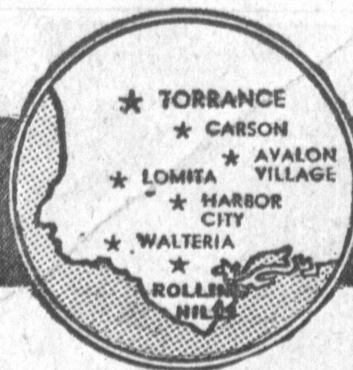


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OPPOSE AIRPORT—Petitions bearing 850 signatures, representing the membership of the Lomita Property Owners Association, and opposing the improvements on the Torrance Municipal Airport, were presented to Deputy City Clerk Gale Whitacre yesterday

by Peter M. Thorson of the association. Councilmen last night filed petitions after noting that proposed expansion of the airport would have little or no effect on Lomita property.

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BOOK SPEEDER AFTER WILD 90-MPH CHASE

Youth Held on Seven Counts Of Speeding

City police officers Monday night captured and booked a 23-year old speeder after a 90-mile per hour chase through Torrance streets. Traffic was medium to heavy throughout the pursuit.

Booked at Torrance police station was Clifford D. Deason, of 207 South Francis Ave., Redondo Beach.

Deason was charged with running a red light, reckless driving, engaging in a speed contest on city streets, making unsafe lane changes, attempting to evade arrest, failure to stop at a stop sign and speeding.

Officers Harry Waugaman and Donald P. Flaherty reported that they first spotted the Deason car racing with a second vehicle near the corner of Hawthorne and Lomita Blvd.

Swinging into the chase, they said, they turned on their red light and siren.

One of the vehicles promptly stopped.

Deason, however, raced up Hawthorne at an estimated 80 mph with the officers in hot pursuit.

Turning east on Sepulveda, the officers stated, the suspect put on speed and started to pull away from the pursuing police car.

Nearing Crenshaw, however, the overworked engine in Deason's car suddenly spewed oil and a cloud of black smoke and the vehicle coasted to a stop.

Two male companions, passengers in the vehicle, were not held.



HURT IN FALL—Gary Clinton Smith, 19, of El Monte is shown as he was rescued last week-end after a fall over a Palos Verdes cliff. Smith and three friends, Joseph Trinkley, 4203 Pacific Coast Hwy., Torrance, James Alberts

and James Haley, both of El Monte, were running along the edge of the cliff when he lost his balance and fell. Lifeguards and volunteers worked for 30 minutes bringing the injured youth up the steep cliff.

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SPECIAL COVERAGE . . .

Election Edition to Hit Doorsteps Sun.

A special edition of the Torrance Press, of particular interest to residents and voters of this city, will be delivered to Torrance homes next Sunday morning.

This Election Edition will be complete with photographs of candidates plus brief outlines of platforms and the major campaign issues.

The Press will also endorse certain of the candidates for office and will list the qualifications which, in our best judgment, set them aside from other well-qualified contenders for the same office.

Our appraisal of needed qualities in city officials is intended in no way to influence the vote. We do feel that clear-thinking intelligent analysis of current community problems and the candidates method of attacking them should be pointed out.

We also feel that every resident of Torrance, whether or not they approve of any endorsed candidate should go to the polls.

You can vote "fer 'em or agin 'em."

The most important thing, of course, is to make sure that you vote!

FIRE STIRS STUDY . . .

School Board Will Survey Possibilities of Burglar Alarms for Torrance Schools

Members of the Torrance School Board Monday night agreed to investigate the financial feasibility of installing silent burglar alarms in district schools and suggesting more adequate lighting be installed at two elementary facilities.

Recommendation of the installation of the alarms was S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent.

Action followed last week's fire at the Carl Steele school which did damage in excess of \$100,000 before it was brought under control.

Fire was deliberately set by two 15-year-old youths arrested two days later. Boys admitted setting the fires and other damages to the school.

Area near the school has been plagued with an outbreak of petty burglaries, destruction to property and vandalism.

Parents and property owners in the neighborhood have requested additional police protection for school and private property.

Shrubs and young trees in a nearby park have been pulled up and trampled and a door was recently reported torn off a park washroom.

Residents near the Carl Steele School reported to board members that prowlers are frequently seen on the school grounds and reminded them that nearby Flavian School was recently vandalized.

LONG SERVICE . . .

Eighty-four Torrance Employees Awarded Pins

Eighty four persons, either presently city employees or retired, were presented with longevity pins at last night's city council session. They represented a total of 1,350 years of city service.

Heading the list of presentations were Fire Chief J. J. Benner and Ellen H. Blackshire, of the water department, who each received engraved wristwatches. Presentation was made by Mayor Albert Isen in the name of the entire council.

Receiving 25 year pins were Douglas C. Cook, Lloyd L. Crowther, Swayne A. Johnson, Ralph S. Perkins, and Eugene K. Walker. For 15 years of service, pins were presented to Herbert R. Burgess, Leonard V. Christian, John G. Cox, James W. Crowther, Lawrence L. Crunk, John D. DiSario, Ivan L. Eckersley, Robert R. Faren, Agathe A.

Francois, Milo L. Gilbert, Robert E. Lamphere, Milton T. Langum, Don A. Lemmen, Robert R. Lucas, Police Captain John W. Maestri, Thomas E. Mann, Sherman Miller, Robert E. Moffitt, Elmer S. Moon, Assistant Police Chief Mervyn H. Porter, Alexander S. Thompson, Howard D. Webb, Joseph J. Webb, Harlan Whitacre Jr., Joel S. Whitman and Silas C. Whitman.

Forty-four other persons, all retired from city service, also received special pins.

Murder, Suicide

A Lomita woman, Mary E. Brissett, 44, of 2054 W. 242nd St., Sunday shot and killed her husband, Fred, 39, and then took her own life. In a suicide note the woman said that she believed that her husband had been seeing another woman.

Bodies of the two were discovered by their 14-year-old daughter.

City Holds 'Doubleheader' Ceremony



DOUBLEHEADER CEREMONY—City officials, civic dignitaries and guests were on hand Monday for the official groundbreaking ceremonies for the Civic Center recreation building, followed closely by a

similar ceremony for the new city library at Welteria Park. Both of the new buildings were designed by the architectural firm of Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp and Wright. Cost of the recreational building, which will be located directly behind the present city hall site, is estimated at \$162,000. Cost of the library is estimated at about \$45,000. Officiating at the ceremonies was Bobette King, recently crowned Miss Torrance. She was assisted by Mayor Albert Isen and members of the Torrance City Council.



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