



NEW COLLEGE IS BORN . . . Breaking ground for El Camino College at the Alondra park campus took place Monday afternoon in the presence of several hundred persons. Left to right are Carl G. Arfwedson, business manager of the college; Robert Russell, chairman of the Board of Trustees turning the first shovel of dirt; Forrest G. Murdock, president of the college, and Raymond V. Darby who had just "cut" the tape ending all legal strings to the establishment of the college. Darby is chairman of the Board of Supervisors. (Torrance Herald photo).

CITY RECREATION PROGRAM, FACILITIES AT FERN AVE. PARK IN NEW LEGAL TANGLE

The future of the Fern avenue park property for which the City of Torrance almost paid Los Angeles schools \$6,000, and of the thousands of dollars worth of improvements thereon, posed a new legal question for both school and municipal officials this week.

\$4,014 Fines Collected By Court In May

From May 1 to and including May 31, 1947, the City Court of the City of Torrance received \$4,014.00 net from fines and fees. Of this sum \$2,761.00 are general fund monies, while \$1,253 came from vehicle violations and thus are road fund monies. Four civil cases were filed and fees collected were \$16.00.

General fund monies were collected from the following cases: Drunkenness, \$1,160.00; boulevard stop, \$275.00; parking and U-turn, \$51.00 and miscellaneous criminal violations, \$1,275.00.

Road fund monies were derived from the following cases: Drunk driving, \$205.00; speeding, \$852.00 and miscellaneous traffic violations, \$180.00.

Appearing below is the number of criminal and traffic cases actually handled and the disposition thereof:

Violation	Total	Guilty
Drunkenness	48	48
Drunk driving	136	128
Speeding	1,275	57
Boulevard stop	60	57
Parking and U-turn	25	25
Misc. Traffic	116	71
Misc. Criminal	23	19
Certified to Juvenile	3	3
Felony	1	1
Felony dismissed	3	0
Totals	422	353

Torrance Man Missing After Harbor Blast

Still among those missing in the ship explosion that rocked the entire harbor area early Sunday morning is John W. Harding, 34, of 1315 W. 219th St., Torrance.

It is believed that Harding was on the docks with William Sullivan of Wilmington, also missing, when the catastrophe occurred. An employee of the Shell Oil Company, he was helping on the docks when the tanker Markey exploded.

Schools Ask For Army Barracks For Classrooms

Torrance schools may have the use of Army units now at Santa Ana air base for classrooms, according to action of the Torrance City Board of Education Tuesday night.

Application was made to the War Assets Administration for two hospital units each 25 by 150 feet in size. They will be of sufficient size to house six classrooms and storage space.

El Camino college will use buildings from the base to house 17 classrooms at the Alondra Park campus.

TORRANCE SCHOOL DISTRICT REALITY AS OF TUESDAY; L.A. MOVES OUT EQUIPMENT

Torrance City School District becomes a complete reality next Tuesday, July 1, the effective date of the district formation under the provisions of the City Charter adopted last August and of the Education Code.

Likewise, Tuesday is the effective date of the transfer of control of Torrance high school from Los Angeles City High School district to Redondo Union High School district, as voted in January.

Trucks of the Los Angeles school district have been busy over the weekend hauling out equipment and supplies to which Los Angeles is entitled in accordance with the findings of the Board of Arbitration recently. The equipment was being distributed among several schools of the area, including Gardena, Lomita and Carson st. elementary and high schools.

As a result, however, when Torrance students return to their classrooms on Sept. 15, they will find new desks, fixtures, equipment, books and supplies.

In fact, they will find a little badly needed new paint on areas throughout the system.

And of course, new teachers' faces will greet them. The scope of the first year's activities is conditioned somewhat on the vote on July 22 when the schools will ask for a temporary increase in the tax rate to provide enough money to make up for the loss of state aid funds which go to Los Angeles this year.

However, the Board of Education and Superintendent J. H. Hull are confident of the desire of the people to provide this additional temporary tax support.

Permits Issued Here For 16 New Housing Units

Permits issued by the Building department in Torrance this week included permits for 16 new housing units totaling \$86,850, twelve new houses to be constructed by the Kettler Knolls, Inc., at 2117, 2122, 2124, 2137, 2138, 2144, 2152 Middlebrook rd. and 2803, 2811, 2819, 2847 and 2855 Gramercy ave., totaling \$60,000.

Permits were also issued to: F. J. Butterfield, 3827 Newton st., garage house, \$2,000; T. W. Dyjser, 1614 Date ave., house, \$5,350; Robert A. Kloeffer, 200 Vista La Ciruela, house, \$12,000; George Golling, 24219 Neece ave., house, \$7,500.

Other permits issued were: Kenneth and Marie Scott, 2148 237th st., addition to residence, \$900.

James R. Vandegrift, 1007 Arlington ave., room over garage, \$200; Frank E. Stone, 2571 Carson st., private garage and addition to residence, \$2,000; Leonard Radford, 3746 Emerald, poultry house, \$1,500; Niculae Christea, 923 Sartori, convert storeroom to apartment, \$500; Chester C. Henning, 1975 Torrance blvd., real estate office, \$900.

An agreement will have to be worked out between the Board of Education and the city, it is pointed out. Before any permanent arrangement can be made, the school board will have to determine if it anticipates that the ground will be needed for school purposes in the future, officials say.

Purchase by the city of the park from Los Angeles was blocked also on the grounds that the taxpayers would be paying "double" for the land since it already belongs to the taxpayers as represented by the school district.

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3 Big Green Tag Days, Something to Holler About, Start Here Today

It's something to holler about, bargain hunters, these next few days!!!

With a "money shower" and free gifts, Green Tag Days descend on Torrance for three big days of Bargains—today, Friday and Saturday.

An actual shower of pennies, nickels, dimes and dollars will come from the top of Torrance business buildings on each of the three days, today at the corner of Cabrillo and Cravens avenues at 3 p.m.; Friday at the corner of Post and Sartori avenues at 3 p.m., and Saturday at the corner of Marcella and Sartori avenues at the same hour.

Merchants of Torrance are offering, besides drastically reduced prices, free prizes in a unique offer wherein a customer looks for his or her prize in the windows of the various shops. Details may be obtained by asking any merchant in Torrance.

Free bus transportation has been offered for this sale, with gratis rides on the Torrance Municipal Bus lines from any ten-cent fare area, including WALTERIA, Harbor City, Lomita, outlying Torrance, Southwest Village and Gardena. Free tickets are available for the asking all day for the three days of the sale.

Every major store in Torrance has been planning this event for weeks and prices on hundreds of items have been cut, with the cooperation of manufacturers and wholesalers secured.

So join in the fun, shop with the crowd and save money in the biggest sale in Torrance history.

First Dirt Flies For El Camino College At Ceremonies On Monday

The first shovel of dirt for El Camino College was turned Thursday afternoon by Robert Russell, president of the Board of Trustees of El Camino College district, and this was followed immediately by Chairman Raymond V. Darby, of the Board of Supervisors, who cut the traditional ribbon giving the "go ahead" sign to the multi-million dollar educational development.

In a ceremony presided over by Forrest G. Murdock, president of the college, the actual construction of the campus got under way in the presence of several hundred interested spectators.

Russell pointed out the distinct advantage to the district in the establishment of the new college, and told of the great benefit to students seeking higher education due to following the creation of the facilities of El Camino college.

Never before have the high school graduates of the South Bay district been able to continue their education at a "home" college, it was pointed out.

Darby traced the minute details involved in securing the adoption of legislation by the state and county to permit location of the college on the Crenshaw and Redondo Beach blvds. site.

The buildings being provided by the Army for use as classrooms were not on hand at the time of the ground breaking, but were to be delivered yesterday and today.

Reed Parkin, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, represented Torrance at the festivities Monday.

SCHOOL BOARD CALLS FOR BIDS ON TWO BUSES FOR TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS

Purchase of two new 60-passenger school buses for the Torrance City school district was authorized by the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday night.

The specifications call for buses similar to the Translogach, used extensively by the Los Angeles schools and built by Crown Body & Coach Works, in Los Angeles.

They will cost an estimated \$10,000, it was said.

According to the discussion at the board meeting Tuesday night, the schools will be required to transport all seventh and eighth grade children from the widespread area of Torrance to the high school, in order to have facilities for grades kindergarten through sixth grade at the outlying elementary schools, Perry and Walteria.

It was pointed out that the small bus now owned by the Perry school district, which becomes the property of Torrance on Tuesday, will be needed to transport pupils to the Perry school from the vast area of North Torrance.

The buses for which bids will be advertised, will be sufficient to care for high school students when the Torrance district is unified, according to school administrators.

The state law requires that transportation must be provided for certain students residing at great distances from schools.

Buses for which bids are being called are built to state specifications and operators and equipment are subject to frequent inspection by state officers, it was said.

DAV Asks Return Revoked Liquor Sales License

Disabled American War Veterans Tri-City chapter 63 with membership in Torrance, Gardena and Redondo Beach petitioned Superior court to force return of their "on sale" liquor license.

The Board of Equalization revoked the license for the veterans' clubhouse at 1819 Redondo Beach boulevard, on grounds "other parties" were selling the liquor.

HUNDREDS OF LETTERS AND CARDS SHOW FAVOR FOR NEW 132-UNIT RENTAL PROJECT

Hundreds of letters, postcards and petitions have been filed with the City Planning Commission in support of the proposal of J. H. Pine to build a 132-unit family rental project on the vacant land at Crenshaw blvd. and Dominguez st., according to Blaine Walker, secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, backing the project.

Kenneth Bradley Transferred To Compton Office

Kenneth E. Bradley, manager of the California State Employment Service in Torrance since



KENNETH E. BRADLEY Transferred to Compton office

Sept. 15, 1943, will take over management of the Compton C.S.E.S. office as of Tuesday, it was announced this week.

An active civic worker in the community during his tenure of office here, Bradley was in charge of all activities of the Torrance C.S.E.S. and United States Employment Service throughout the heavy years of wartime employment. His jurisdiction included Torrance, Lomita, Gardena, Redondo Beach and other nearby communities. He was a director of Torrance Lions club.

His successor in management of the local C.S.E.S. office will be William Lee, who is being transferred to Torrance from management of the San Diego C.S.E.S. office.

Residents Give Standing On New Rental Project

Residents of the area near the proposed 132-unit rental housing project of Jack Pine, at Crenshaw blvd. and Dominguez st., are not opposed to the project itself, but only to its location.

This was reported by Mrs. Paul Johnson, 918 Acacia ave., spokeswoman for property owners. She said that the area involved should be held for single family dwellings.

Writing to the Torrance Herald, Mrs. Johnson said: "Due to publicity recently published in the Torrance Herald unfavorable to us concerning the 132-unit rental housing project of Jack Pine at Crenshaw and Dominguez st., we property owners of the immediate area feel it necessary to state our side of the issue.

"We are not opposed to the project itself but only to its location. With the numerous open areas both north, south and west of Torrance, we feel it an imposition to force such a compact housing project in the small area intended and consider it infringing upon the rights of the small home owners there. A project of this extent should be built where it will not conflict with property owners' rights.

"Not only would it definitely decrease the value of our property but in the future would be merely a tenement district. This area is zoned for single family residences and we want it to remain as such.

"We have invested a lifetime saving in building in a single family community and we feel that no home owner here in Torrance or elsewhere, no matter what his business or affiliations,

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Coming from individual property owners, industrial leaders and commercial interests, they are stressing the importance of early construction of the big project to ease the housing situation which is proving more acute in Torrance than elsewhere due to the many new industries springing up here.

American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corp. has sent supporting letters from both its Richmond, Calif., office and Pittsburgh, Pa., office.

H. W. Creeger, manager at Richmond who will take over the new Torrance plant when completed, urged approval of the project. "Our records show that absenteeism is the highest among those who travel the greatest distance to their work . . . and we want to lend every support to see that this project as well as any other of like nature is given encouragement," Creeger said.

From Pittsburgh, Pa., H. M. Reed, Jr., vice president and general manager of manufacturing of American-Standard, said, "We already are sending some of our key men out to Torrance and they are having a most difficult time obtaining any kind of housing. Our plant is well under construction. We will require 600 workers." He asked the Planning Commission to give serious consideration to the Pine plea because of the family rental units which will be needed by the workers.

Arthur W. Freshman, plant manager of Joshua Hendy Corp., Torrance plant, said "we heartily endorse and recommend favorable action on Mr. Pine's proposal or any project which will better the housing facilities at Torrance."

W. T. Tillotson, plant manager of American Rock Wool Corp., Torrance plant, said that "Distance that some workers in local industry travel is one of the personnel problems which we have. Lack of sufficient housing in this area is the reason. We are very much in favor of the project and heartily endorse the same."

W. Rufus Page said, "It is the one thing that has been needed for years more than anything else."

George Binder and S. Willard Isaacs, owners of nearby property.

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UP IN THE AIR . . . That guy up there is H. Atkins, of Atkins & Atkins, Steeple-jacks, painting the 75-foot flagpole on the city square at Sartori and Marcella aves. The steel pole was put up eight years ago by the same steeple-jacks to replace the old wooden one which blew down in a high wind. (Torrance Herald photo).