



UNITED CRUSADE . . . Robert Sprague of Palose Verdes (left), treasury manager at Shell Oil Co., Wilmington, and Daniel J. Haughton, county chairman for the United Crusade—American Red Cross joint appeal, amuse three young patients at Children's Hospital, a United Way agency. The two leaders of the 1968 United Crusade campaign met to discuss a goal of \$28,200,000. Sprague is Harbor area chairman for the campaign. The youngsters are (from left) Paul Jaureguri, Lance Courties, and Gregory Schultz.

Obituaries

Ervin Fulton

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in the Stone and Myers Chapel followed by local interment for Ervin Elroy Fulton, 65, who died yesterday after living in the Torrance area for 31 years. Formerly of 21214 Shearer St., Carson, he was employed as a pipe-layer by Construction Pipe Co. He is survived by his widow, Augusta and his daughter, Barbara Lee Johnson of Carson, sisters Margaret Allen of Kansas and Lena Grimm of South Gate, and a brother, Robert Lee Fulton of Kansas.

Sue Hinds Ryan

Graveside services were held yesterday at Pacific Crest Cemetery for Sue Hinds Ryan, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ryan, 2484 1/2 250th St., Lomita. She died Friday. Other survivors include sisters Debbie and Vickie Agnew, brothers Gerald Jr. and John Ryan, and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Michael Brackley of Downey. Stone and Myers Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

... Plan

(Continued from Page A-1) result of bad planning within the past 15 years. "We've done pretty dog-gone good," Isen said, referring to placement of residential and industrial areas and other planning decisions.

COUNCILMAN Donald E. Wilson retorted that the city has just been "lucky" and can't expect this luck to keep up without thoughtful long-range planning.

Mrs. James Van Oppen of the Torrance League of Women Voters expressed her group's support of a general plan, stating that any lack of funds for the project would be due to "fiscal suicide" committed by the council during recent budget hearings.

Mrs. Van Oppen was referring to the new 50-20 retirement plan for city safety officials. She recently incurred the wrath of the council by terming the costly retirement plan a "political pay-off."

Mrs. Van Oppen said the League is aware of the problems of "piecemeal plans" made by the Planning Commission without the benefit of a general plan. She said that open space in Torrance is rapidly disappearing without any general plan for its conservation and stated that some areas are too densely developed for the adjacent street capacity.

... Streets

(Continued from Page A-1) arterial to relieve traffic on Hawthorne Boulevard, but the existence of a railroad spur along the entire length of Madrona has complicated problems of widening the street. This problem is particularly acute between Sepulveda and 229th Place, where homes lie to the west of the tracks, while the New Horizons development lies to the east.

City officials have been trying for years to arrange another route for the spur with no success. If the tracks can be removed, only a few houses would have to be cut out to make room for the 77-foot street.

Councilman Ross Sciarrotta said that Madrona would eventually be extended through this residential section and there was no use in trying to delude the people into believing anything else.

Burglar Breaks Front Window

A silent burglary alarm from Darlene's Dress Shop, 3840 Lomita Blvd., led to the arrest of 61-year-old Roy Riley Ott, 1621 W. 209th St. An unknown number of dresses were missing.

City Fire Insurance Rates Drop

Fire insurance premium rates in Torrance dropped significantly last month when the city was reclassified from a 5B to 4A rating by the American Insurance Association fire defense survey.

Premium rates on private residences went down approximately 7 per cent, while the rate for manufacturing and mercantile establishments plummeted by roughly 13 per cent.

The residential rate will go into effect about Sept. 1 but the commercial deduction will probably not be realized until Jan. 1, 1969.

HOWEVER, no change in rates may be expected for residents holding "homeowner" package-type policies on their homes, according to Fire Chief Robert R. Lucas.

Lucas added that the rate reduction was possible through efforts on the part of the city's Building, Water and Fire Departments to "alleviate departmental deficiencies."

The city has already begun work toward lowering the more notch, Lucas said.

... Chamber

(Continued from Page A-1) clude Hary Gorman, Del Amo Properties, Inc., economic development; Donald E. Martin of Cal-Surance Associates, governmental affairs; and Robert Reis, manager of the Plush Horse Inn, membership affairs.

Bret A. Swart, manager of the Del Amo Branch of the Bank of America, was installed as treasurer.

Bowman, as immediate past president, will serve with other officers as a member of the Chamber's executive committee.

J. Walker Evans is executive vice president and general manager.

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(Continued from Page A-1) every commission will be composed of seven members with four-year terms. Two commissioners' terms will expire during each year of three successive years and one commissioner's term will expire on the fourth year.

Any interested citizen may apply for a commission seat at any time. The council will meet periodically to review applications and select the top candidate for any vacancy.

THE FIRST such meeting will be Monday, July 29, at 7:30 p.m. Prospective candidates for vacancies will be interviewed. Councilmen will also review letters from current commissioners who wish to renew their tenure. All those now on city commissions will remain in office until replaced.

Councilmen also stipulated that they would "endeavor to distribute appointments geographically." However, they rejected a proposal from Councilman Donald E. Wilson to maintain strict geographic distribution of commissioners.

Councilmen also turned down Dr. Wilson's suggestion to have ad hoc personnel selection committees choose three top candidates, with the mayor responsible for final selection.

IN FURTHER action, councilmen voted to dedicate city-owned property for the widening of Carson Street east of Crenshaw Boulevard. The decision will enable the city to widen a 320-foot section of Carson by 10 feet on the south side of the street.

Oil well beautification also came to the council's attention Tuesday night. The lawmakers passed an ordinance regulating fencing and landscaping of city oil wells and storage tanks.

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