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## Building in Half-Year is \$303,335

New construction in Torrance during the first half of this year is greater than any other six-month period since 1933, it was learned today at City Engineer Frank R. Leonard's office. The half-year figure is \$303,335, indicating that if new building proceeds here during the coming six months at the rate of the first half of the year, the year's total will approach the 1933 total of \$337,811.

During the first six months of 1936, construction to the amount of \$223,849 was accomplished in Torrance, according to Engineer Leonard's records for the city building inspection department. Other previous half-year and year totals were:

Year	Six Mo.	12 Mo.
1930	\$307,534	\$420,387
1931	56,045	102,680
1932	99,175	769,898
1933	592,745	637,811
1934	37,962	138,807
1935	143,228	204,895
1936	223,849	453,978
1937	303,335	

Building permits issued during June totaled \$16,885, as compared with \$22,140 for the same month last year. They were for two residences, three garages, five alterations and repair jobs, erection of two oil derricks, one gasoline service station, two steel tanks, a sign and construction of a barn.

During the past week, construction permits were granted to F. H. Campbell for a frame garage at 22442 Neece avenue, Waveria, \$85; H. C. Day, addition of a rear room to house at 1004 Date street, \$50, and W. J. Dell Fergie for a frame house at 24215 1/2 Neece avenue, \$1,000.

Other building totals for previous Junes were:

1935	\$14,425
1934	1,735
1933	1,000
1932	2,790
1931	8,145
1930	20,800

## Small Boy Hit By Car; Only Slightly Hurt

Little Bob LeRoy Chambers, five and one-half year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Chambers of 1519 Carson street, escaped serious injury Sunday evening when he ran across Carson and was struck down by a car driven by James B. Russell of Keystone.

According to local police, the boy was treated at Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital for minor cuts and bruises and then was taken to his home. Riding with Russell at the time of the accident were Mr. and Mrs. John Connell, of Keystone, owners of the car, according to police.

Russell was held not responsible for the accident since the child darted in the path of the machine and was hit before the driver could stop.

**AID TOY LOANS**  
Highly praised by probation officials, expansion of the county toy loan library will be made after the opening of the new fiscal year July 1, with an item of \$8,500 in the new county budget.

## City's Gas Tax Revenue Subjected to Two Cuts

One of the first "cuts" to be taken out by the state highway department from the \$17,307 due the city of Torrance as its share of the quarter-cent state gasoline tax revenue will be an even \$1,000 to maintain the trees along State Highway 101.

This was learned at Tuesday night's city council session when City Engineer Frank R. Leonard reported that 215 of those trees are dead although the city paid about \$846 to water them last year. The winter's excessive cold waves were held responsible for the trees' destruction. Leonard said he had learned that the state highway department maintains it cannot replace them but if the city will—at a cost of about 75 cents each or \$165—then the state will take care of the growths for \$1,000 for two

## County's Dog Quarantine Is Being Enforced

Enforcement of the county's new dog quarantine, identical with that of the city of Los Angeles, began in earnest yesterday when 12 deputy pound masters took the field with six light trucks and started picking up stray pooches in unincorporated areas.

The supervisors have created a county pound department for the 90-day period, and have designated Howard L. Byram, county treasurer and tax collector, as county pound master. All fees for keeping dogs will thus be paid to the county instead of to any of the humane societies that now look after stray animals in various parts of the county.

## Jones 'Demoted' As Rotary Prexy At Ranch Outing

Beneath the wide spreading trees which encircle the comfortable ranch home of Carl Patton near Hemet, members of the Torrance Rotary club gathered last Saturday evening for "demote" and honor Charles V. Jones, retiring club president. Twenty-four members and guests made the long trek and were amply rewarded by their genial host, whose genuine and lavish hospitality had been enjoyed by many Rotarians on other occasions.

Following a delicious fried chicken dinner served outdoors, Donald Findley, famed demoter of club presidents, reviewed the year's activities of President Jones in a humorous talk that was enjoyed by all present.

In token of their year's services as president and secretary the club presented Jones with a diamond studded past-president's pin and Dave Roberts, veteran club secretary, with a year's subscription to Fortune magazine. There will be no meeting of the Rotary club tonight and Grover C. Whyte, president-elect will be installed on July 8.

## Millers Home From Kiwanis Convention

Reporting a splendid trip but declaring they were glad to get back to this city's cool breezes, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller returned at midnight Sunday from Indianapolis, Ind., where they attended the Kiwanis International convention as delegates from the Torrance club. Miller also represented Redondo and Hermosa Beach clubs at the convalescence.

After the five-day session and experiencing Indiana hospitality which Miller says "will make San Francisco's 1938 convention hard to equal," the Millers went to Lansing, Mich., where they took delivery on an Oldsmobile in which they visited relatives in Detroit and Marion before returning home.

More than 7,000 Kiwanians attended the convention, 1,668 of them being qualified to vote as delegates from clubs, Miller said. California Kiwanis clubs and divisions scored first in nearly every contest for attendance and objectives.

## City's Gas Tax Revenue Subjected to Two Cuts

The council authorized the purchase of the new trees. The next "cut" out of the gas tax revenue was an even \$3,000—the estimated cost of maintaining the three state highways running thru Torrance: No. 101, Strawberry avenue and Hawthorne boulevard. The remaining estimated gas tax revenue, some \$13,307, will be used for the maintenance of city streets during the coming biennium.

Engineer Leonard told the council that he had been informed that the state highway department favors the "pyramiding" of the revenue apportioned for Strawberry—a street which he said "starts nowhere and has no ending"—and Hawthorne until a sufficient sum is impounded for major improvements of those arteries.

## Manhunt in Triple-Slaying Continues; No New Clues Developed in 24 Hours

"Stabbing in the dark" in an attempt to obtain fresh clues that would lead toward capture of the kidnap-slayer of three Inglewood girls, police and sheriff's officers continued to round up scores of suspects, grill them thoroughly and, in most instances, release them. Nothing new on the case, which has aroused public indignation to the same degree as the Hickman slaying of Marion Parker a decade ago, has developed since the children's bodies were discovered in a Baldwin Hills ravine Monday afternoon.

Suspects were being herded before police authorities in many cities. A report that a Torrance man had been apprehended for questioning at Inglewood was broadcast this

morning but authorities would not confirm this, The Herald learned late today. Meanwhile, the funeral of Jeanette Stevens, 8, was held in private this afternoon and arrangements were complete for the last rites for the Everett sisters, Madeline, 7, and Melba Marie, 9, tomorrow.

Los Angeles newspaper accounts of mobs gathering at the Inglewood police headquarters and threats of lynch-law were branded as "highly-colored" by Inglewood newspaperman who informed The Herald that while crowds had gathered at the station, they have not been belligerent. The search for "Eddie, the Sailor," believed to be the killer, continued thruout the state with unabated vigor.



## Celebrate in Torrance!

Free Entertainment ON MONDAY, JULY 5

A full day of free entertainment, culminated with a public dance at the Civic Auditorium from 9 p. m. to midnight, will be the major attraction here Monday, July 5.

The Independence Day celebration is being provided by the city of Torrance with a number of civic and social organizations cooperating in the plans and arrangements. You don't have to travel miles to enjoy the extra Fourth of July holiday... instead you may participate in a costless round of entertainment RIGHT HERE AT HOME!

**10 A. M. to 12 Noon**  
Races, games and contests for all children at the city park. Prizes for all events are being donated by Torrance merchants.

**12 Noon to 1:30 P. M.**  
Picnic lunch at the city park. You may bring your own meal and service or purchase attractive, appealing refreshments at booths to be operated by various organizations at the recreation center.

There is plenty of room for a crowd up to 1,000 at the cool, shady picnic nooks located on the southwest side of the park.

**1:30 P. M. to 2:30 P. M.**  
Band concert at the city park bandshell. During the intermission, J. B. Heath, head of the bureau of traffic safety for the Los Angeles police department, will make a patriotic address. Heath is said to be a most interesting speaker and a man with a well-grounded knowledge of subversive Communist activities in Southern California.

**2:30 P. M. to 4:30 P. M.**  
A double-header baseball game will be played at the city park diamond between four outstanding teams. There will be no charge for admission. One of the teams expected to participate is the championship Lomita Merchants.

**9 P. M. to Midnight**  
Free public dance at the Civic Auditorium to end the day's celebration. A splendid orchestra has been engaged to provide the music and all are welcome to "swing it!" Those who have taken an active part in planning this community-wide event are: The City Recreation Commission, Mayor William H. Tolson, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, W. H. Stanger, Dale Riley, Thomas Wilkes and Thomas Humer for the Moose lodge; Commander Pat Boyle of the American Legion post; Mrs. Thomas Wilkes, Ladies of the Moose; L. J. Gilmeister, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Velora Murphy, Legion Auxiliary; Roy Winters, Eastern Star; Mrs. Addie Parks, N. B. P. W. club; Vernon Coils, 20-30 club; Al Robinson, Kiwanis; Grover C. Whyte, Rotary; Dr. C. L. Ingold, Masonic lodge, and Mrs. Lillian Barrington, Woman's club.

## Four Hurt In Collision Here

Four persons were injured, three of them seriously in a collision Friday night on Torrance boulevard that turned two cars over, according to police reports. Both machines were traveling east on the boulevard at the time of the accident. They were driven by Hugh Allen, 17, 1233 Arlington avenue, and William Bates, 1904 Arlington avenue.

The injured were: Allen, who suffered a badly crushed left hand; Dorothy Weber, 2036 Gramercy avenue, left arm and jaw injuries, and Mrs. William Bates, bruises, and Mrs. Jennie Bates, 1337 Engracia avenue, broken arm, shoulder and bruises.

The latter was Rept at Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital, where all of the injured were treated. G. M. Henderson, 1011 1/2 Portola avenue, and Sybil Hawkes, 21726 Normandie avenue, who were riding with Allen, were reported unhurt.

Young Allen was removed to Los Angeles General hospital where he is expected to be confined for some time while his hand is being treated.

## NO. TORRANCE CRASH INJURES JAPANESE

Six Japanese people were injured, three of them seriously, late Monday afternoon in a collision at Prairie avenue and 174th street, according to police. The drivers of machines involved in the accident, H. Tanaka of Venice and M. L. Whittier of Inglewood were reported unhurt. Both cars were badly wrecked.

Mrs. Reika Tanaka, 22, suffering from a possible skull fracture, was taken to the hospital. (Continued on Page 4-A)

## Justice Court Branch Opens Here Today

Beginning with the new fiscal year 1937-38 today, justice court facilities were available here for the first time in a year as City Judge Robert Lessing began extra duty as clerk of the Inglewood township court.

Judge Frank Carrell will hear cases filed here once a week and will use the city court room in the city hall for his chambers. Judge Lessing will receive filings for small claims, civil actions involving \$1,000 or less and criminal cases at his chambers in the city hall.

The branch court has been wanted here ever since the board of supervisors, acting on the recommendation of a "board of efficiency," abandoned the justice court here with the consolidation of the Lomita with the Inglewood township. Business men and others have had to go to Gardena for court service that formerly was "just around the corner" for them here.

**CUT IN LIGHT COST SOUGHT**  
Although the city council again ratified the annual contract with the Southern California Edison company for the power for the street lighting system Tuesday night, the board joined four other nearby cities in retaining a "rate expert" to attempt a reduction in power bills. The council authorized the contract for one year only although the power company wanted two years.

City Engineer Frank R. Leonard (Continued on Page 4-A)

## G. P. Adding \$80,000 In New Equipment Here

Reports which were current here during the past week that the General Petroleum Corporation was planning to move its Vernon refinery to Torrance were declared without foundation by officials of the concern yesterday.

It was learned by The Herald that General Petroleum was starting the addition of new refinery capacity equipment here that will cost approximately \$80,000 but that the Vernon plant will be maintained and operated as usual.

A large force of workmen are employed at the G. P.'s plant site in North Torrance erecting new tanks and erecting additional buildings for the additional equipment.

## Deeper Oil Sands Excite Operators

A "second sand" formation which appears to be a veteran oil driller to be the best potential producing zone in Southern California is exciting great interest these days off Narbonne avenue in the vicinity of 229th street. No less a pair of experienced drillers than P. V. Collier and the C.C.M.O., predicted this week that the deeper oil-bearing strata will produce a development here and off Sepulveda at Cedar that will surpass all previous drilling booms.

Collier launched the "second sand" exploration with his Woolner lease No. 1, a block off Narbonne on 229th. His Temco Oil company is producing 30 plus four gravity oil at better than 100 barrels from the deeper strata at 4,700 feet. He declared that the oil is unusually clean and the gas pressure, although working hard on the pump, is not objectionable.

To Deepen Well  
Sherwood McIntyre, C.C.M.O. superintendent, said today that they had landed casings at the Torrance No. 34 deepening job at Sepulveda boulevard and Cedar street. He asserted that the C.C.M.O. intended to test out the area thoroughly and that it would be a week or 10 days before he would be qualified to give a report.

It is understood that by driving below the sands at 4,100 or 4,200 feet, the richer producing zone is encountered in this vicinity. Oil men are thronging the area seeking activity records and a number of leases have already been signed. Collier said that he expects to sink "four or five wells" in the vicinity of his Woolner No. 1 within the next few weeks.

## Service Stations to Take Half Holiday Monday

All service station operators in Torrance have signed agreements to close their places of business for a half day on July 5 so that they can enjoy the Monday holiday from 1 p. m. until opening time Tuesday morning.

They urge local motorists to obtain their gasoline, oil and other necessary travel supplies before 1 o'clock Monday afternoon and wish all motorists an enjoyable three-day vacation. Those signing three agreement are: Harvel Gutfenfelder, Cecil W. Smith, Cliff Watson, Don Miller, C. B. Mitchell, H. Carr, C. P. Hammond, Jr., W. Delsel and F. Hansen, Otto J. Batsch, C. E. Hein, Fred Harder, J. F. Page, C. B. Dunham and Joe Miller.

## Stray Bullet Enters Lomita's Home

A .22 calibre rifle or revolver bullet crashed thru the front window of O. M. Houghton's home at 2317 West 248th street, Lomita, about 7:30 Friday night. Houghton reported to the sheriff's station No. 3, Saturday.

Investigating officers laid the incident to carelessness of youngsters in the neighborhood since Houghton declared he had no known enemies and knew no reason why a shot might have been deliberately fired into his home.

## New City Budget Totals \$163,785; Levy Water Tax

With the adoption Tuesday night of the tentative city budget which provides for an estimated income of \$173,173 for the general government and expenditures of \$163,785, the city council paved the way for a tax rate for general municipal purposes of \$1.10, a reduction of one cent, on property in District No. 1 and the retention of the 1936-37 levy of \$1.07 in District No. 2.

An additional levy will be a 55-cent per \$100 assessed valuation of land (only) located in Municipal Water District No. 1 to be charged this year. This tax, according to data prepared by W. H. Stanger, water superintendent, and Councilman Robert Deisinger, chairman of the council's water committee, will be more than offset in most cases by reductions in water charges which went into effect this week. The new water rates are detailed on page 3-A.

The comparative tax rates, if the calculations of the council for the 1937-38 levies remain unchanged next month when the new levy is to be fixed, are as follows:

RATES 1936-37		RATES 1937-38		
Dist. 1	Dist. 2	Dist. 1	Dist. 2	
\$ .80	\$ .80	General Government	.82	.82
.10	.10	Advertising	.10	.10
.06	.06	Library-General Fund	.06	.06
.04	none	1922 Bonds	.03	none
.063	.063	1935 City Hall, Jail and Library Bonds	.05	.05
.047	.047	Auditorium Building	.04	.04
\$1.11	\$1.07	TOTAL	\$1.10	\$1.07

◆ The water district levy will be applied only on land. In 1933-34, the first year the city operated its municipal water system, the tax was 33 per \$100 assessed real property valuation. During the following two years no tax was deemed necessary. The revenues of the water district will be used to pay the interest on the water bonds.

The approved budget provides for the following outlays: General government expense, \$33,735; for protection of life and property, \$69,680; health and sanitation, \$6,200; street department, \$35,400; Park department, \$9,500; ten-cent advertising fund, \$18,250; library, \$10,950, and extras, \$9,450.

Estimated receipts, totaling \$173,173, are to be derived from: general taxes, \$149,725; auditorium rentals, \$500; motor vehicle tax licenses, \$7,000; liquor taxes, \$2,000; business licenses, \$6,500; recorder's (city judge) fines, \$8,000; building, plumbing and electrical permits, \$1,000; sewer permits, \$300; franchise earnings, \$3,000; moving permits, \$100, and plaster permits, \$100.

Included in expenditures from the ten-cent advertising fund are such items as: Chamber of Commerce, \$7,200; band, \$500; Christmas trees and street decorations, \$550; city park, \$5,500; playground, \$3,000, and unallocated reserve, \$1,609.

The new budget provides for a "total unallocated fund—general government" of \$9,388, the reserve balance between income and disbursements.

## Monday Will Be General Holiday Throughout City

Monday, July 5, will be observed as a general holiday in Torrance with all stores and business firms remaining closed. Three drug stores will remain open, however, to serve local and transient trade. They will be Acorn's, Doley Drug and the Torrance Pharmacy.

All other firms, service stations, both banks, city offices and the library will not open until Tuesday.

## State Patrol Ready for July 4 Motorcade

Expecting the heaviest travel of the season on July 3, 4 and 5, E. Raymond Cato, chief of the California Highway Patrol, today called upon motorists to cooperate with the Patrol in order to reduce highway accidents and fatalities.

Travel, usually heavy over the Fourth, will be even greater this year due to the triple holiday. Cato believes, and every state traffic officer will be required to work for long periods. They will be placed on the most heavily traveled roads to prevent congestion and to weed out the reckless and the careless drivers.

"All traffic officers in the state have a double responsibility over the celebration period," the Patrol chief said, "as we not only have to watch for dangerous and the careless driver, but also for lighted fireworks which are often either carelessly or purposely tossed out of moving cars."

"Our officers will accept no excuse from those who make travel unsafe for others; drivers under the influence of liquor will be taken immediately before magistrates. We know from experience that intoxicated drivers are punished severely by these courts. If every one will cooperate with traffic officers we will be able to reduce accidents materially."