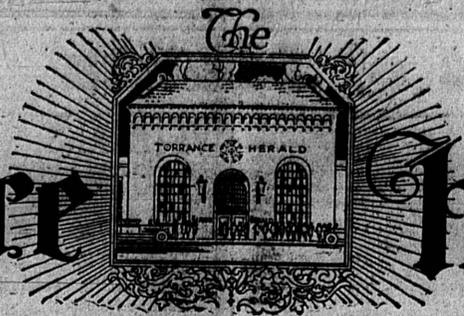


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TORRANCE NOW 4TH BIGGEST IN AREA OF COUNTY CITIES

This City Is Now "Bigger" In Acreage Than Pasadena

10th CITY IN VALUATION

Assessed Valuation of Torrance Greater Than Inglewood, Pomona or Redondo

Torrance is now the fourth biggest city in area in Los Angeles county, being surpassed only by Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Glendale. The annexation this week of the McDonald Tract gave Torrance a total of 12,000 acres, which is greater than the entire area of Pasadena, which city formerly held fourth place in Los Angeles county municipalities. Torrance is larger in area than Inglewood, Compton, Culver City, Lynwood, Monrovia, Pomona, South Pasadena, San Gabriel, Redondo, and a score or more prominent cities within the county.

Torrance now has an assessed valuation of over \$26,000,000, which is tenth among Los Angeles county municipalities. In point of total assessed valuation, the modern industrial city outranks such cities as Inglewood, Compton, Culver City, Monrovia, Pomona, Redondo, South Pasadena, San Gabriel, and Lynwood.

BUILDING IS INCREASING OVER LAST YR.

Building permits for the first five months of 1930 are showing a substantial increase over the same period in 1929, and building activities last month were considerably greater than May, 1929, although the month's total for this year is somewhat less than last year, due to the issuance last May of a \$113,500 industrial permit. The figures for the first five months are: For 1930, \$287,534.00; for 1929, \$297,900.00. Increase over last year \$30,284.00. For May, this year, \$54,539.00; May, 1929, \$114,250.00, but of this amount \$113,500 was an industrial permit, leaving a balance of \$20,750, or an increase of \$33,789.00 in home and business construction.

Free Opportunity To Get Into Movies Offered Local Talent

Torrance Herald and Fox Plaza Theatre Announce Popularity Movie Contest For Stars of Picture To Be Made Locally

The Torrance Herald and Lomita News and other newspapers of this district in conjunction with the Fox Plaza Theatre, at Hawthorne, are going to make a motion picture production in Torrance and vicinity. To this end a contest is to be conducted to elect the most popular young lady and most popular young man in the district to act as co-stars in the picture—as well as to elect a supporting cast.

Here is an opportunity for you to enter yourself or to nominate some friend—possibly by a STAR PART—then if you screen well and act your part well, who knows but what you will be picked up by one of the major companies of Hollywood. The studios are always looking for new faces and talent. THIS MAY BE YOUR OPPORTUNITY!

Nominate a friend today—or enter YOURSELF today! IT COSTS YOU NOTHING. You have EVERYTHING TO GAIN and NOTHING TO LOSE.

The duration of the contest is seven weeks, starting June 14, 1930. From the opening day of the contest, Saturday, June 14, 1930, to and including the close of the contest at mid-

Wanda Stachowicz, Prima Donna of Italian Opera, Coming To Visit Parents

Wanda Stachowicz, prima donna of Italy, praised and beloved by opera-loving populace in Milan, Naples, and Rome.—Wanda Stachowicz, after four years of mounting successes in Italy, the sunny land which gave the world Caruso, Tetravini, Scotti and countless others.—Wanda Stachowicz, the beautiful little girl who once sang children's ballads in Torrance schools and who earned the money for her first piano by working in the Union Tool plant.—Wanda Stachowicz, beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Stachowicz, 1437 Post avenue.—Wanda Stachowicz IS COMING HOME TO TORRANCE!

Her proud mother's eyes beamed with joy as she read the letter from Naples, bringing the glad news. For four long years she has not seen her little Wanda. It has seemed long to her lone some short time, indeed, in which to reach the pinnacle of fame on the Italian operatic stage.

Miss Stachowicz sailed from Naples on May 31 and will reach New York about June 8, aboard the steamship Conte Biancamano. After a four years absence she is returning home to visit her parents in Torrance.

Wanda Stachowicz studied for grand opera in Italy and after a successful debut in Madame Butterfly about fifteen months ago she had continued her success in many other operas in many well-known theatres in Italy.

Miss Stachowicz has just finished singing in an important season at Milan, and has cancelled further important engagements in order to see her parents. Dispatches from Italy state that she is a favorite among Americans in Italy and is always desired in Italian groups where she has become, as one of them.

Miss Stachowicz will give several concerts in Southern California and principal cities in the East where she has already made connections. After a brief stay in New York, she will come directly to her home in Torrance, and is expected to arrive here between June 15 and 20.

Plan Reception Preliminary plans are under way for a community wide reception

GOLDEN BEAR DAIRY STORE COMING HERE

Golden Bear Dairy Stores will operate one of their familiar "dinner hall" dairy and lunch stores in Torrance, according to plans announced by J. C. Smith of the Torrance Investment Company, who will erect the novel designed structure on the former used car lot next to the Dodge Brothers agency of Paul & Murray on Cabrillo avenue.

The structure will be 30 ft. by 30 ft. and construction will begin at once, Mr. Smith states. The Golden Bear Dairy Stores are a subsidiary of the California Milk Products Company, and have become familiar lunch and ice cream markets throughout Southern California. The buildings are designed like a huge dinner hall.

W. BOOTH, JR. IS SHOT THRU NECK IN L. B.

Delicate Operation Necessary If Bullet Is Removed. Accidental Shooting in Cherry Avenue Bus

William P. Booth, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Booth, formerly of Torrance, was accidentally shot in the throat by another high school student Monday evening while riding in a Cherry avenue bus in Long Beach.

When surgeons at a Long Beach hospital probed for the bullet in young Booth's throat, they found it lodged in a muscle of the throat behind an artery and could only be extricated through another delicate and dangerous operation. This operation will not be performed without the consent of the boy's father, W. L. Booth, who left Long Beach Sunday with Brady Wolfe of Torrance to take up his new duties as general manager of the Tulsa Rolling Mills Company, Sand Springs, Oklahoma. Mrs. Booth stated to the Torrance Herald last evening that William was not in any immediate danger and that he was resting well.

METRO. WATER ASSN. MEETS HERE TUESDAY

Mayor Dennis Urges Public To Attend Meeting To Hear About Boulder Dam Water For Torrance

Colorado river water from the Boulder dam will some day flow through the water pipes in the City of Torrance, if this city joins the Metropolitan Water District Advancement Association which meets at the guests of Torrance Tuesday evening at the Women's Clubhouse, Engracia avenue.

Residents of Torrance are urged to attend the dinner meeting of the association in order to obtain complete information regarding this important step contemplated by the City Council. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 10, at one dollar per plate and everyone is invited, according to Mayor Dennis.

The Metropolitan Water District Advancement Association is an organization of municipalities which will join with the City of Los Angeles in taking over a large share of the water compounded by the construction of the Boulder Dam, the association is being developed under special statutes of the State Legislature. To date, eleven Southern California cities have joined the association including Beverly Hills, Glendale, Riverside and Alhambra. It is expected that about sixty municipalities will eventually join. The organization is meeting in Torrance for its monthly meeting at the invitation of the City Council and of the Chamber of Commerce in order that local residents may become more fully acquainted with the project.

Mayor John C. Porter of Los Angeles, Wm. J. Sandborn, president of the Los Angeles City Council, Supervisor E. "Chick" Hennig of the 15th District, and representatives from a number of other communities will be present at the Tuesday dinner meeting. About 100 visitors are expected and Mayor Dennis expresses the wish that a large number of Torrance citizens join with him in welcoming the visiting officials.

36 SENIORS GET DIPLOMAS THIS MONTH

Commencement Week Filled With Activity For Big Class of Graduates.

Diplomas will be granted to thirty-six members of the senior class at Torrance high school on Thursday evening, June 26, according to an announcement made yesterday by Principal Herbert S. Wood.

Beginning Monday, June 23, the high school will be thrown into a week of activity, beginning with Homecoming day for the alumni. On that day the alumni will offer a program in assembly, and will participate in a banquet and dance in the evening.

DIRECTORS OF C. OF C. LAUD HYDE'S WORK IN ANNEXATION

A resolution of appreciation for the splendid work done by Executive Secretary Carl Hyde in connection with the McDonald Tract annexation was unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Wednesday afternoon. The resolution follows: "WHEREAS, through several annexation proceedings whereby several large areas have consoli-

Kiddies Soon To Frolic On Fine New Playground

"Let's go over to the playground and play on the slides and teeters,"—this will soon be a familiar expression heard among Torrance youngsters who are to enjoy all the childish pleasures of a real community playground in the beautiful wooded three-acre piece of ground between the American Legion clubhouse and Plaza del Amo street.

The City Council entered into a formal lease contract with the Dominguez Land Corporation Tuesday evening for the purchase of the playground property. The total purchase price is \$15,000, payable \$3000 now, and \$4000 each year for three years. The payments will all be made from the one per cent tax levy furnished the Torrance Chamber of Commerce for parks and advertising purposes.

The council plans to have the street department clean up the property at once and will purchase playground equipment as soon as funds are available from the general fund. There will be no extra assessments or bond issues required to provide this much needed playground.

The playground purchase idea originated with the directors of the Chamber of Commerce, who are appreciative of the generosity of the Dominguez Land Corporation in selling the three-acre site at a figure said to be considerably under the market value and relinquishing all interest payments.

HOLD ANNUAL GLAD. SHOW ON MONDAY

Prizes of Valuable Bulbs and Ribbons Offered To Local Exhibitors.

More than thirty prizes of bulbs and ribbons will be awarded next Monday evening when the Torrance District Garden club will hold their annual intra-club gladiolus show at the American Legion clubhouse.

The show will be open at 8:30, and exhibits should be in place by 7 o'clock so that they may be viewed at 7:30. Entry cards may be obtained at the secretary's table. All flowers, of course, must be grown by the exhibitor, and exhibitors must furnish their own containers.

Donald A. Briggs, 1929 president of the California Gladiolus Society, and present director of that organization and of the American Gladiolus Society, will be the speaker of the evening.

His subject will be "Gladiolus varieties, and the qualities and characteristics which make them popular and valuable to the commercial and non-commercial growers." Mr. Briggs is also general manager of the Briggs Floral Company at Encinitas, the largest gladiolus bulb and flower grower in the West, having 62 acres planted at this time. Golden Harvest, Winged Victory, Frank J. McCoy, Coronado, Catalina, Merced, Balboa, and Santa Barbara gladioli are some of the varieties he has introduced to the flower world.

Mr. Briggs "grew up in a glad patch" and is an interesting and capable speaker on the subject of gladiolus. His mother and father were glad experts, and it is his mother who does all the hybridizing and selecting of new varieties. The speaker will bring with him as many interesting blooms as possible, including many new, unusual seedlings as well as blooms of the recent introductions of the Briggs company.

Following is a list of the classifications and prizes offered. 1. Basket of 12 or more large flowered varieties. One color, but may be of different shades. 1st prize, 12 large bulbs gladiolus, Golden Dream; 2nd prize, 6 medium bulbs gladiolus, Scarlet Bedder. 2. Basket of 12 or more primulinus varieties. One color, but may be different shades. 1st prize, 12 large bulbs gladiolus, Purple Glory; 2nd prize, 6 large bulbs gladiolus, Balboa. 3. Basket of 12 or more mixed varieties. May be mixed colors. 1st prize, 12 medium bulbs gladiolus, Orange Queen; 2nd prize, 6 large bulbs gladiolus, Romance. 4. Three spikes, one variety, large flowered type. 1st prize, 6 large gladiolus, Balboa; 2nd prize, ribbon. 5. Three spikes, one variety, primulinus type. 1st prize, 6 large bulbs gladiolus, Scarlet Bedder; 2nd prize, ribbon. 6. One spike any white, cream or buff, large flower variety. 1st prize, 6 large bulbs gladiolus, Romance; 2nd prize, ribbon. 7. One spike any fresh, pink or rose, large flower variety. 1st prize, 6 large bulbs gladiolus, Souvenir; 2nd prize, ribbon. 8. One spike any orange, salmon or yellow large flowered variety. 1st prize, 6 large bulbs gladiolus, Catalina; 2nd prize, ribbon. 9. One spike any lavender or purple large flowered variety. 1st prize, 6 large bulbs assorted gladiolus.

Advantage of Annexation To McDonald Tract Residents

- 1. Reduction of taxes 36 cents per \$100 assessed valuation in that portion of the McDonald Tract now within the fire and lighting district. 2. Reduction of taxes 16 cents per \$100 assessed valuation in that portion of the McDonald Tract now within the lighting district. 3. Even though the annexation will mean a slight increase in the tax rate over the present rates, annexation to Torrance affords protection against an average increase of \$1.12 per \$100 assessed valuation if the territory had annexed to Los Angeles, Redondo, Hawthorne, or Berkeley. 4. All fear of becoming involved in future annexation proceedings are abolished, and residents of McDonald Tract will enjoy the advantage of close and sympathetic co-operation with a local civic government. 5. No zoning against oil development or other zoning restrictions will be made except on request of residents of the McDonald Tract.

M'DONALD TRACT ANNEXATION CARRIES BY MARGIN 3 VOTE

Advantages To Torrance and Newly Annexed District Told By Torrance Chamber of Commerce; Wishes of New Residents To Be Carried Out By City Council

PROMISE AID IN RELIEVING TAXPAYERS BURDEN Possibility Of Lifting Tax Burden Of Alondra Park Assessment District Will Be Lost By Joining Hawthorne or Redondo

The future status of the McDonald Tract district comprising 2750 acres north and west of Torrance was decided Monday by the narrow margin of three votes when residents of the McDonald Tract voted to annex to the City of Torrance. Out of 139 registered voters in the district, 63 voted in favor of annexation and 60 against. A majority of votes cast is all that is required to decide the issue.

The decision to join Torrance was reached after a long period of discussion and a thorough airing of all arguments for and against the annexation. At the request of the pro-annexationists in the McDonald Tract, the Torrance Chamber of Commerce submitted facts and figures regarding the advantages of joining this city, and until about two weeks ago it seemed that a large majority of residents in the district favored annexation to this city. In the final days prior to the election Monday, considerable opposition developed from outside sources, which resulted in a neck and neck race for votes on both sides of the issue. Excitement ran high as the election officials counted the ballots. The first group of ballots counted were largely against annexation. When 108 of the 123 votes cast were counted, the computation was 50-50. From then until the final count was made it was "anybody's race." When the last ballot was counted and pro-annexationists found they had won, a resounding cheer went up from the voting precinct.

Boundary lines of the newly annexed territory are: the west side of Western avenue, from 190th street north to Strawberry avenue; west one-quarter mile to Illinois street; north on Illinois to Riverside-Redondo boulevard; west on Riverside-Redondo boulevard to Hawthorne boulevard; and south on Hawthorne boulevard to the Torrance city limits at 190th street.

Mail Unchanged Mail deliveries and post office addresses will not be changed by annexation to Torrance, except on request of residents of the newly

annexed territory. Services from public utilities will likewise remain unchanged. Changes in telephone listing or post office addresses may be accomplished by petition to the proper authorities; or upon request, the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will assist McDonald Tract residents in preparing and filing such applications.

No Zoning No zoning will be made within the newly annexed territory except upon request of a majority of the residents of the tract to the Torrance City Council.

Moose Sponsor Dinner and Dance at Hall June 13

Oh, that lucky Friday the 13th. That's the date that brings the big time sponsored by the Torrance Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose. They are going to start off the festivities with a ravioli dinner, Jeverateenny? The dinner will be served at 6:30. And there will be plenty of entertainment for the diners.

After dinner there will be dancing. From 8 to 10 the peppy Moose orchestra will fill the hall with lively inspiring musical numbers. All this will take place at the Moose hall, American Recreation hall, 1953 Carson street.

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—A cat owned by Mrs. Flora Schell, caught a mouse, but pussy informed her mistress that the house was on fire by scratching on the door.

What the Annexation Means To Torrance and Residents of the McDonald Tract

Torrance Chamber of Commerce officials view the decision of the McDonald Tract residents in joining this city as mutually beneficial, and cite the following 47 advantages gained by residents in the newly annexed territory as well as to the present City of Torrance.

- 1. Increase of \$13,000 in taxes, computed on the present 42c per \$100 assessed valuation. (An increase of \$13,000 is not taxed for the bonded indebtedness of the original City of Torrance.) 2. Location of the entire LaFresca sub-station of the Southern California Edison Company within the City of Torrance, which is the second largest sub-station west of the Rocky Mountains. Under the new franchise with the Edison company, the City of Torrance will receive \$100,000 per year as a franchise fee, plus added power lines of the Edison company. 3. Location within the City of Torrance of valuable potential residential acreage for development to house the employees of the General Petroleum refinery and other industries. Actual zoning of this territory will not be made except on request from residents of the McDonald Tract. 4. HELP ALONDRA PARK The Torrance City Council is on record as pledged to lend its support toward the movement to make the 317-acre Alondra Park a county project and thus relieve property owners in the present Alondra Park assessment district of heavy tax payments. Officials of the City of Torrance and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce are planning to propose suitable changes in the State statutes at this winter's session of the State Legislature which will enable the County Board of Supervisors to take over Alondra Park and finish paying the assessments against the district for the acquisition and improvement of the park. It is pointed out, however, that unless Alondra Park remains entirely outside any incorporated city, that the county cannot take it over. At present, there are petitions before both the Hawthorne and Redondo Beach city councils to annex a portion of Alondra Park to these cities, and there is also a movement on foot to incorporate the park as a new city. Should any of these annexations or incorporation moves prove successful, all hope of freeing the assessment district of the present excessive tax levies will have been lost, as the county would not consider taking over Alondra Park as a county project should all or any part of it become a part of any incorporated city. 5. Addition of over four square miles of territory within the City of Torrance, or 2750 acres, which is a little more than the area of the original Torrance Tract when it was incorporated in 1887. 6. Increased valuation of approximately \$3,000,000 of which \$2,300,000 is real property and the balance improvements.