

Renewal Debate Is Topic

Mrs. Jeannette Altermatt, president of the Active Citizens of Torrance, will present her group's side of the current urban renewal controversy at the open meeting of North Torrance Property and Homeowners Association.

The gathering will be held Monday at 8 p.m. in the Casimir Elementary School cafeteria, 17220 Casimir Ave.

ACT recently circulated two petitions calling for an election to determine whether or not the voters of the city of Torrance want to repeal the Uniform Housing Code and abolish the ordinance establishing the Redevelopment Agency.

The City Council voted to put the petitions before voters at a special election, but a taxpayers' suit was filed to halt the election on the Redevelopment Agency. A hearing on the suit is scheduled Friday in Los Angeles Superior Court.

... Renewal

(Continued from Page A-1) would have to be presented in any answer to the taxpayer's suit.

The Meadow Park project has been stalled since the City Council ordered a special election last Oct. 24. The balloting was ordered after it was determined ACT had obtained signatures of more than 15 per cent of the city's registered voters on the petition.

LAST OCT. 31, however, a temporary restraining order was issued by Judge Nutter halting the election until the suit filed by Mosley and Mrs. Shelburn could be heard.

The preliminary injunction will become permanent if ACT fails to answer the suit by the Dec. 11 deadline, Remelmeier told the Press-Herald.

Federal funds—except for administrative overhead—for the city's Redevelopment Agency were frozen by the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs after the special election was ordered.

Only last Tuesday, the city council appropriated \$97,000 in city funds to close two escrows in the Meadow Park area. Some \$750,000 will be needed to close escrows now in progress.

Obituaries

Claude Stephens

A 39-year resident of the Torrance area died Thursday. Services for Claude Louis Stephens will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m., at Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel with interment following at Roosevelt Memorial Park. He was 88.

Prior to his retirement, Mr. Stephens was employed 45 years as a cattleman for Diamond "A" Co.

A native of Kansas, Mr. Stephens is survived by his widow Callie of 1406 W. 216th St., and two daughters, Myrtle Moore and Viola Standifer of Torrance.

Walter Gramm

Funeral services for Walter Gramm, 74, chairman of the board and co-founder of Great Lakes Carbon Corp., will be held tomorrow at Winnetka, Ill. Mr. Gramm died Thursday after a brief illness.

Mr. Gramm was also a director of Great Lakes Properties, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Great Lakes Carbon and developers of Del Amo Financial Center here.

He is survived by his widow, the former Dorothy Young; a daughter, Mrs. Donald Walker Campbell of Chicago; two sons, W. Patrick Gramm of Winnetka, Ill., a vice president and director of Great Lakes Carbon, and Robert E. Gramm of Chicago, regional sales manager of the company's Char Products Division; and eight grandchildren.

Dale Kinsey

Services for Dale L. Kinsey, 18521 Crenshaw Blvd., will be held in Phoenix, Ariz., with Stone and Myers Mortuary taking charge of local arrangements.

Mr. Kinsey, who was 46, died Tuesday, Nov. 21. He worked as a claim adjuster for an insurance company and had lived in Torrance for 11 months.

Survivors include his widow, Mary; a daughter, Judy Dennett of Michigan City, Ind.; two sons, Jerry and Gary Kinsey of Phoenix; and four grandchildren.

Operation PEP

Edmund R. Harrington, superintendent, Redondo Beach City School District, has been named a participant in the 1967-68 training program of Operation PEP.

Helicopter Swoops Down Rescues Girl

Teenage Becky Gull got an unexpected helicopter ride Friday after she suffered a broken leg at the base of a San Pedro cliff.

The 16-year-old Torrance girl, who lives at 1565 W. 220th St., was driving a sandbuggy when it overturned in a muddy field.

The Coast Guard helicopter whisked the girl to a waiting ambulance. Ground units were unable to reach her since the mishap occurred nearly a mile from the nearest road.

The accident happened near Palos Verdes Drive South and 25th Street.

... Mayor

(Continued from Page A-1) Whelan, Clare Nonoshita, Rich Schwaback, Tammy Erickson, Mary Bueno, Donna Amavisa, Babette Hunter, Becky Crum, George DuBach, Karl Rodefer, Tom Miles, Nolan Mitchell, Robin Newcomer, Rick Van Leeuwen and Nancy Brashear.

The students will spend the afternoon discussing government by participating in workshop sessions with selected departments, and touring the governmental facilities.

A luncheon will be held in their honor at the Torrance Recreation Center, with Police Chief Thomas Reddin of Los Angeles as guest speaker.

Junior Citizens Day events will be climaxed in the council chambers Tuesday evening when the student mayor and councilmen conduct the 5:30 p.m. meeting following a presentation by the city manager on overall function of city government in Torrance.

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... Murder

(Continued from Page A-1) about 3 p.m. Wednesday afternoon near the corner of 253rd Street and Belleporte Avenue, Harbor City.

THE SUSPECT told police that he had seen Mrs. Orr the previous night in a semi-conscious state. When asked why he didn't summon an ambulance or the police, Reilly told officers that friends had delivered Mrs. Orr to the home in a drunken stupor, completely nude.

Reilly then denied that he had been in the house at 10 p.m. the night before although Mark Orr and other witnesses said they had seen him in the house.

Police said they found a pile of bloody linens in the laundry room Wednesday morning. It appeared that someone other than Mrs. Orr had attempted to clean up the blood-spattered house.

Mrs. Orr's body was removed by the coroner's office to Halverson-Leavell Mortuary.

Agent Wins

Leroy P. Christiansen has received the insurance industry's coveted National Quality Award.

Borgwat Takes Reins Of Water Department

The city of Torrance has a new water system manager. He is John Q. Borgwat, a native of the Netherlands where water management is of prime national importance.

Borgwat's duties will be to direct the activities of the Torrance Water Department. He is charged with developing a progressive and workable capital improvement program to meet the expanding needs of the city.

The new water manager was born in Amsterdam on April 9, 1920. He received his education at Middelbare Technische School in Utrecht, earning a degree in architectural engineering in 1940 and a degree in civil engineering in 1943.

In 1946, Borgwat moved to Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana, where he was employed by the city water department. In the 10 years that followed, he worked his way up to the position of assistant manager.

Borgwat came to the United States in 1956, settling in Santa Ana, where he was employed by the Southern California Edison Co. as a mechanical designer. He is now a United States citizen.

Before accepting his current position, Borgwat was a senior engineer with Suburban Water Systems, La Puente.

A resident of Valina, Borgwat is married and has four children.

Arson Fire Razes Home In Torrance

A teenaged boy, possibly Mexican, is being sought by Torrance police after neighbors saw the youth leaving the scene of an arson-burglary Wednesday.

Mrs. James Larkham, 4812 Konya Drive, returned home at about 12:30 p.m. to find fire trucks putting out a blaze that caused \$5,000 damage to the interior of the house.

The Larkham home had been ransacked but nothing of value was taken. The fire was apparently started in a closet, police said.

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