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PARADE PRACTICE . . . A couple of Boy Scouts from Troop 964 get used to horses just in case one might come in handy at Saturday's fourth annual National Boy Scout Commemoration Parade to move up Torrance Boulevard beginning at 10:30 a.m. Here Charlie Davis, 12, is being helped on the horse by fellow Scout Dave Bybee, 13, and Art Harkness, past Captain of Torrance Mounted Police. (Press-Herald Photo)

City Opens Home Rule War; Sets Go-Go Vote

Mike Garrett To Lead Local Scout Parade

Mike Garrett, USC Heisman trophy winner and Southern California's athlete of the year for 1965, has been chosen Grand Marshal of the Fourth Annual National Boy Scout Commemoration Parade to be held here Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

New YMCA Structure Will Open

Grand opening of the new Torrance Family YMCA Building at 2900 W. Sepulveda Blvd. has been set for Sunday, March 20, Joe Wilcox, executive secretary of the YMCA, announced this morning.

Wilcox said ceremonies marking formal opening of the new facility will be held at 2 p.m. that day and extended an invitation to all residents to attend the ceremonies and tour the building.

More than 150 YMCA secretaries and their wives will, however, get a sneak preview of part of the facility this Saturday. Refreshments will be served to the group in the huge circular multi-purpose hall.

The YMCA executives, representing local YMCAs from most of Southern California, also will attend the Chapel Theatre production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum."

The event, sponsored annually by the wives of the YMCA professional staffers, is being held in Torrance for the first time.

Contractors rushed the new multi-purpose room to completion, Wilcox said, to accommodate the gathering. Tables, chairs, dishes, and draperies which will go in the circular hall will be in place for the event.

The following Saturday, Feb. 12, the big hall again will be in use as the local Y Men's Club holds its annual Valentine Pot Luck Dinner.

As Grand Marshal Garrett, one of the nation's foremost collegiate football players, will head a parade of more than 5,000 scouts, 15 high school, military, and youth bands down Torrance Boulevard in one of the nation's largest observances of Boy Scout Week.

Walter R. Koenig, Torrance police chief and chairman of the parade, said Garrett "will be representative of millions of young men in scouting throughout the nation as a fine example of sportsmanship qualities, and representative of the year's scout slogan, 'Once a Scout Always a Scout.'"

Garrett was born at Los Angeles on April 12, 1944. He was graduated from Rosevelt High School in Los Angeles excelling there in both football and baseball.

A brilliant competitor, and (Continued on A-2)



VAUGHN D. GARVEY Enroute to San Diego

Parents Told Son Due Home

The parents of Marine Pfc. Vaughn D. Garvey, 18-year-old South High graduate, learned Monday that their son had been injured and was being evacuated to the United States for medical treatment.

A telegram from General Wallace M. Greene Jr., commandant of the U. S. Marine Corps, informed Mr. and Robert J. Garvey, 128 Via Colusa, that their son had been injured the day before while in action with his unit near Danang in the Republic of Viet Nam.

GENERAL Greene's telegram to the Garveys said the serviceman had "sustained fragmentation wounds in both hands while engaged in action against hostile forces." The report said Private Garvey had received treatment at the battalion aid station and was to be "medically evacuated to the U. S. Naval Hospital San Diego."

While the Torrance couple did not learn the extent of their son's injuries, they were told that at the time of the report the serviceman's "condition and prognosis were good."

THE MARINE'S father told (Continued on A 2)

State Blasted For Avoiding Vice Problems

By JERRY REYNOLDS
Press-Herald Staff Writer
California State Legislators came under a blistering verbal attack last night as the Torrance City Council opened a two-pronged attack on the issue of home rule.

Councilmen acted first by formally placing Mayor Albert Isen's proposed charter amendment outlawing topless waitresses on the April 12 municipal ballot. Then, at the urging of Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr., the council adopted a resolution calling on the Legislature to "restore home rule to cities."

Isen, in comments about his "Go Go" amendment, accused the Legislature of "sweeping the whole problem under the rug." He said he feels the "people in the city of Torrance will furnish the leadership of public opinion" to force the Legislature into action.

"TORRANCE voters are going to present this issue statewide," Isen declared. Recalling that amendments to the city's charter must be approved by the State Assembly, he continued, "They will not be able to table this."

The mayor also expressed hope that Governor Edmund G. Brown will place the topless issue on his call for a special session of the Legislature this month. Brown has indicated he will call a special session to run concurrently with the 1966 budget session, which begins next Monday.

Sciarrotta, in comments about his resolution, blamed the state's courts for the loss of home rule, then turned on the Legislature and accused solons of inaction.

CITING the 1962 Carole Lane case in which a Los An-

geles ordinance prohibiting resorting was overturned, Sciarrotta said the state Supreme Court "abrogated and rewrote the state constitution as enacted by the State Legislature." He said the court applied the doctrine of "preemption by implication" in the Lane case and subse-

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Fact Sheet Now Ready For Voters

"Facts for Voters" regarding the school bond election scheduled Tuesday have been compiled by the Torrance League of Women Voters and are now available at all five Torrance public libraries.

Included in the fact sheet is an explanation of the legal restrictions on bonding and background information on the use of bonds by the Torrance Unified School District. A digest of the principle provisions of both propositions which will appear on the ballot is followed by pro and con arguments on each of the measures.

The League has not taken a position on either of the two propositions, but has prepared the fact sheet to encourage informed voting, according to Mrs. B. E. Belzer, voter service chairman for the League.

"Great care has been taken to assure the accuracy of background material," Mrs. Belzer explained. She said extensive interviewing has been done in preparation of the principal arguments for and against each of the measures.

Kick-Off Meeting Friday

\$100,000 Goal Set In YMCA Campaign

A goal of \$100,000 has been set for the 1966 Torrance Family YMCA campaign, Dr. Rollin R. Smith, general chairman for the drive, announced today.

The goal was set in order to provide funds to put finishing touches on the new YMCA headquarters at 2900 W. Sepulveda Blvd. and "to provide one of the world's finest youth programs in the new facility for the coming year."

The campaign will get under way Friday morning with a kick-off breakfast which will bring together 42 key citizens who will form the Special Gift Committee. Presiding will be Mervin M. Schwab, who has been named to head the Special Gifts Committee. Each member has a personal goal of \$1,000 to raise from firms, groups, and individuals who have not had a chance to share in the YMCA's efforts.

SEVEN CHAIRMEN, heading groups of five members each, will direct the special gifts campaign under Schwab's leadership. The seven chairmen include Curt Burks, H. Ted Olson, Jim Leggett, R. A. Ulrich, M. D., Scott F. Albright, Ken Miller, and John Kirk.

Schwab said his group hopes to complete its campaign in time for the much larger Teams Campaign, which is under the joint chairmanship of Ralph Marzullo and Ed Johnson. The two men are responsible for recruiting a volunteer force of 461 citizens in time for a kick-off meeting March 18 at the new YMCA facility.

The "finishing touches" for the new facility include

sprinkler systems and landscaping, an illuminated sign, kitchen equipment, dishes, provision for some 2,000 light bulbs, and completion of the cave club room. Major funds also are needed to underwrite the cost of the youth program, which Dr. Smith describes as "one of the largest in the world."

THE TORRANCE YMCA receives no United Crusade funds and must raise all necessary financial support in a local campaign, Dr. Smith said. By the same token, he added, no local YMCA funds are spent outside the community.

Members of the special gifts committee include Dr. Paul Bower, David Pierson, Philip Hughes, Gene Goranson, William Forrest, Charles Cederlof, Ted Meier, Joseph Bandando, Robert Williams, Charles Shartle, Ronald Boltz, Louis Assink, Dr. Byron Chan, and Dr. Fred Smith.

Others who have accepted special gifts assignments are Dr. John Nursall, Dr. Wing Mar, Denton Rink, Donald Schrank, Marshall Stewart, Jack Spencer, W. A. Felker, James Becker, Ronald Davis, Vernon Coll, Thomas Rupert, Jack Clark, John Barrington, and Dr. Edward Mitchell.

Board Chief in Bond Plea

"As president of the Torrance Board of Education, without any reluctance whatsoever, I recommend a 'Yes' vote on the school bonds on Feb. 8."

That was the plea issued this week by Mrs. Kenneth Watts, board president, as she asked Torrance voters to support the \$12.5 million proposal for school construction bonds next Tuesday.

"We are asking for a continuation of the school bonding construction program for Torrance has followed for the past 15 years," she said. She added that there was no let-up in sight on the growth in Torrance.

Remarks of the board president came after fellow board member Bert M. Lynn spoke out against the proposal, saying it was "too high."

Approval of the \$12.5 million bond authorization on

Feb. 8 will not increase the tax rate you pay for bond interest and redemption, merely extend the rate for a longer period of time, and it will have no effect at all on the assessed valuation of your property," Mrs. Watts said.

In a community that continues to grow as rapidly as Torrance, the amount of a

For the Press-Herald summary and recommendations on the \$12.5 million bond issue, see today's lead editorial on page C-2.

bond authorization voted by the people is directly related to the time it will last before. The amount of bonds that another bond election is needed, she said.

The amount of bonds that can be sold each year is regulated by state law, so the bonded indebtedness can never exceed 10 per cent of

the assessed valuation. In Torrance this means the school district can sell about \$3 million worth of bonds each year. A \$12 million bond authorization will last about four years; a \$9 million bond authorization will last three years, to take care of the continuing increase in enrollment in the district. The bonds are usually sold in units of about one-half million dollars at a time, and no principal or interest payments have been made on the bonds until they are sold.

The Board of Education is directly responsible for seeing that school money is spent wisely. For capital improvements paid from bond funds, the priority on the facilities and the quality of those facilities is determined by the board, and no one else. Each capital improvement is checked and ap-

proved at four stages by the Board of Education.

"To believe there is, in a bond authorization, any excess expenditures—fat, water, call it what you will—is a misconception of the bonding program in our schools," Mrs. Watts said.

The Torrance Board of Education carefully screens all expenditures, she said, cutting the staff recommendations wherever the board feels it is feasible to do so. They have invested wisely in school sites, and it is extremely important that the board have funds available to negotiate for sites at the developers cost when any major rezoning takes place, rather than be forced to buy a school sites at the open market price. There are two major rezonings that will come up in Torrance in the near

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Electrical Power Break . . .

A fault in an electrical power circuit at a Southern California Edison Co. substation Monday shut down the power to a number of Torrance homes and businesses for a short time Monday afternoon. The area blacked out momentarily extended along the north side of Torrance Boulevard in an area roughly bounded by the 4900 and 5200 blocks. The fault caused the circuit to relay, shutting off the power.

Two More Eye Council . . .

Ex-Councilman Victor E. Benstead Jr., who lives at 621 Beech Ave., may be thinking of going after the post he held from 1952 until 1964, it was indicated yesterday. Benstead picked up nomination papers at the city clerk's office to add his name to the list of possible candidates. Filing will remain open for two more weeks. Also picking up nomination papers was Ronald E. Morris, 2027 Saltee Ave. No new filings were reported by closing time Tuesday. Alfred G. Cagle of 22519 Susan Ave. has filed for city council election, and Thomas C. Rupert, incumbent city treasurer, has filed for election to the post he now fills by appointment.

Drum Barracks Wins Stay . . .

Wilmington's Drum Barracks, threatened with demolition to make way for new developments, won a reprieve yesterday when the Society for the Preservation of Drum Barracks posted \$3,500 in escrow for purchase of the Civil War staging area. The state is expected to put up funds to complete purchase of the property, priced at \$344,000.