

# Area Rich in FOSSILS

## VALUABLE FINDS ARE MADE HERE

PALEONTOLOGISTS, geologists and students of past ages have known for several years that the Walteria, Palos Verdes and Torrance beach areas are rich in traces of pre-historic animals and Indian life. Many valuable discoveries have been made in this district but authorities in this work say that "the surface has only been scratched."

Discovery of some large fossils, encased in chunks of sandstone excavated from the Palos Verdes hills near Walteria last May aroused considerable speculation among delvers for buried evidence of age-old animal life.

Their eagerness to penetrate the mysteries of the tons of bones, said to be in excellent condition, in that area is understandable to laymen when it is realized that the remains threaten to explode the present theory of Southern California's geological youth.

### In Excellent Condition

The fossils found here were believed by experts to be from the Miocene age of 25 millions of years ago. Included in the find were sharks' teeth from man-eaters estimated at 175 feet long, perfectly preserved fish matrixes, sections of vertebra eight inches in diameter.

These remains were first discovered by workmen digging for flagstones to be used in garden beautification. The ancient bones were said to be in excellent condition and the choicest specimens were transported to Exposition Park museum in Los Angeles for study.

### Strata Forced Upward

The extreme age of the fossils, according to geologists and paleontologists, may refute the theory that this region of the world is very young so far as geological ages go, for the gargantuan

## \*CITY 'RIPE' FOR LOW-COST HOME DEVELOPMENT

If there is one thing Torrance needs above all others it is more homes for local workers and prospective residents. This fact has long been known by civic leaders and they are constantly at work assisting in projects designed to relieve the housing shortage.

The liberalized F.H.A. plan for home-construction was a great boon to Torrance because it brought an increase in building. However, those who have studied the housing situation, declare that Torrance is "ripe" for low-cost home development on a large scale. There are still many sites available for this type of project as well as locations for more expensive homes in the residential sections of the city.

## City Clerk Owns Rare First Edition

Perhaps the only copy of Vol. 1, No. 1 edition of The Torrance News, first paper to be published in this city, in existence today is owned by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, who was one of its first subscribers.

mammals of the Miocene age to have left traces of habitation.

Specimens discovered near Walteria lend credence to the belief that the diggings may be the largest combined water and land pre-historic mammalia remains known to science. Experts believe that subterranean disturbances millions of years ago, which formed some 14 laminated plateaux where the remains were found, forced the Miocene strata to the surface.



ROTARIAN . . . Harry M. Abramson is the president of the city's oldest service club—founded 14 years ago in 1924.

## Harbor Navy Base Attracts Residents

One of Uncle Sam's mightiest arms—the Pacific fleet—has its Southern California base at San Pedro-Long Beach harbor, less than eight miles from Torrance. Here the U. S. Navy re-fits and re-conditions for training cruises and word that "The Fleet's in!" brings hundreds of Torrance residents to the harbor to see the grey sea-dogs at anchor.

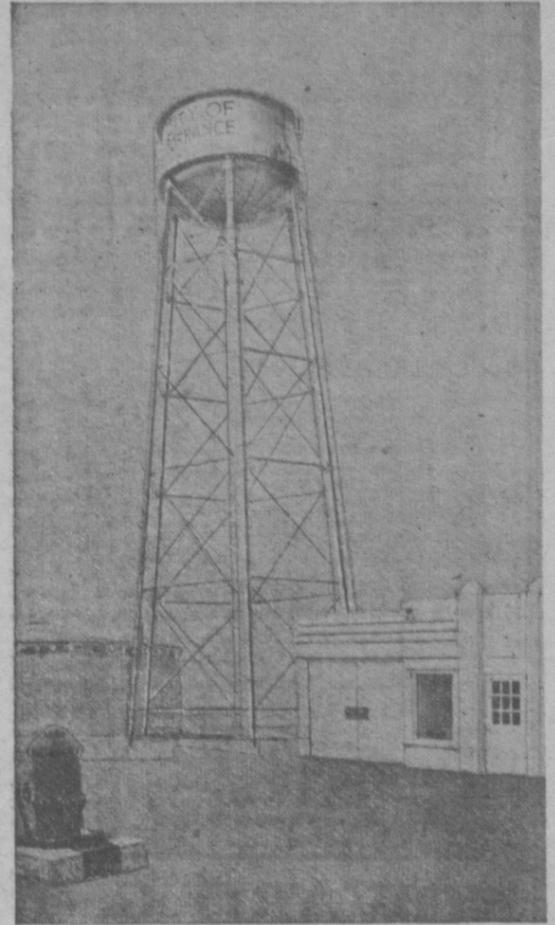
Excursions to the battleships are frequent objectives of Torrance folk who, by their contact with the Navy and its personnel, have come to understand and appreciate the nation's sea power in an intimate and friendly manner.

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