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SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL FIRE—Forty cases of acoustic tile lay in a smoldering heap today, the aftermath of a fire Thursday at South High School's new addition, under construction. Started by a spark from a welding torch, the fire also destroyed a paint-

er's tarpolin. There are no direct telephone lines to the Torrance fire department, however South High School held a fire drill Sept. 28 and evacuated the premises in three minutes. (Photo by Robert Daurico, 15 South High Student)

OIL WELL OWNERS FACE STIFF FINES OR WILL GO TO JAIL

Penalties Will Affect Abandoned Wells Only

Owners of 54 oil wells, idle and non-producing yet cluttering the Torrance landscape, face fines or six months in jail as a result of a city ordinance which went into effect this week.

Approved by the City Council Sept. 27, the ordinance went into effect Oct. 27.

The ordinance, No. 1203, calls for the removal and abandonment of idle oil wells and the cleaning of drill sites. According to the Division of Oil and Gas, a well is declared idle if the owner has not reported one barrel of oil, or 10,000 cubic feet of gas produced within the last year.

The presence at the drill site or the operation of a derrick rig or other oil well drilling or production equipment, was not considered sufficient evidence of the production of oil or gas, the ordinance stated.

In a thorough city-wide survey performed by Michael McMahon, land use investigator, working through the Department of Public Works, it was learned 54 wells here were idle.

"They were not producing anything but a public blight," according to George Powell, City Planning Director.

Further investigation pending an absolute check-out of current owners, revealed the wells were the property of 31 individual companies.

All the owners will be notified this coming week by the Department of Public Works by registered mail. They will have 90 days to comply with the city ordinance. Penalty for failure to meet the city's ordinance requirements will be a fine not exceeding \$500 or 6 months in the Los Angeles County Jail, "or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court."

Owner of abandoned oil wells are required to clean and restore the drill site and the surface in conformity with the following city requirements:

1. The derrick and all equipment shall be removed from the drill site.
2. All drilling and production equipment, tanks, towers and other surface installations shall be removed from the drill site or tank farm site.
3. All concrete, pipe, wood and other foreign materials shall be removed from the drill site or tank farm site.
4. The oil well casing shall be cut off at the cellar floor, but in no case below sea level. Nothing shall be placed in the hole above the point of cut off until the cut-off has been inspected by the city and found to be in compliance with all provisions of the law.
5. A steel cap of not less than the same thickness of the well casing shall be welded to the casing around the entire circumference of the well casing.
6. The rathole and all holes and depressions shall be filled and packed with native earth.
7. All oil, waste oil, refuse or waste material shall be removed from the drill site.

Although the ordinance was introduced a month ago, and went into full effect this week, little action has been taken by well owners to comply with the full ordinance, Powell said. "Owners will be given 90 days to abate this nuisance," he declared.

City Schools Eye Quiz to Raise Money

Parents of the 27,000 children in Torrance Schools will be asked to take part in a "quiz" that will bring more than \$200,000 into school coffers.

Under federal law, the schools are entitled to federal funds for each parent who is employed in an aircraft plant, one of the services, or in some industry with federal contracts or connections.

Last year, Torrance received more than \$200,000 in federal funds through Public Law 874. School officials estimate that this sum represents a saving of about 10 or 11 cents on the tax rate.

Cards should be returned to the schools before Thursday, Nov. 7. Parents or guardians should be sure to sign the card. Separate cards must be made for each child in the family, with places of employment for both father and mother.

The federal government will require another similar survey next March. During the past few years, Torrance Schools have received \$3,000,000 in federal aid.

Water Plan Is Another TVA, Gov. Tells Area Voters

The water issue is the most important long-range problem facing the citizens of California, Governor Edmond Pat Brown told a crowd of civic dignitaries here this week.

Urging support of Proposition 1, the water issue, Brown compared the plan with the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Central Valley Project.

"It will be a matchless monument to the foresight and courage of modern Californians," he said. "This is strictly a self-liquidating, self-supported program," the Governor declared.

Total cost of the plan which encompasses construction of the world's greatest dam, built on the Feather River, north of Sacramento, will be \$1.75 billion, to be spent over a period of 25 years.

"This will figure to about \$70 million a year," the Governor said.

"This is a lot of money, but our state budget is close to \$2 billion a year now," the Governor added. "We are spending \$1 billion for education, \$500 million on highways streets and motor vehicles, \$250 million on health and welfare activities, and \$175 million on conservation and natural resources," he stated.

"By comparison, \$70 million a year for water development—our most pressing need—does not seem large."

New Space Age Research Firm Formed Here

Formation of a new company at 24226 Hawthorne Ave., to engage in space-age research and development was announced today by Dr. Milton U. Clauser.

The new company, Clauser Technology Corporation, will engage in the development and production of electronic equipment and instruments for the missile age and in government-sponsored research.

Dr. Clauser, who played a key role in the design of Air Force ballistic missiles, heads the new company as president. Assisting in the formation of the firm was Draper, Gaither & Anderson, venture capital firm of Palo Alto and San Francisco.

The new company consists of a group of scientists, engineers, and specialists brought together to participate as majority owner-managers. The initial organization includes George A. Bronson, chief engineer; Leonard J. Heilman, administrative manager and treasurer; and key staff members who are heading projects in research areas where they have been responsible for a large number of

Dope Possession Jails Musician; Three Arraigned

Narcotics raised its head in the area this week, as one man was arrested, and two men and a woman faced Superior Court arraignments on suspicion of narcotics possession.

Art Pepper, 35, noted jazz musician, 22335 So. Vermont Ave., in the county strip area adjacent to Torrance, was seized by narcotics officers after he emerged from a house at 1113 Stone St.

Police officers said they found a half-ounce of heroin in his pocket. They also said Pepper admitted paying \$240 for the narcotics to the occupants of the house, Ortiz and his wife Lupe, who were also arrested.

George and Edna Maudsley, 1609 Woolcott St., and John W. Christian, 35, of 152 So. Harbor Drive Redondo Beach, face arraignments Nov. 18 in Inglewood. Investigators found \$2500 worth of marijuana, 2000 "thrill pills," and five rolled marijuana cigarettes in the Maudsley's home. The trio is free on \$4725 bail pending their court appearance.

Pat Hillings to Speak at Final Rally

A capacity crowd is anticipated Tuesday evening, Nov. 1 at the Republican Headquarters here, 1406 Craven Ave., when Patrick J. Hillings addresses the final rally prior to the election, Re-



PATRICK J. HILLINGS
Speaker

publican spokesmen said today. Actress Zazu Pitts will also be on hand to greet visitors, spokesmen added.

Hillings, Republican national committeeman, served 8 years in Congress from what is now the 25th Congressional District, the largest district in the state, and one of the largest in the nation.

An attorney in Los Angeles, Hillings was slated to speak here three weeks ago, but was forced to postpone the appointment. The public is invited, according to Mrs. Kay Smith, local headquarters publicity chairman.

Torrance School Bonds Bought By Security Bank

Security First National Bank has purchased \$2,000,000 worth of Torrance Unified School District Bonds at a sale of the securities before the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

The firm offered an interest rate of 3 1/2 per cent and payment of a \$1,751 premium.

According to County Supervisor Burton W. Chace the premium payment will reduce the interest rate to a net of 3.49 per cent.

Funds realized by the school district from the bond sale will be used for the construction of two new elementary schools, Hickory and La-deene.

In addition, the district will add four rooms to each of the following elementary schools: Adams, Parkway, Riviera, Columbia.

The balance of the funds will be used to help finance the initial unit of West High School presently under construction.

Bandits Hold Up Sav-Way Station

The South Bay Sav-Way gasoline station, 18200 Hawthorne Blvd., was held up early Saturday morning, police department spokesmen reported today.

Two men pulled a gun on attendant Arthur Lovell at the station, at 2 a.m. ordered the attendant into the washroom. They escaped with an unknown amount of cash and cigarettes.

Food, Clothes, Toys Admit Kids to YM's Clown Show

Looking beyond tomorrow night's Halloween hullabaloo, leaders of Torrance's YMCA made plans this week for an ingathering of food, clothing, and toys, destined for the Navajos.

The Torrance YMCA has adopted the Navajo village of Moenave, deep in a desolate Arizona reservation, spokesmen added.

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FOR THE NAVAJOS—Looking forward to the YMCA's Clown Show, Saturday evening, Nov. 12, three youngsters load up with toys and clothes for the YM's caravan for the Navajos. The trio are Mark, Ginger and Daniel Zimmerman, 1542 El Prado. Admission to the show at the YM headquarters is a contribution for the Indians, YM officials stated.

Torrance Barber Shop Quartet Seeking Men

If there are men in Torrance whose wives complain they sound horrible singing in the shower, the local SPEBSQSA has a place for them.

The initials stand for the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America.

The group meets each Monday evening in the Music Room at South High School, 4801 Pacific Coast Highway, "and we are looking for talent," says L. H. Hill, coordinator.

Although the Barbershop Singing Society places its first emphasis on quartet development, "each chapter starts with a chorus," Hill declared. Quartets develop from the

Quartets are in demand at hospitals, community events, chorus, he said.

benefits and parties, Hill announced.

A Rose Is a Rose Is a . . . Chamber Says, Eyeing Float

A chance to "buy" a piece of Torrance's float in the forthcoming city's entry in the annual "Tournament of Roses" was offered Torrance residents today.

For the past 3 years, the Torrance Chamber has sponsored an entry in the annual New Year's Day parade in Pasadena, but the "treasury is skinny," Chamber officials declared today.

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HAVE A ROSE—Urging Torrance citizens' participation in the city's Tournament of Roses float, Chamber of Commerce secretaries, Shirley Robinson and Valda Wilkins offer roses here. The Chamber is seeking \$5000 to pay for the Torrance entry in the annual parade. The girls say a contribution will help put another flower on the float.