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**PARADE AFTERMATH** ... Police administer to 6-year-old Tracy Lynn Brown who was struck by an auto minutes after the final parade unit passed the reviewing stand on Torrance Boulevard Saturday. The young girl, who lives at 2559 W. 235th St., was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital where she was admitted with a fractured leg. Driver of the vehicle which struck her told police he could not stop in time to avoid hitting her. He was not held.

(Press-Herald Photo by Hal Fisher)

### For Service

## Jaycees Will Honor Mayor Albert Isen

Torrance Jaycees will stage a testimonial dinner Monday night in honor of Mayor Albert Isen. Slated to be held at the Latitude 20 restaurant, the event will fetter the Torrance mayor for his 14 years of service to the city.

Isen, a practicing attorney in Torrance since 1933, first won election to the City Council in 1954. The following year he was named mayor by his fel-

low councilmen. Isen is currently serving his fourth term and can boast that he is the only elected mayor this community has ever had.

The population of Torrance has grown by some 100,000 people since Mayor Isen entered public life.

Mayor Isen accepted the All-America City Award for Torrance 11 years ago. He has seen the addition of the county

courthouse on Maple Avenue and the Del Amo Financial and shopping centers during his four terms.

Many national and state elected officials who represent the Torrance area will be on hand to honor the mayor at the Jaycee event.

Dick Fitzgerald, who was manager of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce when this city received its All-America prize, will be master of ceremonies.

Jaycee President-Elect Jim Burger said the Jaycees are personally indebted to the mayor for his help in boosting the group to one of the top local chapters in the state. "We hope that a function of this type can in some way say 'thanks' for a job well done to one of the giants of our community," Burger said.

could rarely meet more than once a week.

At last night's City Council meeting, the proposed amendment was referred to the council Civil Service subcommittee after Councilman Orin Johnson expressed doubt that a fair hearing could be conducted by just one man.

Mayor Albert Isen said he agreed with the intent of the measure — to prevent drawn-out hearings — but suggested that a panel of hearing officers might carry out justice better than one such officer.

According to the proposed amendment to the Torrance Municipal Code, the CSC may select a hearing officer from among those employed by the State of California or the County of Los Angeles. The hearing officer must present his findings within 10 days.

The hearing must take place within 20 days after the CSC receives the accused employee's request for written charges, unless all parties agree to an extension.

The amendment would also give CSC the power to examine witnesses under oath and compel their attendance or production of evidence. Violation of the ordinance would be a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 or six months in jail.

## Tennis Courts Delayed

A quarrel over where to place the tennis courts in Hickory Park ended up where most controversies end up: in committee.

City Councilmen last night agreed to shelve the issue for a week in order to make on-site inspections of the park and to try to reconcile the opposing viewpoints of local homeowners.

The Park and Recreation Commission and the Recreation Department both recommended that the tennis courts be placed in the northeast corner of the park, adjacent to the school grounds.

Some area homeowners expressed approval of his plan, objecting to the idea of placing the courts in either of the open fields that comprise the park.

Homeowners adjacent to the park, however, complained that the court would be an eyesore and a noise generator.

In postponing a decision on the issue, councilmen said they also hope to obtain a more accurate estimate on the cost of building the proposed courts.

## South Senior Named by Armco

William K. Davis of 16519 S. Haas Ave., Gardena, has been named winner of a scholarship under the Armco Steel Corp.'s Community Scholarship Plan.

The scholarship, valued at \$3,000, covers four years of study in chemistry, physics, accounting or engineering, at the college or university the winner chooses.

William, who is 17 and a se-



**LEAD RED CROSS** ... New officers of the Torrance Branch American Red Cross begin work on new year following election at the annual meeting on May 15. Elected officers shown here include (standing from left) Bob Morris, chairman; Stanley Remelmeier, outgoing chairman; and George Brewster, vice chairman. Seated are Mrs. Bert Shelbourn, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. James Rayner, recording secretary.

## Dave Bert To Lead Students

Dave Bert of Torrance will serve as president of the Associated Students at El Camino College next fall as a result of student body elections held on the EC campus this past week.

Bert received 56.6 per cent of the votes cast during the two days of balloting and won over two other candidates, Charles Tindall and Hank Kelly.

Elected with Bert were Cal Stevens, vice-president; Cyndi Henry, commissioner of activities; Morton August, commissioner of athletics and elections; Reggie Garmon, commissioner of health, education and welfare; Leslie Shear, commissioner of publications; Joanne Koki, commissioner of rallies; Chuck Chapman, commissioner of assemblies;

Clifton Smith, sophomore president; Debbie Farasopoulos, Associated Women Students president; Fernando Romo, Associated Men Students president; Dana Dunn, commissioner of public relations; and John Tindall, commissioner of finance.

nior at North High, is the son of Mrs. Florine M. Goodman. He is active as station manager and sportscaster for KNHS-FM and is president of KNHS Audio Club, the Scholarship Society, Amateur Radio Club, and the American Field Service Club.

He won an AFS International Scholarship which permitted him to spend last summer liv-

ing with a family in Turkey. Class vice president, William has received "Sammy Saxon" (best in school) Award nominations in foreign language, English, science, mathematics, and service to school. He is a member of the North High

math team, Explorer Post No. 384 and has won the achiever, junior executive, and executive progressive awards for his activities in Junior Achievement.

The scholarship is one of 20 awarded annually by the Armco Foundation in communities where Armco Steel Corp. has plants. The community became eligible to receive the scholarship when National Supply merged with Armco.

## Uerkwitz Wearing 'New Hat'

Torrance City Councilman Bill Uerkwitz is wearing another hat.

Beside his duties with the city and as a traffic staff supervisor for Pacific Telephone, Uerkwitz is working full time during May directing the commerce and industry fund drive for United Cerebral Palsy Assn.

He and a staff of six in the association's Hollywood office have set up and are running the campaign in the Los Angeles area.

He has recruited "captains" from service clubs, who in turn get volunteers to make personal contact with executives of businesses of all sizes.

The workers are provided with kits to help obtain the donations, and will be visiting businessmen in the area through the end of May.

## Trips Start June 2

The Torrance Transit System will initiate the first route from the Torrance Airport to the Los Angeles International in the history of the city.

The route, which has been in the planning stages for more than two months, will begin on June 2. The bus will leave the Torrance Airport at 6 a.m. and will go up Hawthorne Blvd. to 190th, turn right to Prairie, and take Prairie to Redondo Beach Blvd. and the San Diego Freeway. It will get off at Century, go through the old airport facilities on Avion, and end up at World Way where it will turn around and come back.

THE ENTIRE trip will last approximately 30 minutes and will have about 15 stops in Torrance and 5 from the freeway to the airport.

From the amount of questionnaires received by airport employees, it appears that this route will be beneficial for all concerned. The questionnaire asked for the most convenient time and place to catch the bus, and it was on the basis of these questionnaires that the route was planned.

The Transit System, which has been operating in the red for some time, sees this as a very good sign for the future. From the interest shown by the employees, the airport to airport run promises to be one in a series of programs to help the advancement of the Transit System.

## Sales Tax Revenues Going Up

Sales tax in Torrance jumped a healthy 59 per cent over the past four years, according to Richard Nevins, Southern California Member of the State Board of Equalization.

Torrance received \$3,172,589 in sales and use tax revenue in fiscal 1968 compared with \$1,991,324 in fiscal 1964, Nevins noted.

Increase for the 17 incorporated cities comprising Southern Los Angeles County averaged 37 per cent and the statewide increase for the same period was 32 per cent.

In Southern Los Angeles County, \$17,323,108 was received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1964, Nevins said.

"Local governments continue to find the local one per cent sales and use tax administered by the Board of Equalization an economical source of revenue which grows with inflation and the economic activity of the community," he stated.

Other local city increases were Palos Verdes Estates, 41 per cent; Rolling Hills, 86 per cent; and Rolling Hills Estates, 65 per cent.

## Nollac to Learn Fate Thursday

The Torrance City Council will present its decision Thursday on the dismissal of former City Engineer Walter M. Nollac. The announcement will be made at 7 p.m. in the City Council chambers.

Nollac was relieved of his duties April 16 when the Civil Service Commission found him guilty on three counts of inefficiency and failure to perform duties. The City Council agreed to review the case and councilmen have been studying the charges privately.

Councilmen could find Nollac innocent and restore him to duty. If they find him guilty, they could uphold dismissal or impose a period of suspension. Nollac may appeal his case to Superior Court if the Council's ruling doesn't please him.

**PROTRACTED** Civil Service hearings, such as the one held for Nollac, may become a thing of the past.

City Councilmen are currently considering the adoption of an ordinance which would permit the use of hearing officers at future civil service hearings. Such a hearing officer could conduct an intensive hearing and present his verdict to the Civil Service Commission within a few days.

The Nollac hearings lasted some three months because Civil Service Commissioners



**PLAN TESTIMONIAL** ... Richard (Dick) Fitzgerald (left), former Torrance Chamber of Commerce manager and new head of the county beach department, talks over plans for next Monday's testimonial dinner for Mayor Albert Isen with Jerry Tarlow (center), chairman of the affair; and Jim Burger, president-elect of the Torrance Jaycees. Fitzgerald will be master of ceremonies for the event, sponsored by the Jaycees and scheduled for the Latitude 20 in south Torrance. Two of the popular restaurant's top entertainers, Ernie Menchune and Arthur Lyman, will entertain.