the first of four to be built soon. (Story on Page 6).

Torrance C. of C. Manager Honored With Resolution

Torrance's Chamber of Commerce director, Richard S. Fitzgerald, has a new citation to hang on his wall this week.

Fitzgerald was the recipient of a State Assembly resolution, presented to him at the chamber's monthly breakfast meeting here, commending him for his "record of leadership."

The resolution, presented by Charles Edward Chapel, 46th District, and Vincent Thomas, 68th District, cited Fitzgerald's efforts to "improve the economics of the State, by his guidance in the field of industrial development."

Fitzgerald was selected as one of California's outstanding young men of 1959. He served as president of the California State Junior Chamber in 1955 and 1956, and as vice president of the U.S. Junior Chamber in 1956 and 1957.



JUMP FOR JOY—Three El Camino co-eds let loose with a wild leap as they learn they have been chosen Grid Queen and Princesses at the college this week. Left to right, the high kickers are Gayle Pettitt, Torrance; Camille Hill, Inglewood, queen, and Joyce Morris, Manhattan Beach. Coronation is set for tomorrow evening on campus.

13-Year-Old Boy Smashes Truck

Edward Lee Surber, 13, of 3106 Antonio in Torrance, will think twice before he borrows his parents' car.

Young Surber got behind the wheel of his father's eight year old Plymouth after dinner Tuesday evening, and drove around the block. He managed to jump a curb, smash a banana tree belonging to Geza Orley, 1625 Maple St., and rammed into a parked truck, property of Harry Brummett, 1632 Maple St.

Accident Victim Improving Here

Young David Johnson, 3634 W. 227th St., was reported in good condition at Little Company of Mary Hospital today, after being struck Monday by a car at 225th and Sepulveda in Torrance. The boy had suffered cuts and bruises.

Police said the boy was struck by a car driven by George E. Mark, 42. The boy was on a bicycle. Mark, 3523 W. 225th St., was not held.

Chamber Endorses Salary Raise for Mayor, Council

The Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening voted unanimously to endorse a substantial pay raise for members of the city council and the mayor, declaring "they deserve this increase, and this will continue to attract men of high caliber."

Led by Chamber President Richard S. Pyle, twenty-five chamber members voted to endorse increasing city council members' pay from the present \$100 a month to \$250. The mayor's salary would be hiked from the current \$100 to \$350.

"After due consideration to the great amount of time and effort put forth by the Mayor and the City Council, covering the activities for the City of Torrance, we highly recommend that the salaries for the Councilmen be raised," the resolution declared.

"This will have a twofold benefit. This increase will partially compensate the Councilmen and the Mayor of our City for the terrific effort expended in the interest of the City and continue to attract capable men for these positions," Pyle announced.

There is insufficient time to place this on the November ballot, Richard Fitzgerald, chamber manager, declared, nor is there any reason to have a special election, he added.

The chamber also approved the selection of the following area directors: Abe Robinson, Bill Hanson, Albert Burke, Archie Grove, Tom Jones, Cliff Nickle, Bill Belding and John Wallace.

Young Teenage Orators Offered Legion Award

Young Torrance orators will be given a chance to compete for varied medals and prizes in a new oratorical contest sponsored by the Bert S. Crossland American Legion, Post 170, Legion officials announced today.

Staged in the Torrance high schools, and open to all high school students, the contests will be presented in mid-January. One written and one extemporaneous talk based on the Bill of Rights will be the theme of the contest.

In addition to medals awarded by the local Post, district, area, state and national winners will also receive awards, according to J. R. Gateley, past commander. The Legion Post also approved granting American Legion School Awards this year, as it has in the past.

Last year, ten students won these medals, presented to one boy and one girl from each of the high schools and Stephen White Junior High School.

Award winners in 1959 included Joyce Beard, James Laird, North High; Susan Saari, James Armstrong, Torrance High; Michael Robbins, Carolyn Waddingham, South High; and Judy Edson, Walter Brown, Barbara Rosenbaum and John Blakemore, Stephen White School.

These medals are based on a five-point score by Legion officials, emphasizing honor, courage, scholarship, leadership and service, Gateley declared.

Newt Mathis, Americanism chairman, announced full instructions will be given to all high schools within the near future.

The Post also authorized sending one or more boys to "Boy's State" in Washington D.C. this year. Bill Steinwachs Jr., from South High represented the Legion in Sacramento last year.

Plans have also been approved by the Post to sponsor another junior league baseball team, with Commander Stan Helman in charge. The last team, coached by Ozzie Grimes, won the district championship, officials announced.

Contract to Build New City Hall Addition OK'd

The City Council this week approved awarding a contract to the Coastate Builders of Long Beach to erect the new public works building directly behind the city hall.

The contract, covering a low bid of \$223,823, will include construction of the new addition, as well as enlarging of the present west side of the city hall, George Stevens, city manager, announced.

The council which had originally been presented with an estimate of \$200,000 to complete the construction, approved an additional \$25,000 from the unappropriated funds.

Construction, slated to be completed in 180 days, will commence within the next few weeks, Stevens declared.

Cemeter Gets Mahy Phone Calls

If you want work, there's one way to bring results, says Jesse Howard, 316 S. Kemp St. "Use the Torrance Press Classified section," Howard claims.

"I put an ad in the Torrance Press to do cement work—driveways and patios—and received a number of calls. When the ad expired, I placed it again for four more times. Keeps me busy," says Howard. Call DA 5-1515 and ask for a courteous ad-taker to help you word an action want-ad.