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## EDITORIAL PAGE

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## 'School's Out, So Watch Out,' Warns Nat. Safety Council

Ending of the school year last Friday and the beginning of the summer vacation brings a reminder from the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the National Safety Council that it also marks the beginning of a period when every motorist should exercise extra caution for the protection of children.

"Every motorist," Chapter President J. T. Blalock said, "must remember that children at play in the residential areas don't always think or think in time of the hazards of traffic."

"The safety of a child who unthinkingly chases a ball into the street depends on the motorist and his ability to stop in time."

"A child on roller skates may glide

into a crosswalk without thinking and here again quick thinking by the motorist must safeguard the youngster."

These, Blalock added, are only two examples of the increased driver responsibility for the safety of children which begins with the start of the summer vacation.

He proposed what he called "a mental warning sign" which every driver should implant in his consciousness and heed in his driving. The wording of this "mental warning sign" is "School's out so watch out—watch out for children at play."

In addition to his reminders to motorists, Blalock urged that all parents school their young children on the dangers that exist in the streets.

## Air Force Recreation Opportunities Told

Young men and women seeking information about enlistment in the Air Force are always concerned with the question of how they can spend off duty time.

According to SSGT Cecil C. Mayberry, Torrance Air Force recruiting representative, life in the Air Force is far from being all work and no play. In addition to excellent educational opportunities, the Air Force provides an extensive off duty recreational program.

Intra-mural and base level sports competition, hobby shops, service clubs and many other activities from stamp collecting to sports

car clubs are readily available to fill the hours with healthful entertainment and fun.

Bowling, softball and basketball intra-mural leagues are found on almost every air force installation both in the U.S. and overseas. Most bases sponsor teams in all the major sports to compete with other bases and civilian teams.

In the hobby shop category, there are wood working, photography, automotive, metal working, ceramics and others. The service club, theater and library also provide many hours of relaxation for Air Force per-

sonnel.

Personnel services officers on the Air Force installations loan Air Force members all types of sporting equipment such as skis, fishing gear and golf, clubs depending on types of recreation available in the surrounding area. They also maintain well equipped gyms.

Booklets on air force installations and their recreational facilities are available for review at the Air Force recruiting office, 1319½ Sartori st., Torrance, telephone, RA 8-1404.

### CITRUS SALES

Israel closed its 1961-62 citrus season in mid-May with the dispatch of 4,000 cases of fruit to Switzerland, bringing total exports for the year to 8,733,000 cases, an increase of eight per cent compared with the previous season. This has been announced by the Israel Office of Information in New York.

The proceeds are expected to exceed last year's by about three million dollars. The largest purchaser of Israeli citrus continued to be Britain, but its share of the total dropped as larger quantities were shipped to West Germany, Finland, Norway and Sweden. The season included a trial shipment to the United States.

## Ryan Firebee Target Flies 112 Minutes

Shattering a previous record set by the Army 124-E Ryan Firebee jet drone, the same drone established a new all-time endurance and altitude mark for this type of free-flying drone at the Army's White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, on May 17.

The 124-E flew one hour, 51 minutes of which one hour, 47 minutes was powered flight and five minutes was glide prior to parachute recovery. A new altitude record in excess of 61,000 feet was achieved, and a new record of endurance at high altitude was set when the Ryan Firebee flew 84 minutes at 55,000 feet or above.

The previous mark, set earlier this year by the same jet drone, was one hour, 45 minutes, 20 seconds—including 99 minutes, 40 seconds powered flight, and five minutes, 40 seconds glide.

These spectacular feats demonstrated capability of the Firebee to remain on range for extended periods to provide for repeated target firings by Army surface-to-air missiles. The 124-E, most advanced production model of the Ryan family of jet targets, is a special Army configuration of the Ryan Q-2C Firebee, being produced in large quantities at Ryan's San Diego plant for the Air Force and Navy.

Another major milestone was accomplished at White Sands May 11 when the Army conducted its 300th Firebee flight. Since 1959, the accelerating Firebee target drone program has supported Army Ordnance research and development of surface-to-air missile systems.

Dedicated efforts of Ordnance personnel, working closely with highly skilled Ryan technicians, have resulted in other achievements, including capability to simulate formation flight by using miniaturized formation flight equipment; provision for electronic countermeasure to confuse the missilemen; and development of tow targets for use in annual service practice.

Another break-through recently provided greater utilization of the Firebee target drone for the integrated range complex in the Tularosa Basin. The capability of transferring drone control while in flight has been developed to furnish drone flights from White Sands Missile Range to the

adjoining McGregor and Dona Ana Ranges for annual service practice and user tests.

In addition, the transfer of drone control provided support for Navy research and development of a long range missile system.

The Firebee realistically simulates enemy bombers in providing a speedy, evasive target for testing accuracy of rockets and missiles.



**MAN OF THE YEAR** — Research progress is outlined by City of Hope biochemist for financier-philanthropist Howard Ahmanson, City of Hope's "Man of the Year." Junior Sportsmen chapter of Medical Center paid tribute to Ahmanson at brilliant testimonial Sunday evening, June 17, in Beverly Hilton attended by 1000 Southland civic, social and business leaders.



**FOUR FOR FOUR** — That was the record established by El Camino College welders, who won each of four first place trophies in recent competition with representatives of Southland colleges. With Instructor George Davis are (left to right) Clarence Watson, Drew Boronda Jr., Thomas P. Ordway, and Glen Whitaker.

## Supervisors Cut Budget To Hold Tax Rate Down

More than \$9 million was cut from the huge 1962-63 county budget last week as the Board of Supervisors knuckled down to keep its December pledge and hold the tax rate at \$2.05 per \$100 assessed valuation.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn joined with Supervisors Frank Bonelli, Warren Dorn and Burton Chace in slicing \$9,283,894 from the proposed budget.

Supervisor Ernest Debs is on vacation and was absent from the budget session.

The board's action shears approximately nine cents from the 11.8 cent tax rate increase which would have been needed to carry the proposed \$781 million budget.

Included in the cut was \$2,320,894 for 426 new employee positions, \$1 million for the county employees' medical plan; \$2,282,000 for a new San Fernando Juvenile Hall; \$1 million from the emergency reserve fund, and \$924,000 for open space land purchase.

The Glenn Rockey Boys Camp in La Verne (\$711,000) and the East Los Angeles Probation Building (\$500,000) also were among items which got the axe.

At Supervisor Hahn's insistence, \$860,000 item for a new Chronic Disease Unit at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital was kept in the budget.

"I've always led the drives to cut the budget," Hahn said, "but this new unit is greatly needed, since it will replace what have aptly been termed 'fire traps' at Rancho."

"We cannot afford to have lives endangered because of poor conditions at our hospitals," he added.

Hahn pointed out that the nine cents per \$100 assessed valuation saved through Monday's action, added to the 2½ cent saving from reduced employee raises, attains the 11½ cent tax saving and holds the tax line.

Last week the board voted to grant county employees a 3½ percent raise, effective September 1, rather than the recommended 5½ percent increase which would have been effective July 1.

Although the board seemed assured of holding the tax rate, Hahn went a step further Monday and acted to actually lower the rate by 2½ cents.

He moved that the proposed new Santa Monica

Courthouse, costing \$2,533,500, be dropped from the budget and presented to the taxpayers as a bond issue.

"Then the people could decide if it was needed," Hahn said. "And if they approved it, they wouldn't get hit with the entire bill in one year, but could finance it over a long term with bonds."

Hahn's motion, however, failed by a 2-2 vote. Supervisor Dorn joined Hahn in backing the measure, while Supervisors Chace and Bonelli voted against it.

With budget money for the Santa Monica facility assured, Supervisor Chace offered a compromise, suggesting the courthouse still be voted on as a bond issue—with all other proposed court buildings in the county.

Therefore, if such a bond issue is approved, the courthouse will be built with bonds and the \$2,433,500 allocated it will be put in the unappropriated reserve, Hahn pointed out. That unappropriated reserve can be supplied on the next year's budget to help hold the tax line.

Supervisor Hahn said that he hoped other governmental agencies, such as school districts, the city, and the state, would join Los Angeles County in holding spending down and keeping taxes as low as possible.

## Journalistic Honors Awarded Six Students

Six students from Bishop Montgomery High School were recently accepted for membership in the Quill and Scroll Society, international honor society for high school journalists.

Three of the six are on the Montgomery "Excalibur" annual staff. They are Carolyn Wood, Mary Alice Witte, and Steve Shelly. The other three are on the staff of "Knight Life," the school paper. They are Pat Westwood, Bill Lingley, and Ronald Carl.

Certificates of merit were given to: Robert Alworth, Mary Frances Campbell, Anabel Fonger, Barbara Gantner, William Healy, Van Johnston, Cheryl Kelly, Fred Lang, Thomas McCarthy, Patrick O'Keefe, Vivian Rojas, and Pat Tobin.

Members of the Quill and Scroll Society must be of junior or senior classification, in the upper third of their class scholastically, recommended by the publications moderators, and approved by the executive secretary of the society.

They must have done superior work in some phase of journalism or school publications work, such as writing, editing, business management, or production, according to Father Paschal and Sister Marie Gerard, chapter moderators.

## Torrance Methodists to Attend Church Conference

Stiff competition for the talent, energy and interest of adult leaders is one of the church's roughest problems.

Methodists will deal with it when more than 1000 voting members of the Southern California-Arizona Conference convene their 112th annual session at the University of Redlands, Redlands, Calif., June 18-24.

Plans will be presented to embark on a year-long program in the Conference's 420 churches to fill the ranks where leader shortages exist and overcome widespread and tragic ignorance of Biblical materials and basic knowledge of the Christian

faith.

The three Methodist churches will send six laymen and ministers as voting members from Torrance.

Presided over by Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Los Angeles, the Conference will open with an evening communion service June 18.

The annual Conference is basic administrative body of the Methodist Church and is composed of ordained ministers and lay members elected from each local church.

Bishop Kennedy will ordain new ministers June 23 and read the appointment of ministers to churches for the traditional Conference closing on Sunday, June 24.

## Plans to Curb Juvenile Gang Violence Told

A five-point plan to combat juvenile violence was formulated and unanimously approved by mayors, civic officials and law enforcement officials of Southwest Los Angeles County.

Meeting in an emergency district-wide session called last week by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, the officials called for immediate action to:

1) Strictly enforce 10 p.m. curfew laws in cities and unincorporated territory.

2) Request school authorities and directors of recreation areas to promptly notify law enforcement when there are actual, anticipated or even rumored possibilities of juvenile gang activity.

3) Request full cooperation from the general public—including responsible junior citizens—to enlist police assistance when gang-type trouble is anticipated.

4) Instruct the Probation Department to delve into all known gang activities and stress to leaders and members of gangs that hoodlum activity will not be tolerated. (Further, a meeting will be arranged between probation department officers and gang leaders in Supervisor Hahn's office to discuss problems between rival youth cliques).

5) Request judges to take a stricter attitude toward convicted juveniles and young adults so youths will realize that transgressions of the law will be fully prosecuted and that they or their parents will be sternly disciplined in cases of bodily harm or property damage.

Supervisor Hahn called the five-step program "emergency action to put out the fire in the recent outburst of violence."

He also called for a long-range plan initiating closer cooperation between the probation department, school administrators, police authorities and community coordinating councils to get at the root of the problem of "gangism."

This program would emphasize education and be designed to show youths the need to respect authority in our democratic way of life.

"Within this program a film would be useful to depict standards of personal conduct and offset the influence of a drifting attitude among young people, which characterizes the unsponsored gang group," Hahn said.

Present at the meeting were Mayors Raymond Creal of Hawthorne, Thomas L. Thorpe of Lawndale, Lt. Pete Jensen of Gardena, Del Clawson of Compton, Ralph Dorsey of Manhattan Beach, City Administrator Walter Hahn of Inglewood and City Manager Wade Peebles of Torrance. Chiefs of Police and their representatives of these cities also attended.

Speakers included Inspector Harold Stallings of the Sheriff's Department and Superior Court Judge H. Eugene Breitenbach, presiding judge of the Juvenile Court.

Judge Breitenbach said the problem of gang activity is "world wide" but involves only a small percentage of youth in Los Angeles County.

"There is no excuse for violence, anytime or anywhere," he said, "and I assure you the courts will give fair but firm treatment to juvenile offenders."

Judge Breitenbach praised the orderly manner in which the emergency meeting was conducted.

He added that the core of the problem is parental control. "If there is no discipline in the home, you can't expect to have it in the community."

Supervisor Hahn called the five-point plan a "logical and firm stand to teach teenage trouble-causers that the public will not stand for unlawful and violent acts."

He pointed out that unification was the key to the program. "Hoodlums chased out of one city must not be able to find a more acceptable ground for their activities in another city."

Hahn called the emergency meeting after the savage beating of 17-year-old Ronald Barnett by a gang of toughs in Hawthorne, and after other outrageous acts of teenage violence.

### NEW EMBASSIES

Israel has ambassadorial relations with 18 African countries and will soon open embassies in three more, it was announced recently by the Israel Office of Information in New York. In addition, Israel is engaged in various forms of technical cooperation with 65 African, Asian and Latin American countries.

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