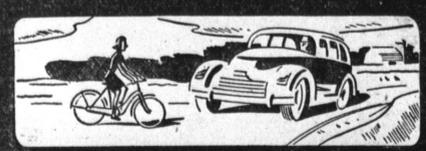


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Building Of Homes Still No. 1 Need Of Metropolitan Dist., Says Survey

The Metropolitan District still is trapped in a housing vacuum more serious than any other section of the country despite the fact that the number of dwelling units has increased about 281,000 since 1940, the U. S. Census Bureau reports.

As the result of a sample survey taken in the district during April and May, the Bureau estimated that the total number of dwelling units has swelled to 1,830,000 in 1947.

This represents a 28 percent increase since 1940, but the increase in dwellings has made no apparent headway in the battle against the housing shortage. Rents are up and the degree of overcrowding has not abated.

The area's housing shoe is pinching more than ever as the Bureau estimated that of the total number of dwelling units only about one-tenth of 1 percent were habitable vacant units offered for rent and seven-tenths of 1 percent were habitable vacant units offered for sale only.

The total habitable vacancy rate was estimated at approximately 2.1 percent. In addition to these vacant units, three-tenths of 1 percent were vacant as seasonal units.

The median monthly rent of tenant-occupied dwellings in the district increased from \$27 in 1940 to about \$35 in 1947, with approximately 36,000 of the units renting for less than \$20 as compared with 135,000 units which rented for less than \$20 in 1940.

In 1947 about 194,000 units rented for less than \$30, as compared with 328,000 such units in 1940. About 99,000 units rented for \$30 or more a month in 1947 as compared with 42,000 in 1940.

The Bureau defined the Los Angeles Metropolitan district as Los Angeles city proper, the San Fernando Valley, then east to Ontario, south from Ontario to Newport Beach in Orange County and northwest along the Pacific Ocean from Newport to a point above Santa Monica.

Included in the sample canvass were Glendale, Alhambra, Burbank, Beverly Hills, Culver City, Gardena, Hermosa, Manhattan and Redondo beaches, Torrance, Lomita, Pasadena, Long Beach, San Pedro, the San Gabriel Valley, Venice and Wilmington.

In 1947 homes occupied by their owners represented about 53 percent of all ordinary occupied dwelling units, as compared with 40 percent in 1940, while tenant-occupied dwelling units decreased from 60 percent in 1940 to 47 percent in 1947.

Harold S. Orner
Assistant To S.P. Traffic Manager

Appointment of Harold S. Orner as assistant to Passenger Traffic Manager George B. Hanson of the Southern Pacific Co. at Los Angeles was announced here today.

James G. Shea, traveling passenger agent at Palm Springs, succeeds Orner as assistant district passenger agent at San Diego.

Charles R. Lewis advances from secretary to special assistant, passenger traffic department at Los Angeles.

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ORDINANCE NO. 393

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FIXING THE TAX RATES AND LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1947.

The City Council of the City of Torrance does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. That for the purpose of raising the sum of money necessary to be raised by taxation upon taxable property of the City of Torrance as set forth in the various Departments of said City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1947, the rates of taxes for the different portions of the City of Torrance are hereby fixed and taxes are hereby levied on all taxable property in the different portions of the City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1947, in the number of cents upon each One Hundred Dollars of the assessed value of said property as assessed by the County Assessor and equalized by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles.

ASSESSED VALUATIONS:

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| TAXATION DISTRICT NO. 1 | \$15,582,345.00 |
| TAXATION DISTRICT NO. 2 | \$16,013,245.00 |
| | \$31,595,590.00 |

TAXATION DISTRICT NO. 1

| | |
|-----------------------------|------|
| General Budget | .99 |
| Park, Music and Advertising | .10 |
| General Promotion | .01 |
| Public Library—General Fund | .04 |
| | 1.14 |

TAXATION DISTRICT NO. 2

| | |
|-----------------------------|------|
| General Budget | .99 |
| Park, Music and Advertising | .10 |
| General Promotion | .01 |
| Public Library—General Fund | .04 |
| | 1.14 |

SECTION 2. That in addition to the foregoing taxes there is hereby levied on all taxable land only in the Act of 1927 Municipal Improvement District No. 1 of the City of Torrance, as said district is described in Ordinance of Intention of said City No. 208, which ordinance is hereby referred to and made a part hereof, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1947, the sum of twenty-five (25) cents upon each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value of said property as assessed by the County Assessor and equalized by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, for a bond sinking fund, such assessed valuation of such property being the sum of \$2,481,200.00.

SECTION 3. That in addition to the foregoing taxes there is hereby levied upon all the taxable property included in the Municipal Water District No. 1 of the City of Torrance, as said district is described in Ordinance of Intention of said City No. 365, which ordinance is hereby referred to and made a part hereof, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1947, the sum of thirty (30) cents upon each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value of said property as assessed by the County Assessor and equalized by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, for a bond sinking fund, such assessed valuation of such property being the sum of \$2,855,885.00.

SECTION 4. That in addition to the foregoing taxes there is hereby levied upon all the taxable property included in the Municipal Water District No. 2 of the City of Torrance, as said district is described in Ordinance of Intention of said City No. 377, which ordinance is hereby referred to and made a part hereof, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1947, the sum of thirty (30) cents upon each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value of said property as assessed by the County Assessor and equalized by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, for a bond sinking fund, such assessed valuation of such property being the sum of \$2,855,885.00.

SECTION 5. That in addition to the foregoing taxes there is hereby levied upon all the taxable property included in Tax District No. 1 and Tax District No. 2 of the City of Torrance, as hereinabove described, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1947, the sum of seven-tenths (7/10) cent upon each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value of said property as assessed by the County Assessor and equalized by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, for the purpose of payment for said fiscal year of all obligations of the City of Torrance to the California State Employees' Retirement System, in accordance with Ordinance No. 387 of the City of Torrance, which said Ordinance is hereby referred to and made a part hereof, such assessed valuation of such property being the sum of \$31,595,590.00.

SECTION 6. That no other levies or special assessments tax is made by the City Council of the City of Torrance for any other acquisition and improvement district for the reason that said districts are partly within unincorporated territory of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and for that reason the duty of making said levies is enjoined upon the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County, California, which said Board is hereby respectfully requested to make such levy in the manner and as required by law.

SECTION 7. That the foregoing ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure for the reason that the ordinance settling the tax rate

Several Brands Soya Sauce Taken Off Quarantine

Several brands of soya sauce quarantined following the recent food poisoning outbreak traced to the condiment have been ordered released from quarantine, according to David W. Colfelt, area chief sanitarian of the Torrance health district.

A total of 276 containers were quarantined in the Seventh county sanitary district of which Torrance is a part, the head sanitarian said. Checks were made on all food establishments selling soya sauce in order to remove the sauce from the market. Laboratory tests have proved many of the brands offered for sale do not contain any trace of arsenic which caused several hundred persons to become ill in Los Angeles County.

So far, authorities have not been able to trace the source of the arsenic in the soya sauce or how it came to be in the sauce.

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No Tax Rate Cut For Torrance As '47 Rate Fixed

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The Council, however, did not levy for bond interest and retirement, stating that it had sufficient money in a special fund to meet these requirements this year. Last year the levy was three cents per \$100.

It had been expected that due to the tremendous increase in assessed valuation of Torrance, the city might be able to cut the tax rate for general municipal purposes, from six to eight cents.

The Torrance Industries Tax Committee said that a rate of 93 cents would accomplish the financing of the budget as adopted a few weeks ago. This would have made the overall rate \$1.08.

The budget as adopted calls for expenditures of \$368,403 from the general fund, advertising, music and parks fund, and promotion fund.

At the rate fixed, it is said, the assessment roll should produce the city \$347,551 instead of \$311,000 as estimated in the budget. The assessed valuation amounts to \$31,595,590, the ordinance fixing the tax rate states, but public utilities, solvent credits and the unsecured roll increase this to about \$33,500,000, and provide an additional "cushion" upon which the city can depend for revenue. This is in addition to revenue from the police court, motor vehicle funds, the sales tax, license tax and other sources estimated at \$98,000.

"The assessed valuation of Torrance increased \$5,142,310 this year, including the increase in public utilities of \$119,000. The public utility roll last year was \$2,869,900.

The total assessment roll was \$26,722,135 last year.

In addition, the Council placed a tax rate of 25 cents per \$100 on Municipal Improvement District No. 1, the central water district.

Residents of Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1 (the Southwest or Watteria water district) will pay 40 cents per \$100. Municipal Water District No. 2 (North Torrance) has a rate of 30 cents per \$100.

The California State Employees Retirement System levy on all taxpayers of Torrance (providing for pensions for city employees) amounts to 17 cents per \$100.

This means that residents of Central Torrance will pay city taxes of \$1.56 per \$100 for municipal, water and pension purposes.

Residents of the southwest area, in Water District No. 1, will pay \$1.71 under the city levy.

North Torrance residents, in Water District No. 2, will pay \$1.61 for municipal purposes including water and the pensions for city employees.

It was pointed out that city employees themselves are con-

Judge Rules In Favor of City In Airport Lawsuit

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City R. King into activities of private interests attempting to interfere with the municipality's effort to exercise its priority rights to the airport. The plaintiffs were brought into the airport deal by C. H. Holmes, former commander of the Third Group, who was carrying on a thriving commercial business on the airport. He induced the plaintiffs to back the project by paying the rent on the airport to the government under the terms of the lease which was cancelled. The money went to pay "back rent" and the lease called for payment of some \$1400 a month.

No accounting ever was made of the money collected in fees for tie down and hangar rental during the operation of the lease, but the Lomita men want to get their money back, it was said.

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Taxpayers commenting on the tax rate fixed last night, said which city should be able to get well into its financial feet this year due to the tremendous increase in assessed valuation and no cut in the tax rate.

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