

FIERY CRASH—Above, firemen attempt to quell flames and smoke boiling out of a sedan in which three Torrance teenagers were hurt last weekend. Below, ambulance attendants prepare to transport Michael J. Hadley, 18, and Richard G. Stubbs, 17, to Little Company of Mary Hospital for treatment. Another passenger, Sandra Futrell, 15, was also hospitalized.

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Parents, Juvenile Officers Search for Missing Youth

Police juvenile officers and the frantic parents of a missing 17-year old Torrance High School senior, this week resumed their search for the youth after it was reported that he had been seen recently in this area.

Missing since March 5 the youth, Robert Leroy Brennan, 18409 Crenshaw Blvd., has been the object of a search by California, Texas and Florida juvenile officers since his disappearance early this year.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Brennan, the boy disappeared after a minor disciplinary set-to with school authorities.

Friends of the missing boy stated that he had often talked of going to Texas and Florida and bulletins had been distributed through both of the states.

Described as "extremely intelligent," the boy is 5'10" tall, weighs 132 pounds, has



ROBERT L. BRENNAN
... missing

dark brown hair and grey eyes.

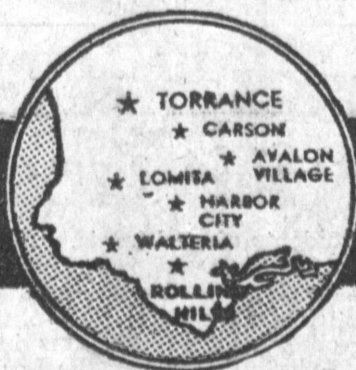
He has worked as both a cook and kitchen helper and is a qualified mechanic.



GUEST LIST — Heading the guest list at yesterday's breakfast meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce was Fifi D'Orsay, stage and screen personality, and Wade Peebles, Torrance city manager. Shown here being welcomed by Mayor Albert Isen, Miss

D'Orsay told of former film acquaintances, while Peebles outlined plans for the future growth of the city. Breakfast room at Masonic Hall was filled to capacity with more than 100 guests registered.

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KEY CITY COMMITTEE APPOINTEES NAMED

Unanimous OK Fills Fourteen Critical Posts

Torrance city councilmen last night finally succeeded in filling every vacancy on every city commission and committee.

In a blanket endorsement of the appointments, many of them critical, councilmen voted unanimously for a succession of well qualified candidates for the various posts.

Most vital of city appointive bodies, the planning commission, has been operating with a bare quorum of holdover appointees and members whose terms have run out have been holding down the posts on an interim basis.

Reappointed to the planning commission for a second term was David Halstead, while Harold La Mour, Charles "Chuck" Kastner and John Melville were named to fill empty seats on the board.

Only controversy noted during the appointments and reappointments was the six to one vote removing Harmon Belcher, former member of the civil service board, from the post.

Councilman J. A. Beasley voted against the removal, stating that he felt that the council was establishing a "bad precedent." Belcher had supported an unsuccessful candidate in recent municipal elections.

Reappointed to the civil service board was Fred Stevens, while Larry Townsend, Fred Mill and Clifford Peterson were named to other empty posts on the board.

REAPPOINTED

Long-time members of the Library Commission, George Kurtz and Mrs. J. B. Moseley were reappointed to the positions they formerly held.

Lawrence Gittschier and Eric Borner were also reappointed to posts on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Newly appointed Albert Dumont joined reappointed Water Commissioner Jack E. Brooks to fill empty seats on that board.

Councilman, quizzed by newsmen following the appointments, reported that they felt few commissions and committees were the best qualified in the history of the city, and that the backlog of work in the various fields would soon be caught up.



DRY WASH — Local water users may soon be reduced to cleaning the family jalopy in the above manner, it was reported yesterday. Don Fulton, customer service superintendent of the municipal water department, stated that the Palos Verdes feeder line of

the MWD will be shut down for 3 1/2 days starting Monday. Customers living south of 223rd St. in Torrance are asked to curtail use and to hold off washing cars and watering lawns until the emergency is past.

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City Manager Tells Chamber Of Future Plans

City manager Wade Peebles yesterday morning told assembled members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce that immediate plans call for a study of future development of the community, development of a master zoning plan with the full cooperation of Torrance citizens and city officials, and an overall study of the city's economic outlook.

"We are presently planning the growth, prosperity and economic well-being of the community," he said. Peebles pointed out that in 1928 the city had a population of 5,900; in 1945, at the close of World War II, the population stood at 15,000.

"The phenomenal period following the War saw the population of Torrance jump to 110,000, an increase of nearly 800 percent," he stated.

Teenagers Hurt In Weekend Crash

Three Torrance teenagers were injured Sunday night, when the car in which they were riding crashed into a power pole in the 20600 block of Earl St.

Taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital were, Michael J. Hadley, 18, 3321 Carson, Richard G. Stubbs, 17, 2741 Arlington, and Sandra Futrell, 15, 18023 Ermanita, all in Torrance.

Driver of the auto Ronald C. Kendall, 18, 2756 El Dorado St., was uninjured.

The vehicle burst into flames on impact and the Torrance Fire Dept. was called to douse the blaze.

Southern California Edison Company was also called since the pole had been sheared off and two large transformers were in danger of falling.

County Gives \$12,500 Fund for Crenshaw Work

Allocation of \$12,500 to the city of Torrance for the improvement of a portion of Crenshaw Blvd. was approved this week by County Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Funds will be used to eliminate a dangerous condition by construction of additional pavement and installation of a guard rail between 247th St. and Pacific Coast Highway.

Moratorium

A moratorium restricting developments in agricultural zones, requested last night by Harold La Mour, 2066 W. 238th St., was deferred for two weeks by city councilmen for further study.

LaMour contended that expensive residential developments in the areas will suffer if any development other than residential is allowed under present zoning laws.



DEMANDS MET ...

Rival Teachers' Union to Make Appeal Before Board on May 7

Torrance school board officials yesterday reported that representatives of AFL-CIO affiliated teacher's union will present demands at the May 7 meeting of the board.

Most teachers in the district are presently represented by the California Teacher's Association, a professional organization widely recognized throughout the state.

American Federation of Teachers, late comer in the California teaching field, has made slight inroads in county education-

al circles. Attending the May 7 meeting of the school board as a spokesman for the Federation will be Ralph Schloming, executive director. He will present a series of proposals for consideration.

GOOD FAITH

James Armstrong, president of the Torrance Education Association, reported that, although most of the proposals suggested by the Federation were made in good faith, greater majority of the demands had already been met in the

district. He cited as accomplished facts that teachers could speak, without restriction, before the school board, reports to organizations on proposed school board actions, teacher consultations on curriculum changes and assignment of teachers to classes by principals of the individual schools.

Mixed comments were heard from school employees, who, basically, felt that association with the teacher's union would tend to detract from the professional status of teaching.

MAY 19 PARADE ...

Navy Undersecretary Named as Marshal Of Armed Forces Day Celebration

Under Secretary of the Navy Paul B. Fay, Jr. a former PT Boat commander and a member of the squadron in which President Kennedy's boat was a unit, will be grand marshal and keynote speaker for the Third Annual Armed Forces Day Parade and celebration, it was reported this week.

The city has gained national attention for its past Armed Forces Day celebrations, established by Presidential Proclamation as the third Saturday in May of each year. This year's observance, highlighted by a big military parade and equipment display, will be held on May 19, an event described by Defense Department authorities as the largest in this part of the country. Theme for this year will be "Power for Peace."



PAUL B. FAY, JR.
... AFD Marshal

As grand marshal of the Armed Forces Day Parade in Torrance, Secretary Fay

will review elements of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, California National Guard, Reserve components, and other state and civic units and will award trophies for the best entries.

"It is indeed appropriate that the Honorable Paul B. Fay Jr. has been selected to represent the Department of Defense at our celebration," Mayor Albert Isen said, "because not only is Secretary Fay a native born Californian, but his illustrious military background and present high appointment honor both our state and our country."

Born in San Francisco, Secretary Fay is the son of Paul B. and Kate Oliver Fay. He was educated in California, graduating from Stanford University with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Economics in January 1942.