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Violators Choose Traffic School, Judge Reports

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"It's amazing how many offenders would rather go to traffic school than Casa de Pitchess and lose their drivers' licenses!" exclaimed Los Angeles Municipal Judge Thomas C. Murphy, stressing the "voluntary" aspects of punitive traffic safety schools. Judge Murphy, a founder of Traffic Violator Schools, spoke Wednesday before the Torrance Safety Council. "Casa de Pitchess," he told his audience, is the humorous term for jail in new enforcement circles. Explaining the purpose and need for Traffic Violator Schools, Judge Murphy cited the fact that many more Americans are killed on the nation's highways each year than die in Vietnam.

Traffic Violator School is specifically aimed at those drivers who have received four or more violations during the preceding 12 months and who stand to lose their licenses. Attendance at the school serves to eradicate one of these violations from the driver's record, so that he need not face trial for the revocation of his license. Purpose of the school is to encourage voluntary compliance with the law, the judge said. Statistics show that 60 per cent of the "alumni" do not receive a single ticket in the year following their "graduation" from the one-month course. Only a scant 8 per cent slump back into their former violation patterns, Judge Murphy noted. Roughly 1,200 drivers attend the school each month. The training programs are generally conducted twice a week with sessions lasting three hours. Total number of hours for the monthly course amounts to 24.

Jaycees To Honor Young Man

Formation of a committee to seek nominees for the city's outstanding young man of the year was announced Friday by Ralph Grippio, president of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce. Lee Prentice was named chairman of the committee, which is canvassing churches, businesses, clubs, and other organizations to determine which young man — between 21 and 35 — has contributed the most to the community during the year. Nomination blanks are available from any member of the Jaycees, Prentice said. Torrance's Distinguished Service Award winner will be entered in the California Jaycee contest. State winners will then be entered in national competition, where American's Ten Outstanding Young Men will be selected.

Evening Tax Class Scheduled

As a special pre-tax season service to the community, Torrance Evening High School, in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Department, will offer a 12-hour course in federal income tax preparation. Classes will meet Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m., in room 222, Torrance High School, 2200 W. Carson St., Jan. 18 through Feb. 29. The six-week course will deal with the basic tax law in the preparation of tax forms and schedules for individuals. Discussion and possible solving of tax problems will be included. The instructor will be a representative of the Federal Internal Revenue Service. Students may register in class with the instructor.

Carson Tract Plan Approved

Plans and specifications for a five-acre subdivision at 223rd and Main streets in the Carson area have been approved by the Regional Planning Commission. A total of 23 single-family and commercial lots are included in the tract being developed by owner Jack E. Horner of Manhattan Beach.



DR. JACK BROKKEN
New Chief-of-Staff

INSTALLATION SLATED

Hospital Picks Chief-of-Staff

Jack Brokken, M. D., has been elected chief-of-staff at Torrance Memorial Hospital. Dr. Brokken, internal medicine, will succeed Dr. Richard A. Sullivant of Torrance. Installation ceremonies are scheduled Saturday evening at the Palos Verdes Country Club. A social hour will precede the 8 p.m. dinner. Dr. William A. Taylor, surgeon, will be master of ceremonies and installing officer.

Other new officers are Dr. Robert Schaeffer, anesthesiologist, assistant chief-of-staff; Dr. Alan Cohn, internal medicine, secretary - treasurer; and Dr. Thomas McGraw, radiologist, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Council to Meet

Members of the Lomita City Council will meet tomorrow at 7 p.m. Hearings on a new ordinance regulating oil well drilling and on plans for the improvement of 247th Street are scheduled.

Newly elected members of the executive committee are Dr. Donald Sage, neuro-surgery, and Dr. Oliver Storsteen, general surgery.

The new chief-of-staff received his medical degree at the University of Minnesota and served his internship at Mercy Hospital in San Diego. He completed his residency at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Long Beach.

A member of the Torrance Memorial Hospital medical staff since 1960, Dr. Brokken served as secretary of the medical staff in 1966 and was assistant chief - of - staff in 1967. He is a member of the American Medical Association and the Los Angeles County Medical Association and is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

The medical staff at Torrance Memorial Hospital includes 330 physicians and dentists from throughout the Southwest area.

First Hearing Set On New Sign Law

Building Permits Decrease

Building permits valued at some \$1.7 million were issued by the city during December, bringing to \$28.6 million the value of all building permits issued during 1967. Figures for 1967 were off slightly from 1966, when a total of \$29,881,430 in new buildings were started in the city.

Residential construction continued to lead all areas in December, with eight new single-family homes and 96 new apartment units included in the totals. Value of the single-family homes was placed at \$195,360. Value of the apartment units was listed as \$913,695.

Largest of the December permits was issued to B.D.B. Enterprises for a 56-unit apartment building at 4208 W. Sepulveda Blvd.

Another large permit — valued at \$295,000 — was issued to the R. G. Harris Co. for an industrial facility for Excellon Industries, 24245 Garnier St.

During the year, permits were issued for 176 new single-family homes and 646 multiple-dwelling units — for a total of 822 dwelling units.

Santa Clara Work Slated

Torrance City Council voted Tuesday to widen Santa Clara Avenue to 60 feet between Mullin Avenue and Torrance Boulevard, and to abandon that portion of Santa Clara between Mullin and Engracia avenues.

In making the unanimous decision, the council bucked the recommendation of the police chief, planning director, and director of public works, who had asked that the entire segment of Santa Clara Avenue in question be widened.



O. REY RULE
Crusade Chairman

Crusade Leader Named

O. Rey Rule, area banking executive and resident, will lead the American Cancer Society's crusade for funds throughout 23 local communities in April.

The appointment was announced by Mrs. B. Jack Ansley, chairman of the Centinela Valley-South Bay District.

Rule is an executive of Gateway National Bank with branches in Lomita, Hawthorne, El Segundo, and Manhattan Beach. He began his American Cancer Society service in 1965 and directed the special gifts division for the district's 1967 crusade.

The financier also serves as corporate gifts division chairman for Daniel Freeman Hospital and is a former regional vice-chairman of the Los Angeles County Heart Association.

Announcement of leadership appointments for four major volunteer divisions is the first order of business on Rule's calendar.

A graduate of Harvard University, Rule now lives in Manhattan Beach.

Business Group To Oppose Law

A controversy over Torrance business sign regulations may come to a head at Tuesday's 8 p.m. meeting of the City Council when local lawmakers hold their first formal hearing on the new sign ordinance.

The Merchants' Sign Committee is expected to raise objections to the ordinance proposed by the Planning Commission.

Leo F. Salisbury, Chairman of the MSC, said his group agreed that the city needed some "reasonable regulation" of business signs. However, he believes that certain features of the proposed ordinance are unfair. For example, Salisbury favors no limitation on the height of a sign. He and his committee also disagree with portions of the ordinance which prohibit flashing, rotating, and moving signs.

Salisbury points out that most Torrance service stations and many other types of businesses would be affected by such an ordinance. The new ordinance calls for the removal of all non-conforming signs within the next four years.

The proposed sign law incorporates certain Merchant's Sign Committee recommendations on placement of signs on poles and roofs. Another Sign Committee recommendation written into the ordinance is that the City Council be the final court of appeals in any sign dispute. Originally, the Planning Commission was to have been the last resort.

Luncheon To Honor Students

Eight North High School students who recently presented a radio program on the Bill of Rights over station KNHS will be honored for their participation in Bill of Rights Week at a luncheon Tuesday in Los Angeles.

They will be among 500 students throughout the country who will be guests of the Bill of Rights Commemoration Committee.

Certificates of merit will be awarded to Vicki Larson, Sheila Levy, Janice Mangiagli, Larry Wittrock, Mike Jones, Bill Davis, Robin Harris, and Diana Johnson.

During their Bill of Rights Week radio presentation, they discussed the first eight amendments to the Constitution.

Equipment Disappears From School

At least \$1,200 worth of shop and lab equipment was stolen from North High School some time during the Christmas holidays, police reports indicate. School officials have not yet fully assessed the loss.

The burglary was reported Wednesday. There were no signs of forced entry, police said, indicating the possible premises are located in a residential area. No suspects have been traced.

State Denies Beer License

SACRAMENTO—The state Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control has announced it has denied an application from Paul Davis for an on-sale beer and wine license at the Playmate, 20706 S. Normandie Ave., on grounds the premises are located in a residential area.

Aerona Gets New Bid ---

A fourth major contract for the Boeing 747 superjet has been awarded to Aerona, Inc., it was announced here Friday by A. G. Handschumacher, Aerona president. The contract, which covers the manufacture of brazed honeycomb engine exhaust plug assemblies, brings to more than \$50 million the total value of contract work for the Boeing 747 assigned to Aerona. Work on the contract will be done at Aerona's Aerospace Group facilities in Middletown, Ohio.

Guns Taken from House ---

Three shotguns, two rifles, and an air gun have been taken from the home of Ben A. Magnante, 40. Magnante, a fireman, told police Thursday someone had pried open a sliding glass door and taken the weapons. A rifle and a shotgun belonging to a roommate also were taken, Magnante said. He placed value of the guns at \$585.

Tear Gas Charges Extended ---

A Torrance chemist charged with possession of illegal tear gas faces arraignment in Superior Court Jan. 22 following a preliminary hearing Friday in South Bay Municipal Court. Los Angeles police arrested Glenn Siebel Arbuthnot, 44, last Dec. 5 at his chemical manufacturing plant, 20147 Earl St., and confiscated \$50,000 worth of aerosol bombs. Judge Auten Bush was not convinced by an attorney's argument that the law is "ambiguous" regarding tear gas. Released for lack of evidence was Donald D. Foley, 34, of Gardena, who was arrested along with Arbuthnot.

Board, Teachers Hold First Special Meeting

Policy No. 4311 (Employer-Employee Relations) is undergoing surgery at the Torrance Unified School District.

The first in a series of clinics was held Thursday by the board of trustees to determine how much of a voice teachers will have in the district.

The preliminary agenda calls for debate on communication, organization, timing, and procedure.

At Thursday's special meeting, board members discussed communication and organization and continued the other matters until Jan. 17.

The handling of information items and action items by the board has been a point of concern by the Torrance Education Association. The organization, which represents the faculty, instigated the need for these special meetings.

The subject of negotiations—the right to meet and

Scholarship Awarded to Torrance Girl

Sheryl Hayashida, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keigo Hayashida of 3430 W. 172nd St., has been awarded an honor scholarship of \$400 at California Baptist College. This scholarship is made possible by the State Mission Offering of Southern Baptists in California.

Miss Hayashida is a 1967 graduate of North High School, where she was an honor student and life member of California Scholarship Federation.



LEAD REALTORS . . . New officers of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors are pictured here during a brief session following installation ceremonies. The new president is H. Harold Lippard (seated), who is flanked by (from left) Alvin Grancell, treasurer; Rose Craig, secretary; Milt Isbell, first vice-president; V. H. Frederking, third vice-president; and Joe Corda, second vice-president.