

# CARE OF SHOESTRING AREA PUPILS BY TORRANCE CITY SCHOOLS URGED BY COUNTY

Residents of the Shoestring strip east of Torrance and those of the Hollywood Riviera section need have no worry about classrooms for their children when Torrance City School system takes over the Torrance schools from Los Angeles next year, for there probably will be no change in the registration and enrollment setup.

This information comes on authority of Dr. C. C. Carpenter, deputy county superintendent of schools, who said that he had been contacted by two groups with reference to the future of children in those areas.

Dr. Carpenter declared that it is the hope of his office that the Torrance and the Los Angeles Boards of Education may reach an agreement prior to assumption of control of the schools by Torrance by which the equipment now in the Torrance schools will remain there temporarily and the children of the Shoestring strip will continue to attend the Torrance high and elementary schools.

The deputy county school superintendent said that he would so inform a group of shoestring strip residents who had requested a meeting in the Torrance high school at 3 p.m. tomorrow to discuss the new school setup.

Los Angeles schools, he pointed out, are going to construct an elementary school on Carson st. just east of Torrance, but until this is constructed there is no alternative but to continue to send the children from the "strip" to Torrance schools. And likewise, he pointed out, Los Angeles would be better served here people by leaving the equipment in the building until the children can be cared for elsewhere.

He pointed out that friction of community interests cannot be allowed to interfere with the education of children.

Dr. Carpenter also said that it is the wish of the county office that the children of the Hollywood Riviera section be permitted to attend the Palms Verdes elementary school and Redondo Union high school until other facilities can be provided by Torrance. He said that his office had been contacted by the Hollywood Riviera Home Owners association with reference to this matter, and declared that probably Palms Verdes schools would want to keep the Torrance children as long as possible.

Joining with Dr. Carpenter in his statement was Dr. Howard A. Wood, chairman of the Torrance Charter Committee which carried its campaign to pull the schools of Torrance out of Los Angeles school system to a successful conclusion Aug. 20, when the City Charter was adopted by a vote of nearly two to one. "While there is no group which can speak officially," Dr. Wood said, "and none will have the power to so speak until the Board of Education is elected, we, as a quasi-official body, have told these people at every meeting so far held, that Torrance schools will keep their doors open to all the students now attending schools here, whether they reside in the shoestring strip area, the county un-

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# Break In Meat Strike Over Monday Closing Seen In Action Of Butchers

A break in the controversy between market operators and Butchers Union No. 551, A.F.L., loomed yesterday as some 700 of 1,200 rank and file members of the union have indicated their desire to return to work and keep the markets open six days a week for the convenience of the public.

The revolutionary group said to represent a majority of the butchers in Southern Los Angeles County and all of Orange County will bring its resistance movement to a head at a meeting called for 10 a.m. Friday demanded to reopen contract negotiations with a view of eliminating the Monday closing clause from the contract.

The resistance group is reported to be willing to accept the employers' offer of contract providing for substantial wage increases and the five-day week, and markets to remain open on Monday through Saturday.

Meanwhile most of the Torrance markets remained closed as employers refused to permit their opening in protest against the union's demand that they stay closed on Monday.

As the controversy enters its fourth day today, it finds the A. & P., Safeway, Carsons, Ideal Ranch Market, Greater Torrance Market and Quality Market closed. A few meat counters were open, most of them operated by owners.

Approximately 700 A.F.L. meat cutters voted unanimously yesterday to eliminate the Monday closing clause from proposed contracts involving operators of some 500 shops in the two-county area. The vote was

# General Starts New \$121,690 Improvement

The General Petroleum Corp., 1901 1/2 st. and Crenshaw blvd., during the past week received building permits totaling \$121,690. They brought the city's building total for the week to \$127,330, according to City building department records.

The largest project on General Petroleum's building program is a main heat exchange structure costing \$56,200 followed by a compression house, \$26,000 and an induced draft cooling tower to cost \$22,000. Foundation for the tower will cost \$800. Additional construction at the plant includes the following:

Filter section for treating plant, \$7,400; foundation for three storage tanks, \$2,200; foundations for extract evaporators, raffinate vacuum evaporators, vapor traps and collectors, \$5,000.

Other building permits issued are the following: S. Masaki, 2000 W. Market pl., remodel building into apartments, \$1,000.

Ingewood Farms Dairy, 3450 Del Amo blvd., addition to creamery, \$3,800.

George Bryant, 3858 Newton st., private garage, \$700.

John Winch, 23877 Ward st., private garage into sleeping quarters, \$500.

# Robbers Caught By Alert Officer After Second Job

An alert Torrance police officer Sunday evening following a hunch, succeeded in apprehending two armed bandits after they had made two alleged stickups within ten minutes.

According to Police Chief John Stroh, the accused pair walked into Ralph's Liquor store, 1801 Cabrillo ave., and held up Frank Zebura, clerk, ordering him to the rear of the premises at gun point, where he was told to remove his pants. While one held a gun on the victim, the other took \$276 from the store cash register.

After the robbers left, Zebura called the police. A patrol car was dispatched to the scene while a second car in the vicinity was instructed to be on the lookout.

Curt Tolson, officer in the second car, immediately had a hunch. With another officer,

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# ZAMPERINI AIRPORT DEDICATED

Torrance city government officially assumed control of the Army-developed Lomita flight strip Saturday morning and dedicated the airport to the favorite son of Torrance, Capt. Louis Zamperini, athletic and war hero. Pictured during the ceremony which completed the first step in the city's acquisition of the field as a Torrance municipal airport are those appearing in the picture above, left to right, Mrs. J. Hugh Sherfey Jr., Anthony Zamperini, Mrs. Leslie Scholer, Mrs. Anthony Zamperini, Mrs. Louis Zamperini, Capt. R. L. Lew-

ellen, Miss Virginia Zamperini, Reed H. Parkin, chairman, Aviation Commission, Capt. Louis Zamperini, Mayor Sherfey, Pete Zamperini, Councilman G. V. Powell, Lt. Col. H. G. Reeder II, Rep. Cecil King, Col. Tom Scott, Mrs. King (partially hidden by Bear flag), Martha Vickers, Mrs. Parkin, Col. R. Q. Williams, Ed Doak and David G. Logg. Complete details of those attending the affair are contained in an adjoining news account of the ceremony. (Torrance Herald photo.)



# ZAMPERINI FIELD CEREMONY MARKS CITY'S ACCEPTANCE OF ARMY-DEVELOPED AIRPORT

In a colorful ceremony Saturday morning, Torrance Municipal Airport came into being and officially was designated as "Zampferini Field."

Participating in a program at the former Lomita flight strip which saw as many newsmen and photographers gathered

as have been found in one gathering at one time in Torrance for many a year were government officials, movie stars, Torrance leaders and aviation enthusiasts who joined members of the Zamperini family in creating a fitting climax to an athletic and war career such as has been experienced by no other son of Torrance.

Capt. Louis Zamperini, who made international fame as a long distance runner and whose fame lead to extra severe punishment by the Japanese following his capture after 47 days on an open raft in the South Pacific, was the center of interest as the City of Torrance formally accepted the 89 acres comprising the flight strip itself and named it for Zamperini. The 89-acre piece, heart of the 480-acre airport, was granted to Torrance by the Federal Public Roads bureau on a perpetual permit pending the acquisition of the balance of the field from the War Assets Administration, proceedings for which now are being drawn to a successful conclusion.

Captain Zamperini, his bride, the former Cynthia Applewhite, of Miami, Fla., and members of his family, shared the spotlight with Rep. Cecil King and Mrs. King, David G. Logg, airport disposal engineer for the Civil Aeronautics Administration, H. L. Henkel, assistant to Logg, Martha Vickers, Warner Brostar, Torrance officials and friends in bringing to a conclusion one phase in the long campaign to acquire and dedicate the multi-million dollar airport built on the Weston ranch property by the Army Air Forces as an auxiliary field for training of pilots and crewmen for duty in connection with World War II.

Long before the airport was declared surplus, Ben Weston and members of his company officially declared that their

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# POPULAR SUBSCRIPTIONS ASSURE CHILDREN OF CITY CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC. 21

Yes, kids, there will be a Christmas party in Torrance this year.

Spearheaded by the Torrance Lions club, a Yule celebration, complete with Santa Claus, a Christmas cantata by the First Christian church children's choir, a band program and presentation of the motion picture "Child of Bethlehem," will be held in Torrance Civic auditorium on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 21, starting at 2 o'clock.

The Christmas party will feature presentation of fruit, nuts and candy by Santa Claus to Torrance area youngsters, and it is anticipated that from 1,500 to 2,000 children will attend.

After hearing the announcement that the regular party sponsored each year jointly by the City of Torrance and the Moose lodge would not be held this year, members of the Lions club took up the appeal for the affair.

Presenting a resolution to the City Council Tuesday night, they found that the City Dads, as a body, could do nothing this year due to the strained financial condition of the city.

Realizing that this could not stop the appeal for some sort of Yuletide celebration for the children of Torrance, the Lions club members resorted to popular subscription, and up to the time the Torrance Herald went to press last night, they had received pledges of more than \$500, approximately half of the amount needed to put the party on for the youngsters.

The campaign is continuing. Those who want to be sure that that unknown youngster of Torrance who may not otherwise be provided for, has a glimpse of old Saint Nick this

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# Most Torrance Stores To Stay Open Evenings

With some exceptions, Torrance retail stores will be open evenings until Christmas, beginning tomorrow (Friday), a survey of the downtown merchants disclosed today.

After a rather faltering start due to the labor strikes at Los Angeles Harbor and the nation-wide coal strike with its threatened slow-down of local industrial plants, Christmas gift buying zoomed upward this week. Indications now point to a record high in holiday trade.

# OFFICIAL FEDERAL CENSUS OF CITY OF TORRANCE IS ORDERED BY COUNCILMEN

An official Federal census of the City of Torrance was authorized by the City Council Tuesday night to end all controversy as to how many persons reside in Torrance, and to obtain gas tax funds due the city on the basis of increased population.

Glen M. Jain, city engineer, reported to the Council that Torrance can gain up to \$20,000 in additional road money in three years if the census count is made this year.

While the Council first asked for an estimate on the cost of the survey, Jain pointed out that the population count will pay for itself if it is announced in time to become effective for as few as three months of this fiscal year.

Jain said that the Department of Motor Vehicles will not recognize anything except an official Federal census in allocating gas tax money to cities.

Torrance now is collecting on the 1940 census of less than 10,000, and it is felt that the population will be found to total at least 15,000.

"We can lose much if we do not take this census at this time," Jain warned. "The big cities all have had census counts taken and they are getting the money, part of which should be coming to Torrance on the basis of population of the city at this time."

Jain said that he had checked the proceeds of several cities of the size of Torrance, which had had new census counts and had found that the benefit from the count had greatly aided the coffers of those cities.

This plea brought unanimous action on the part of the council ordering the new Federal count.

# City Of Torrance Observes 25th Anniversary Of Its Incorporation

The City of Torrance reaches its 25th anniversary today, the incorporation of the community as a city of the Sixth class having become effective on Dec. 12, 1921.

On that date, certification of the incorporation proceedings of the City of Torrance was attested to by the late Secretary of State Frank C. Jordan, deceased, upon filing of the minutes of the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County setting forth the result of the incorporation proceedings of Torrance.

The original city was four square miles in size, with an assessed valuation of \$2,270,888. It has grown in 25 years to a city of 18.88 square miles in area assessed at nearly \$30,000,000.

The population then was 1800, and now it is estimated at from 15,000 to 18,000.

The first mayor of Torrance was the late George Proctor, and only one man on the original council is living today. He is Richard R. Smith, once mayor of the city. Other members of the original council were James F. Fitzhugh, Wallace H. Gilbert and Joseph E. Stone.

The first fire chief of Torrance was Ben Hannebrink, superintendent of the forge at National Supply Co. The first marshal was Ben Olson, now dead. The first city clerk was R. J. DeJong, now executive vice president and cashier of Torrance National bank.

Mayor J. Hugh Sherfey took occasion to observe the 25th anniversary of the incorporation of Torrance by issuing the following statement to the Torrance Herald:

"The past 25 years have seen a growth in Torrance in keeping with the progress of the balance of Southern California, and the postwar years are destined to see a greater prosperity here than can be anticipated by many cities, because of the advantages which this city enjoys.

"We have the residential and industrial land for wide expansion. This very year, water districts have been formed for their development. Sewer districts are being formed. We have voted to assume control of our schools. With these items, homes follow, streets, new schools and expanded industrial and retail development.

"While on the 25th anniversary of Torrance we find our city government in the midst of financial problems, we can see the horizon of a new era of prosperity which will be the envy of any western city."

# Weather Record

Official U. S. Weather Bureau TEMPERATURE			
Dec.	Maximum	Minimum	
1	65	55	
2	61	51	
3	60	51	
4	61	52	
5	60	50	
6	60	50	
7	62	52	
8	66	57	
9	61	52	
10	62	53	
PRECIPITATION			
Dec. 6	Storm Total (Year)		
	0.11	6.19	