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A ROYAL SMILE . . . Mrs. George L. McLeod, 1218 El Prado, holds a picture of her granddaughter, Carole Cota, who will reign over the 77th annual Tournament of Roses Saturday. Mrs. McLeod also shows a copy of the program for the traditional Queen's Breakfast, held last week in Pasadena. Queen Carole, a Pasadena City College coed, was crowned last night. Mrs. McLeod has attended all the events held in honor of the Queen and her court. (Press-Herald Photo)

Grandparents Smile for 1966 Rose Parade Queen

Very special smiles will adorn the faces of two long-time Torrance residents Saturday when the 1966 Tournament of Roses Parade begins its five-mile journey through Pasadena.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. McLeod, who have made their home in Torrance since 1931, will be smiling at a 19-year-old Pasadena City College coed who has been named



FROM COED TO QUEEN . . . Carole Cota, a 19-year-old Pasadena City College coed, will reign Saturday as Queen of the 77th annual Tournament of Roses. Queen Carole, the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. George L. McLeod of Torrance, was crowned last night at the annual Coronation Ball, which her grandmother attended.

Queen of the 77th annual Tournament of Roses.

Queen Carole Cota is their granddaughter—one of seven grandchildren. She was officially crowned last night at the Coronation Ball, held at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, with her grandmother watching.

Mrs. McLeod has participated in a round of special events honoring Queen

Carole, including the traditional Queen's Breakfast held earlier this month. But she'll miss the finale—the 52nd annual Rose Bowl football game between Michigan State and UCLA.

"I don't like football," she explained. "I don't understand it."

Mrs. McLeod, now 69, was born in Scotland and immigrated to Canada in 1912. Her husband, George, was born in Olympia, Wash. The couple met in British Columbia in 1915 and were married the same year.

They first moved to Southern California in 1926 and spent five years in Alhambra. They moved to Torrance in 1931 and have been here since.

The McLeods have seven grandchildren and four—or, as Mrs. McLeod says, nearly five—great-grandchildren. Their daughters are Mrs. John B. Keys of Alhambra and Mrs. John Haket of San Gabriel.

The new Rose Queen, who lives with her father and sister in Eagle Rock, is an art major and hopes for a career in advertising. Her hobbies are sewing and drawing, and she enjoys swimming, tennis, and bowling.

In her idle hours—which are few—Queen Carole plays with her two cats and a German Shepherd dog.

Her Majesty was formally enthroned last night before a capacity crowd of guests at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium. Randolph Richards, president of the Tournament of Roses Association, placed the crown on Queen Carole's head.

She will ride on the Queen's Float in Saturday's parade, along with six princesses—Susan Bardin, Lana Cory, Dianne Merrill, Betty Jeanne Olds, Donna Olson, and Diane Sullivan.

The court will view the Rose Bowl game from the Royal Box.

School District Gains Backing for Navy Land

Union Opposes Rule of Three Hiring Policy

Torrance's civil service system came under sharp attack last night during a special two-hour session of the City Council.

The system was labeled a "contradictory hodgepodge" by Councilman J. A. Beasley, who added, "It makes me sick that we, in this atomic age, are trying to live with a horse and buggy civil service system."

Beasley said the ordinances governing the system have been put together by many boards, reflecting many philosophies and added, "We are trying to make them cover things today."

"The whole system ought to be reformed," Mayor Albert Iven commented, "The whole civil service system in Torrance is in a mess."

ing his permanent appointment as a city employee.

City policy, Hunegs said, as adopted in the rules for administering the civil service system, requires the appointment of the first man on the eligible list unless he is disqualified under other sections of the ordinances. He asked the council to re-

In a legal opinion handed to the council during the meeting, City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier said for the "rule-of-three," rather than the "rule-of-one" which Hunegs contended the council has established.

City Manager Edward J. Ferraro said the appointment had been made by garage superintendent Ken MacRae following interviews with each of the three candidates who were certified by the Civil Service Board. Ferraro said he confirmed the appointment but did not conduct any investigation to determine why the top man — Edward Enrietta — was passed.

THE ATTACK came at the end of the two-hour meeting, called to consider alleged violations of council policy with the appointment of a new garage foreman, Sam Hunegs, director of Council 20 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, asked for the meeting.

Hunegs charged the appointment of Richard Rosendal to garage foreman violated the council's policy of appointment of the top man on the civil service list of eligible candidates.

Rosendal, who has been employed by the city for 15 months, ranked third on the list, following civil service examinations.

HUNEGS ALSO contended Rosendal was not eligible to take the civil service examination because he had not completed six months follow-



GLENN V. LITTLE
Joins Scout District
Glenn Little
Named Area
Scout Aide

Glenn V. Little, 26, has been named assistant district executive of the South Bay District, Los Angeles Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

A graduate of George Washington High School in Los Angeles and the University of New Hampshire, Little recently returned from the National Training School for Scout Executives near Mendham, N. J.

Little was born in Los Angeles and was a Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Explorer, reaching the rank of Eagle Scout.

He also served as associate Explorer advisor in New Hampshire.

He received a bachelor of science degree in business administration.

Little and his wife, Prudence Ann, have one son, two years old. They live in San Pedro.

Little will work with District Executive Michael Hoover and assistant district executives Frank De Shong, and Herbert Klement, bringing the Scouting program to the 8,500 registered Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers, and leaders of the South Bay District.

FERRARO SAID it had his policy to permit department heads the widest possible latitude in making such appointments "since they work day to day with the people." He also noted that no less than 67 employees appointed since 1961 were not on the top of list of eligible candidates.

Enrietta has been employed by the city for 17 years, Hunegs said, and all his efficiency reports and other evaluations have been excellent.

"I just think the whole

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Hospital's Bid For 17-Acre Site Rejected

Nearly 17 acres of surplus Navy land will be deeded to the Torrance Unified School District if a recommendation of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) is approved by the General Services Administration (GSA).

S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent of schools for business, said HEW had recommended that the land be given to the school district rather than to Torrance Memorial Hospital, which also had sought the property.

In a letter addressed to Leonard Ensminger, administrator of Torrance Memorial Hospital, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare said the hospital's need was not "great enough to warrant giving it the land." A copy of the letter was sent to Waldrip.

THE LETTER also expressed doubts that the hospital could secure financing for the facility which it proposed for the site, Waldrip said.

Final action may come within 60 days, Waldrip told the Press-Herald. "We assume HEW will recommend to General Services Administration that we get the land," Waldrip said, "and then, we hope, they will send us a deed."

Waldrip estimates the value of the land at \$70,000 per acre, or nearly \$1.2 million for the 16.97 acres.

The site adjoins the Torrance Elementary School and the Torrance High School stadium and parking lot, stretching between Crenshaw Boulevard and the Torrance Elementary School property line. Plans call for the construction of a vocational education center on the site and enlarging Torrance Elementary School, provided the HEW recommendation is accepted and the school district does get a deed to the property.

The vocational education center would serve as an adult education day school, a continuation high school for dropouts, and a rehabilitation center for handicapped persons, Waldrip said. Funds for the center are being sought in the special Feb. 8 school bond election.

Man Injured Working on Steel Tank

A 44-year-old workman sustained severe leg injuries Monday when an electric grinder burst while he was working on a 30-foot-high steel tank.

Chester Kolas of Lakewood was rescued from the top of the tank by County fireman about 9:30 a.m.

The electric grinder burst while Kolas was working on top of the tank, which is under construction at the Stauffer Chemical Co. plant at 23208 S. Alameda St., in the Dominguez area. Kolas was unable to climb down a steel ladder and firemen were summoned.

Firemen climbed to the top of the tank, gave Kolas first aid, and carried him down the ladder in a stretcher.

He was taken to Lakewood General Hospital where he was reported in fair condition.

TEENERS HELD AS ROBBERS . . .

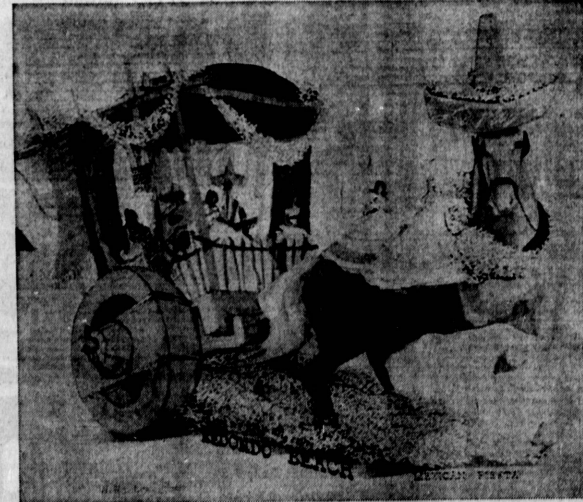
Two youths have been arrested on charges of robbing a service station of about \$70 early Monday. Police were called to the station by attendant James McPheeter who described the two young bandits who had held up the self-service station. The two suspects, 16 and 17, were arrested about a mile away walking along a street, police said. The youths had \$30 believed to be part of the service station loot.

Lomita Chamber Regroups . . .

Selection of new officers and the appointment of a new manager has been completed by the Lomita Chamber of Commerce. James Becker, Torrance manager for the Southern California Gas Co. will succeed Ray Ferrin as president of the Lomita boosters. Ray Reed, former publisher of the Lomita News, will succeed Al Schmidt as manager of the organization. Schmidt has left the post to take a similar position in Palm Springs. Other new officers who will serve with Becker include Russell Fitzer, first vice president; Roger Ahlforth, second vice president; and William Oliver, treasurer.

190th Street Work Due . . .

Plans for improvement of 190th Street between Crenshaw Boulevard and Van Ness Avenue, including upgrading of the Crenshaw Boulevard intersection, have been approved by the State Division of Highways, City Engineer Walter M. Nollac reported last night. Nollac said the action clears the way to call for construction bids on the project in about a week or 10 days. The project includes widening of 190th Street to provide for a four-lane highway.



REDONDO BEACH FLOAT . . . "Mexican Fleets" will be the theme of a horse-drawn float to be entered in the 1966 Tournament of Roses Parade by the City of Redondo Beach, Donald T. Ballard, councilman and float chairman, has announced. Three girls—two of them from Redondo Beach's Sister City of La Paz and Ensenada—will ride the float, which is 35 feet long, 20 feet wide, and 17 feet high. Mrs. Audrey McNeil Katzenbarger is decoration chairman.