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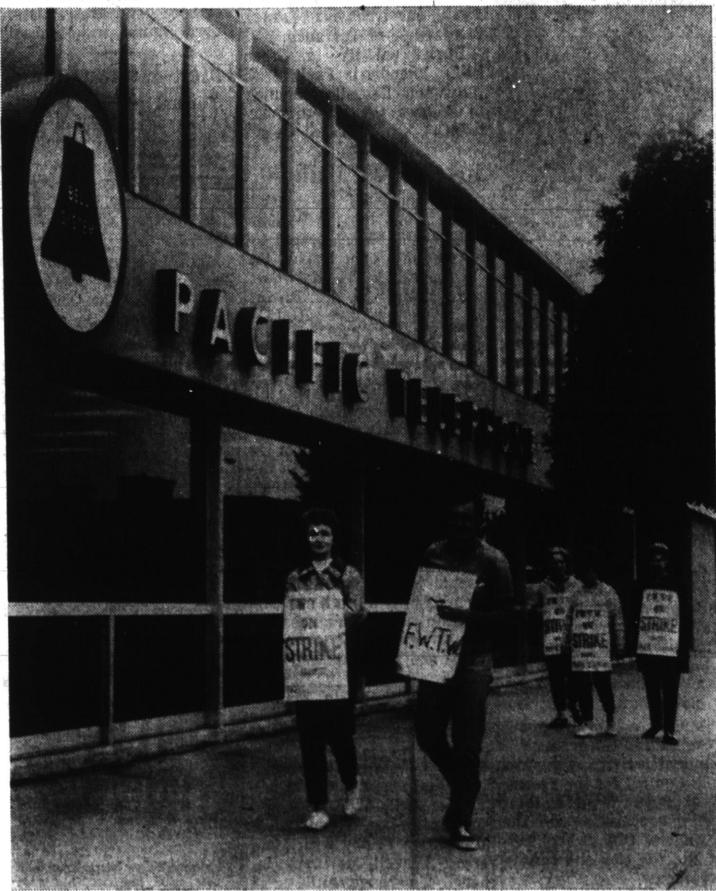
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ON THE LINE . . . Members of the striking telephone operators' union picket in front of Pacific Telephone Co. offices in Torrance. The Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO, began voting yesterday on a new national contract with the company which could end the strike early this week. A settlement with the CWA would not affect the FWLW dispute, however. The Torrance office, an information center, has been manned by management personnel since the strike began. (Press-Herald Photo)

City Eyes Federal Aid For New Regional Park

Second Library To Open

Changeover at El Retiro Set

Torrance's infant municipal library system—scheduled to come into being formally next July 1—will double in size this month as the city assumes operation of its second branch.

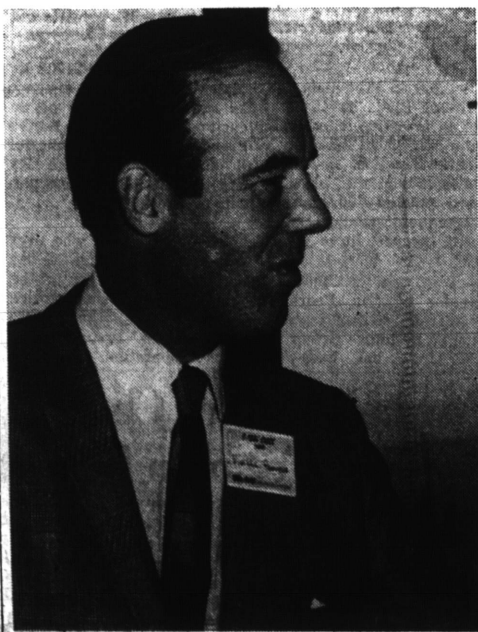
The El Retiro Park branch, located at 126 Vista del Parque, was closed Thursday so city librarians can move in books and other supplies for a May 13 opening.

The city assumed responsibility for the Isabel Henderson Branch, 4805 Emerald St., April 15. The remaining three branch libraries will be gradually opened under city operation during the coming three months.

AN OPEN HOUSE is scheduled at the El Retiro Library Saturday, May 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. The Riviera Garden Club will host the event and a special art exhibit, featuring work by students at the Josslyn Center, has been planned.

Although the library will remain closed until Monday, May 13, volunteers from the Friends of the Torrance Library will be on hand from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily to issue new city library cards.

Los Angeles County Library cards will be accepted at all city libraries until the transition to a municipal system is completed this summer.



EVELLE J. YOUNGER
Law Day Speaker

YOUNGER WARNS

System of Law Endangered Now

District Attorney Evelle Younger Friday praised the American system of law as the best "man's mind has ever invented." He also warned that the system is more in jeopardy now than ever before in history.

Younger was guest speaker at an areawide Law Day observance held at the Del Amo Financial Center. The luncheon gathering of more than 200 lawyers, judges, and interested citizens was co-sponsored by the Inglewood, South Bay, Southwest, and Los Angeles County Bar Associations.

The district attorney underlined that criminal law is the "basis of our civilization," overshadowing all other aspects of law in its importance. "We couldn't survive without criminal law," he said, "because it's designed to let us live in our own homes, to enjoy the fruits of our labor, and to walk the streets in safety. It's that simple."

YOUNGER emphasized that those who foment chaos and try hardest to undermine the

Homeowners Will Meet On Monday

Beaches and schools will be the topic tomorrow evening when the Riviera Homeowners Association convenes for its regular meeting. The session is scheduled for 8 p.m. at Parkway School, 220 Via Riviera.

Dr. Albert N. Posner, assistant superintendent of schools, will discuss the schools and Paul Moore, field deputy to Supervisor Burton W. Chace, will discuss the beaches.

General theme of the series of meetings is "What's Happening in Torrance."

Parks Group Urges Council To Seek Funds

With the hassle over urban renewal funds beginning to fade from the local picture, City Councilmen will be faced Tuesday with another decision involving federal money. The seven-man council will be asked to apply for a grant from the federal government for the purchase of a 52-acre park site. More than \$600,000 is available in federal funds.

The proposed park site is located at the corner of Hawthorne Boulevard and 190th Street, bounded by Prairie Avenue and 186th Street in North Torrance.

SEVENTEEN acres will be given to the city at no cost by CBS and another 10 acres will be donated by Southern California Edison Co. under a long-term lease. The city must purchase the remaining 25 acres from various private owners for approximately \$1,248,670.

City figures indicate that \$236,483 of this money will come from a 1964 state recreation bond act. The city of Torrance will forfeit this money if it is not committed by June 30, 1971.

According to Harry B. Van Bellehem, city recreation director, Torrance is eligible for a \$624,335 federal Open Space Grant to defray the remaining expense. If the City Council votes to apply for this grant, the city will have to pay only \$387,852 from the general fund.

VAN BELLEHEM and the city's Park and Recreation Commission have strongly urged the council to accept the federal grant.

Van Bellehem has pointed out that the only condition

attached to the federal money is that it be used for purchasing the recreational land. Should the city later dispose of the land acquired through the fund, local officials would be required to replace the land with an equal amount of recreational land within its jurisdiction.

Councilmen will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Industry Land Use Questioned

City Councilman Ross A. Sciarrotta has countered implications that the previous City Council was responsible for zoning too much industrial land for other uses.

Sciarrotta had Senior Planner James C. Hagaman prepare a list showing exactly how much industrial land had been rezoned in the past four years. The list shows that the Council rezoned about 77 acres of industrial land and zoned approximately 28 acres of land to industry from some other use. These figures show a net loss of some 49 acres from the industrial zone.

It should be pointed out, however, that 41 of the 49 acres were zoned for the Torrance Memorial Hospital which will offer a high employment potential, Sciarrotta said. Other former industrial property was also appropriated to commercial uses which will employ many area residents, he commented.

Fire Destroys Plant - - -

Fire destroyed a Gardena plumbing supply company Friday, resulting in damages amounting to more than \$750,000. The fire broke out about 10 a.m. at the plant, 13528 S. Western Ave., according to the Gardena Fire Department. Firefighters required an hour to control the blaze and the last units remained at the scene until nearly 6 p.m. Thirty-five persons were evacuated from the building and no injuries were reported. Units from the Torrance and Hawthorne fire departments were on the scene under a mutual aid pact between the cities.

School Board to Meet - - -

The board of education for the Torrance Unified School District is expected to take action to adopt certified and classified salary schedules at Monday night's 7:30 meeting at the district service center, 2335 Plaza del Amo. The president and vice-president for the 1968-69 school year will also be elected among the board members. The presiding member at present is Bert Lynn.

Arraignment Scheduled - - -

Two Torrance men will be arraigned in Superior Court May 20 on charges of assault with intent to commit murder, following a preliminary hearing Friday. Joseph A. Van Kralingen II, 20, of 1512 W. 216th St., and Donald Ray Wilson, 19, of 1528 W. 216th St., were ordered held to answer the charges by Municipal Court Judge George R. Perkovich. The two are accused of shooting at a Hermosa Beach apartment house manager last April 21 after the manager had told the pair to leave the building. Van Kralingen and Wilson had gone to the apartment house to visit a friend, they said. The manager, Robert C. Borello, was not injured.

Two Hospitals Get New Accreditation

Two area hospitals—Little Company of Mary in Torrance and Wilmington Community Hospital—have received a three-year renewal of their accreditation with the Joint Commission on Accreditation.

The board of the Joint Commission completed its extensive surveys of the hospitals' facilities and standards of patient care in March. The Commission commended both Little Company of

Mary and Wilmington Community Hospitals for "maintaining standards deserving of accreditation and for constant effort to improve the quality of patient care."

Sister M. Magdalen, administrator of Little Company of Mary, said that the hospital voluntarily meets the high standards of patient care required for accreditation.

Wilmington Community Hospital is headed by Dr. Peter A. Cheng of Wilming-

ton, president of the board of directors, and Dr. Wing Mar of Torrance, chief of staff.

Request for a hospital survey by the Joint Commission is on a voluntary basis. The Commission is an independent, nonprofit organization with headquarters in Chicago.

It is a joint endeavor of the American College of Physicians, American College of Surgeons, American Hospital Association, and the American Medical Association.

ON NARCOTICS

Police Officer Slates Lecture

The drug problem in Torrance will be the topic of a lecture to be presented by Lt. Lee Ashman of the Torrance Police Department's Narcotics and Vice Investigation Division Tuesday evening, May 14.

The 7:30 p.m. lecture at Torrance High School auditorium will be the second in a series of four lectures on "Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs" being presented by Torrance Evening High School and Torrance Council PTA.

Lieutenant Ashman will expose the local problem in an effort to help the community understand how to cope with the problems created by illegal possession and use of narcotics and dangerous drugs.

A MEMBER of the Torrance Police Department since 1955, Lieutenant Ashman is a native of Syracuse, N.Y. Prior to entering police work he was employed by Douglas Aircraft as a non-destructive testing inspector where he collaborated in au-

thorship of articles on non-destructive testing.

He is affiliated with the Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit—one of the nation's top professional organizations for detectives, California Narcotics Officers Association, International Narcotic Officers Association, Los Angeles County Peace Officers Association, Torrance Police Officers Association, and Audio Detection and Engineering Society.

EFFECT of drug use on the schools, and homes will be discussed by Dr. Walter Maksimczyk, chief psychiatrist of Los Angeles Juvenile Hall and Juvenile Court, at the third lecture, May 21. Wind-up the series May 28 will be a panel discussion featuring Lt. Ashman, Dr. Maksimczyk, Sgt. Rick Berman of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's office, and Robert Ellisworth of the school district's Special Service Department. Admission to the series or to any individual lecture is \$1. Individuals under 18 may attend if accompanied by a parent.



WINNING TEAM . . . Debate partners Robert S. Saunders (left) and Lynn Curtis of South High have qualified for participation in the National Tournament of the National Forensic League June 17 to 20 in St. Paul, Minn. The boys will attend the competition with their coach, Mrs. Marsha Bradley. Lynn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Curtis, 3858 W. 226th St., and Bob is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Saunders, 5128 Merrill St.